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COVID surge in Hubbard County

Omicron BA.5 variant is driving the uptick in cases

According to CHI St. Joseph's Community Health, Hubbard County is seeing another surge in COVID-19 cases, driven by the Omicron BA.5 variant. The news release states, "The community and transmission levels in Hubbard County are currently rated as 'high' by the Centers for Disease Control. When community levels are high, it is recommended to mask indoors, stay up-to-date with COVID vaccines and get tested if you have any symptoms or have a known exposure."

Symptoms of the BA.5 variant include, but are not limited to, a runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, headache, muscle pain and fatigue.

"BA.5 is very contagious and anyone with any of the symptoms listed is encouraged to test, either with a home test or by contacting your medical provider," the release continues.

CHI St. Joseph's Health Community Health has a limited number of free at-home tests. Call 218-237-5464 if you would like more information.

CHI St. Joseph's Health Community Health continues to hold COVID-19 walk-in clinics for both primary series and boosters for ages 12 and up. Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are available.

The clinic is held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays at 1415 1st Street E., Park Rapids.

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Deb Yennie scoops plump, blue jewels into pints for sale. The blueberry harvest has been stellar this year, she said.

BOUNTIFUL BLUEBERRIES

Lake George lauds the luscious berry

By Shannon Geisen

Park Rapids Enterprise

All manner-of blueberry-infused items could be found in Lake George on Saturday – from lotions to brats to milkshakes.

The village celebrated the delicious gem throughout the weekend at its 38th annual Blueberry Fest.

Are blueberry brats popular, you may ask?

"Oh, my gosh, yeah. I think we sold out," said Jim Clark, owner of the Woodland Store, estimating that 400 to 500 sausages were gobbled up.

And the Woodland Store was one of several vendors serving blueberry-laced brats that day.

"We've got a butcher shop that produces those and a couple other brats for us. He's got

his own special, secret recipe that he does it with," Clark said.

Clark purchased the store eight years ago.

"It was a busy weekend. It's the biggest I've seen since I've been here," he said of this year's blueberry gala. "I think everybody who participated this weekend, who was operating a tent or vendor, I think everybody did well."

In fact, the number of merchants exploded for the 2022 event.

Clark said, "It had been growing every year, kind of doubling every year until the COVID thing happened. We fell off the radar for a couple years, then this year it came roaring back, that's for sure."

Nearly 200 children bustled into the Lake George Town Hall Saturday afternoon for a free carnival.

Community members and local businesses donated 42 kids' bikes for this year's



Steve Carson grills blueberry brats for the Woodland Store at the festival. Carson said they had to start early because shoppers arrived hungry.

give-away to lucky youngsters.

The Lake George Fire Department fed hundreds Saturday night at their ham and bean feed. They served jumbo blueberry pancakes Sunday morning in the fire hall.

A stellar harvest

The blueberry season has been "the best ever in 15 years," according to Deb Yennie of First Fruits Blueberry Farms.

"If all goes well, and we don't have overripening or fruit fly problems, I think we'll

be harvesting 7,000 pounds or more," she said.

Last year, they only harvested about 2,800 pounds. A late frost devastated 30% of her blossoms.

The biggest bounty **BERRIES:** Page 5

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Motorcycle crash kills Bemidji man

LAPORTE — A 43-year-old Bemidji man died Saturday, July 30, after his motorcycle rolled in the ditch on Highway 200 in Hubbard County.

The Minnesota State Patrol responded to

the crash, reported at 11:30 p.m. in Hendrickson Township, west of Laporte. According to the report, a 2016 Harley-Davidson motorcycle was traveling northwest on the highway when it entered

the shoulder, continued into the ditch and rolled.

The driver of the motorcycle, Chad Michael Nelson, suffered fatal injuries.

The state patrol reported alcohol was

involved. The road was dry at the time.

Assisting at the scene were the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office, Bemidji Ambulance Services and Lakeport Fire and Rescue.



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Debris, water damage and deteriorating mortar were among the issues overshadowing the Two Inlets church's shrine to the Virgin Mary as restoration work began this spring.

