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Ali Finstrom excited about her newest role: directing KMS students

by Cormac Dodd

Earlier in the year, Ali Finstrom along with Ted Brown, director, and Alison Nelson, choreographer, began a summer program for up-and-coming actors in Kerkhoven, aimed at preparing those who had finished the eighth grade for the stage. The program was aimed at providing students an opportunity to develop their acting skills before high school.

"Before this program, there were few opportunities for acting at that age. We

want to develop them earlier and build-up interest. Middle school students, through this program, will have a chance to see what it is all about," Finstrom said.

The program included six weeks of rehearsals, ending in a full-fledged performance and production that allowed students to familiarize themselves with mentors and teachers, which may quiet nerves ahead of auditions for those in the ninth grade.

Finstrom has become a familiar figure in the Kerkhoven.

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Ali Finstrom talked to cast and crew members for the upcoming KMS Fall Musical, 'Once Upon a Mat-

ress.' The new artistic director brings a lot of experience, being a professional actress herself.



Dancers in traditional Mexican attire performed for those who came to the Kerkhoven 'Welcome Week' program held September 12 in the Lions Shelter of Pillsbury Park. Local coordinator for Welcome Week, Victoria Guillemard of Murdock stated, "We want to celebrate the good in the community."

Kerkhoven holds first 'Welcome Week' event; highlights welcoming, diversity, openness

by Cormac Dodd

Welcome Week, in its ninth year, visited Kerkhoven, Murdock, Sunburg on September 12th for the first time.

The festival, under the Southwest Initiative Foundation, took place across nine communities, but each town

involved had an autonomous committee responsible for promoting and planning the event.

Created by SWIF and locals here it was an event unique to Kerkhoven within the framework of national conversations about what it means to be a welcoming community,

a diverse community and an open community.

Victoria Guillemard of Murdock led planning for the event in Kerkhoven. "We want to celebrate the good in the community," Guillemard said. "And we've never had an opportunity to celebrate what it means to be welcomed in the

Kerkhoven, Murdock, Sunburg area."

Guillemard is a student at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law. She and others -- multiple community leaders, in fact -- stepped forward in promoting the event. There are many organizations in the community run by locals

strictly with the intention of benefiting, supporting, promoting other community members and the community at large.

A few of these follow organizations tabled at the Pillsbury Park Shelter for the event: Kerkhoven Ambulance Squad, the Backpack Program, the

League of Women Voters and many more, Guillemard said.

The KMS Welcoming Week group has formed a partnership with Pioneer PBS and the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, who assisted in supporting the event.

The theme for the year was

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"Remember, this is your program"

West Central CEO teaching entrepreneurial skills to high schoolers

by Cormac Dodd

"Remember, this is your program."

That was what Tom Walsh, member of the KMS Board of Education and board member for the West Central CEO program, said to eight high school students from across several districts back on September 9. That morning marked the first of many in which the program will meet before the school day proper for guest lectures by entrepreneurs and businessmen in a variety of fields; thereafter students ask questions while learning about marketing, profit margins -- standard business practices such as handshakes -- and practical social skills that will be of great use following graduation, especially should they go into business themselves. In any case, that is one hope of the program--to prepare young

people for entrepreneurial endeavors to come later.

Students communed in the conference room of Riverview Dairy's Louriston operation before a television screen. The mood was cheerful despite the rain ahead of the meeting; the guest speaker for the day was Willmar native Peter Taunton, who is worth well over \$100 million, and who would join the group via zoom.

KMS teacher Ryan Luft may be the facilitator. Walsh continued, here to help guide students but this program is one that allows them to make it their own.

"You guys already have done well," Walsh said with a chuckle. "You made it here. You come up to this barn far from town, you don't know where to park. That alone suggests initiative."

Earlier, Luft had expressed concern that not all of the stu-



West Central CEO students, posing with program board member Tom Walsh at left, met via Zoom with Peter Taunton. The former CEO of Snap Fitness now

teaches Masterclass lessons for Forbes magazine, and sets aside time to assist youth on the art of business.

dents would find Louriston Dairy, south of Kerkhoven on Highway 40. For Luft, introducing students to a variety of professional facilities is important. Luft teaches a mul-

titude of social studies classes at the high school and coaches several sports. He formerly worked as a high-school principal for 14 years, connecting students to industry.

"Little things matter in the business world," Walsh said. "It might be as small as an ice-breaker. But personal contact always helps. I have hundreds of people in my phone who I

can call."

West Central CEO students command a great deal of responsibility ahead of meetings by contacting speakers to con-

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Last summer when smoke from forest fires in Canada blew across Minnesota, and there was a week straight of unhealthy air warnings, Kari Jo said to me that it seemed apocalyptic. Indeed it was a very strange feeling to not be able to see the sun for that long, knowing that it had nothing to do with cloud cover.

Our kids have been sounding this alarm for years. We need to do a lot better job of being stewards of the Earth than we have been, and that we are doing now.

Visiting the Northwoods this past weekend we were very close to a small fire in the forest... close enough that the smoke rolled across the lake and gave a mini performance of what we had witnessed earlier this year. We watched as a contingent of four fire-fighting float planes made a loop between the blaze and the lake right in front of us. Coming in on the water those pilots skimmed the surface, filling their tanks and lifting off again to drop their payload on the fire.

We've never witnessed that before so it was very interesting to see. The skill of those pilots and the ability of their machines to scoop up water without stopping and then take off was quite a feat. We had our own air show, even though it was not for entertainment. And it drew quite a crowd of onlookers, some on the lake in their pontoons or sitting on a dock like as we did, some pulling over off the highway. We were thankful that the local firefighters had that air support, brought in I'd assume by the Department of Natural Resources or some other agency. The good news was that the fire was fairly quickly extinguished.

Other things we saw in the woods:

- Colors are really starting to change the farther north we drove. At Hill City there was a kaleidoscope of deep reds, flaming oranges, bright greens, purples, yellows and browns. Looking up through the trees on our short hike on the trail along hidden Taylor Lake was like viewing a beautifully painted cathedral ceiling, with a clear blue sky as the canvas. Nature can be so calming and purifying. You know phrase 'laughter is the best medicine'? Nature's beauty has that same healing power.

- The aforementioned Taylor Lake is a hidden gem a half mile off the beaten path of Highway 200. This small, deep body of water was shown to me by my dad decades ago, but my sisters had never heard of it so we trekked out for a peak. The DNR long ago designated Taylor as a stocked trout lake, with

rainbow and brown trout. No motorized boats are allowed, and in fact it's a walk-in only access anyway. We met a couple fishermen on the trails, ready to try out their freshwater fly rods.

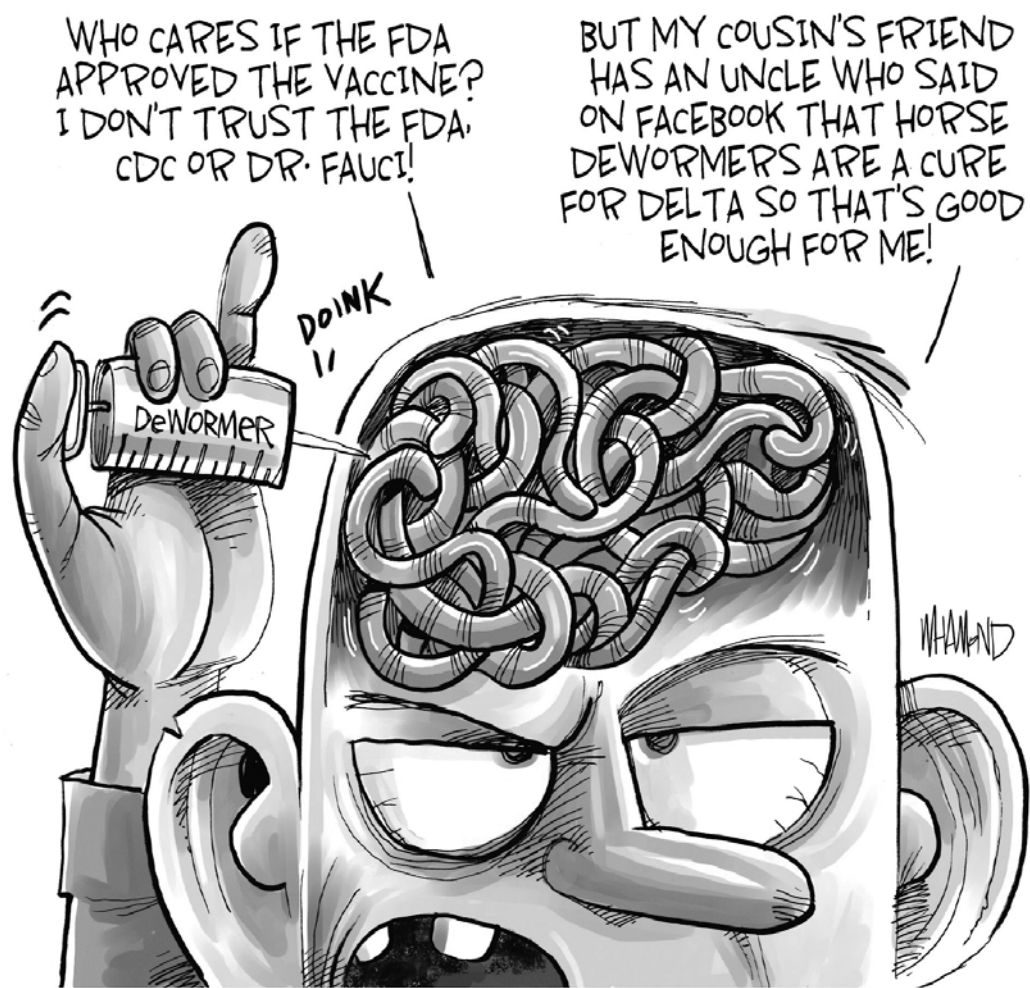
- Side-by-side four-wheelers are the rage in Hill City. Since the establishment of snowmobiles trails decades ago -- hundreds of miles of which dip into the woods -- another version of that activity has grown into non-snow season. People come from all over to enjoy a ride through the forest, and along the way find comfort in cafes and bar/grills that feed their hunger and thirst. No doubt the local economy likes that infusion of outside cash.

- Signs promoting Line 3, the pipeline which is being built through the area to carry Canada tar sands oil to refineries in the U.S. are on nearly every yard. It's easy to see why people there would support this line as it provides temporary construction jobs and a handful of on-going maintenance positions to a region that needs employment. However with the emergence of the clean green energy industry, the need to reduce fossil fuel usage and the poor environmental track record of many conventional energy companies, one can only hope for the sake of the Earth and generations of inhabitants to come that these same supporters aren't left holding the baggage of a dinosaur industry should they abandon their responsibilities in the future.

- Political signs still abound around the countryside, 10 months past the election. That's unusual. Can you imagine Jimmy Carter signs in yards that far into Ronald Reagan's term, or George H.W. Bush signs in the September after Bill Clinton won? Most typically Americans move on; not so much this year.

That's fine, I guess. It's everyone's freedom of speech right. But some of the signs and flags are just plain indecent, using disgusting foul language for God and children to see. That's not helpful to our state of the nation and future of democracy. It also shows a lack of class and really brings the 'movement' down to a base level.

Other than that we had a marvelous time on our little weekend getaway. Everyone needs that time to regenerate, be it up North or right at home. Autumn in Minnesota is ripe for this kind of rejuvenation, with the beautiful colors, warm days and cool nights. If you can, get out and enjoy it... winter is right around the corner!



OTHER VOICES

Dire U.N. climate report demands that Minnesota and Congress be bold

by Sam Benson
MinnPost

Earlier this month the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its latest report on climate change, describing in terrifying detail its intensifying effects. The report reaffirms what by now ought to be obvious to all: Greenhouse emissions from human activity are responsible for the overall warming of the global temperature. It also makes clear that in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, leaders around the world must act now to reduce emissions quickly.

The IPCC report's findings make clear the urgency of passing meaningful climate legislation, in Minnesota and nationwide, in 2021. We need Congress to pass bold policy that rapidly transitions our country to an equitable clean energy economy. And we need Minnesota's congressional delegation to vote for and be vocal champions for bold climate policy.

One example is the Clean Electricity Standard (CES), also referred to as the Clean Electricity Payment Program, which would require electric utilities to produce a set amount of emissions-free

power. The main goal of the standard would be to generate 80 percent of clean energy by 2030 and 100 percent by 2035. Minnesota's own Sen. Tina Smith has been the primary champion of this legislation in the Senate and is working to ensure that it is included in the reconciliation package currently being considered by Congress.

