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**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD** 

# **Snowmobilers** were smiling

## Trails were open for 12 weeks in snowy winter

By Celeste Edenloff Alexandria Echo Press

COUNTY – This past winter was good for snowmobiling. At least it was according to Jeff Linn, trail administrator for the Douglas Area Trails Association.

Linn was at the Douglas County Board meeting Tuesday, April 19, asking the commissioners to once again approve Douglas County acting as DATA's sponsor for the upcoming year. For the past 22 years, DATA has been in a Grant in Aid Program where Douglas County is the sponsor.

With the approval of the resolution, the county can now disperse funding from the Grant in Aid Program to DATA to cover trail related expenditures.

Linn said this winter, DATA groomed for 1,165 hours for a total of 6,685 miles with their four groomers.

"Our phones, Facebook and website were busy with snowmobile enthusiasts wanting to visit and ride our trails," he said, noting the trail system was open for riding for about 12 weeks through this winter. The total trail

mileage is 374.4 miles. Linn said it was an above average winter that was "way better"

than last year. "People were happy and we had fun," he

said. Appreciation days

"Appreciation Two

proclamations were approved by the The commissioners. first was to honor child care providers and early educators. Connie Fields, Early

Childhood Initiative coordinator for Douglas County, said, "These early caregivers/educators are crucial to our county's economic welfare. Most importantly, children's cognitive, physical, social-emotional and language development are built on the foundation of a child's positive interactions with their caregiving adults. Take time to say 'Thank you' to the child care providers and early educators in our community."

The second one was to commend the commitment and dedication to public service excellence by county staff and officials and proclaimed April 26 as County Government Appreciation Day.

#### Library needs assessment

Two Douglas County Library board members, Becky Albright, chair-person, and Ann Carrott, vice chairperson, spoke with the commissioners about the Library Needs Assessment report.

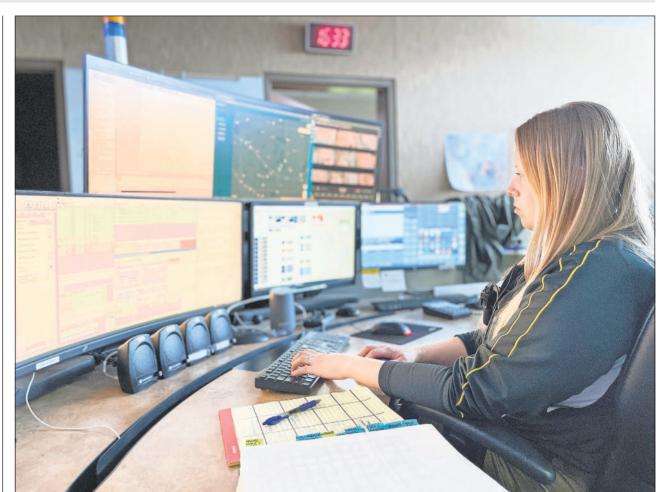
In June of 2021, the Douglas County Library contracted with the Library Strategies Consulting Group to conduct a broad-based facility and community needs assessment.

Carrott said that the library board wanted to know what was needed - space, more books. more computers, etc.

Although they are in the preliminary stages of going through the report, Carrott noted that one of the big takeaways is that the space needs of the library are critical and that the current location does not offer much in the way of expansion.

No plans have been put in place as the library board looks through all of the information.

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Celeste Edenloff / Alexandria Echo Press

Sasha Sazama, a dispatcher for Douglas County, enters information into a program on one of her many computer screens for a call she was on with deputies from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

# Calm amid the chaos

# 911 dispatchers are masters of multitasking

Editor's note: As part of National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week, Echo Press Reporter Celeste Edenloff spent an afternoon at Douglas County 911 Communications Center. The following is a first-hand account of her experience.

By Celeste Edenloff Alexandria Echo Press

**Douglas County** s I sat down and put on my headphones, I thought d prepared myself for what was about to happen over the next few hours.

But I was greatly mistaken.

While the four other people in the room with me were utterly undisturbed with what was happening around them, my heart was thumping with anxious nervousness. And although only one of my ears was covered by the headphones, I still couldn't really hear the

sound coming through. There were phones ringing constantly in the background and the chatter all around me was non-stop. To me, I didn't know

what to focus on and it felt like complete and utter chaos. But not to those four

other people in that room – Sasha Sazama, Makenna Schlangen, Kari Rahn-Vedral and Kevin Smith. To them, it was just another day on the job.

To me, they are now heroes. They are the calm in the chaos. They are Douglas County 911 dispatchers.

And I have never been more impressed by what I experienced in those few short hours.

#### More than a clerical worker

Last Friday, April 15, I had the opportunity to do what I called a "sit along" in the Douglas

**County Communications** Center, which is where the dispatchers work. I learned that they are a group of 12 full-time employees with 10 dispatchers, one lead dispatcher and one dispatch sergeant. And although they dispatch for multiple agencies, they are considered employees of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

I also found out that they are only considered to be clerical workers. Um, excuse me? That misses the mark. They are masters at multitasking, they help people in need, they are a listening ear for many, they are the "first" first responders and I have known a couple who have helped deliver babies and save people's lives.

#### Saving lives

When talking with Kevin Smith, the lead dispatcher, he said

911 dispatchers are "certified in computer aided call handling for medical emergencies and are able to give pre-arrival instructions to callers and patients to include telephone CPR instructions, AED instructions, stroke assessments, traumatic injury assessment, mental health help and more."

These people save lives. And they do it all in a calming, matter-orfact way.

Take, for example, a call that Makenna Schlangen answered. I listened to her for a while because her voice was so calming and sweet. I found out after she ended the call that it was an older lady who wasn't on her first phone call with dispatchers. Apparently she is what I referred to as a "frequent flier,"

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# What's going on with the Alexandria housing market?

By Karen Tolkkinen

Alexandria Echo Press ALEXANDRIA — Ris-

ing mortgage rates mean that home buyers can't afford as much home as they could a year ago, but community.

told a business crowd market remains strong in Alexandria.

"We have a growing Alexan-

on Wednesday that the to our area," Mike Munson, president of the ten and Learn session. Greater Alexandria Area tors told a Zoom crowd tourism,

attracting folks to move Lakes Area Chamber of ical establishment help Commerce monthly Lis- fuel a strong market that

The area's strong local continue. Association of Real- economy, lake-related

he said he expects to

However, the real

area real-estate leaders dria has done a great job during the Alexandria downtown, and its med- some twists and turns since the pandemic began in 2020, made more complicated by high-priced building materials, inflation, the

Alexandria's estate market has seen HOUSING: Page A16

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Board calls for bids on expansion Work includes demolition of

**Evansville building** 

BRANDON-EVANS-VILLE — The Brandon-Evansville School ICS Consulting, said the

By Travis Gulbrandson

Alexandria Echo Press

Board approved the design development documents and the first bid package for its expansion project.

The action was taken at the board's regular meeting on Monday, April 18.

Sean Lewis, senior project manager with

**B/E SCHOOL BOARD** 

"Recommending bidding of the bid package number one means that we publish bidding documents, we solicit for bids, we open the bids, and then we'll be back again in May after going through those."

#### SEAN LEWIS, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER WITH ICS CONSULTING

bid package involves the and then we'll be back demolition of the abandoned Evansville structure, and precast con-

crete and steel work. "Recommending bidding of the bid package number one means that we publish bidding doc-

uments, we solicit for

again in May after going through those," Lewis said.

In April and May the bidding will take place for the bid package, and contracts are expected to be approved by the board in May, Lewis said.