The Grotto of Our Lady at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Two Inlets shows much improvement Thursday after being tuckpointed, sandblasted and sealed.

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1959 Two Inlets grotto gets urgently needed restoration

By Robin Fish
Park Rapids Enterprise

"We were riding up there, and we just walked down the hill to take a look at it and saw the need," said Gerald Kern of Fargo, N.D.

Kern and a group of friends and relatives were on a UTV trip last fall in the Two Inlets State Forest when they decided to stop at St. Mary's Catholic Church and walk down the hill to look at the Grotto of Our Lady.



Contributed / Gerald Kern

"I almost didn't feel safe down below the statue," said Kern, "because there were rocks at the top that could have let go at any time."

Kern, whose mother was born there, recalls spending a lot of time in Two Inlets as a child.

"The grotto was built in 1959," he said, "and it had never really had any maintenance done to it since then - which gives a lot of credit to the Finlanders, or whoever did that back then. You've seen the split rock and all the work that was put into that thing."

Nestled in a hillside below St. Mary's church,

The fragile condition of the stonework can be seen as masonry work began this spring on the restoration of the Grotto of Our Lady.

the grotto features an outdoor altar amid rows of park bench-like pews, flowerbeds, a cascading water feature, a cluster of field-stone shrines to the Stations of the Cross, and a rosary-shaped path looping around a young white oak. Front and center stands a stone arch with a statue of the Virgin Mary perched on one shoulder.

"I got hold of the church to see if they had any plans for tuckpointing and remortaring it," said Kern. "They

knew that it needed to be done, but it hadn't been done. So, basically, I got the contractors lined up."

One of the masons, Paul Hoglund, had done work for Kern before. Working with him was parishioner Terry Burlingame. "Those guys did a great job of doing the physical repair," Kern said. "I had a good experience with (Hoglund) and I knew that he could do it right. Terry was also awesome."

Despite organizing the workers, Kern prefers to give them the credit for the improvements to the hillside sanctuary. Not a contractor himself, Kern is a former partner in General Equipment and Supplies.

"We had folks from A1A Sandblast Co. in Menahga come a month after it was done and the mortar had set up, and sandblast it," he said, "because it had big lime and mineral buildup from the years of water running down through the cracks. They sandblasted and cleaned it up. Just Friday (July 22) it was sealed."

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PR council considers capping public comment

By Robin Fish
Park Rapids Enterprise

The Park Rapids City Council spent much of a 30-minute workshop July 26 discussing whether to set a time limit for public comment during council meetings.

City Administrator Angel Weasner said the council currently had no time limit for citizens' input. Council members voiced concern about residents' remarks considerably lengthening discussion of certain issues at recent meetings.

They also noted their regular meeting agenda includes a segment for citizens' comments, with the restriction that only items not on the agenda are to be discussed. Council members agreed this is because items on the agenda are discussed separately, and planning permits have a public hearing before the planning commission.

They also agreed that applicants may speak and answer questions about their request because they are already on the agenda.

Regarding other occasions when the council has opened the floor to public comment, council member Tom Conway questioned whether the council was following its own rules.

Weasner noted that citizens can pull items off the consent agenda, which gives the council an opportunity to let them comment on the items before voting on them.



Mary Thompson, at right, executive director with the Heartland Lakes Development Commission, updates the Park Rapids City Council on Tuesday about the status of the city's revolving loan fund.

Conway said he could see value in allowing this, because at times he doesn't realize there is any controversy about an issue on the agenda.

Council member Erika Randall agreed that the council can learn important things from citizen comment, but it has to be controlled. Randall and Conway noted there are other avenues for citizen input, such as correspondence and planning commission hearings.

"There's times when I've changed my opinion

because of something that was said," Conway said.

However, council member Liz Stone warned against a slippery slope toward making decisions based on opinions rather than facts. "That's why I think we need to tidy it up," she said, "and then adhere to our own rules, which are already established."

Conway proposed limiting comment on any topic to two minutes per individual and three individuals, or six min-

utes total.