While ambitious and a clear step in the right direction, the CES is not without its flaws — mainly the allowance of carbon capture and storage (CSS). In the past year energy companies and industrial sectors have been pushing to support technology that would funnel billions of dollars toward corporate polluters but would do little to reduce greenhouse emissions. Carbon capture technology is extremely costly, and its effectiveness is still unproven. In order to decarbonize our economy, our focus needs to be on transitioning to affordable and proven forms of renewable energy, such as solar and wind instead of gambling on carbon capture.

While decarbonizing the energy sector is a step in the right direction, it is important that we take additional steps along with adopting a Clean Electricity Standard. There's

a clear need to establish tax credits for renewable energy investments and production, fund clean transportation, and invest in environmental justice communities. Without these efforts, we'll fail to decarbonize our economy at the speed necessary to avoid the worst of climate change.

The Biden administration has promised to lead on environmental justice funding through its Justice40 initiative. This initiative sets a goal of 40 percent of funding for climate initiatives to go to disadvantaged communities. As Congress negotiates the details of the budget agreement, the Justice40 commitment needs to be prioritized and followed through on in order to ensure that our transition to a clean energy future does not further exacerbate racial and economic disparities.

As Congress continues to debate the infrastructure package, the reconciliation package and its 2022 budget, we urge Minnesota's congressional delegation to support bold climate solutions, including a Clean Electricity Standard and help our country transition to a more sustainable future.

Sam Benson is a policy organizer for Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light. He lives in Minneapolis.

A culture that values the elderly? Show us the policy

by Kristi Rendahl
MinnPost

The global COVID-19 pandemic has brought to center stage the inadequate systems to support elderly during their twilight years on the earth. What is reasonably expected to be a time of joy and rest, even if accompanied by health challenges, is now fraught with layer upon layer of fear.

Long-term care facilities, once considered a sensible option for the aging and the families who care for them, are now notorious for high rates of COVID-19 transmission and death. Even now, when we no longer have to vie for access to vaccine doses, 34 percent of health care workers in nursing home settings in Minnesota are unvaccinated.

The U.S. Census reports that one in five Americans — or 20 percent — will be 65 years old and over by 2030.

Just two years ago that same demographic was at 16.5 percent. A 2018 AARP study shows that most adults (a full 75 percent) over age 50 want to age in their respective home and community, yet far fewer anticipate that will be an option. Meanwhile, the Delta variant rages and the CDC reports that 56 percent of adults over the age of 65 have two or more chronic conditions, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, cancer or arthritis. It's unnecessary to point out the increased vulnerability for these more than 18 million people, but I will anyway.

Families have struggled to keep their own employment, be sure their children learn and play in safe ways, and care for their elders at a distance even if they are down the street. There are beautiful anecdotes about creative gath-

erings during the pandemic. I passed by two women facilitating bingo from the ground to several floors of a nursing home in my neighborhood. At the same time, too many of our elders died of loneliness and were confused about why no one was visiting them, accelerating issues of dementia and emotional suffering.

We know that women in particular left the workforce in large numbers to care for children during the height of the pandemic. During so-called normal times, women spend an average of seven years out of the workforce to care for children and aging parents. Predictably, this results in significantly less earnings — along with social security benefits and retirement savings — than for men. There is not yet a trend in employers honoring that time "away" as the true and legitimate contribution it

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OTHER VOICES

It's MILLER TIME

by Rep. Tim Miller, IR-Prinsburg

Tax returns and unemployment insurance

Last week, the Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that they will begin processing tax returns that were impacted by unemployment insurance payments and the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

The introduction of these programs in the last year has dramatically complicated tax returns for many people. Our tax system was complex to begin with, but figuring out how PPP and unemployment payments affect them has just added to the mess. We made changes to our state tax laws to accommodate these programs, but one tax law change can

often disrupt the system and make everything much more difficult to process.

The Department of Revenue has stated that they will start by processing 1,000 individual tax returns per week. As they adjust to the many tax law changes that have taken place, they hope to process 50,000 returns per week by the end of October.

I know this has been an incredibly frustrating process for so many of you. Earlier in the year, my office received so many calls asking how PPP and unemployment payments would factor into filing taxes. Fortunately, we are approaching the end of this bureaucratic nightmare.



Call or email me if you have any questions. My email address is Rep.Tim.Miller@house.mn and my office phone number is 651-296-4228.

Tim Miller

Rep. Tim Miller on The Heartbeat Bill

On Monday, State Representative Tim Miller (R-Prinsburg) made the following statement:

"I am the author of legislation to ban abortion once the child's heartbeat is detectable, often referred to as a 'Heartbeat Bill.' Last week, the DFL Party of Minnesota decided to highlight my bill, HF 643, in a press release and on social media. The DFL's opposition to pro-life legislation is no surprise. However, I am surprised they made it personal, and I am disappointed they are using this issue to raise money.

My bill would accomplish two things; first, protect the lives of children; second, truly protect women's health.

HF 643 simply states that if you have a heartbeat, you are a human being deserving of life and individual rights. In medicine, a person's life is considered over when their heartbeat stops. Shouldn't the same principle apply when consid-

ering life's beginning? While I believe life begins at conception, I do not believe anyone can honestly disagree with the obvious fact that when a heartbeat is present, human life is present. Our society must have this conversation.

Sadly, women who undergo an abortion are at an increased risk of having miscarriages, breast cancer, and depression. Additionally, abortions often cause internal damage and se-

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One of the traditional folk dances performed featured men in old man masks and canes, waddling to everyone's delight.

Welcome Week

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“Belonging Begins With Us.”

Although Welcome Week is a national event, SWIF is a foundation local to Minnesota, particularly the Southwest region. Pablo Obregón, Community Engagement Officer for SWIF, has been critical in bringing Welcoming Week to areas like Montevideo and Willmar, a town that celebrated their first Welcome Week last year. According to the SWIF, Welcome Week is an annual campaign and celebration intending to foster mutual respect and cooperation within communities.

Of the theme, Obregón said, “This is an exciting theme, one that allows communities to display openness and inclusivity. Everyone has experienced moments in which we’ve felt we don’t fit in, whether it’s moving to a new town -- different languages, different foods, different culture -- and it takes awhile sometimes to find your bearings. Communities have an opportunity to provide opportunities for those who do not feel as if they belong or have not previously had an opportunity to belong.”

“About two years ago, we heard about National Welcoming Week in America,” Obregón said. “We quickly wanted to join and to have and to show strong, welcoming communities. Last year, in our first year, we had four communities hosting the event. It was a success and we received great feedback from those who attended the events. People wanted more of these opportunities.”

This year nine communities hosted events. Given the demographics, Welcoming Week is a great asset for communities to at once celebrate diversity and connection.

Guillemard spoke to the importance of all becoming acquainted with organizations that represent communities. “It is important for everyone to feel safe around members of law enforcement,” Guillemard said. One way to fit into any community, to meet others, is to volunteer for local organizations like the Willmar Police Explore Program or the KMS EMTs which do a great deal to that end.

Guillemard admired the Willmar Welcome Week event last year because they had a local drummer and incorporated elements of local culture and mythology into the event. A Mexican Folk-Dance performance by Raices de mi Tierra, who are a local dance group, was given on Sunday.

Arts and theatre were celebrated, per the KMS Community Education, as a significant portion of their program is based on those areas. Familiar faces in the community will be out tabling, Guillemard said. But the thrust of the event had been arranged so that the old and the new, or the familiar and the not-so-familiar, can mingle.

“With everything going on in the world, the pandemic, political tension, people often retreat into their own circles of support. If you are entering a community for the first

time, you might not have these circles of support. We are not exclusionary. We want to make it very obvious that the community is welcoming and that there are many ways to get involved,” Guillemard said.

An analogy used by Guillemard: moving to a rural area, a small town, can be much like walking into a cafeteria on the first day of high school.

“At Welcome Week, we will have dozens of tables, with many people representing different organizations wanting you to join them,” she said prior to the event.

Although Welcome Week has occupied a great deal of SWIF’s energy lately, they are a foundation whose programs and resources go to the betterment and improvement of communities in the Southwest region throughout the year. One of their major programs aimed at closing the opportunity gap, Grow Our Own, has secured more than \$4.2 million from donors and partners. This initiative’s goals:

- Reduce stress in the lives of children and families with trauma informed approaches;
- Strengthen core life skills (like numeracy and literacy skills, critical thinking skills, financial literacy, etc.) through self-empowerment and self-determination;
- Support responsive relationships across generations and sectors;
- Change negative narratives that affect economic mobility.

SWIF has a vision of southwest Minnesota in which everyone within a community thrives. In this vision, people across lines of difference are brought together toward greater prosperity for all. This is a vision KMS took part in dur-

ing the Welcome Week event.

As part of the program, dancers appeared masked with long noses, staggering and hunched with affected age. They were moving heads from side to side threateningly all while stamping the ground in rattling sandals, robes long and bright-white, colorful scarfs which were haughtily cast over shoulders if fallen. But one of these elders, stamping a cane to the rhythms of the music while hunching his back, was accosted by a young man, presumably the son of the masked person, who interrupted the death waddle to everyone’s delight.

He wandered from the side into the oncoming dancers, almost as if transfixed by what he had seen -- a number of dancers in elaborate costumes and spinning in a group, each one connected by a cane, to the delight of the crowd. The brigade had shifted toward the exit in a somnolent, sleep-like manner, the heads moving from side to side in perfect cadence.

Then the boy had appeared. It is unclear whether this was the young man’s mother, or if judgement went amiss, as all the dancers were masked, clothed in heavy shawls, slumped, taping canes. It might have been impossible even for a son to tell one dancer from another.

Earlier, during Welcome Week in Kerkhoven, dancers included children, their patterns of step mesmerizing, deft, and delightful for an audience. These were a few of many dances, each one delighting the crowd more than the last, performed generously by Raices de mi Tierra, a Mexican folk-dance group.

THREE BUNS AND a HURRICANE®

BY ALISON NELSON



Tomato, tomahto

When deciding if I really want to commit to something, I was recently enlightened, I should ask myself two questions: Do I want to do this now? And will I want to do it then? This has come up a few times since I’ve heard it, and I find it pretty effective.

I wish I had had this method in place when we planted the garden last spring. It’s always so exciting to plant a garden . . . dreaming of all the beautiful produce and the satisfaction of eating fresh foods that we grew ourselves from tiny seeds and sprouts. As soon as the plants and seeds went in this year we added grass clippings from our lawn for weed and moisture control. We even upped our game, putting in a fence to keep the dogs from inadvertently trampling, and Chester fashioned a sprinkler system so we could water the whole thing with the turn of a nozzle.

It’s a good garden. Peas, cucumbers, green beans, carrots, cabbage, lettuce, all kinds of peppers, and tomatoes. So many damn tomatoes. It’s very exciting when they start to appear, and we pluck the first green beans to eat with a grilled meal, or build a beautiful salad from the light, crisp romaine leaves, or shred up a slaw from a head of home-

grown cabbage. In July, it’s fun.

Come late September, I am ready to mow the whole thing down. In the spring we have these big plans and dozens of empty jars to fill, imagining all the salsa and spaghetti sauce and pizza sauce and steamed vegetables we would enjoy having all winter long. “We should plant extra tomatoes,” we naively tell ourselves. “We will want a lot of sauce. We want to take salsa and pepper jelly and spicy pickles to parties and give some as gifts. Making our own is better than buying it,” we think and say. And a bunch of other crap.

Those are all true at that time. Now, right now, as the question goes, I do not feel like endlessly scalding and cooking and blanching and bagging and canning. As of this writing, there are probably 75 pounds of tomatoes overtaking our kitchen counters, and that is from only eight of the 30 plants we have in the ground. I had to stop picking because there was nowhere to put the rest.

It’s not the actual task; I love putzing in the kitchen. If there was nowhere else to be and no one to feed or pick up or make sure he was doing homework, I’d be in there all day. However, these things take literal hours, many steps, and sometimes many hands. While one resource is abun-

dant, the time to process that resource is not.

I realize this sounds stupid. Oh, woe is me, I am overcome with fresh vegetables. My life is hard. It’s really a complaint about my lack of foresight or reality -- every single fall I say, “Next year I think we should plant a smaller garden, as we never have time to deal with the produce,” and every year stays the same or maybe even gets a little bigger. Let’s see if next spring I remember this when the weather warms and the greenhouses open for the season.