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bids, we open the bids, SCHOOL: Page A9

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#### **LAKES AREA FORECAST**

Our local farmers continue to have problems getting into the fields as we remain wet across the area. We saw wet and cool



Meteorologist

system

High pres-

sure returned by early Thursday for most of the area as we dried out again. However, by Thursday night another system arrived. Some small hail was found along the

Minnesota/Iowa border with this

This system will produce some additional showers and a few isolated thunderstorms throughout the day on Friday. Highs will be back into the low to mid 50s by Friday afternoon.

A big warm up will be with us

on Saturday and for the start of the weekend. We should see lots of low to mid 70s across the state of Minnesota. (Yes, I did say the 70s!) This will be short-lived,

however, as we could see some light rain mixed with light snow on Sunday as can only be found here in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest.

Hang in there as the 50s should be back with us later on next week

#### **WEATHER HISTORY**

On this date in 1874, records show that "unseasonably cold air moved into Minnesota." According to the National Weather Service, the low was "23 degrees in the Twin Cities."

#### WEATHER FACT

A dust devil is "a small but vigorous whirlwind, usually of short

#### MN AT A GLANCE

Sunset: 8:17 p.m. Sunrise: 6:23 a.m. Normal High: 55 Normal Low: 36



High 52° Low **49**°

Winds:

ESE 20-30 mph Prec. .20"-.50 Mostly cloudy and windy, 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms

Mostly cloudy and windy, 40% chance

High 40° Low 25°

Partly cloudy.

Showers and thunderstorms will be possible for Friday and Saturday. A few of those could be on the stronger side on Saturday. Temperatures will be warm on Saturday before a cooldown returns for Sunday into Monday.

**SUNDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

#### **OUTLOOK** SATURDAY Mostly cloudy to cloudy, 70%

Marshall

Twin Cities 41L/53H •



MONDAY

chance of shower

Rochester 43L/54H •



Mostly cloudy





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#### Photo of the Week



Katherine Hoffart, of Lowry, took this photo of her daughter, Lyra, 7, with the snow bunny she built on Easter. If you have a great photo, send it to Lowell Anderson at landerson@ echopress. com. Contributed / Katherine **Hoffart** 

#### FOR THE RECORD

#### **Alexandria City Council Regular Meeting** Monday, April 25

Where: The Mayor and City Council may participate in the City Council meeting remotely via telephone or video. Members of the public may participate via phone or other electronic means. Find more information at www.AlexandriaMN.city/events and click on the meeting date to display the link. If you wish to provide input to city staff and/or elected officials on matters before the City Council, please email publicinput@alexandriamn.city.

7 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, approve agenda. Consent agenda: Approve minutes for April 11 city council meeting, approve minutes for April 11 special city council meeting

7:05 p.m. Kreg Anderson, airport manager

#### A. Opportunity Enterprises lease (Bellanca Building)

7:10 p.m. Public hearing GoodNeighbors on 46th West -TIF District No. 62

A. Alexandria Economic Development Authority resolution creating Tax Increment Financing District No. 62 and adopting a tax increment financing plan

B. Alexandria EDA Resolution authorizing execution and delivery of a contract for private redevelopment with GoodNeighbors Properties, LLC C. Resolution creating Tax

Increment Financing District No. 62 and adopting a tax increment financing plan 7:20 p.m. Special event per-

A. Alexandria Area Arts Asso-

ciation - Art in the Park

B. Vietnam Veterans of America 235 and Veterans Memorial Park – Memorial Day parade

and celebration 7:25 p.m. Licenses

A. Fireworks (outdoor sales) -TNT Fireworks (209 Nokomis St. parking lot)

B. Transient merchant (temporary vendor) - Westby Enterprises LLC doing business as The Country Stop

7:30 p.m. Sara Stadtherr, communication coordinator A. Authorization to purchase

audio/visual equipment for City Council chambers 7:35 p.m. Police Chief Scott

A. Authorization to purchase HVAC upgrade for Alexandria Police Department

7:40 p.m. Resolutions and ordinances

A. Gambling premise permit resolution - Alexandria Youth **Baseball Association** 

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#### **COVID-19 CASE COUNT**

Total number of COVID-19 cases confirmed by the Minnesota Department of Health in Douglas County and the surrounding area as of April 20 (cumulative):

Douglas County - 10,935 (116 deaths)

Grant - 1,473 (12 deaths). Otter Tail - 13,588 (167 deaths). **Pope** - 3,043 (17 deaths).

Stearns - 50,888 (367 deaths).

**Stevens** - 2,633 (13 deaths)

Todd - 6,784 (58 deaths).

**Statewide (cumulative)** - 1,377,033 (12,479 deaths)

Active cases in Douglas County - 32 (according to Horizon Public Health as of April

People (16 and older) with at least one vaccine dose in Douglas County - 20,912 or 69% of the population (as of April 19).

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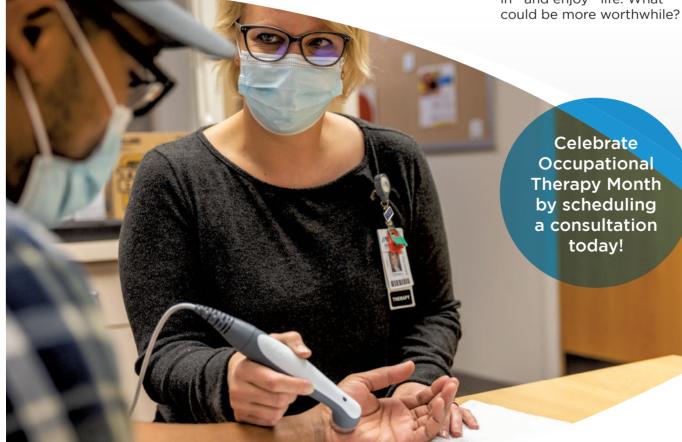
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# in Alexandria is moved indoors

**Staff Report** Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — The "Love the Earth" event in Alexandria this Saturday, April 23, will be moved indoors.

A full slate of events, which start at noon and continue until 3 p.m., will take place at the Congregational Church, 221 7th Ave. W. in Alexandria. Use the door on Elm Street.

"It's all the fun without the grass — and rain and wind and cold," said Barbara Benson, one of the organizers of the event.

The compost distribution will still be at Big Ole Central Park. Compost is being bagged for sale by Luther Crest volunteers and area Boy Scouts. The compost was created from materials generated from the local organics recycling pro-

"Love the Earth," which is taking place the day after Earth Day is being put on by Alexandria Area Indivisible with participation from a number of organizations such as the Douglas County Lakes Association, the Audubon Society and the Citizens for a Sustainable Future.

The event will feature music, food from Smokin' Brews and 'Ques Food Truck, informational booths and a family-friendly atmosphere, according to organizers.

Information booths include Citizens for a Sustainable Future, Pope/Douglas Waste, Audubon Society, Alexandria Area Indivisible, and the Douglas County Lakes Associa-

#### **MEETING BRIEFS**

#### **Douglas County** area meetings

Here are some meetings coming up in the Douglas County area:

► April 28. The annual meeting of the Runestone Electric Association will start at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 at the Performing Arts Center of the Alexandria Area High School, 4300 Pioneer Road in Alex-

► May 3. The annual meeting of the Bohemian Independent Cemetery Association will be held Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the ZCBJ Lodge Hall. A potluck lunch will follow.