City Clerk Beret Ramstad Skoyles agreed to reword the citizens' sign-in sheet to identify the topic they want to speak about. Council members suggested calling for comments, if any, in the order people sign in.

Economic development

In further discussion, the council received a report from Mary Thompson, executive director with the Heart-

land Lakes Development Commission (HLDC), about the agency's activities.

Thompson reported:

The city's revolving loan fund recently closed a loan, and three more loan applications are in process and may close this fall. "If all three would come in for the maximum request, that would pretty much wipe out what's there" in the fund, she said. "So, that's on my radar, to look at potential other options to recapitalize the revolving loan fund."

The HLDC purchased 20 acres to the east of Walmart, and has applied for USDA pre-development funding and a state appropriation to build infrastructure for a workforce housing development.

The Hangar, a professional coworking space in the city-owned building where the HLDC has its offices, has been well utilized, primarily by business people who don't have the internet access they need to work at their summer residence, and by residents who have too much company to work at home. It "really does help provide some independence, some collaboration, and some additional networking," Thompson said.

The HLDC received two rounds of Main Street Revitalization funding for 30% grants, up to a total of \$450,000, creating the potential for a \$1.5 million investment in improving businesses' facilities throughout the city and county.

The HLDC received \$46,600 to provide scholarships up to \$2,000 and startup grants of up to \$3,000 to people pursuing careers in childcare.

Time ran out before council members could discuss other items on their workshop agenda, including establishing license agreement parameters or a committee and an update on the city's sales tax bonding request.

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Menahga City Council gets advice about segregation of duties

By Shannon Geisen
Park Rapids Enterprise

The Menahga City Council heard a preliminary report last week from Eide Bailly LLP about its internal control examination.

On July 25, Chase Davis said the certified public accounting firm tested for both preventative and detective controls. Segregation of duties is an example of preventative control. Bank and credit card reconciliation and proper approvals of purchases are examples of detective controls.

Davis said Eide Bailly conducted interviews with 11 city employees.

The firm also looked for anomalies in bank disbursements. Davis said they sifted through 6.8 million disbursements between Dec. 2019 and Dec. 2020.

"There was one number that popped out," he said, referring it to the city for review. "Again,

doesn't necessarily indicate there's any fraudulent activities."

Eide Bailly also compared municipal liquor store sales with bank records. Davis said there are three dates in July 2020 with data missing, perhaps due to timing. There was only one instance where the deposit and daily sales report sheet was off by \$37, he noted.

They reviewed duplicate employee addresses, which can be a red flag for a "ghost employee scheme." The city should review any replicated, unusual addresses.

They also searched for duplicate vendor or customer names or addresses.

According to Davis, the city of Menahga has 1,432 entries, of which 1,026 are listed as "active." That number is unusually high, he said, and the list should be managed to eliminate inactive ven-

dors. Some listings are missing "type" information, phone number, P.O. address.

"It's not a red flag," Davis said, but added it's easier to spot fraud if listings are complete and accurate.

Recommendations

According to Davis, Eide Bailly made the following key recommendations:

- install cameras in sensitive areas of the city hall, particularly where cash is handled and the police evidence room,

- complete inventory counts on a regular basis,

- have city employees sign an acknowledgement form that city property is not for personal use,

- write formal, written processes for each job in case of illness or employee turnover,

- provide invoices to the city council, rather than a list of expenses,

- compare the budget with actual revenues and expenditures on a quarterly basis,

- keep a list of house/charge accounts and who is authorized to make purchases,

- and review credit card purchases with detailed receipts prior to payment.

In other business, the council did as follows:

- Learned from city engineer Brian Hiles that a gate valve for the new water tower is not covered under errors and omissions because it is not considered an essential valve; rather, it is a change order.

- Approved a job description for the deputy clerk and authorized advertising for the position.

- Approved a \$1,630 contribution to the Community Concern for Youth program for 2023.

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Survey on eliminating subminimum wage

Minnesota's Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages wants to hear ideas about what people with disabilities, their families and people who serve them would need if subminimum wage ends in Minnesota. Share your thoughts in an online survey at https://psconsultants.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ozMfhp-2jH7K9E by Sunday, Aug 7.