Last weekend Jesse made fresh pasta sauce with tomatoes and herbs from the garden, stirred in ground beef from a local farmer, and paired with homemade bread. If the pasta maker he wants would come back in stock, the noodles would have been from scratch, too. It was one of the best meals we’d had in a long time. I guess we need to prioritize . . . cutting corners on flavor and satisfaction by purchasing these items or going an extra mile with more time to prepare fresh meals.

Eyes were bigger than our stomachs . . . bit off more than we could chew . . . can’t have our cake and eat it, too . . . so many clichés applying to my first world problem.

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Rita Tostenson's life to be celebrated Saturday in Swift Falls

Tostenson, Rita J., 77, of Swift Falls, Minnesota, died on January 7, 2021. Please join the family for a service celebrating Rita's life on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 11:30 am, at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Swift Falls. A meal will be served following the service.

Rita is survived by her husband Charles Odell Tostenson; and children: Jodi (Dennis) Hippen of Shakopee MN, Tal (Cheryl) Tostenson of Rogers, MN, and Heidi (Rick) Thompson of Champlin, MN; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several other relatives and friends.



Robert Yost died at his home September 15

Robert John Yost, 100, of Murdock, died Wednesday, September 15, at his home. Private funeral services will be held.

Robert John Yost was born on April 4, 1921, to John and Catherine (Thome) Yost. He was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Murdock. He grew up on the family farm near Murdock and graduated from Murdock High School. Robert served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. After his discharge, he returned to the family farm.

Robert met Barbara Ann O'Brien in the fall of 1949 and they began their courtship shortly afterwards, marrying on January 22, 1951, to begin their journey of 66 years together on the Yost family homestead in Dublin Town-

ship. To this marriage, Barbara and Robert were blessed with 10 children to provide them joys of happiness to their family farm. Robert farmed his entire working life and was blessed to be able to live out his life on the farm he loved.

Robert was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Round Prairie, MN, and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards, reading and going dancing with Barbara Ann.

Robert is survived by his children, Roberta Yost of Richfield; Roderick (Carol) Yost of Murdock; Philip (Connie) Yost of Murdock; Lambert Yost of Murdock; Celeste (Chuck) Koestler of St. Charles; Nicholas (Louise) Yost of Benson; Henry Yost of Marion, IA; Christopher Yost of Murdock; Robert Yost of



New Prague; and Katherine (Christopher) Buschmann of Woodbury; 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and a step-granddaughter and her three children; along with many other relatives and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Ann in 2017, and a brother, William Yost.

Fiddle Workshop in Sunburg, Sunday, October 17

Sunburg Heritage Arts Initiative is sponsoring a free fiddle workshop at Hope Lutheran Church in Sunburg, Sunday, October 17, 1 - 5 pm. Violinists/fiddlers of all ages are welcome to attend, though two years of experience is strongly encouraged. Participants will learn fiddle tunes in small groups, learn new fiddle techniques and perform in a student/teacher concert at 4 pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

The workshops will be led by Cristina Seaborn, St. Cloud, MN, a violinist and fiddler with over thirty years of experience in symphonies, quartets, jazz ensembles, and folk/rock bands; Dempsey Schroeder, formerly of Pennock, a fiddler with over 20 years of experience; and Maggie Harp, New London, an outstanding music accompanist on piano and guitar.

The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. For additional registration materials, email Darlene Schroeder at 3dschroeder@gmail.com

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Live Well, Age Wisely

With Laura Thomas, Director of Aging Well at Prairie Five Community Action Council

Medicare Open Enrollment, the annual period when people with Part D or Advantage plans review their coverage to see how it will look next year and compare it to other options, is just around the corner (October 15 - December 7). In preparation, I'd like to share some details about Part D coverage and answer some questions that come up often.

One reason that people hesitate to make a change in their coverage for the upcoming year is because "what if I am prescribed a new medication that the plan doesn't cover?" Each Part D plan has a formulary - a list of brand name and generic drugs which are covered by the plan. One safeguard for the beneficiary (the person with Part D coverage) is that each plan's formulary must cover at least two drugs per medication class or category. So even if the plan doesn't cover your specific medication, it's likely that it will cover a similar one.

What if the medication you have been prescribed isn't on the formulary and you and your prescriber believe that none of the options that are will work for you? Then your prescriber can request a formulary exception from the

plan which includes a statement explaining the medical reason for the request. This option gives peace of mind that you'll likely be able to get any new medications that you may need from the new plan.

Each year Medicare gives every Part D plan a star rating on a one-to-five-star scale. Stars are assigned based on user satisfaction surveys and plan coverage among other data points and a five-star rating is considered excellent. The star ratings are useful during the Open Enrollment period when beneficiaries are considering new plans as they make it possible to compare quality and performance in addition to the premiums and co-pays.

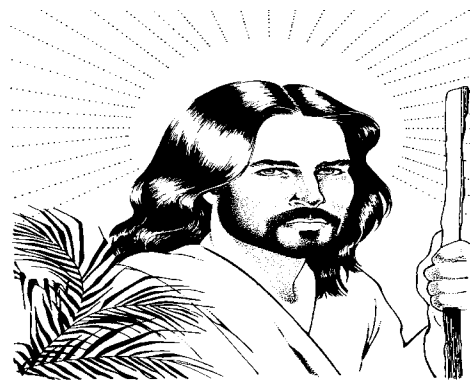
As an incentive for plans to give their consumers good service, Medicare allows five-star plans the ability to enroll beneficiaries throughout the year, not just during specific periods. This means that if you have a Part D plan, you can change your enrollment to a five-star plan one time in the calendar year. While it is nice to know that I could make a plan change in the middle of the year if I'm not pleased with my current coverage, it's not guaranteed. For example, in 2021, there were no five-star Part D plan options available in Minnesota.

Extra Help is the name of a federal program that assists qualifying individuals in



covering Part D premium and co-pay costs. The 2021 annual income limit for individuals is \$19,320 and is \$26,130 for married couples. There are also asset limits (\$14,790 individual/\$29,520 married couple) but these don't include things like your home, vehicles, personal possessions and others. The program is administered by Social Security so for full details and an application you can contact them directly or I would be happy to help.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, would like clarification, or if something doesn't make sense. My email address is laura.thomas@prairiefive.org and my phone is 320-226-8861. I have started to book appointments for Open Enrollment plan comparisons so it isn't too early for that either. While I love talking about Medicare, it's not exactly a hot party topic or something that comes up often at a night out with the gals, so I do look forward to your calls!



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Sunday:
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10 am Worship Service
Monday:
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Tuesday:
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Wednesday:
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10:30 AM Worship
Wednesday:
5:45-6:15 PM Supper
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Sunday:
9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Service
Wednesday:
6:PM Choir
6:30PM Kerk Free Kids
6:30-8PM Youth Grp.

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10:00a Lay-led worship
8:15a St. John communion
10:00a Hope communion
Tuesday:
C & C at Bethesda
9:00 Food, 9:30 Bible Study
Wednesday:
6:30-8PM 7-9 grade Confirmation at Mamrelund

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Pastor Michelle Kleene

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9:15am Music/Coffee
9:25am Sunday School
10am Worship/Communion
10:45 Special Congregation Meeting
Tuesday:
9:30am C & C at Bethesda
Wednesday:
6:30-9:00pm 7th-9th Grade Confirmation at Mamrelund

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Interim Pastor

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from parishes all around the area

September 22-29

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10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

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Rev. Wayne Kopitzke

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6:30 PM Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grades - FL Family Room

Sunday: Pentecost 18 - Holy Communion

8:45 AM Worship at FL
9:45 AM Sunday School at FL

10:00 AM Youth & Parent Planning Meeting at FL
11:00 AM Worship at ENL
1:00 PM 5th Grade Acolyte Training - ENL

Wednesday:
6:30 PM Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grades - FL Family Room

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Rev. Ron Knutson, Pastor

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Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Worship

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Latinos

by Alma Contreras Lopez

I have written about Hispanic Heritage Month almost without fail every year, but this year it has a special touch, as it was very close with Welcoming America week. I found it interesting because the Raíces de mi Tierra dance group, led by Nalleli Contreras and Esperanza Aguirre, performed at these events to share a bit of our Mexican folklore, representing a fraction of the Latino population in the area.

The Mexican community is the majority-minority of the Latino population in the United States. Keep in mind that the Latino community is made up of several countries.

Latino, what does this term encompass? The term Latino refers to people from a Latin American country. In general, the term is used to delimit an ethnicity and, not a race, in the census data, for example, people can be Hispanic and white, black, Native American, etc. the word Hispanic is constantly used by government agencies implying a connection to the Spanish language. But in themselves, these two terms carry in them an impressive diversity of more than 20 countries from Latin America and the Caribbean. So, it is important to recognize that not

every Hispanic is Mexican; since Hispanics come from Nicaragua, Guatemala, Cuba, Honduras, Ecuador, Colombia, El Salvador, etc.

While most Latinos speak Spanish, the pronunciation and meanings of some words vary from country to country and even regional and national differences are varied. In addition to Spanish, Portuguese is also spoken in Brazil and many native languages in Mexico and Guatemala, to name a few, many Latinos in the US are fluent in English as a second or third language, and some only speak English.

Family is a fundamental factor in the life of the Hispanic, so much so that, for the most part, children only move from their parents' house when they form their own family and, in some cases, when they attend college. This is not a rule, in my case, one of my children mentioned that he would change this custom or tradition, and that he would move from home once he turns 18, the truth is that I am not in a hurry to change the dynamic, but I am open to changes.

In summary, I could say that Hispanics or Latinos are unique individuals, shaped and influenced by shared experiences related to our country of origin, our language,

our experiences. Latinos are not a homogeneous group, but at the same time, as an ethnic group, we share somewhat similar cultural characteristics. And although we come from different countries, many Latinos have lived in the US for generations and others are just beginning to put down roots. Latinos can be of a different race, social class, educational level, religion, and so on. Remember that it is not necessary to be Latino to enjoy and be part of this Hispanic Heritage Month, you also do not have to wait for Hispanic Heritage Month to taste food or go to events with Hispanic connotations, any day of the year is good for celebrating the diversity that enriches us as human beings.

Word of the week: since Spanish: desde Pronunciation: des-deh

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Alma Contreras Lopez

Latinos

por Alma Contreras Lopez

He escrito del mes de la herencia hispana casi sin falta cada año, pero este año tiene un toque especial, pues estuvo muy cerca con la semana de dar la Bienvenida a América o "Welcoming America week". Me pareció interesante porque el Grupo de danza Raíces de mi Tierra, a cargo de Nalleli Contreras y Esperanza Aguirre, se presentó en estos eventos con la intención de compartir un poco de nuestro folclor mexicano, representando a una fracción de la población latina en el área.

La comunidad mexicana es la minoría mayoritaria de la población latina en Estados Unidos. Hay que tener en cuenta que la comunidad latina está compuesta por varios países.

Latino, ¿qué es lo que encierra este término? El término latino se refiere a personas procedentes de algún país de Latinoamérica. En general el término se usa para delimitar una etnicidad y no una raza, en los datos del censo, por ejemplo, las personas pueden ser hispanas y; blancas, negras, nativas americanas, etc.

la palabra hispano se usa constantemente por las agencias gubernamentales implicando una conexión con el idioma español. Pero en si estos dos términos llevan en ellos una diversidad impresionante de más de 20 países de Latinoamérica y el caribe. Por lo que es importante reconocer que no todo hispano, es mexicano; pues el hispano viene de Nicaragua, Guatemala, Cuba, Honduras, Ecuador, Colombia, El Salvador, etc.

Mientras que la mayoría de los latinos hablamos español, la pronunciación y significados de algunas palabras varían de país en país e incluso las diferencias regionales y nacionales son variadas; además del español también se habla el portugués en Brasil y muchos idiomas nativos en México y Guatemala, por mencionar algunos, muchos latinos en los EE. UU. Dominan el idioma inglés como segundo o tercer idioma, y algunos solo hablan inglés.

La familia es un factor fundamental en la vida del hispano, tanto es así que, en su mayoría los hijos solo se mudan de casa de los padres cuando forman su propia familia y, en algunos casos, cuando se asiste a la universidad. Esto no es una regla, en mi caso uno de mis hijos a mencionado que cambiara esta costumbre o tradición, y que se mudara

de casa una vez que cumpla 18 años, la verdad es que no llevo prisa en que cambie la dinámica, pero estoy abierta a cambios.