#### **CORRECTION**

A correction is needed for the April 20 story about the Alexandria School Board

Dean Anderson was first elected to the board in 1989. not 1983

8:10 p.m. Adjournment

Note: The Alexandria City

Council will convene a special

City Council meeting at 5 p.m. to

discuss the following items: park

planning, baseball/softball facil-

ities initiative, Runestone Com-

the public have the right to par-

ticipate in the meeting by phone

or other electronic means. To

participate remotely via video,

Special note: Members of

munity Center expansion

#### RECORD

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7:45 p.m. City Engineer Tim

A. Highway Committee up-

Schoonhoven

7:50 p.m. Community Devel-

opment Director Mike Weber Planning Commission

7:55 p.m. City attorney's items of business

items of business 8:05 p.m. Old and other busi- uled as of Wednesday, April 20,

8 p.m. City administrator's

please go to our website, www. AlexandriaMN.city/events and click on the meeting date to display the link. The above items are sched-

and are subject to change

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- maker/etc donation of \$1.00+ is appreciated.

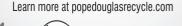
- Drop off your Scrap metal/wire recycling too!

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**ALEXANDRIA** 

# 'Love the Earth' Alexandria Public Schools makes leadership changes

#### Search begins for next DMS principal

**Staff Report** Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — The Alexandria School District 206 announced administrative appointments effective for the 2022-23 school year.

Carla Ptacek, current executive director of the Runestone Area Education District (RAED), announced her retirement effective June 30. RAED is a partnership between the Alexandria, Brandon-Evansville, Minnewaska, Osakis and Parkers Prairie school districts that work together to serve special education students.

As part of a restructur-



Kaliher

Michelle Bethke-Kaliher, currently director of student support services, will also serve as the part-time executive director of RAED, effective July 1, 2022.

Given these additional responsibilities for the district, Matt Aker, currently principal at Discovery Middle School, will be a principal on special assignment in the area of student support services starting July 1.

"I am very pleased ing of RAED leadership, that Matt is taking this





best for every student and will provide essential leadership to ensure students have the supports and structures they need."

While Aker has served as principal at Discovery Middle School since 2008, he was a special education teacher in the district from 1994-to

"I'm excited for this opportunity," said Aker. "It feels like coming full circle since I started my career in this district 28 years ago as a special education teacher." find the next principal of Discovery Middle School. The selection timeline over the next four to six weeks includes:

► Application opens April 20.

▶ First round inter-

▶ Second Round Inter-

▶ Offer to the candi-

► Start Date: July 1, 2022.

The district will compile an interview committee consisting of students, teachers, parents, and district leadership to help choose the school's next principal.

"We value the voices of all stakeholders to help us find the best fit for the position," concluded

## \$13M plan for shade tree, seedling replanting divides lawmakers

By Dana Ferguson Alexandria Echo Press

ST. PAUL — A panel of Minnesota lawmakers on Tuesday, April 19, met for the first time to iron out the differences between two drought relief bills.

And they hit an early roadblock on plans to include funding to replant shade trees and seedlings.

A conference committee compared two bills passed by the Minnesota House of Representatives and Senate and started deciding what pieces could appease members of each chamber. While members of both legislative bodies supported proposed grants and loans for hardest-hit farmers, a \$13 million plan to fund the replanting of seedlings and shade trees, seemed to face a tougher road forward.

House Democrats advanced the proposal to replant trees and provide grants for water infrastructure as part of the drought package. And they, along with Walz administration officials, said the funding was key to preventing the harmful impacts of future droughts.



Strommen

and our waters may happen over time but that doesn't mean there's not an urgency today to act to reverse that problem," Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Sarah Strommen

"Any further delay means we're not addressing that problem and we're going to see the problem grow down the road."

Democratic-Farmer-Labor lawmakers on the committee said the two drought-related plans should pass together and that the state was in a financial position to address both. Meanwhile, Senate Republicans said the aid to farmers was more urgent and should be taken up alone.

"The Senate does not have this language at all so it will slow down the relief for the farmers," Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Torrey Westrom, R-Elbow Lake, said.

Farmers and ranchers for months urged lawmakers to green light support payments to help "The impact to our forests offset the impact of the drought.

But partisan disagreements over other provisions that should be considered during a special legislative session — including a GOP call to oust health Commission er Jan Malcolm — prevented the proposal from moving forward before January. Different priorities in each

chamber slowed its progress at the

The Senate also approved a

provision to put up emergency response funding for the highly transmissible avian influenza that wasn't included in the House plan. Despite the disagreements, the committee leads said they would

meet again Wednesday, April 20, to take up areas of agreement. Both chambers will have to sign off on a possible compromise for it to move to the governor's desk

"We all appreciate the importance of this bill but also we need to acknowledge that neither body wants to put it in a take it or leave it situation on issues that we both have strong feelings about," House Agriculture Committee Chair Mike





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Flowers along Broadway add a welcoming touch to Alexandria's downtown

# THUMBS UP/ **THUMBS DOWN**

#### VIEWS BY THE ECHO PRESS

Beautiful pops of color

bright and cheery pops of the Downtown Merchants Association's flower basket effort. The baskets will be delivered and hung from the downtown lamp posts in early May. The association has been fortunate over the last few years to have dedicated sponsors who value bring to the community. You can support this effort by sponsoring a flower basket for \$100 each. Sponsorship is being done on a first come, first serve basis. Forms must be received before May 1. The goal is to get enough sponsors to grow the placements of the flower baskets into the side streets. To be a sponsor, go to https://www. downtownalexandria.com/ scroll down to Downtown Flower Baskets.

#### **Points of Pride**

Thumbs Up: At Monday's Alexandria School Board meeting, Superintendent Rick Sansted shared the district's "206 Points of Pride." It's something the board does every month and should open some eyes about in lifesaving skills; provide nearly the good things that District 206 students and staff are doing. Those recognized this month were: Alicia Erickson was selected as an Aspirations in Computing Award Honoree in the Rising Star category. This honor is given to students who have attained some technology skills and demonstrated a commitment to continue to strengthen their skills and exploration of the field. Seventh-grader Carlee Schliepsiek won the Cherry Street Books Earth Day Poetry Contest for her poem celebrating the beauty of winter, which will be featured at Saturday's Earth Day celebration. Thirteen students were selected to represent Alexandria in the 2022 All Conference Choir, including Brittany Lanus, Anna Melby, Olivia Brault, Kassidy Huwe, Jeryn Drewes, Ella Risnes, Isaac Baldry, Joel Brault, Ramsey Copeland, Isaac Loeffler, Anthony Hoyt, Matt Wieberdink and Noah Hubbard. Eight students were nominated for the CLC All-Conference Band, including Ilana Jensen, Madisen Melby, Heidi Carstenson, Colton Robertson, Grace Hedstrom, Mackenzie Goodwin, Evan Strand and Gabe Schneider. Tom Miller was voted Boy's Basketball Assistant Coach of the Year for the 2021-22 season. Eleven students received the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference All Academic Team honors, including Ramsey Copeland, Sarah Fuchs, Cody Hunt, Ilana Jensen, Alicia Erickson, Jacob Fleming, Machahila Hinnenkamp, Owen Jensen, Levi Johnson, Kyle Tvrdik and Owen Corle. This honor is given to robotics students who have a 3.5 or higher GPA and meet varsity

level lettering requirements. Ellie Thumbs Up: Alexan- Rauk, Hailie Kent, Sarah Kelley and dria is fortunate to have Ailynn Fettig received Academic All Section honors for gymnascolor along Broadway, thanks to tics. In Girl's Basketball, Academic All-State honors were awarded to Tessa McGrane and Carlie Wolf, with Hadley Thul receiving honorable mention. Ian Johnson, Ashton Schlosser and Nicolas Witt competed at the State Archery Tournament and qualified for the National the welcoming appeal the flowers Archery Tournament in Louisville,

#### **Red Cross volunteers**

Thumbs Up: Volunteers are the lifeblood for the American Red Cross. An astounding 90% of its workforce are volunteers. This month, they take a well-deserved turn in the spotlight. April is National Volunteer Month – a time to recognize the compassionate people who selflessly dedicate their time to helping others. Red Cross leaders are collecting signatures from Red Cross communities for a "thank you" e-card for the hard-working volunteers. Red Cross volunteers respond to an average of more than 60,000 disasters every year; train more than 4.6 million people 550,000 services to military members, veterans and their families; collect blood and platelet donations at more than 500 blood drives and donation centers across the country each day. To sign the e-card, go to https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/thank-you/sign-the-card.