MnDOT seeks feedback in Cass Lake

MnDOT, in a partnership with the city of Cass Lake and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, is seeking feedback from U.S. Hwy. 2 users in Cass Lake as part of a pedestrian safety improvement study.

To share your feedback, visit the website at <https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-2-cass-lake-corridor-study>. On the website, you can share your experience and ideas using our interactive comment map and by taking a short survey.

"Community input is a critical piece of this study," said Mike Chosa, communications director with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, who is helping to lead the study. "The Band is aware of many challenges faced by users attempting to navigate the current Highway 2 corridor. Correcting these issues is a top priority for us. To move towards a solution, we

need to hear from residents, business owners, commuters, bicyclists and pedestrians to help guide planning efforts and make the highway safer for all users."

Information from the study will be used by MnDOT and a steering committee of local stakeholders and community leaders to review the current conditions, evaluate potential solutions and make recommendations on a future vision for the Highway 2 corridor in Cass Lake.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Jon Mason, MnDOT planning director, at jon.mason@state.mn.us at 218-407-1917 or Mike Chosa, Leech Lake Band communications director, at mike.chosa@llojibwe.net at 218-513-9215.

Medicare 101 virtual class

Minnesota's Senior LinkAge Line's Medicare 101 class is for people new to Medicare and would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. It will be held from 2-4 p.m. online on Thursday, Aug. 18. Topics include a comprehensive introduction to Medicare including what Medicare covers, supplemental insurance and Part D prescription coverage. During class, you will find out how to get the most from your benefits and how to research your Medicare plan options using the Medicare.gov site.

Space is limited. To attend, register online at www.dancingskyaaa.org or call Senior

LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433.

Private signs not permitted on public highway

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds the public that state law prohibits placement of private signs of any kind (i.e., political, lost pet, garage sale and other advertising signage) on highway right-of-way in Minnesota.

Highway rights-of-way include driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches, sight corners at intersections, and boulevards in urban areas.

In addition, state law says that signs may not be placed on private land without the consent of the landowner.

Violation of the law, Minnesota Statute 160.27, is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties may also apply if the placement of such material contributes to a motor vehicle crash, creates injury to a person, or causes damage to a motor vehicle that runs off the road.

The Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act, Minnesota Statute 173.15, also prohibits placing advertising materials on public utility poles, trees and shrubs, and painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

MnDOT workers are required to take down private signs located on the state highway right-of-way. County, city and township employees administer these laws on their roads.

For information about the proper placement of campaign signs or where to retrieve signs, contact the local MnDOT office at 218-755-6500. See also www.mndot.gov/govrel/rw_signs.html.

USDA funds for low-income families

USDA Rural Development has funds available for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is \$40,000 at a 1% interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Contact a USDA Rural Development housing specialist to see if you qualify or visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

HUBBARD COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

The following information contains felony charges from complaints filed in Hubbard County District Court. Defendants are innocent until proven guilty.

Violating court order, threats

Cyndie Marie Chavez, 39, of Park Rapids is charged with violating a no-contact order within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions and threats of violence in reckless disregard of the risk.

According to the statement of probable cause, at 10:07 a.m. on Feb. 5, a Hubbard County Sheriff's deputy received a report that VA was being threatened by Chavez.

VA said that Chavez called and threatened to burn down the residence VA is staying at if VA did not return to Chavez's home within the hour. VA said that Chavez threatened to burn all of VA's personal belongings.

VA said Chavez said she was going to kill VA, VA's mother, and VA's children if VA did not get back together with Chavez. When asked if she believed Chavez is the type of person to carry out said threats, VA said that Chavez knows a lot of people around the area who are capable of violence and that Chavez herself has a violent history.

VA said there is an active Domestic Abuse No Contact order (DANCO) between herself and Chavez, with VA being the protected party. The DANCO was dated Jan. 12 and has been in place since that date.

VA said that she has recent text messages and incoming calls from Chavez on her phone to show Chavez is having contact with her.