En resumen, podría decir que los hispanos o latinos, somos individuos únicos, moldeados e influenciados por experiencias compartidas relacionadas con nuestro país de origen, nuestro idioma, nuestras vivencias. Los latinos no somos un grupo homogéneo, pero a la vez, como grupo étnico compartimos características culturales un tanto similares. Y aunque venimos de diferentes países, muchos latinos han vivido en EE. UU. Por generaciones y otros apenas estamos empezando a echar raíces. Los latinos podemos ser de diferente raza, clase social, nivel educativo, religión, etcétera. Recuerde que no es necesario ser latino para disfrutar y ser participe de este mes de la herencia hispana, también no tiene que esperar al mes de la herencia hispana para degustar de la comida o de eventos con connotaciones hispanas, cualquier día del año es bueno para celebrar la diversidad que nos enriquece como seres humanos.

Palabra de la semana: desde/desde hace Inglés: since Pronunciación: síns

Looking Back



25 years ago...September 1996

Homecoming Highlights
Members of the KMS Sports Boosters provided a skit spoofing this Friday night's Homecoming football opponent,

Minneapolis Lutheran. From left (in jerseys) they are Carol Hauge, Char Gordon, Jean Rustad, Susie Murphy and Denise Shuck.

50 years ago...September 1971

BEARERS of the flowers and crowns at the Irish Homecoming Thursday were, l-r, Karen Rozeboom, Angela Fernholz, Paul Cain and Ronald Laughlin. Parents are: Conrad Rozebooms, Eugene Fernholzs, Bill Cains and Maurice Laughlin. (BANNER photo)



CLASS OFFICERS CHOSEN AT SCHOOL

CLASS officers at the Kerk school have been elected. The offices (in this order: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are:

Grade 12-Don Reigstad, Gaylen Marquardt, Paula Freetly and Dale Barrett. Student council representatives are Mark Stai and Frank Diederich.

Grade 11-Adele Bauman, Jim Bauman, Donna Just and Chuck Rustad. Student council representatives are Sheryl Tengwall and Rick Peterson.

Grade 10-Arlen Netland, David Rudningen, Monica Skindeliem and LuAnn Welfen. Student council representatives are Marie Frederickson and Alan Bauman.

Grade 9-Marvin Reigstad, Bruce Bakken, Jacque Johnson, and Sharon Stenberg. Student council representatives are LuAnn Paulson and Tom Tengwall.

Grade 8-Karen Shuck, Galen Netland, John Urke and Steve Forsman. Student council representative is Darlene Stenberg.

Grade 7-Scott Dahlbeck, Ronnie Bjork, Kaye Clark and Denise Danielson. Student council representative is Marlys Zimmer.

75 years ago...September 1946

New Medical Clinic Sought For Kerkhoven

A group of Kerkhoven business people this week envisaged a new medical-dental clinic building for Kerkhoven as an outgrowth of the proposal to construct a county hospital at Benson.

100 years ago...September 1921

JERICO NEWS

The whole creation, everything living, even snakes, love daylight and sunshine, but some rare specimens of the human being prefer moonshine. These are worth special recognition. For further particulars call on Sheriff

Bonde, of Willmar, for samples on exhibition in his waiting parlors.

MOONSHINERS ARE CAUGHT.

Four young men, Fred Larson, Edw. Appleseth, Carl Gustafson and Gerhart Fossen, three of them married, were arrested at Clarkfield this week on the charge of making and selling moonshine. They were taken before Judge Daley at Renville Wednesday, where they plead guilty and were given a fine of \$150.00 and 30 days in jail apiece. They had been under suspicion for some time. Finally the Marshall at Clarkfield obtained sufficient proof to certain of their work, sent for the sheriff and with a search warrant went with a search warrant went out to the Fjelstad farm near Clarkfield, where they found three stills. The one who worked the farm was unmarried. The stuff was made there and the others who worked in Clarkfield sold it. In their confession, they said they had been at it since July. On being asked if they had gotten rich out of the venture, they said no, they had run behind, as so much of what they had sold had been sold on time. Another case of going wrong, expecting to get rich quick. But the boys can do some serious thinking, with benefit to themselves, while doing their thirty days.-Granite Falls Journal

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Value the caregivers

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is to our country. Instead, there is a questionable gap on the resume and a less secure future.

As a society, we say that we value elders. We say that we value caregivers. But the numbers tell a different story. One week as a caregiver would convey the point to any skeptic. Even those who plan meticulously for their older years will find themselves overwhelmed by the health care system, managing medications and appointments, reducing risks in the home, and adapting to a global pandemic. I haven't even touched on the deeply human reluctance to accept a changing mind and body and the insidious loss of freedom.

Over 34 million Americans provided unpaid care to adults over 50 years in 2015. Most of them incurred related expenses

averaging over \$7000. Three quarters of them were women and spent twice as much time doing it as their male counterparts. This is most often done with complete love, but also out of necessity. After all, who else is going to do it? There is no nonprofit organization that will swoop in to help my rural-residing parents manage health care logistics or figure out why the oxygen machine battery isn't properly charging or transport them to key treatments and medical interventions or advocate, advocate.

And really, there doesn't need to be a nonprofit. What we desperately need is a culture that lives out its stated values of honoring the elderly. There is something deeply flawed in our country that we provide increased unemploy-

ment benefits to restaurant workers, for example, but do not compensate in meaningful ways those who sacrifice earnings, professional advancement and personal well-being to care for the most fragile among us.

An attorney friend once told me that you only need two things to write good policy: the will and a pencil. We already have a caregiver corps and they are hard at work ensuring elderly live with the dignity they deserve. My question is whether the rest of us have the will to pull out a piece of paper and start writing a new story.

Kristi Rendahl is associate professor and director of the Nonprofit Leadership Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Miller

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vere blood loss. If Democrats truly cared about women's health, then they would join me in the fight against abortion. Instead, Democrat leaders are lying to women by telling them that killing their child is some form of female empowerment. How shameful.

In their press release, the DFL Party accused me of trying to bring a Texas-style abortion ban to Minnesota. Yes, that is my goal. I am in favor of banning abortion out-

right, but the heartbeat bills are a great place to start.

Abortion is the most important issue of our age. Decades from now, future generations will look back and judge us by whether we supported abortion or opposed it. To those who advocate for the destruction of innocent life, I implore you to search your conscience. To those who have been affected by abortion in your life, know that there is healing. There is no condemnation; not by me, and not by God."

News in Brief

The Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7:00 pm on October 4 at the Civic Center. Linda Amundson will serve lunch.

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CEO Program

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firm appointments, and by later sending a thank you card to express gratitude. At the table students had pens and paper upon which questions were written. In business, there is the art of asking questions, and students were supposed to posit open-ended questions, simple and deliberate. Per Luft, students were encouraged to learn punctuality and certainly candor, incidentally one of the core values wrought on a plaque in the Louriston conference room.

"Zoom allows us to invite speakers we would never have the opportunity to speak to in rural Minnesota," Luft said, as the class waited for Taunton to join the call.

"When you introduce yourself in a minute, always make sure that you stand up straight, say what town you are from — because this is business — not what school you represent. Make sure you thank the speaker for their time."

The West Central CEO is a program for high-schoolers, funded through investors who want to see young people succeed in business. Students and teachers spoke about the importance of learning business theory and then later applying that theory in practice. A part of the program designed

to this end -- called the badge project -- will come to the fore in later weeks.

"This is what makes the program tick," Luft said, addressing the class. "They're putting finances in you kids, and we want you to see the opportunities for business that exist in this area."

Taunton, former CEO of Snap Fitness, noted early in his lecture the importance of entrepreneurial studies in schools. "You guys light my fire," Taunton said. "What I want to say is that I am one of you. I want you to find yourself within my narrative."

Taunton teaches Masterclass lessons for Forbes magazine, and now that he is no longer CEO of the company he began years ago, he specializes in helping others pivot marketing strategies. While he charges companies for lessons, the youth he assists for free, apportioning a certain part of his day toward being available to those who need advice. His expertise includes building franchises, expansion and roll-out strategies, and international franchising.

"Business is a team sport," Taunton said. "I'm the face of the company, but I had so many people who believed in my vision. When I win, ev-



CEO Program students and advisor, KMS teacher Ryan Luft (left), visited the Kerkhoven Banner to hear some ideas on marketing and ask questions on how a newspaper works. The group will be going to various

establishments to 'see for themselves' some of the ins and outs of running a business, and will eventually form their own small company.

eryone in my company wins... these things you can do with equity so that you spread the wealth across every single one

of your employees.

Tauton has a few favorite words: grit, compassion, accountability and discipline. He

boasts over 700,000 followers on Instagram, a figure that at once amazed and bewildered students, particularly when

Tauton promised to record the meeting and later post a few highlights so as to promote the West Central CEO program.

Ali Finstrom's newest role

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Murdock, Sunburg area, especially for those involved in a growing acting community. This fall, she will be the full artistic director in the fall production at KMS, tasked with staging the creative development of the show and all things relating to actors.

KMS had their first rehearsal of the year on September 12th. Finstrom spoke to a large cast of 25 ahead of rehearsal, several days after the cast list had been distributed.

"I'm very excited to begin creating something with the students," Finstrom said. "We'll have many involved this year, and we have a great staff."

Finstrom noted the KMS theatre program is unique in that the play in the works, 'Once Upon a Mattress,' will include those in the chorus program and the band program, who will join either by becoming a part of the live pit band or providing the singing that accompanies the performance.

Finstrom is a part of a talented team at KMS which includes Ted Brown, who is the drama director and the play's director, Nicole Gleason, costume designer, Alison Nelson, choreographer, pit band director Pam Diem and choir director Sandy Baker.

KMS's last production, 'The Addam's Family,' two years ago was also aided by Finstrom, though her role will be more pronounced in 'Once Upon a Mattress.' She enjoyed the experience working with the cast on that show, and explained the stylistic differences in the two shows.

"This show is different

from 'The Addam's Family.' The costumes are bright, bright, bright," Finstrom said. In contrast, 'The Addam's Family' utilized a lot of black.

Theatre students at KMS can hardly hope for a more informed artistic director than Finstrom, who has spent the majority of her working life as a professional actress.

She has performed in a few of theatre's most beloved roles such as Mary Poppins or Cosette from 'Les Mis.'

Finstrom's first production was 'Cats,' a role she won soon after graduating from University of Missouri, Kansas City, where she earned a degree in vocal performance at the local music conservatory. It was her first audition at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, a venue that had been a large part of Finstrom's youth, where she had attended plays often as a girl. 'Cats' was an intense, quickly-moving string of rehearsals and then eight shows a week, according to Finstrom, but she delighted in this.

"Growing up, we saw every show there. It was a dream come true to start my career at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre," Finstrom said. In fact, the role was secured before her college graduation. Finstrom went into her first professional audition at the urging of someone she knew -- a member of the production team at Chanhassen -- during her summer break away from university, and she was offered the role.

She continued to work as an actress in the Cities, mainly at Chanhassen, known for its delightful, musical comedies,

but also performing at the Guthrie Theatre, which performs the classics and was founded by Sir Tyrone Guthrie, a man disillusioned by the happiness of Broadway. Finstrom said her most meaningful role was Cosette in 'Les Mis,' although the most challenging was Mary Poppins, whom she later played at the Duluth Playhouse.

In this period of her life, in the Twin Cities, Finstrom auditioned as often as she could, always securing contracts for performances. For each play in which an actor is afforded a role, the contract reflected the length of the play's run, often five to six months at Chanhassen.

Leaving the Twin Cities, Finstrom transitioned to the Duluth Playhouse, or the North Shore Theatre, working as an equity special actor, opening a vocal studio in Duluth, where she first began to work with young people. In Duluth, Finstrom unwound after a hectic but wonderful spell in the cities. "I found a work-family balance. I only did one show a year then," Finstrom said. "But that was enough for our family."

She began to direct and assistant-direct in the children's theatre in Duluth. She volunteered her time for these roles, as she could not be paid to act and to direct due to contracts with the theatre. Through her vocal studio and volunteering at the Duluth Playhouse, Finstrom discovered a passion for working with young people, as she and her husband Eric were raising a family.

"More than anything, I want to be a positive mentor



Ali Finstrom as Mary Poppins at the Duluth Playhouse. --submitted photo

for kids. Performing is secondary, although of course we want to hopefully have a wonderful product at the end of rehearsals," Finstrom said. "I'm keen on encouraging students to use their creativity."