#### Low stress, high taxes

Thumbs Up/Down: Two new surveys from WalletHub reveal both good and bad news about Minnesota. The upside: Minnesota has very low stress levels – only one state, Utah, has lower levels. WalletHub compared the 50 states across 41 key metrics. Here's how Minnesota fared (1 means most stressed, 25 is the average): 39th for average hours worked per week; 50th for share of adults getting adequate sleep; 50th for the percentage of adults in fair/poor health; 50th for median credit score; 34th for housing affordability; 47th for percentage of population living in poverty; 46th for divorce rate, 28th for crime rate; and 44th for psychologists per capita. On the downside, Minnesota has the fifth highest overall tax burden in the U.S. Here are the results (1 is highest, 25 is the average): 22nd for property tax burden; 5th for individual income tax burden; and 22nd for total sales and excise tax burden. A possible takeaway: Minnesota is a mellow place to live but it comes with a

If you have a suggestion for a Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down, email it to aedenloff@echopress.com or mail it to Echo Press, P.O. Box 549, Alexandria, MN 56308.

#### Reader Advisory Board helps improve newspaper

In its ongoing effort to improve the newspaper, the Echo Press has a Reader Advisory Board that meets every other month to offer feedback, story ideas and suggestions. Readers can also offer advisory board members their comments. Current members include Louie Seesz, Mary Anderson, Jim Nelson, Jane McCrery, Mark Hintermeyer, Judy Backhaus, Joel Novak and Mike Dempsey.

## Feeding an addiction to shellac

n my first column for the Echo Press I wrote about the enormous number of books I have, and protested that I was not a hoarder, but a collector.

I'm happy to report that since I moved to Alexandria in July, I have only acquired about five more titles.

The same cannot be said, however, for my other major collection: Records. To be specific, 78 rpm records.

While I do collect (and own hundreds of) regular vinyl LPs, my interest in them has fallen by the wayside in exchange for the 10-inch shellac antiques.

That is not to say I will grab up just any 78 I see. My interest lies in the period of about 1925-1932, both jazz and country. Anything past those dates just doesn't cut it. The music becomes either too syrupy sweet, or too much like swing, both of which are styles of music I hate. Not dislike. Hate.

I can't quite say how I've found myself in this predicament, but I do know one thing. My purchasing of these discs has grown exponentially since the first of the year. About 30. Which is added, of



course, to the ones I already owned.

My addiction began about 10 years ago when I purchased an Edison phonograph from an antique store. Most of the records that came with it not 78s, but extremely thick discs made of wood pulp and resin weren't great. Marching bands, tenors, that kind of thing. But a few of them contained jazz and dance band music that would not be out of place in a Laurel and Hardy movie.

I liked it. A lot. I searched through antique stores looking for more of these discs, eventually ending up with about 40.

The only problem was that the music on these was not typical of what Edison's company generally released. Most of its output consisted of those marching bands and tenors, something in which I had zero interest.

However, I realized that other record companies of the era were releasing music

similar to (and in many cases, better than) the music I enjoyed on the Edison discs. So I bought a record player with 78 capability and began acquiring records.

A lot of them come from eBay, but my favorite place to get them is a store in Minneapolis called Vintage Music Company, which deals in nothing but 78s and vintage audio equipment. It's the kind of place you can get lost in. My favorite Saturday activity is to go there and just pore over the racks for hours.

It's sick, really. Or is it? Is it really a problem to enjoy something that much? To think about it all the time and obsess over it to the exclusion of all

other things? Yeah, probably. But it's too late for me.

By the way, if anybody reading this happens to have any 78s from the era and genres I'm talking about, I would be more than happy to take them off your hands.

What can I say? I'm addicted.

"It's Our Turn" is a weekly column that rotates among members of the Echo Press editorial staff.



Travis Gulbrandson / Alexandria Echo Press

A label from one of the many 78s in my collection.

**LETTER** 

#### Blake's Law isn't the answer for bicyclists to be safe

To the editor:

In reference to "Blakes Law," the story in the March 23, 2022, Echo Press says, "She said Blakes Law would require bicyclists to ride on the other side of the road so they can see oncoming traffic." That puts bikes and walkers in the same category. At present, walkers must step to the side if a close encounter happens. Easy for a walker to do that.

Different situation for a bike. For a bike, leaving the pavement can spell disaster. It can tip you right when the motorist is going by close. For the bike to be safe, he would have to have his speed at a crawl for every car he met.

At present, the motorist legally must clear you by at least 3 feet. They can adjust their speed as they approach from behind so they should not have to pass in a dangerous manner. If need be, they can slow to your speed and follow until safe to pass. Truly professional drivers such as UPS and FedEx, in spite of always being in a hurry, have absolutely never given me a close call. (We appreciate you guys and gals!)

If bikes are forced to face traffic, it would be impossible to adjust speed during approach or fall in behind the bike. The closing speed would be quite high with the bikes speed added rather than subtracted from the motorist's speed.

Last year, these 70-year-old bones put over 4,000 miles on bicycles. Much was on roads. I hate those close calls as much as the next guy. But I do not believe "Blakes Law" is the answer. Being as visible as possible from behind is still the best safety.

Raleigh Miller Osakis, MN

#### Submitting letters to the editor

The Echo Press encourages readers to voice their opinions through letters to the editor. Please, however, keep your letters brief and to the point. Letters of more than 300 words or excessively long letters may be edited to a shorter form by the newspaper staff. Personal attacks against private individuals will not be printed. All letters must be signed and include the writer's address and telephone number. Letters published will include the writer's name and the city of residence only. Writers are limited to publishing one letter every 30 days.

Submissions can be emailed to aedenloff@echopress.com or submitted to the Echo Press office at 225 7th Ave. E., Alexandria, MN 56308. For information, call (320) 763-3133.

## John Bosek

John Wesley Peter Bosek was born on May 17, 1929, in Lowry, Minnesota the son of John and Josephine (Brosh) Bosek. He attended Lowry school through the 8th grade. served country during the Korean Conflict in the United States Army and was honorably



discharged on December 3, 1954.

John was united in marriage to Arlene Adelle Olsen on June 22, 1959. To this union six children were born. John first job was working on the family farm and then worked for Wagner Trucking. He learned masonry skills from his Uncle Mike and became an Independent Masonry Contractor in 1957 and continued with Masonry work for the next 60 years. During these years he completed the masonry work on many of the original commercial buildings in Alexandria.

In his early years John played baseball for the first Army Team in 1953 out of New York and was on the ground floor of Snowmobile racing (driver of the year in 1969). He played horseshoes, bowled and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

John also enjoyed playing football with his children, going hunting and fishing with the family, and attending over 60 years of snowmobile races driving or as "pit crew" and watching all the different sports of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was a member of the American Legion, Eagles, Sportsman Club, and Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.