Chavez denied making any threats towards VA.

Law enforcement reviewed messages provided by VA between herself and Chavez, which were dated Feb. 4.

Later in the month, Chavez

was charged with three counts of violating a no-contact order within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.

According to the statement of probable cause, at approximately 4:47 p.m. on Feb. 14, Hubbard County Sheriff's Deputies were notified by dispatch of a possible DANCO violation committed by Chavez against VA.

Chavez was in custody at Hubbard County jail on charges of domestic assault, as well as a previous alleged violation of the same DANCO. Chavez was arraigned on Feb. 7 on allegations of violating the DANCO and has been provided notice of the DANCO.

Deputy 1 reviewed the phone records at the Hubbard County Jail and found 14 phone calls made from Chavez to a phone number identified as VA's phone between Feb. 13 and 14. Deputy 1 reviewed text messages from Chavez at the jail to the same phone number and observed a total of nine text messages between Chavez and said phone number on Feb. 14, five of which were outgoing.

Law enforcement met with Chavez regarding the new DANCO violations. Chavez admitted that the number she had called and texted was VA's number. Chavez said she and VA had been mutually contacting one another.

The DANCO remains active and was active on the date that Chavez placed phone calls and sent text messages to VA.

Chavez has three qualifying prior convictions for gross misdemeanor domestic assault, including two on Dec. 3, 2012 and one on May 6, 2013.

Each of the three felony charges is punishable by up to 5 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine



Shannon Geisen / Park Rapids Enterprise

Rosemary Mills of Park Rapids returned to the Blueberry Festival with her "Grey Lady" jams and jellies.

BERRIES

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prior to that was 4,000 pounds.

This season, the weather has been ideal for berries everywhere, Yennie said, including strawberries.

Yennie dished up

blueberry lemonade and blueberry brownies along with the plumb, blue orbs. Her organic blueberries are \$8 per pint. She reminded shoppers to never wash them and to freeze right away, if going uneaten.

Rosemary Mills of Park Rapids returned to the Blueberry Festival

with her "Grey Lady" jams and jellies. Mills offered hot pepper, dandelion – and, of course blueberry – jelly next to the Wigwam. Her sister, Jeannie Kruft, used to run the souvenir shop.

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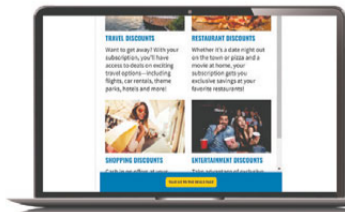
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Viola Hazel Solinger

March 12, 1921-July 21, 2022

Viola Hazel Solinger died at the age of 101 at home with her family in Vancouver on July 21, 2022. Viola was born on March 12, 1921, in Henrietta Township, MN. Viola was the last surviving child of Adolph and Lula Kraft of Park Rapids, MN.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband, Don Solinger; and their infant daughter, Susan Marie Solinger. Viola is survived by her daughter, Rosalyn Solinger (Fred Kellogg); and son, Robin Solinger (Sandy); and by grandson, Fed Kellogg Jr. (Nici); and granddaughter, Hanna Kellogg.

Viola taught school in Minnesota before her children were born. She spoke of the multilevel grades she taught and doing all the janitorial work and tending the fire in the cold Minnesota winters. Viola enjoyed going to garage sales and visiting with people she met along the way. Viola loved playing cards, particularly pinochle and played into her late 90's. At Viola's request, there will be no service and burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver.

Kenneth "Ken" Landin

Nov. 1, 1961 - June 10, 2022

NEW YORK MILLS, Minn. - Kenneth "Ken" Landin, 60, New York Mills, Minn., died Friday, June 10, in his home.

A celebration of life will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at Karvonen Funeral Home in New York Mills. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in New York Mills.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Diane Howard Hoaby

July 29, 1937 - Oct. 4, 2020

DULUTH, Minn. - Diane Howard Hoaby, 83, Formerly Moorhead, Minn., died Sunday, Oct. 4, in Chris Jensen Nursing Home.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, in Greenwood Cemetery in Park Rapids, Minn. Refreshments will be at Diamond Willow Assisted Living.