Finstrom moved to Kerkhoven in 2018 when she and Eric decided to raise their chil-

dren in a small town, where he was raised, and so that he could begin to farm with his uncle. Quickly she began to look for opportunities to be a part of the community and found one that allows her to apply her niche skills as an actress in a growing theatre community.

"The staff are amazing at seeing the possibility in things," Finstrom said. "The play is definitely written in an over-the-top comedic style, and I'm very excited to get started creating something for students."

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B-KMS runners compete at NLS meet

The Benson-KMS cross country teams ran Thursday at the Little Crow Country Club of Spicer.

Minnewaska Area came in first place among the girls teams with 51 points. B-KMS finished fourth with points.

Individually, Erica Bakke was the top B-KMS girls with a time of 23:37.90 for 11th place. Olivia Danielson of Minnewaska Area was first in 21:42.20.

Other B-KMS girls were: Natalie Jorschumb, 24th in 25:12.00; Amber Rosemeier, 35th in 25:58.70; Alissa Thompson, 37th in 26:01.50; Julia Bakke, 38th in 26:02.70; and Katlyn Peters, 52nd in 27:49.80.

For the boys, Landon Thompson was the top B-KMS runner, placing third in a time of 18:23.50. Winning the boys event was Brandon Kampfen of Sauk Centre with a time of 17:48.90.

Also finishing for B-KMS were: Jacob Gareis, 10th in 19:36.70; Isaac Wirth, 12th in 19:45.50; Ely Johnson, 26th



Landon Thompson finished third in the NLS cross country race. --photo by Kari Thompson

in 20:24.30; Jaron Furney, 32nd in 20:37.20; Luke Froelich, 62nd in 22:12.10; and Matthew Kallstrom, 81st in 24:38.20

Sauk Centre won the boys race with 72 points, while B-KMS finished second with 81.



Isaac Wirth of B-KMS came in 12th overall for the boys team. --photo by Kari Thompson

State Fair results

Beef - Commercial Fall Calf - Libby Rohner, 7th place, Country Kids 4-H

Beef - Cow and Calf - Commercial - Macy Rohner, 2nd, Reserve Champion Commercial Beef Cow/Calf Pair, Country Kids 4-H

Beef - Cow-Calf and Prospect Calf Showmanship - Macy Rohner, Green Ribbon

Dairy - Red & White Three or Four Year Old - Taylor Rohner Swart, Purple Ribbon/Champion, White Cow, Country Kids 4-H

Dairy - Red & White Winter or Fall Calf - Collin Johnson, Red Ribbon, Mamre MerryMakers 4-H

Dairy - Holstein, Registered - Three and Four Year Old Cow - Conlan Carlson, Purple Ribbon/Showmanship - 5th place, Mamre MerryMakers 4-H

Dairy - Holstein, Grade - Aged Cow, Five Years and Older - Caden Carlson, Blue Ribbon, Mamre MerryMakers 4-H

Dairy - Holstein, Grade - Winter Calf - Cavin Carlson, Blue Ribbon/Showmanship - 12th place, Mamre MerryMakers 4-H

Goat - Senior Yearling Meat Breeding Doe - Narissa Rohner, Red Ribbon, Country Kids 4-H

Goat - Senior Meat Breeding Doe Kid - Madison Rohner, Red Ribbon, Country Kids 4-H

Goat - Meat Breeding Does / Meat Goat Showmanship - Madison Rohner, Green Ribbon

Goat - Meat Breeding Does / Meat Goat Showmanship - Narissa Rohner, Green Ribbon Static / Club Banner - Mamre Merry Makers, Blue Ribbon

Static / Health - Grades 9+ - Grace Thompson, Tri-fold poster titled, "Brain AVMs" - Blue Ribbon, Mamre MerryMakers 4-H

Swine / Market Barrow - Duroc, Registered - Matthew Bestge, Blue Ribbon, 6th place, Mamre MerryMakers 4-H.



KMS alumna Erin Haglund graduates with UCLA Class of 2020

After a 15 month postponement due to Covid-19, The University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) held their graduation for the Class of 2020. KMS Class of 2013 graduate Erin Haglund graduated from UCLA, Cum Laude, with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Haglund is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the only international honor society for nurses. It recognizes nurses for leadership qualities, superior achievement, high professional standards, creative work, and commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession. Pictured with Erin is her girlfriend, Sadie. Also on hand to celebrate the graduation was former KMS classmate, Haley Braun; Erin's mother, Chery Rasmussen of Willmar; father, Mike Haglund and Jenny Ackerson of rural Kerkhoven.

The Annual Meander is back October 1, 2 and 3

After foregoing in-person studio visits due to COVID-19 and hosting an online art auction last year, the popular Meander Upper Minnesota River Valley Art Crawl is back -- in-person with more than 40 artists ready to meet visitors the weekend of October 1, 2 and 3, 2021.

"All the artists are excited to greet visitors in their studios and exhibiting spaces this year," said Kristi Fernholz of the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, who helps organize the annual event. "Last year's auction attracted some new participants and customers who we hope will be back to see what all our local artists have been creating during the lockdown."

Recognizing that the latest spike in COVID infections may still be a deterrent when the Meander weekend arrives, Fernholz said that the event will follow CDC guidelines and that masks will be available. If possible, some artists will be exhibiting outside and others may limit the number of visitors at one time to their studios to prevent overcrowding. All Meander participants are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated.

The Meander is a free self-guided tour featuring 41 artists from five counties in western Minnesota. The annual event offers a chance for the public to meet with the region's top artists in their home studios nestled among the small towns and family farms found in the Upper Minnesota River valley.

The 2021 Meander featured artist is Neva Foster who will be exhibiting at the Red Barn north of Ortonville. Neva started watercolor painting more than 15 years ago in an effort to find a creative outlet. "Painting takes me to a meditative place that I crave," Neva said. Her design for the Meander brochure artwork is a print featuring oak, elm and maple leaves. "The drive along the Minnesota River valley is spectacular with all the different leaves lining the shores," she explained.

This year's Meander features several new artists including woodworker Joe Hauger of Granite Falls,

Deborah Meyer of Madison, and Jason Frank, a nature photographer, sculptor and paper artist from the Ortonville area. From the Clinton area fine art painter Susan Rook Lundell and Patti Karsky -- a jewelry maker and watercolorist -- will be exhibiting for the first time.

Painter and writer M.E. Fuller of Montevideo, multimedia artists Adam Preuss and Jess Gorman of Granite Falls and Mark Mustful of the Ortonville area joined the art auction last year as new Meander artists but this will be the first year Meander participants will be able to see their work in person.

The weekend will begin with studios opening at noon on Friday, October 1. A Meander Friday night celebration will be held starting at 6 p.m. in Granite Falls. The "Light up the River" celebration will feature a neon parade on the historic footbridge over the Minnesota river, outdoor film music, dining and shopping. Details and full schedule can be found at www.visitgranitefalls.com and [facebook.com/lovegranitefalls](https://www.facebook.com/lovegranitefalls)

Art studios throughout the region will reopen at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, and the second day will culminate with a concert starting at 7 p.m. at the Dawson Memorial Auditorium featuring country classics with the Traveling Opry Show featuring Becky Schlegel. For more information and tickets visit www.dawsonboyardarts.org or call 320-312-2311. Tickets will also be available at the door.

On Sunday, October 3, art studios will again be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Videos of some of the participating Meander artists have been produced for social media distribution. They can be viewed on the Meander website at www.artsmeander.com.

A free brochure detailing the locations of Meander art studios and events can be obtained by calling 1-866-866-5432. The brochure can also be downloaded at: www.artsmeander.com. More information can be found on the Meander Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MeanderArtCrawl.



Murdock High School Class of 1970 reunites

The 1970 Murdock High School graduates held their 50-year reunion on September 1st (postponed from 2020 due to Covid). KMS Elementary custodian Damon DiSanto treated the classmates to a great tour of the Murdock school, and the group then moved on to DeGraff for a lively evening of reminiscing.

Pictured above, left to right (front row) are: Deb Johnson Foley, Patti Cain, Connie Rutledge, Mary Groen, Susan Clarke Jost, Joan Eisenreich, Carol Swenson, (back) Loren Gorres, Ron Thorseth, Dick Anderson, Lee Egerstrom, Julie Fredericks Gunkelman, Del Wilts Vandereit, Sue Steffl Braaten, and

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Waterfowl hunting begins this weekend

by Steve Cordts, waterfowl specialist

Minnesota's regular waterfowl season opens a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, September 25. Hunters need to be aware of new regulations in effect for the 2021 season:

- Shooting hours end at sunset the entire season.
- The Canada goose daily bag limit is five per day the entire season, with a possession limit of 15.
- In the South Zone, the split (closed period) is five days instead of 12 days. The closure is from Monday, October, through Friday, October 8.
- Motorized decoys may be used statewide throughout the entire waterfowl season, including on wildlife management areas. Remote controls for motorized decoys are legal.
- Although drought conditions in some areas have improved, waterfowlers should plan ahead to ensure they can access areas they plan to hunt.
- Information to help hunters properly identify waterfowl is available in an illustrated guide contained in the 2021 Minnesota Waterfowl Hunting Regulations.

Complete regulations and the illustrated guide also are available in Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish. Access to complete information on Minnesota's waterfowl hunting seasons is available from the DNR's waterfowl hunting web portal.

Join this webinar on waterfowl hunting

by Steve Cordts, waterfowl specialist

Anyone curious about waterfowl hunting is invited to join a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources webinar at noon on Wednesday, September 22. The webinar will cover how the state and federal governments work together to study waterfowl and set regulations, as well as tips and resources on how to get started in waterfowl hunting.

The webinar is part of the DNR's Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series, which aims to give participants quick, relevant information on upcoming seasons and events, and skills to help enjoy these opportunities. Registration and more information are available on the DNR website.

Teach a kid to hunt small game

during Take a Kid Hunting Weekend

by James Burnham, hunting and angling recruitment, retention and reactivation coordinator

Getting youth outdoors in pursuit of squirrels, rabbits and other small game is the focus of Take a Kid Hunting Weekend on Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26. During the weekend, adult Minnesota residents accompanied by a youth younger than age 16 may hunt small game without a license, although they must comply with open seasons, limits and other regulations.

Hunting small game is a great way to introduce kids to hunting. Kids learn how to search for game sign, properly handle firearms and access hunting land -- all without too much time sitting still and being quiet. Anyone who wants to learn how to hunt can find helpful how-to guides on the DNR website plus a recorded webinar about how to get started small game hunting. Small game hunting regulations are available at the DNR small game hunting page.

Reminder for trappers: Snare breakaway devices required

by Jason Abraham, furbearer and regulations specialist

Trappers who use snares are reminded that snares capable of taking a wild animal must include a breakaway device that causes the snare loop to disassemble at 350 pounds of pull as measured by a static load test. This applies to all snares, except those set under the ice. Devices that cause the snare loop to disassemble at less than 350 pounds also meet this requirement.

This regulation has been in effect since October 2020. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources made the regulation change to prevent the accidental capture of large mammals, while continuing to allow the use of snares statewide. Breakaway devices allow large, non-target mammals such as moose, elk, wolves, bears and adult deer to escape when the snare disassembles under high tension. Smaller target animals, such as coyotes, bobcats, and foxes, are not able to break the snare by pulling. More information about breakaway devices is available on the DNR website.