John died on Saturday, April 16, 2022. He is survived by his daughters: Kathleen (Daryl) Rittenour; Deborah (Charles) Revering; sons: John Bosek, James (Julie) Bosek, Thomas Bosek, Jeffrey (Karen) Bosek; grandchildren: Cameron Rittenour, CalieAnn Anderson, Makayla (Reed) Christensen, Samantha (Rory) Beckman, Charles (Tammy) Revering, Daniel Revering, KayCee (Anthony) Sanborn, Natasha Bosek, Crystal (Josh) Guetter, O'Ryan Bosek, Anakin Bosek, Thomas Bosek, Trey Bosek, Teryn Bosek, Kaisa Bosek, Ryker Bosek; several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, all those he loved and touched deeply.

He was predeceased by his wife, Arlene; grandson, Cory Rittenour; parents: John and Josephine; brothers: Floyd, Dennis; sister, Marlyss Nelson.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022, 4:00 - 7:00 PM with a Time of Remembrance at 4:00 PM. Visitation will continue on Saturday, April 23, 2022, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM. Burial will be at Cemetery. Kinkead

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home. Anderson www.andersonfuneral.net



#### Fern Elaine **Swenson**

Fern E Swenson (67) left this life on Friday, April 15, 2022, at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A Celebration of Life will be held late spring/early summer in Bismarck, ND. Family, friends, and colleagues will be welcome to



attend and share in a celebration of Fern's life. Fern was born in Starbuck, MN on Dec 5, 1954. She was baptized and confirmed at Norunga Lutheran Church in Lowry, MN. Fern attended Glenwood High School where she graduated in 1972. She continued her education at St. Cloud State University and the University of Oklahoma where she graduated with a master's degree in Archeology. Fern's love of Native American history and culture brought her to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks for her first work assignment. She later found her home working at the State of North Dakota, where she stayed for 35 years. Fern was the Director of the North Dakota Archaeology & Historic Preservation Department at the time of her passing. Fern's love for her colleagues, the people she served, and her family were an inspiration to many. She was planning her retirement and moved to Iowa to be with her family before her passing. Aside from her work, Fern loved to read, she loved good bands, movies, pottery, and games. Fern liked to play Scrabble with her family. Her optimism, strength, and courage will never be forgotten. She will be missed, and she will stay in our memories forever.

She is survived by her sister, Irene (Richard) Kracht, Nephew Justin (Manuela) Kracht, Alexia, Fernando (Selena) and Ximena, Niece Mindy (Bill) LeGrand, Violet, Dallas, and Gage. She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Gladys Swenson.

We would like to express a special thanks to family at the ND Archaeology & Historic Preservation Division and to all her friends and colleagues throughout the Association. Thank you to Bismarck's CHI St. Alexius Hospital and Oncology Department for their care.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society and to the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, PO Box 1976, Bismarck, ND 58502. Cards may be addressed to Irene Kracht, 2225 River Bluff Dr NW #105, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405.

#### Luella Marie (Wagner) Wienk

Age 99, of Mpls, passed away on her Easter, 100th 17th, 2022. Preceded in death by her loving husband, Lloyd Wienk, her parents, one brother, two sisters and great granddaughter, Ella Grace Formo. She was born in Emery,

SD. She moved to Sioux Falls, SD where she met and married Lloyd. From there, they moved to Rapid City, SD and eventually on to Alexandria, MN where they raised their two daughters, Terri and Kay. She enjoyed a variety of careers both in education at Alexandria Technical College and the medical field at Douglas County Hospital. Her hobbies included playing cards, bingo, golf and cheering for the Vikings and the Twins. She was also a very accomplished seamstress. Whenever asked how she was doing, her response was "I'm still kickin butt"! Survived by daughters Terri Johnson (Gary), Kay Hedstrom (Mike); 5 grandchildren, Sean' Johnson, Shannon Formo, Hedstrom (Lyndsey), Cody Hedstrom (Rachel) and Riley Hedstrom; 6 great grandchildren, Carter Kylee Formo, Leyton Levi Johnson, Declan Johnson, and Dahlia Hedstrom. Celebration of life will be held on Friday, April 29th at 11:00am at Miller Funeral Home in Fridley, MN with visitation 1 hour prior

to service. Interment St. Marys Cemetery and

**OBITUARIES** 



Mausoleum, Alexandria, MN.



#### Carol Luella Rogers

Carol Luella Rogers, age 99, of Edgewood Vista Care Home in Alexandria, MN (formerly of Gorin, Missouri) arrived in Heaven on April 6th, 2022. There to welcome her was her best friend, Jesus, her husband Homer, and her youngest daughter, Miriam Lanette.

Carol touched many hearts and lives through her nursing career, church, 4-H Community, and most of all, being a wife, mom, grandmother and great-grandmother.

A memorial service will be held at Newlife Christian Church in Alexandria at a later date.

She leaves behind a multitude of family and

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#### Kathlyn (Kay) E. Hanson

Nov. 25, 1922 - April 11, 2022

Kathlyn (Kay) Emmaline Hanson. daughter of Walter and Signe Erickson, was born November 25, 1922, in Urness Township, Evansville, Kathlyn MN. died peacefully on April 11,



2022, in Lakewood Care Center at the age of 99 after a long courageous, beautiful life. Kathlyn was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and colleague.

A Celebration of Kathlyn's life will be held on Friday, April 29, 2022, at 11 AM at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, MN. Interment will be at Mound Grove Cemetery in Evansville, date to be announced later.

She grew up on the family farm near Evansville and attended District 87, Sunnyside Country school thru 8th grade followed by Evansville High School, graduating in 1940. Kay met the love of her life, Stanley Hanson in high school. Following graduation, she worked in Minneapolis and completed her Registered Nursing education at the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis. Stanley was stationed on the east coast in the USN. In the spring of 1945, Kathlyn caught a train and joined Stanley out east where the two were united in marriage on May 5. Following the war and Stan's duties in the Navy, they lived in Minneapolis, followed by Madison, Wi and later returned to a farm outside of Evansville where they raised their 4 children. Suddenly in 1968 at the age of 46, Stanley passed away. Kathlyn sold the farm and moved into the city of Evansville.

Throughout her life, her commitment to nursing has shown through. She dedicated herself as an RN at Douglas County Hospital - Our Lady of Mercy Hospital (Alomere Health) for over 30 years. Following her retirement from the hospital, she assisted as an RN part-time at Crestview Manor (Evansville Care Campus). Even after moving to Lakewood Care Center, you could hear her visiting with the staff on how it "should be done, of course in her sweet way.

Kathlyn dedicated herself to the Lord and was an active member at Faith Lutheran Church in Evansville as a member of the choir, teaching Sunday school, being a member of the circles, and assisting in any way possible. She opened her home to many guests, with a warm place to stay, share a meal, or a simple cup of coffee with her delicious coffee bread or a fresh piece of lefse or flatbread. She loved to bake, enjoyed all forms of music, gardening, ceramics, needlepoint, and quilting as well as spending time with her siblings, children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren.

She is survived by her four children: Patricia (Guy) Hogle, Austin, TX, Steven (Jody) Hanson, Brandon, MN, Beth Fabian, Staples, MN and Eric Hanson, Knoxville, TN; grandchildren Caroline (Jonathan) Bergman, Denver, CO, Peter (Megan) Hogle, Austin, TX, Sean Hanson, Garfield, MN, Stephanie (John) Holt, Somerset, WI, Matthew (Melissa) Fabian, Mason City, IA, Andrew Fabian, Chester, CT, Katrina (Cory) Pauling, Lakefield, MN. Fifteen precious great-grandchildren. Many loving nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Stanley, parents, siblings, and many close relatives and friends preceded her in death.