Joan Smith

Joan S. Smith, of Park Rapids, MN, died Saturday, October 2nd, 2021, at Greenwood Connections in Menahga. She was 96 years old.

Visitation will be held at 1 PM, followed by a 2 PM service on August 5th at Riverside Methodist Church in Park Rapids.

Arrangements by Jones-Pearson Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank Greenwood Connections for the care they provided to Joan in her last year of life.

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Two injured in Nevis crash

A two-vehicle crash was reported at 1:09 p.m. Monday, July 25 at the intersection of State Hwy. 34 and County 82 in Nevis.

According to a press release from the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office, deputies' investigation showed that Brodey Welter, 18, of Champlin was traveling west on County 82 in a 2022 BMW when he stopped at the stop sign on Hwy. 34. Welter then pulled out into the path of a 2021 Nissan driven by Parker Shearer, 27, of Duluth, the release states. The Nissan collided with the BMW, causing extensive damage to both vehicles.

Shearer was transported by North Memorial Ambulance to CHI St. Joseph's Health in Park Rapids and was treated for facial injuries. A passenger in the Nissan, 29-year-old Lydia Shinkle of Duluth, was also transported to CHI St. Joseph's Health and treated for injuries sustained in the crash.

Welter was cited for failure to yield, the release states. Investigation continues.

Driver strikes his head in Clover Township crash

A vehicle off the road was reported at 8:03 a.m. Monday, July 25 on Coon Lake Drive in Clover Township.

According to a press release from the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office, it was reported that the driver had struck his head and the vehicle was stuck in the mud.

Responding deputies found Chase Sullivan, 25, of Minneapolis suffering from dizziness after striking his head on the steering wheel of his 2005 Chevrolet Cavalier. A tow was called to remove the vehicle from the mud. No medical attention was needed, the release states.

Injuries reported in White Oak Twp. crash

A two-vehicle crash was reported at 2:53 p.m. Sunday, July 31 at the intersection of State Hwy. 64 and 170th St. in White Oak Township.

According to a Minnesota Highway Patrol incident report, a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado stopped at 170th St. on the west side of Hwy. 64 as a 2016 Nissan Quest was northbound on Hwy. 64. The Silverado attempted to cut across Hwy. 64 and was T-boned by the Nissan.

Airbags deployed in the Nissan, but not in the Silverado, the report states. Road conditions were described as dry.

Transported to CHI St. Joseph's Health in Park Rapids with non-life threatening injuries were the Nissan's driver, Sara McGrath, 48, of Apple Valley, and her passengers, Alexander McGrath, 10, Matthew McGrath, 14, Daniel McGrath, 16, and Jeffrey McGrath, 51, all of Apple Valley. All were wearing seat belts, the release states.

The report identifies Jared Spenst, 23, of Akeley as the driver of the Silverado. Spenst was not injured. The release states he was not wearing a seat belt.

Also responding to the scene were personnel from the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office, the Eastern Hubbard County Fire District and North Memorial Ambulance.

HUBBARD COUNTY INCIDENTS

From the Hubbard County dispatch blotter. Hubbard County incidents are also published online at parkrapidsenterprise.com.

Miscellaneous: May 13: Law enforcement was requested to assist with an eviction in Park Rapids; A County 80 caller had questions about sheriff's deputies marking catalytic converters; A Nevis Twp. caller reported finding a small boat on his shoreline, described as bigger than a rowboat but with no motor; A U.S. Hwy. 71 caller in the Park Rapids area reported four suspicious people on the property asking for rides to Bemidji, and said someone at the bar brought them water but they would not leave; A 230th St. caller requested officer assistance regarding an unknown car on his property and other issues; A caller requested officer assistance retrieving property on County 1; A Hubbard Twp. caller said he was cleaning out a storage unit and found possible evidence of criminal activity; Law enforcement checked out a suspicious vehicle in Akeley; A caller had questions that he would only discuss with a Hubbard County deputy;