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Microsoft Teams Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ShakopeeLakeDamRepairBid>
Call: +1 612-428-8778 / Conference ID: 201356821

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the removal and replacement of the reinforced concrete spillway of the Shakopee Lake Dam. Individual elements of work shall include construction of approximately:

- 1 L.S. Remove Existing Structure
- 1 L.S. Water Control and Dewatering
- 1 L.S. Spillway Structure
- 5210 C.Y. Impervious Clay Embankment
- 1644 C.Y. Common Embankment
- 150 TN Random Riprap Class II
- 100 TN Random Riprap Class IV
- 9 Acre Seeding and Fertilizer
- 3 Acre Hydraulic Matrix Type Mulch
- 7 TN Mulch Material Type 1
- 1 L. S. Steel Walkway
- 2 Each 36" Sluice Gate

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates, and Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be completed by December 1, 2022.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting will be held on-line at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at Microsoft Teams Link: <https://tinyurl.com/PreBidMtgShakopeeLakeDamRepair>. The pre-bid meeting is considered non-mandatory, and attendance is NOT required to be allowed to bid on the project.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #8031249 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$45.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SUBMITTAL: A bid shall be submitted online no later than the date and time prescribed. For this project, the County will only be accepting online electronic bids through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid form, download the project document and click online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

BID SECURITY: A Proposal Bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of Swift-Chippewa-Kandiyohi County JD #18 shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: September 10,

2021 /S/ Kody Fossum Supervisor

Published: Finance and Commerce: September 15, 2021 and September 22, 2021
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Microsoft Teams Link: <https://tinyurl.com/JudicialDitch18BidOpening>
Call: +1 612-428-8778 / Conference ID: 265 740 147

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes open ditch repairs to JD #18 within a 5-mile reach in Chippewa County, MN. Individual elements of work shall include construction of approximately:

- 8100 L.F. CLEAN OPEN DITCH, 40 FT BOTTOM
- 8000 L.F. CLEAN OPEN DITCH, 24 FT BOTTOM
- 2.5 AC Clearing
- 294 CY Random Riprap Class III
- 320 L.F. DRAIN TILE OUTLET PIPES
- 14 AC TEMPORARY SEEDING
- 14 AC SEEDING BUFFER STRIP

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be completed by June 30, 2023.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.questcdn.com or www.bolton-menk.com.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting will be held on-line at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at Microsoft Teams Link: <https://tinyurl.com/PreBidMtgJudicialDitch18>. The pre-bid meeting is considered non-mandatory, and attendance is NOT required to be allowed to bid on the project.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com or www.bolton-menk.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #8036537 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$45.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #775 SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES Independent School District #775 KMS Public Schools Monday, Aug. 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Board of Education KMS Board Room

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chair Jeremy Winter. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Members present:** Tom Walsh, Chris Wenisch, Harmon Wilts, Sean Collins. **Late arrivals:** Jeremy Winter and Todd Rudnigen. **Members absent:** Stacy Gareis. **Also present:** Annette Fernholz, Ted Almen, Brady DeBaere, Chris Ziemer, Nathan Collins, Jessi Collins, Stacy Johnson, Tabitha Weflen, Tara Olson, Mike Wirth, Melanie Wirth, Amy Johnson, Alison Nelson, Bob Carlson, Tara Sobkowiak, Becky Carlson, Gina KellyWilts, Jessie Collins, Betty Nordmans, Kristin Stivers, Leah Clausson, Erica Henry, Dan Henry, Kim Bowman, Mindy Ruka, Shirley Schackman, Mark Schackman, Mike McCleary, Cassie Helgeson, Kari Thompson, Andy Kelter, Cormac Dodd.

Public Comment. Several members expressed appreciation of the return to school plan, no mask policy.

Approval Items: **Agenda:** Motion made by Tom Walsh and seconded by Harmon Wilts to approve the August 9, 2021 school board revised meeting agenda.

Minutes: Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Todd Rudnigen to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 regular board meeting.

Bills and Electronic Funds Payments: Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Sean Collins to approve payment of the bills. Roll Call: Walsh, Rudnigen, Wenisch, Wilts, Collins, and Winter.

Resolution Relating to Property Tax Abatement Series bonds 2021B: Authorizing Insurance Awarding the Sale: Motion by Harmon Wilts and second by Tom Walsh. Roll call vote.

Resolution Relating to \$950,000 General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds Series 2021B Authorizing Issuance and Sale: Motion by Tom Walsh and second by Harmon Wilts. Roll call vote.

Resolution Relating to \$2665000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds Series 2021C Authorizing Issuance and Sale: Motion by Harmon Wilts and second by Tom Walsh. Roll call vote.

Approve 2021-2024 Transportation Agreement: Motion by Harmon Wilts and second by Chris Wenisch.

Personnel: Motion to approve the hiring of Amy Linhoff, Special Education paraprofessional, and Amy Ruka, High School office administrative assistant by Todd Rudnigen and second by Sean Collins.

Motion to approve long-term medical leave for Polly Johnson, Business education by Harmon Wilts seconded by Chris Wenisch. Motion to approve resignation of Jennie Deike Special Education paraprofessional and Mary Baumann Elementary teacher by Harmon Wilts second by Tom Walsh.

Approve Minnesota State High School League membership list: Motion to approve MSHSL Membership by Tom Walsh and second by Todd Rudnigen.

Conway Deuth & Schmeising audit engagement letter approval: Motion by Tom Walsh second by Harmon Wilts.

Approve Fall Coaches revised list: Motion by Todd Rudnigen second Sean Collins.

Appoint Fall Musical Director: Motion to appoint Ali Finstrom by Tom Walsh, second by Sean Collins.

Motion to conduct a closed meeting to consider an offer for the sale of real property: Motion by Tom Walsh second Sean Collins.

Motion to reopen the meeting: Motion by Sean Collins second by Tom Walsh.

Project Oversight Committee report: Project updates.

Superintendent report: Return to school plan

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Harmon Wilts Clerk, ISD #775 B11c

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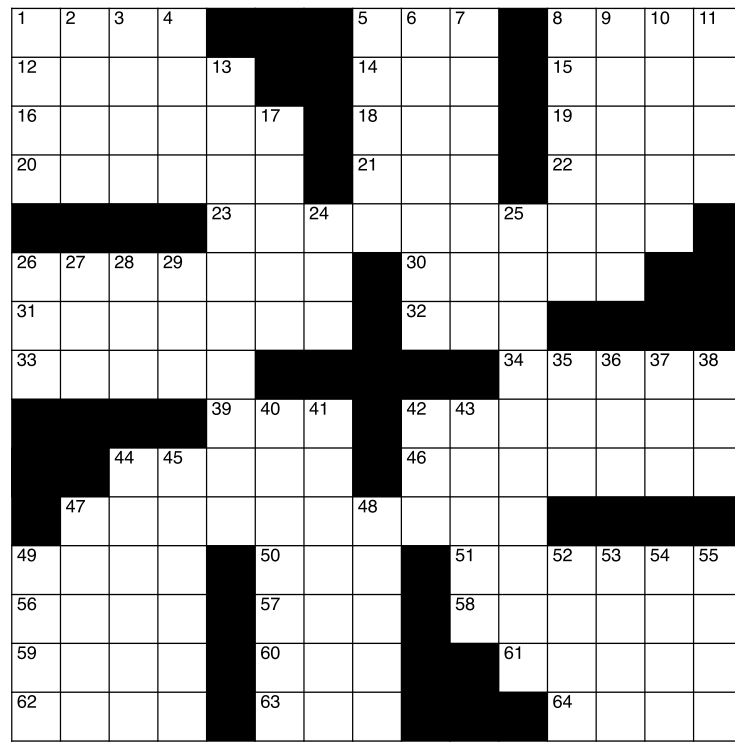
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1. One of the four Vedas
5. Part of (abbr.)
8. At the peak
12. African antelope
14. Expression of satisfaction
15. Yankees' ace
16. Belittled
18. A baglike structure
19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder
20. Actress Tomei
21. Explosive
22. Formal for "on"
23. Cruelties
26. Country singer Brad
30. Make very happy
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
32. Albanian currency
33. Subatomic particle
34. Type of salt
39. 007's creator
42. Emerging
44. Railroad flare
46. Observed
47. Capable of reproduction
49. Indicates adjacent to
50. Legendary Notre Dame coach
51. Not wide
56. An embarrassing mistake
57. Pearl Jam's debut album
58. Denotes passerine birds
59. Stumble
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. W. Indian trees
62. You
63. Pigpen
64. Be aware of

CLUES DOWN

1. Crease
2. "Honey" actress Jessica
3. Broad volcanic crater



4. Product safety watchdog
5. Southern Colombian city
6. Part of a church
7. Perceptible by touch
8. Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
9. Hairpiece
10. Variety acts
11. "Mystic River" actor Sean
13. Remove salt
17. Went out with
24. Type of bread
25. Popular Eagles song
26. Philosophy degree
27. Yes vote
28. Passports and licenses are two
29. No seats available
35. Pounds per square inch
36. A way to launch an attack on

37. The lowest cardinal number
38. Popular Miller beer
40. Pokes holes in
41. Closest to
42. Folk singer DiFranco
43. Rivne's former name
44. Flat ruler
45. Lacking the means to do something
47. Cockatoo
48. Dred Scott decision deliverer
49. Explosion exclamation
52. Canadian flyers
53. Houston university
54. At some prior time
55. Red, swollen mark

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

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WORDS

- ACCRUE
- BASE
- BONUS
- COMPENSATION
- DEBT
- DEDUCTIONS
- DEPOSIT
- EARNINGS
- ELIGIBLE
- EMPLOYER
- EXEMPT
- EXPENSES
- GROSS
- INCOME
- LEDGER
- LEGAL
- LIABILITY
- NET
- RATE
- TAXES
- TRANSACTIONS
- WAGES
- WEEKLY
- WITHHOLDING

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Answers on page 11



FARM NEWS & VIEWS

September Weed of the Month: Palmer amaranth is in my field, now what?

by Anthony Cortilet,
Minnesota Department of
Agriculture

Palmer amaranth is a national example of how damaging invasive species can be. Estimates of heavy yield losses in row crops have been staggering in states that have widespread Palmer populations. These yield losses have led to fear and anxiety in agricultural communities that have not experienced infestations. This increased awareness of a potential problem creates a situation where farmers are actively on the lookout for any suspect plants in their fields, enabling them to be proactive in the identification and elimination of this weed on their land.

In 2016, after years of reports that Palmer amaranth was moving into the Upper Midwest from its native origin of northwestern Mexico and the southeastern United States, infestations were confirmed in southwestern Minnesota. Over 30 landowners were impacted by contaminated seed sown for their newly contracted Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) responded to the situation quickly and began assisting farmers with eradication. Since then, Palmer has been found in 11 counties within the state and that number is expected to increase.

The MDA's experience working with farmers impacted by this troublesome species over the past five years has shown the critical role they provide by scouting, monitoring, and treating new and current Palmer amaranth infestations. In fact, almost all of Minnesota's confirmed Palmer reports were initiated by a farmer or their crop consultant. Minnesota's success with Palmer eradication resulted from cooperation with farmers. Not a single farmer wanted this weed on their property, and every farmer emphasized weed control in their production operations.

Palmer amaranth's arrival in Minnesota has undoubtedly changed weed management strategies for many farmers. They proved they are up to the task.

Palmer amaranth poses several key problems for modern agricultural producers.

- It is a fast-growing annual plant that produces a lot of seed.
- Plants can reach heights of 10 feet, enabling them to shade and outcompete crops.
- The stalks of mature Palmer amaranth plants are thick and can clog combines. Depending on the infestation size, harvest can be severely impeded.
- Palmer amaranth and related pigweeds developed resistance to a number of important herbicide classes utilized in modern agronomic weed management.

When all of these issues are combined, it's not difficult to see the negative impact this weed could have on production fields in Minnesota if not managed correctly.

Despite the threats Palmer amaranth poses to farmers, there is hope for the future. Minnesota has been aggressively dealing with Palmer amaranth since it first appeared in the state in 2016. Our experiences thus far have shown that with persistent management this troublesome plant can be controlled. To date, only one site out of over 40 required multiple years of treatments. The MDA, University of Minnesota Extension, farmers, and landowners showed that it is possible to manage Palmer infestations so that crop production is not severely impacted. But to be successful, Minnesota farmers need to remain extra vigilant and react quickly to any emerging Palmer threats on their lands.

So, what can a farmer or a landowner do to keep Palmer amaranth from becoming a major crop pest?

as machine section control, auto guidance, variable rate technology, telematics, and precision irrigation, plays in promoting climate-smart agriculture. AEM's own research shows that increased adoption of precision agriculture technology in the crop farming industry can have a significant environmental and economic impact for farmers in maximizing productivity, crop yields, fertilizer use, herbicide use, fossil fuel use, and water use, as well as reducing carbon emissions. The Precision Agriculture Loan Program Act of 2021 will give U.S. farmers a whole new set of tools to help achieve climate goals while continuing to feed and fuel the world," said Dennis Slater, president of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers.

Minnesota Farmers Union voices support for stepped-up basis

The latest version of the tax package moving through Congress protects stepped-up basis. The tax package is expected to generate \$2.1 trillion over 10 years and makes multiple changes to estate-tax exemptions and rates.

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) is among the organizations that have called on lawmakers to protect the stepped-up basis exemption for family farmers.

"Stepped-up basis is an important tool that helps many farm families pass land on to the next generation," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "If the stepped-up basis is reduced or eliminated, it will make it harder for beginning family farmers and ranchers to cash flow their farms and ranches."