A special thank you to the entire staff at Lakewood Care Center for the kind and compassionate care they provided Kathlyn.

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**Alexandria United Methodist** 2210 Sixth Ave. E., Alexandria 320-763-4624 / alexumc.org

Pastor: Gary Taylor Worship Service: Sunday 9 am School/ Adult Discipleship: Sunday school 10 AM and Adult Discipleship at 10

AM (Sept through June) Bethesda Lutheran Church

1204 N. Nokomis NE., Alexandria 320-763-5164 / bethesdaalexandria.org

Pastor: Jerry Lanes Worship Service: Saturday 5 pm Sunday Inside and Parking Lot Worships 9:30 am Calvary Lutheran Church 605 Douglas Street, Alexandria

320-763-5178 / www.calvaryalex.org Pastors: Hans Dahl & Angie Larson Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm & 6:30pm Youth Programming: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings

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202 7th Ave. E., Alexandria 320-762-1565 / cornerstoneofalexandria.com Pastor: Darryl Knappen

Worship Service: Sunday 10 am Family Integrated Church **Emmanuel Episcopal** 602 12th Ave. E. & Lark St., Alexandria 320-763-3201 / alexmnepiscopal.org Reverend: Tom Sinning

Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am

Sunday School: Oct 10 9:30am-10:20am

First Congregational United Church of Christ 221 Seventh Ave. W., Alexandria 320-763-3341 / firstcongregationaluccalex.com Reverend: Dr. Jill Sanders Worship Service: Sunday 10 am

Service on Youtube: First Congregational UCC Alexandria, MN Sunday Worship Radio Rebroadcast: KXRA First Sunday of the month 11 am Communion second Sunday of the month

First Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1655 18th Ave. E., Alexandria 320-762-2196 / firstlutheranalexandria.com Pastors: PJ Malin, Greg Billberg, Judy Holmen Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am and 10 am Wednesdays at 6:15 pm Saturdays at 5:00 pm (1st and 3rd Saturday's of

Youth Programming: Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings Facebook Live on Sunday and Wednesdays KXRA radio at 10:00 am Sundays Public Access TV channel 181 at 10:45 daily

each month).

Good Shepherd Lutheran (LCMS) 2702 Hwy. 29 N., Alexandria 320-762-5152 / goodshepherdalex.com Pastors: James Walberg Worship Service: Sunday 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School: 10:15 am Holy Communion first & second Sunday of the month

Gospel Light Baptist Church 1210 Broadway St., Suite #265, Alexandria glbcalex.com/glbcalex@icloud.com Pastor: David Iseminger Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am & Thursday 6:30 pm Sermon Series: The Model Christian Sundays 10:30 am

Sermon Series: Godly Success Thursdays at 6:30 pm **Grace Baptist Church** 

Worships Service: Sunday 10:15 am **Lake Community Church** 490 Voyager Dr., Alexandria 320-762-5424 / lakecommunity.org

Worship Service: Sunday 9 & 10:30 am

Pastor: Jon Ewton

Kids Ministry: 9 & 10:30 am

1704 Hazel Hill Road, Alexandria

Facebook and YouTube Kids Ministry: Sunday's 9:30 Youth Ministry: Wednesday's 6:30 **Shalom Lutheran Church** 681 Voyager Dr. Alexandria

Pastors Nick Grey

Adventist Church

201 13th Ave. W., Alexandria

alexandriasdachurch.org

Pastors: Kwan Kitching

**Living Word** 

Pastor: Jesse Carson

Special season services

Pastor: John Taplin

10:30 am

at 6:30 pm

Lutheran Church

1722 16th Ave. E., Alexandria

Worship Service: Sunday 9 am,

**New Life Christian** 

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320-762-8641 • shalomlutheran.org Pastor: David Fleener Worship Service: Sunday 9:30am Advent & Lent Services: Wednesday 6:30pm Youth Programming: Wednesday 5:30pm 7:00pm; Facebook live on Sundays

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (WELS) 718 Victoria Dr., Alexandria 320-762-1644 / stpaulalex.com

Pastor: Michael Neuman Worship Service: Sunday 9 am Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:30 am Communion first and third Sunday of the month Word Alone Fellowship

(A traditional Christian Worship) 1906 6th Ave. E., Alexandria wordalonefellowship.org Pastor: Steve Walswick & Ralph Erickson Worship Service: Sunday 9 am Church service on WAF website. Communion on first and third Sunday

of the month Zion Lutheran (LCMS) 300 Lake St., Alexandria 320-763-4842 / zionalex.org Worship Service: Sunday 8 & 10:30 am

Pastor: Paul Dare, Donald Wilke & Matt Lorenz Praise Worship: 2nd Sunday of the month 8 am Third Sunday of the month 10:30 am Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 8 am 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10:30 am

#### Other Areas

First Presbyterian Church 101 W Oak St. Osakis 320-859-4550

Worship Leader: Keven Withers Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 am Communion 1st Sunday of the month

St. Luke's, Garfield (LCMC) 201 Ida St., Garfield 320-834-2285 stlukeschurchgarfield.org Pastor: David L Gran & Susan J. Davidson Visitation Pastor: David Wallin Worship Service: Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Coffee Fellowship & Bible Studies: Sunday 9:45 am Holy Communion second & last Sunday of the month

**Trinity Lutheran Church** 16 N. Douglas, Carlos 320-852-7530 Pastor: Mark Schwarz

Worship Service: Sunday 10 am Communion on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

To be included, please call Kate at 320.763.1203.

#### Arthur E. Berg

Arthur Edward Berg was born on April 13, in Starbuck, 1922. Minnesota to Anton and Sarah (Evenson) Berg. He was baptized and confirmed at Fron Lutheran Church in Starbuck. Art graduated from Starbuck High School. At the age of 19, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and



served on the Pacific Rim in Okinawa, Japan in medical supply. During his time stationed in Japan Art even got to play some baseball. After the war, Art returned to his hometown area and settled in Alexandria.

Art was united in marriage to Jessie Birney on June 9, 1946, at Glenwood Lutheran Church in Glenwood. The couple made their home in Alexandria and were blessed with 4 children, Barbara, Daniel, Tim and Scott. Art started his photography career at Vernon Studios and later with Yerka Studios, both in Alexandria. He enjoyed his chosen career as a wedding photographer and of taking family portraits. Art was a well-known photographer in area schools. He had a special gift of making the little one's smile, capturing those timeless yearbook moments. When it was time for senior portraits to be taken, Art was behind the camera.

Art loved people and made friends easy. He was honest, generous and kind. Volunteering was very important to Art. He enjoyed helping the Salvation Army and working at the Senior Center. Art loved golf and was a founding member of the Atikwa Golf Club. He enjoyed playing cards, especially the game, Nickels, and having a cup of coffee whenever he could. Art was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Art died on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at Knute

Nelson just hours before his 100th Birthday. He is survived by his sons, Daniel Berg of Lake Stevens, WA, Tim Berg of Minneapolis, MN and Scott Berg of Deerwood, MN; grandchildren, Brett Peterson, Jodi Havican, Danielle Rodriguez-Berg and Joshua Rodriguez-Berg; and nephew, Paul Kirkwold; special friend, Gloria Therkildsen. Art is preceded in death by his wife, Jessie; daughter, Barbara Peterson; grandson, David Peterson; parents, Anton and Sarah; siblings, Doris Unruh, Esther Kirkwold, Clifford Berg, and Shirley Oman.