May 14: A caller had questions for an officer about property retrieval on County 1; A County 110 caller reported her boyfriend changed the locks and wouldn't let her into her house; A Henrietta Twp. caller was suspicious about a motorcycle parked behind a building and a mattress leaning against the building;

May 15: Law enforcement checked out a suspicious vehicle with one male occupant in Laporte; Law enforcement checked out two suspicious vehicles; A Helga Twp. caller reported someone hit a road sign and threw it into caller's yard; Law enforcement checked on a suspicious vehicle in Farden Twp.; A Steamboat River Twp. caller said his friend was en route to pick him up several hours ago and when he last heard from her she had gotten lost, but he didn't know if she made it back home; A 200th St. caller said he was putting in a fence and he came back to find his fence posts pulled out of the ground; Law enforcement checked on a suspicious four-wheeler.

Accidents: May 4: A two-vehicle accident was reported on State Hwy. 34; A caller reported a Chevy Z71 ran off the road into some trees, and driver told caller he was uninjured;

May 8: A caller reported a vehicle T-boned another at an intersection, and both drivers were out of their vehicles and walking; A rollover accident was reported, injuries unknown.

May 12: A squad vehicle had an acci-

dent in Park Rapids.

May 16: A motorist was reported hitting a building in Akeley with her vehicle, possibly due to a medical condition;

May 18: A County 16 caller reported they swerved to miss a dog and crashed their vehicle in the ditch;

May 20: A 9- or 10-year-old was injured in an ATV accident;

May 22: A vehicle navigation service reported an accident on 149th Ave. and no contact with their customer;

May 23: A caller reported a deer still alive after being hit by a car, needing to be dispatched; A County 9 caller reported a motorcyclist injured in an accident, having difficulty breathing; A County 32 caller reported a minibike hit a tree;

May 24: A County 7 caller reported a vehicle rollover in which the occupant cut his head and was bleeding from the mouth, but was conscious and out of the vehicle.

Animal Related: May 2: A caller reported a bear growing a little more aggressive, coming on their neighbor's deck and getting into things;

May 3: A 149th Ave. caller reported multiple dead cows on their property; A caller said they hit a deer on County 4 and left the scene with the deer still alive;

May 4: Law enforcement responded to a vehicle that hit a deer;

May 6: A County 1 caller reported a St. Bernard wandering near their residence with a cat in its mouth that appeared to be injured; A pig on the highway was reported;

May 7: A dead deer in the roadway was reported; A deer was reported needing to be dispatched in the ditch near some woods; A caller reported a dead dog wrapped in a blanket, dumped on the side of the road;

May 8: A caller reported a pitbull with porcupine quills chased their vehicle as they drove by, and caller believed it was a stranded dog; A 309th Ave. caller reported a dog hanging around their house.

May 9: A 119th Ave. caller complained about a neighbor's dogs being out; A County 36 caller had questions about her neighbor's goats that keep getting on her property;

May 10: A caller reported an injured deer in the ditch, needing to be dispatched; A County 31 caller reported the driver of a four-door Chevy pickup with used tires in the bed shot and injured a beaver and left, and caller put the beaver down; A caller complained about a dog barking constantly on the north side of Shallow Lake;

May 11: North Memorial Ambulance reported a car-deer accident;

May 12: A County 33 caller reported a dog showed up at his place with a face full of quills, and caller was unsure what to do;

May 13: A 129th Ave. caller reported a dead bear in the woods near the river, with gloves nearby and signs that someone attempted to cover it up;

May 14: A Crow Wing Lake Twp. caller complained that a neighbor's dogs kept barking, saying they talked to them and nothing was done; A 250th St. caller reported a dog bite;

May 15: A caller picked up a dog in Nevis that she believed was hit by a vehicle, and took it to the Akeley muni.