The term "stepped-up basis" refers to the adjustment of an asset's value upon death of its owner and passage to an heir. An asset, such as land, is typically worth more when the owner dies than when it was acquired. The higher market value of the asset at the time of inheritance is used for tax purposes and the step up in basis typically minimizes capital gains taxes for the heir.

"Our members support changing the tax system so that the wealthy pay what's fair," Wertish said. "When you hear about people like Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos or Tesla CEO Elon Musk paying nothing in federal income taxes, you know our federal tax system needs some changes. If we're going to have a rural economy that works for everyone, those changes can't come on the backs of family farmers. We encourage lawmakers to reach out to their constituents to learn more about how the stepped-up basis is used in agriculture and what reforms will make it an even better tool to keep farms in the family as well as bring beginning farmers into agriculture."

National Farmers Union (NFU) also weighed in, sending a letter to congressional leaders reiterating and restating their concerns with the elimination of the "stepped-up basis" at death.

"Burdensome new tax liabilities may lead to the premature sale of family farms and ranches and contribute to a worrying trend toward greater farmland consolidation and corporate control of our food system," said Rob Larew, NFU president.

As NFU states in their letter, "taxing capital gains on investment income is different from taxing assets, such as land, that are integral to running a farm or other small business."

In 2019, the average farm size in Minnesota was 375 acres and an acre of cropland was valued at \$4,800, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.



A green Palmer amaranth plant

Learn how to identify Palmer amaranth. Early detection is key. It can be challenging to tell Palmer apart from other pigweeds, but it is possible to become familiar with the different species. Visit the MDA's Palmer webpage or the U of M's webpage and Minnesota Crop Newsletter to learn about the species. Being able to identify Palmer early on will make management moving forward much easier.

Scout fields regularly throughout the growing season. As Palmer grows, it becomes much easier to identify. If you think Palmer is present, contact the MDA through the newly improved Arrest the Pest reporting tool.

Connect with your local U of M Extension Crop Specialist or your crop consultant to develop a preemptive weed management plan to minimize the likelihood of Palmer amaranth establishment in your fields.

Understanding pathways is critical to stopping the movement of Palmer amaranth into and within Minnesota. The MDA identified several pathways where Palmer amaranth could potentially enter the state. Any agricultural product that is contaminated with Palmer amaranth seed can be an infestation source. Through MDA's efforts, Palmer amaranth was documented in planting seed, screenings from seed and grain, livestock feed, and manure. Livestock bedding, hay, mulch, and other materials that are shipped into Minnesota from states where Palmer is a common weed could also be an infestation source. Other probable

pathways to consider are any machinery or vehicles that are used on production fields. Custom combines and other machines that have been utilized in other states should be cleaned before they are used on your fields. The point here is to become aware of the source of any products, seed, manure, or the machinery that is being used in your operations and on your land. Preventing Palmer from establishing is the easiest and most cost-effective management option.

If Palmer is confirmed on your property, the MDA, in cooperation with U of M Extension, can work with you to develop a management plan moving forward. The sooner a management plan is established and implemented the better the outcome. Farmers who have been impacted by this pest experienced the benefit of immediate action and contingency planning.

Whether you are a commercial or organic producer, there are weed management strategies that can be applied to prevent Palmer amaranth establishment. These strategies will not only help with Palmer amaranth, but other species like waterhemp, velvetleaf, Kochia, and giant ragweed. With increasing herbicide resistance for a variety of weed species, implementing a successful weed management plan is imperative to achieving your harvest goals. If small weed problems escalate quickly, they turn into large expensive weed problems. The sooner you deal with serious weeds like Palmer amaranth, the better your long-term cropping strategy will be.

KMS football (Continued from page 12)

ments, things that we've practiced, discussed, and shown on film multiple times. We don't work offensively unless the line does and makes it happen.

The remainder of the second half was more or less a downward skid for a tired Saints squad. Lanners found the end zone a fourth time, this from three yards out and added two more to push the lead to 32-20 before taking the rest of the night off. Later in the quarter Levi Lampert scored on an eight-yard pass play to make it 38 and, in the fourth quarter went in from a yard out with Max Lange adding the two-point run.

KMS would get on the board once more, this time on a 49-yard scamper from Trevian Nash, a freshman, but that came after James Reese had put the icing on for USA with a 30-yard run. Fernholz was fairly pleased with the Saints' play early in the contest. "They (USA) showed a strong tendency to run strong and they broke that quickly," he stated. "We adjusted our front and matched up better early but our defensive line needs to play better. That's one thing that needs to be fixed. They got blown back a few times which creates a cluster for our linebackers."

There were no USA statistics available on the game but they rolled up yardage in all four quarters, to the dismay of the KMS coaching staff. "I'm disappointed with our poor technique as we get tired," Fernholz stated. "More pride needs to be taken in the defensive side of the ball. Everyone wants to be on offense but we need to be tougher, much more aggressive, and much more physical on defense in order

to get us back on offense. But give credit to the USA line and running back, he ran hard." For his young team, it doesn't end there, "Special teams need to be better," he said, "We get our young guys in to give our starters a break. Effort, technique, and situational awareness will be practiced even more this week."

All of that said, Fernholz realizes that this is a growing and learning process. "The guys are battling... I've been proud of the kids that chose to play and represent their team, school, and community," he said, "More things are going to start going our way but nothing is going to be handed to us. One of the hardest things to hear after not getting what you want (a win) is to hear 'keep working!' Many times throughout life, you don't get what you want. If everything was handed to you, you wouldn't appreciate the true joy of accomplishments. Hard work pays off. We need to keep working and will keep working our tails off to get what we want to accomplish, winning football games!"

The Saints rolled to their best offensive output of the season amassing nearly 400 yards of total offense, 121 rushing and another 271 through the air. Call connected on 17 of 34 passes without a turnover and three TDs. Running the ball is still a problem as, of the regulars, Malaki Lee picked up 42 yards on 10 carries. Trevian Nash led with 67 on four carries, 49 of them on his late TD run. Rudningen accounted for 111 of the passing yards.

He also led the Saints' defense with 11 tackles, eight solo, while Lee recorded four

solo stops and assisted on three more.

- KMS 14 0 6 8 - 28
USA 16 8 14 14 - 52
Scoring summary:
K: Hunter Kallsotom 5-yd pass from Alex Call (kick no good)
U: Tyson Lanners 1-yd run (Lanners 2-pt run)
K: Isaac Rudningen 31-yd pass from Call (Call 2-pt run)
U: Lanners 30-yd run (Nick Metler 2-pt run)
U: Lanners 13-yd run (Luke Harren 2-pt run)
K: Kallstrom 18-yd pass from Call (pass failed)
U: Lanners 3-yd run (Lanners 2-pt run)
U: Levi Lampert 8-yd pass from Max Lange (Run failed)
U: Lange 1-yd run (Lange 2-pt run)
U: James Rese 30-yd run (Run failed)
K: Trevian Nash 49-yd run (2-pt good)

Upsala Swanville Area (2-1): 22 first downs... Fumbles lost: 2... Penalties: 5-20 yds... No other statistics available...

KMS (0-3): 16 first downs... Total yards: 392... Rushing: 121 yds... Passing (good-att-yds-int): 17-34-271-0... Fumbles lost: 0... Penalties: 2-27 yds... Individual statistics: Rushing: Trevian Nash 4-67, Malaki Lee 10-42, Hunter Kallstrom 1-5, Alex Call 2-2. Rest of the team: 4-5... Passing (comp-att-yds-int): Call 17-34-271-0... Receiving: Isaac Rudningen 111 yds, Kallstrom 56, Jared Cortez ?, ... Interceptions: Jett Olson... Fumbles recovered: 1. Rudningen... Tackles (solo/asst): 1. Rudningen 8/3, Call 4/0, Kallstrom 4/3, J. Olson 4/1, Masyn Olson 4/1, Jason Jones 4/1, Sebastian Solis 4/1, Lee 3/0, Owen Kidrowski 3/0, Jared Cortez 3-0, Carter Auspus 3/1, Landon Bratsch 3/0, Logan Rudningen 2/4, Collin Johnson 1/0, Aaron Jones 1/3, Matt Garreis 1/0, David Alcalá 1/1, Clayton Olson 1/0... QB sacks: None.

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Saints players and bench celebrated a point during the YME match last Thursday night at Kerkhoven.

Canby, BBE sweep Lady Saints around tough, 3-2 loss to Lakeview

by Wally Loven

The KMS girls rugged schedule continued this week traveling to third ranked Canby last week Tuesday night before hosting YME on Thursday, then taking on 10th ranked BBE on Monday night on the home court. The Saints were not able to stay with the Lancers as Canby won in three straight. "We were up against one of the best teams in single A in Minnesota," head coach Joquel Molenaar stated Wednesday morning. "They had some incredible hitters, one in particular is a tall middle hitter who likely will go play D2 or potentially D1 down the road. They're just a great team all the way around!" The Saints hosted Yellow Medicine East on Thursday night then BBE on Monday.

The Saints appeared to have a victory well in hand in their meeting with YME when the Sting got up off the canvas and KO'ed the KMS girls in three straight sets after being down two games to none. It was repeat of the Saints' home opener last week when the same happened at the hands of Lakeview. "Last night was a heartbreaker," Molenaar said of one that got away. "It's tough to lose after building a commanding lead like we did, but we have to play each game clean."

BBE brought their game here on Monday evening and left with a three-game sweep. The Saints did a nice job of staying with the Jaguars, losing the first set 25-21 then faed in the last two despite a strong effort.

The girls were in Tracy to take on T-M-B last night, Tuesday, and RTR visits here on Thursday before hitting the road again next Tuesday (Sept. 28) at Dawson/Boyd.

Canby 3, KMS 0

The Lancers were more than the Lady Saints could handle as the hosts swept them in three straight games, 25-13, 13, and 14. The win left Canby at 8-2 with their losses coming to a pair of AAA teams, Wayzata, ranked number one, and third-ranked Champlain Park. One of their wins was over AAA seventh-ranked Hutchinson. "We actually played our best volleyball we have played all season," Molenaar stated afterwards. "I wish the scores had been a little more representative of the fight we put up."

Individual Canby statistics were not available following the win while leaders for KMS included Tayler Haats with three ace serves, Grace Collins with 16 set assists, and Katie Klaphake with six kills. Elsa Gjerde's 13 digs led the Saints' defense while Karli Jensen chipped in with nine and Collins seven. Haats and Shakira Olson each accounted for three ace blocks. "We continue to take steps in the right direction, building each time we step out on the court," the coach noted. "I'm seeing some great teamwork on the court and working together to find a way to earn those points. It's tough to lose, but it drives them and motivates them to keep pushing because they know they can do it!"

KMS (1-6) 13 13 14
Canby (8-2) 25 25 25
Canby (8-2): No stats available.
KMS (1-6): Serving (good-att-aces): Elsa Gjerde 5-5-0, Grace Collins 8-8-1, Josie Gjerde 7-7-1, Tayler Haats 6-7-3, Kelsey Butler 8-1-1, Karli Jensen 6-6-0... Setting (good-att-assst): E. Gjerde 6-6-1, Collins 7-7-16, J. Gjerde 3-3-0, Shakira Olson 2-2-0, Haats 0-1-0, Butler 4-5-0, Katie Klaphake 0-1-0, Jensen 1-1-0, Savannah Peterson 1-1-0... Hitting (good-att-kills): E. Gjerde 4-5-1, J. Gjerde 0-1-0, 1, Shakira Olson 15-15-2, Haats 11-13-4, Butler 10-11-2, Avery Joyce 1-1-0, Katie Klaphake 17-21-6, Peterson 7-8-2... Digs: E. Gjerde 13, Collins 7, J. Gjerde 5, Butler 4, Joyce 4, Jensen 9... Ace Blocks: Olson 3, Haats 3, Butler 1, Peterson 1.

Yellow Medicine East 3, KMS 2

The two teams locked up in a heated battle on the Saints' home floor, each winning half of the five games, unfortunately, the second half of game three went the way of the YME girls and that proved to be the beginning of another disappointing loss for the Lady Saints.

KMS won the first set handily, 25-13, opening with a crisp, quick defense and an efficient offense before taking a two games to none lead with a 25-21 win in the second. KMS' play was not quite as clean in the second game with a few more errors which allowed the Sting to stay in the game.