A Memorial Service will be held 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service at the church. A private interment will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. Arrangements are with the

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory.

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#### **DEATHS**

#### Raymond H. Anderson

July 10, 1931 -April 18, 2022 ALEXANDRIA, Minn. -Raymond H. Anderson, Alexandria, Minn., died Monday, April 18, in Bethany on the Lake.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Monday, April 25, at Shalom Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Interment will be in Carlos Prairie Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Shalom Lutheran Building Fund or Douglas County Hospice.

Arrangements Anderson Funeral Home Crematory Alexandria.

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#### George Wallgren

Feb. 24, 1932 -April 17, 2022 WADENA. Wallgren, 90 George Bluffton, Minn., died Sunday, April 17, in Fair Oaks Lodge.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Friday, April 22, at John the Baptist Church Catholic Bluffton. Father Aaron Kuhn will celebrate the Mass. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Arrangements Karvonen Funeral Home.

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#### Randall "Randy" Steuck

"Randy" Randall Steuck, age 59, died April 13, 2022 Alexandria, MN.

Randy was born on 1962, July 8. in Pipestone, MN. He was the first of two sons. Randy and Ryan born to Carl and Beverly (Grieme) Steuck.

From his earliest days, he was all about wheels, water, and music. If he could drive it, he loved it. This led to a mostly lifelong career of behind the wheel or on the move. The majority of that time was spent at Schwan's, Spee-Dee Delivery, and Henry's Foodservice with a long list of interesting jobs scattered in between. Of course, the love of wheels included anything fast and loud, such as boats, bikes, sleds, muscle cars, and his favorite dirt track racing.

Music was very important to Randy, whether listening to it or playing guitar. Never a day without music. He also loved to be near the water swimming, skiing, fishing, or just cruising around the lake. He was a good pool player, a lousy golfer, a half decent handyman, and tried hard to be a good husband and father.

On August 10, 1998, Randy married Lisa Howard in Duluth, MN. They made a home together in Hermantown, MN, raising a daughter, Hannah and a son, Austin until they decide to move to Alexandria in 2007. Shortly after they were blessed with another daughter, Katelyn and have lived here ever since. Family was always the most important thing to Randy. He always challenged his children to do the "harder right

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022, 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home. Visitation will continue on Monday, April 25, 2022, 10:00-11:00 AM at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria with a Memorial Service at 11:00 AM. Burial will be at Kinkead Cemetery. Blessed be his memory; may he rest in peace. Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home. www.andersonfuneral.net

#### **DEATHS**

#### Eugene "Gene" **Frisbie**

Jan. 29, 1928 -April 14, 2022 **PARKERS** PRAIRIE,

Minn. - Eugene "Gene" Frisbie, 94, Parkers Prairie, formerly Wadena, Minn., died Thursday, April 14, in St. William's Living Center. Visitation will be from

10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 28, at Karvonen Funeral Home Wadena. Interment with military honors will be in Minnesota Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls,

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

#### **Curtis Peterson**

Sept. 14, 1931 -Jan. 20, 2022

BATTLE LAKE, Minn. -Peterson, Curtis Battle Lake, Minn., died Thursday, Jan. 20, in Good Samaritan Society.

Services were previously held. Interment was in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's cemetery in Henning, Minn.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

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Annual Meeting of the

## Kinkead **Cemetery** Association

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#### **DOUGLAS** SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Monday, April 4 Motorist assist,

semi stopped in the middle of the road, verbal warning, County Road 46 SW. Suspicious activity, male

and female came to caller's address, female said they were there to get a dog, caller thinks they may be trying to scope out the caller's dog to steal later, East Lake Geneva Road NE. Driving complaint, driver

smells of alcohol, tested, negative impairment, State High-Attempted fraud, caller was

on a dating website earlier this week speaking to person who is now claiming to be underage, caller sent \$5,600 to person, Prairie Road NE, Carlos. Attempted fraud, caller re-

ceived letters from Publishers Clearinghouse and believes they are fake, told caller this was a scam, helped caller shred the letters and told her to call back if they keep harassing her via phone, Douglas Street, Garfield. Criminal damage to proper-

ty, caller just arrived on scene and locks to multiple buildings have been cut, unsure if anything has been stolen, County Road 35 NW, Parkers Prairie. Tuesday, April 5

Assist other agency, Jefferson Street.

Assist other agency, Interstate 94, Garfield.

Assist other agency, Third Avenue W.

Public assist, lift assist, Carlson Beach Road NW.

Public assist, Shady Haven Driving complaint, caller is

driving a gray Malibu and was almost hit by vehicle when it passed her, County Road 13

10-52 with one vehicle, crash with injuries, County Road 4 SE.

Suspicious vehicle, old camper has been sitting at the access, East Lake Cowdry Road NW.

10-50 hit and run, minor crash, no injuries, County road 104 NW.

#### Wednesday, April 6 Assist other agency, Fourth

Avenue E. Suspicious person, woman

in the middle of the road trying to stop traffic, County Road 82

Drug-related activity, person has seen another person and his friends do drugs at address. Thoennes Lane NW. Parkers Prairie.

Public assist, South Lake Jessie road SE.

Suspicious vehicle, SUV parked across the street for the past 30 minutes running, State Highway 27 W, Kensington.

Street E, Osakis

Assist other agency, Lake

#### Thursday, April 7 Attempted fraud, caller

would like a call back on an attempted fraud, County Road 96 SW, Kensington. Public assist, lift assist,

State Highway 114 SW. Assist other agency, 34th

Avenue E.

Public assist, concerns about speed limits near his home, 34th Avenue W. Suspicious person,

males walking behind trailer houses, caller doesn't recognize them, Ellingson's Heating working on some issues in the neighborhood, First Avenue N,

Criminal damage to property, caller noticed vehicle tracks in the ditch and his fire number post bent, Prairie Road NE, Carlos Public assist, County Road

24 NW. Evansville. Suspicious person, male

riding a bike on tracks heading southeast. Brush Wolf Road Motorist assist, vehicle ran

out of gas, State Highway 29 **ALEXANDRIA POLICE DE-**

#### **PARTMENT** Monday, April 4

Public assist, bring male

from ER to his vehicle, State Highway 29 S. Motorist assist, County

## **ANNUAL MEETING** — NOTICE —

Carlos Prairie Cemetery Association May 2, 2022 at 7 PM Carlos Town Hall

COUNTY Road 46 SW.

Property damage crash, two-vehicle crash, no injuries.

not blocking, 34th Avenue W. Property damage crash, two-vehicle crash, no injuries, not blocking, Nokomis Street.

Public assist, Natures Trail. Juvenile trouble, North McKay Avenue Driving complaint, black truck

almost hit caller in the parking lot and then parked in a handicapped spot with no handicapped sign in the window, driver has disability listed on license, State Highway 29 S. Driving complaint, caller

states several cars would not stop for female trying to cross the crosswalk, Broadway Street. Attempted fraud, caller's hus-

band purchased a fish finder on

Facebook and now are not getting communication back about the product. Agnes Boulevard. 10-50 hit and run, caller believes his car was door dinged at location two weeks ago and

Attempted fraud, person is using a cash app scamming people, State Highway 29 N. Attempted fraud, caller be-

would like a report, Third Ave-

lieves she's been given a fake ID, Broadway Street. Tuesday, April 5 Assist other agency, Jeffer-

son Street.

Assist other agency, Interstate 94, Garfield. Assist other agency, Third

Avenue W. Public assist, lift assist, Carlson Beach Road NW.