Assaults/Harassment: May 2: A 200th St. caller requested officer assistance removing someone from their residence;

May 3: A Park Rapids caller reported two people arguing;

May 5: A passing motorist reported a physical altercation in a motor vehicle; A County 18 caller complained about a male who showed up and wouldn't leave;

May 6: A County 39 caller reported her estranged husband had a vehicle parked in a manner that obstructed her vehicle from leaving the garage; A Becker County 125 caller had questions about an order for protection out of Hubbard County; A physical domestic altercation in progress was reported in Clover Twp., with an extremely intoxicated boyfriend hitting caller's son;

May 7: During an open-line call from Lakeport Twp., dispatch heard an argument in the background but nothing that sounded physical;

May 8: A 190th St. caller reported having issues with family and requested officer assistance; A 192nd St. caller reported a domestic issue, saying an intoxicated male took her 2001 Dodge Dakota to Park Rapids and hit her 2009 Chevy Suburban before leaving; A Steamboat River Twp. caller reported a physical father-son altercation in progress, saying the son bit the father at one point.

May 10: A Laporte caller reported their son being bullied and pushed on multiple occasions; A County 1 caller reported a verbal domestic dispute, saying she "needed things sorted out or someone was going to jail";

May 11: A County 48 caller reported a suspected violation of a restraining order; A Farden Twp. caller reported being choked by her boyfriend; A Nevis caller reported the respondent of a protection order driving by the petitioner's residence; A Straight River Twp. caller wanted to speak to an officer about a possible violation of an order for protec-

tion; A Farden Twp. caller reported she was afraid of her sister;

May 13: A 200th St. caller reported being harassed and not allowed back on his property;

May 14: A Nevis caller reported a violation of a court order involving a male who parked his Subaru at the end of the road, and caller said she was afraid of him; A 230th St. caller reported a male threatening caller while trying to retrieve property; A State Hwy. 64 caller in the Akeley area reported two males arguing over a truck, and there was a lot of yelling, and caller said he would meet officer at a gas station, then hung up; A Nevis Twp. caller reported detrimental information was being posted online; A Nevis caller asked to speak with an officer about her ex-boyfriend's sister harassing her on Facebook;

May 15: Law enforcement checked out a group yelling in Nevis; A White Oak Twp. caller reported someone making threats to go over and ruin stuff on his property; A Laporte caller said she asked an intoxicated male in a GMC Yukon to turn down his music and he yelled at her, and caller suspected he had been driving under the influence.

Burglaries/Theft: May 2: An entry/exit alarm near a living room was activated on County 4; A County 40 caller received a letter in the mail and wanted to speak to an officer about whether it's a scam; A commercial alarm was activated in Rockwood Twp.

May 6: A Hubbard Twp. caller reported two leather riding jackets, a phone and multiple jewelry items stolen; A 209th Ave. caller reported his pontoon boat stolen; A residential front door alarm was activated on U.S. Hwy. 71;

May 7: A front door alarm was activated on County 3;

May 8: A family room sensor alarm was activated in Lake Emma Twp.; An Akeley caller reported a phone scam.

May 9: A Nevis caller reported a \$33.91 gas drive-off involving a Honda SUV occurred on May 7; A Rockwood Twp. caller reported an open garage door and a broken lock on another door at a vacant house that had been foreclosed on; A Farden Twp. caller reported their home was broken into during the weekend, and they were unsure what was missing; A 110th St. caller reported survey stakes were removed; A residential burglar alarm was activated in Lake Emma Twp.;

May 10: A Nevis Twp. caller reported receiving mail that he believed was a scam; A caller reported funds stolen from her EBT card while she was incarcerated in Park Rapids;

Have You HEARD?

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HORMONAL CONFUSION

Women between the ages of 20 and 69 are half as likely to develop hearing loss as men, and while the reason for this is unknown, speculation suggests that it involves the female hormone estrogen. The reasoning is that estrogen has been known to affect blood vessels that are vital to inner ear health. In addition, women tend to be more likely to develop hearing loss after menopause when estrogen levels have dropped dramatically. This has led many scientists to recommend that prolonged hormone replacement therapy may help lower the risk of hearing loss in post-menopausal women. However, one study indicates that the opposite is true and prolonged hormone therapy is actually linked to a higher hearing loss risk.

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