With a sweep on the horizon, the Saints took a very early lead in game three but the Sting came back to tie, then surged ahead near the middle points of the match but never by more than three points, leading late, 18-15. KMS battled back, tying the match for the fifth time at 20-all before YME scored five of the last six points to force a game four, 25-21.

"We started to make silly ball handling errors, just not always being focused on what we were doing in that moment," Molenaar observed. "That gave YME enough of an edge to sneak back into the game and take over." KMS got five more digs from E. Gjerde in the set and ace blocks from Eben Overcash, Shakira Olson and another from Haats. J. Gjerde served up the lone ace serve and no one had more than two kills.

The KMS girls again got off to a good start in game four, easing their way out to lead by 12-7 before YME began to rally back, finally knotting it up at 19-19. The game played out like on a see-saw... KMS up 22-20 but tied again at 22-all after a Sting time out. The Saints had a chance to close out the win but a YME side out tied it up at 24, then took a one point advantage. The Saints came out of another time out to pull even following a long back and forth volley but an YME side out and another point sent the battle to a fifth game with the 27-25 win. KMS did not come up with an ace in their 21 game four serves and missed on four for YME points. Kelsey Butler counted for three kills and E. Gjerde turned in another eight digs.

The night began as though it would be over quite quickly, the Saints jumping out early lead and expanding that to as much as 19-7, then 20 and 21 before YME seemed to come alive. Unable to overcome the big deficit, YME fell in set one, 25-13. Josie Gjerde served up three aces in game one while six different players had kills, no one with more than two. Defensively, Elsa Gjerde had 11 digs and Tayler Haats a pair of ace blocks.

Leading the game two win were J. Gjerde and Kelsey Butler with three ace serves apiece with Katie Klaphake knocking down three kills. The Saints' defense attacked the net hard with a dozen good blocks but none for aces while E. Gjerde recorded four digs.

The deciding set was a battle from start to finish, the Saints tying the score for the fourth time at 11-11, then went up by a point before YME tied and KMS went up again, time out, YME. The Sting came out of the TO with a side out then

scored two more for a 14-12 advantage. Their 'game point serve' sailed long and again the Saints tied the match at 14 apiece. But that would be it as YME closed out the comeback win with the final two points and the crushing 16-14 win. Summing up the last two sets Molenaar said, "We were less confident and continued to make mental errors... same with game five." She continued, "In this conference, you have to play clean. The team that can play clean volleyball without making unforced errors, will take the game in most situations."

Haats continued her strong play at the net with three more ace blocks and E. Gjerde led the defense with three more digs while Olson, Butler and Overcash each had a pair of kills in the set. Collins and Haats each served up an ace serve.

The Saints were again good from the serve line, making good on 97 of 106 serves, 14 going for aces. J. Gjerde was strong from the line with 22 good serves and seven aces. Collins recorded another 33 set assists and Olson led with 10 kills followed by Klaphake with eight. E. Gjerde had an outstanding night on the defense with 21 digs and Haats had a season high eight ace blocks.

"We continue to take steps in the right direction." The coach said, "From where we started early this summer, to where we are right now, we have a whole different team," citing the difficulties with the pandemic. She added that the team continues to work hard and to improve with each game... "It is tough to lose, but we have to continue to dedicate ourselves each day to the basics of passing, setting, and hitting and work to remove the unforced errors. That's when we will start to see more wins."

YME 13 21 25 27 16
KMS 25 25 21 25 14
YME (4-7): No stats available.
KMS (1-7): Serving (good-att-aces): Elsa Gjerde 12-12-0, Grace Collins 22-25-1, Josie Gjerde 22-25-7, Tayler Haats 9-11-1, Kelsey Baker 9-12-2, Karli Jensen 12-12-3 ... Setting (good-att-assst): E. Gjerde 12-12-0, Collins 130-133-33, J. Gjerde 2-2-2, Shakira Olson 2-3-0, Haats 2-2-1, 1-1-0, Avery Joyce 6-6-1, Jensen 6-7-2, Eben Overcash 1-1-1 ... Hitting (kills): E. Gjerde 6-7-0, Collins 24-24-7, J. Gjerde 4-4-1, Shakira Olson 45-40-10, Haats 20-22-6, Butler 19-24-7, Joyce 1-1-0, Katie Klaphake 27-31-8, Jensen 1-2-0, Overcash 9-17-3... Digs: E. Gjerde 21, Collins 8, J. Gjerde 9, Olson 1, Haats 1, Butler 3, Joyce 7, Klaphake 3, Jensen 10, Overcash 1... Ace Blocks: Olson 3, Haats 8, Butler 2, Overcash 1.

BBE 3, KMS 0
The Jaguars were the third Class A ranked team that the Lady Saints met up with in their first nine games this season and again went down in three straight despite a strong effort. The Saints played the Jaguars tough in the first set before falling, 25-21. BBE then went on to win the next two by scores of 25-16 and 25-13.

Elsa Gjerde led the defense in the first set, finishing with seven digs while Tayler Haats, Kelsey Butler and Eben Overcash scored each an ace block. The Saints were good on 17 of 20 serves but BBE handled them all as none went for an ace. Katie Klaphake and Shakira Olson each recorded a

pair of kills.

Olson and Haats had two kills each in the second set while BBE again handled all of KMS' 18 serves. Again none found the scoreboard. Defensively, E. Gjerde's three digs were again a team high in the set.

The third game scoring came in bunches for the Jaguars. Trailing 5-2 at the start, they scored eight straight points before the Saints rallied back to tie. Then it was BBE's turn again, putting up another seven and went on to outscore the Saints 15-3 for the 25-13 win. Haats and Butler scored blocks at the net while E. Gjerde again led with three digs. The girls were good on 11 of 12 serves, Josie Gjerde recording the lone ace. Klaphake had a pair of kills.

KMS was good on 43 of their 50 serves and got another 21 set assists from Collins. Olson and Klaphake finished the night with seven and six kills, respectively while Karli Jensen was credited with seven digs.

BBE 25 25 25
KMS 21 16 13

BBE: Serving (aces): Tayjah Marthaler 1, Kailey Fischer 3, Emily Kern 6, Ava Mueller 3 ... Set assists: K. Fischer 26, Kern 3, Winter 1, Mueller 1, Dacia Szczesniak 1 ... Hitting (kills): Kern 1, Allison Dingmann 2, Winter 1, Mueller 17, Paige Rupp 7, Brooklyn Fischer 1, Abby Berge 3 ... Blocking (aces): K. Fischer 3, Dingmann 1/2, Rupp 1, B. Fischer 1, Berge 1/2 ... Digs (5 or more): Marthaler 8, K. Fischer 9, Kern 11, Winter 6

KMS (1-8): Serving (good-att-ace): Elsa Gjerde 9-10-0, Grace Collins 12-12-0, Josie Gjerde 9-9-1, Tayler Haats 4-5-0, Kelsey Butler 5-8-0, Karli Jensen 4-5-0, Julia Carlson 1-2-0... Setting (good-att-assst): E. Gjerde 5-5-0, Collins 70-72-21, J. Gjerde 1-1-0, Shakira Olson 1-1-0, Haats 0-1-0, Butler 1-2-0, Katie Klaphake 3-3-0, Jensen 2-2-0, Eben Overcash 1-1-0, Carlson 2-2-0... Hitting (good-att-kills): E. Gjerde 3-4-1, Collins 9-11-1, J. Gjerde 2-2-1, Olson 17-20-7, Haats 16-19-5, Butler 7-12-1, Klaphake 12-15-6, Jensn 3-3-0, Overcash 2-3-1... Digs: E. Gjerde 5, Collins 4, J. Gjerde 2, Olson 1, Butler 1, Jensen 7, Overcash 1, Carlson 3... Ace blocks: Haats 1, Butler 1, Overcash 1.

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Fighting Saints unable to keep pace with USA; 28 unanswered points in second half lead to 52-24 loss

by Wally Loven

The Fighting Saints dropped their third game in as many tries, this one at Swan-ville last Friday night. In a game that saw a lot of offense from both the Patriots and Saints, the KMS boys were not able to keep pace in the second half and faded to a loss that was probably closer than the 52-28 final score. "Another battle," Coach Fenholz commented after having a couple of days to digest the loss. "We played really well in the first half besides a few mental mistakes. It just came down to some poor tackling as a group and some poor edge play on the weak side as we got tired."

The young KMS boys made a statement early in the game that they had come to play... at least when they were in possession of the football. After taking the opening kick-off at their own 40, senior quarterback Alex Call and his favorite target, Isaac Rudningen, went to work. Rudningen, the junior receiver, hauled in a pass from Call for nine yards, then for five more for a first down. Following a KMS penalty, leaving a second down and 20-yards for a first down, Rudningen split the Patriots' defense and leaped high in the air to snare a perfectly thrown ball from Call... the play went for 45 yards to another first down inside the USA 24. After a Call keeper for seven yards, he hit Jared Cortez across the middle to create a first and goal at the five-yard line. His next toss ended up in the hands of Hunter Kallstrom in the corner of the end zone as KMS completed the nine-play, 60-yard drive some five minutes into the game. The PAT kick failed but the Saints were on the board at 6-0.

The hosts didn't waste any time in replying. Methodically working their way downfield, the Patriots converted a first down pass to the KMS 45 but otherwise kept the ball on the ground and down to the one-yard line. On the 11th play of the drive, Tyson Lanners blasted in to tie, then also ran in the two-pointer and USA had an 8-6 lead.

With the ball back in their hands at their own 25, a trio of sophomores helped to move down the field again. First a short Call flip to Malaki Lee went for nine yards before Kallstrom found a seam in the Pats' defense and picked up a first down out to the Saints' 41. A play later, Cortez and Call hooked up on a 'bubble screen' down the right sideline. The speedy soph raced some 18 yards to move the sticks to the USA 43. Facing a third down and seven at the 31, Call rolled to his right and lofted a pass to Rudningen, wide open at the 20. He ran untouched to the end zone and KMS had reclaimed the lead with just 36 seconds remaining in the first quarter. Call ran in the two-point PAT, 14-8, KMS.

USA wasn't about to sit back and wait... running the ensuing kick-off back some 45 yards all the way back to the KMS 30. After a pass fell incomplete, Lanners took the hand-off, found open field around the Saints' right side and scampered the 30 yards for his second TD of the quarter. He added the PAT run and, with time left for just one KMS offensive play in the quarter, USA again led, 16-14.

The Saints dodged what could have been a fatal bullet on their next possession, facing a fourth and one at their own 39. Opting to go for it rather than punt, the Patriots blew up the play and took over on downs just 37 yards from another possible score. This time, while the Saints' defense did bend, they did not break and stopped USA with a goal line stand at about the two-yard line.

Beginning in the shadow of their own goal post, they moved the ball out to the 16-yard line when Call and Rudningen again worked some magic. As Call scrambled from a big USA rush, he spotted his target and flipped out a pass that Rudningen picked off his shoe-tops and turned it into a 29-yard gain out to the 45. But the Saints were unable to push the ball down the field when a dropped pass, then a QB sack for a huge loss left them in a hole for which really has no play... unless your name is Call.

A gain of five yards set up a third down and about 30 when Call dropped back to his own 15-yard line and uncorked a long pass. Rudningen came back to the ball at the USA 40, about 45 yards from where

it was released, and hauled it all the way down to the 13, the play covering about 57 yards. But the Saints ran out of downs there after four plays went nowhere.

Unable to stop the Patriots, the Saints' defense saw the real estate quickly get chewed up in large chunks. With a first down at the USA 30, a pass for

another 30 yards later set the ball up at the Saints' 34-yard line. The Patriots drove to the 20, then the 13-yard line to set up Lanners' third score of the day. Luke Harren added the two-pointer and USA would take a 24-14 lead into the half.

A short kick-off left USA with good field position to start the second half but KMS

freshman cornerback Jett Olson put a stop to the possession when he stepped in front of a USA receiver at the KMS 22 and returned the interception 29 yards to just across midfield.

It took Call and Kallstrom just two plays to put the ball into the end zone, the first went down the right side for

35 yards to the 18-yard line. The next made it a one-score game at 24-20 early in the third quarter. Fenholz analyzed the Saints' performance up to this point... "Offensively, this week was the best I felt going into the game," he said. "Based on the last couple of years and this year's scout film, we knew they would be giving us a few

things based on alignment. It was up to us to execute. Our skilled guys are keeping us in games, offensively. The line has been better giving us time to throw and we should have been able to run a couple of run plays well but our blockers simply weren't getting it done. Missed blocks, missed assign-

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