Public assist, Shady Haven Drive NW. 10-52 with one vehicle,

one-vehicle crash with injuries, County Road 4 SE. Suspicious vehicle, old camper has been sitting at access, East Lake Cowdry Road

10-50 hit and run, no injuries, County Road 104 NW.

Wednesday, April 6 Assist other agency, Fourth Avenue E. Public assist, male party

having a manic episode, Eighth Avenue E. Driving complaint, caller witnessed a semi do a U-turn,

County Road 46 SW. Public assist, Kenwood Street.

Property damage crash, semi took out a stop sign, 17th Avenue E.

Driving complaint, Chevy truck speeds off very loud, Jefferson Street.

Property damage crash, minor crash, South Broadway Street.

Theft, NSF check for \$891.18, North Nokomis NE. NSF

\$214.55, 22nd Avenue E. Public assist, Third Avenue

Attempted fraud, caller states that someone has been trying to access his bank account, Highland Trail SW.

Motorist assist, semi blocking both lanes, 34th Avenue W. Theft, caller states someone

took the Interlock system out of her car, Oak Knoll Drive NE. Attempted fraud caller re-

ceived text message from an unknown number threatening to harm others if he doesn't pay them, scam number, advised to block, Unumb Street, Thursday, April 7

Suspicious activity, one per-

son pounded on AC unit, flipped grill over, Elm Street. Property damage crash, mi-

nor crash between two semis, Evergreen Lane SW Suspicious vehicle, 34th Av-

enue E. 10-50 hit and run, red car ran into semi and took off, Third Avenue E.

Property damage crash, minor crash, State Highway 29 S. Juvenile trouble, North McK-

av Avenue Public assist, lift assist, Lake

Theft, theft four days ago and trespass violation two days ago with person, State Highway 29

Attempted fraud, attempted scam through gift cards, advised to block phone number and inform bank of threat to take her money, Darling Avenue

Assist other agency, Eighth Avenue E.

Attempted fraud, caller was scammed out of \$350 from her bank account, Douglas Street.

Driving complaint, blue truck has been racing all night, Cedar This is not a comprehen-

sive report of all local law enforcement activity, rather, a brief recap of daily calls for service.

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# A NEW LEADER FOR ALEXANDRIA SENIOR CENTER

Shellie-Kae Foster is executive director of the energetic facility

**By Sam Stuve** Alexandria Echo Press

Alexandria Cince Feb. 1, the Alexandria Senior Center has been under the leadership of newly-appointed executive director Shellie-Kae Foster, an Alexandria native.

"I'm really excited to be the executive director here at the Alexandria Senior Center," Foster said. "It's where I've grown up (Alexandria) and have quite a history here. And so for me, to be able to work in my own community, serving my own community has been just a huge gift for

Foster said she found out about the position opening in multiple

ways.
"I heard about it on a job site, and also a board member did approach me and encouraged me to apply," Foster said. "So I saw that as an opportunity to jump in and use my skills here in the nonprofit world. I've only been in the position for less than two and a half months. So I've had a really vertical learning curve. It's been wonderful that everyone here has been very welcoming. It just really feels like everyone wants me to succeed, and they're doing whatever they can to support me."

Foster has enjoyed her time in this new role. She's been really impressed with the senior center's atmosphere and the positive reception she's had from the members

so far. "I am impressed with the energy and expertise of the volunteers that make this place a great place to be," Foster said. "The members and the board are very supportive. They helped with my training and just asked, 'How can we help? Don't be afraid to ask questions; you're in charge of the house, but we want to help you.' I've felt from the programs to the members, to the board, everybody's been super supportive. I look forward to coming to

work in the morning." Foster has spent plenty of years in the nonprofit world in the area and

she has a passion in that But growing up, being in the nonprofit world

was not at the front of her mind. "I don't even know what a nonprofit was growing up," Foster

said. "But I have lived in



Photos by Lowell Anderson / Alexandria Echo Press

Shelli-Kae Foster, executive director of the Alexandria Senior Center, stands in the dining room area of the center where seniors gather to play cards. Foster has been the executive director since Feb. 1.



Nicole Warner, left, leads a yoga class at the Alexandria Senior Center on April 13.

the nonprofit industry now for over 20 years. I managed a statewide program in the last 10 years. That was as a nonprofit, as well. So I gained a lot of experience with grant writing, managing staff, volunteers and doing events."

Foster said that this experience with nonprofits has helped her transition into her current role at the senior

One of the main goals that Foster and the senior center have is to gain more members

going forward.
"I've been going out and networking like going to Wake Up Alexandria or going

to Communities in Action and trying to network with other nonprofits," Foster said.

"The community as a whole, 44 percent of the population in Alexandria, is considered a senior because anybody over 50 is considered a senior. So that's a huge portion of our population. And so we have a big job to do to serve that population."

The senior center was deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some events and activities had to be taken away because of it.

But now, some of those programs appear to be

coming back. "I'm really hoping to build back those programs that were lost and then to offer some new and innovative programs as well,' Foster said. "We're looking at the future and what's next for the senior center. And I think the programming we're doing right now is really meeting the needs of a certain group of seniors. We have cards, different games and we host meetings for really important groups in the community.

Some of the things that the senior center is looking to add are cooking classes in the fall, bus trips and things of that nature.

Foster said the senior center is trying to efficiently use the space



A group of guys play their daily game of pool at the Alexandria Senior Center on April 13.

"I think one thing is we're kind of bursting at the seams here with the room that we're at," Foster said. "It's a 9,000-squarefoot building. But we haven't had each of our rooms sectioned off into quarters. So we didn't have bingo in one quadrant; we could have Bunco in another quadrant, Mexican train (dominoes) in another quadrant, and make a meeting going on. So yeah, we're really using our space well, but I think we could use more expanded space and maybe a different space that could accommodate more exercise and

cooking classes.' Foster said they are looking at solutions for parking as well.

Overall, Foster has enjoyed her time so far in her role and is looking forward to working with members of the senior

center who love the fact that she is from the community.

"One thing that's been really heartwarming for me is that people from the community have known my family (maiden name Sonstegard), and so many people have come up and shared stories about my dad, Buzz, or my mother, Terry, or where my brothers or my sister, or my kids are,"

Foster said. Previously, Foster has worked in Kandiyohi County so hearing those stories helps her have a stronger connection with the senior center

"To share those stories of each other's families and that connection has been really warming, heartwarming and rejuvenating," Foster

members.

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# Alexandria Senior Center aims for more members

By Sam Stuve

Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria Senior Center is looking to add more participants to its activities.

"Well, we offer a lot of activities," said Shelli-Kae Foster, executive director of the center. "We have a lot of games that are going on every day such as bingo, bridge and hand and foot. We also have a group that plays billiards every morning from 9 to

Foster said that the senior center is always looking for and is welcoming to new members.

"The senior center has a membership of \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple," she said. "We're always looking for new members, always looking for new ideas and if somebody has a card game that they would like to bring to the senior center and be the lead on we'd love to start that. If somebody wants to join another group, they can call the team center, and we'll connect them with an activity that they're interested in. So we're open to new ideas and new members to participate in the programs that we have."

Foster said card games such as cribbage have been very popular in the senior center.

"There's a lot of cards and games that are going on every day," Foster said.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, live music was very popular at the senior center.

"Over COVID, we suspended the music but now we're starting to bring it back,' Foster said. "We also have a music series on Sunday afternoon."

The festivities at the senior center do not appear to be limited to just games and

"It's a variety of different activities that are going on every day and it varies from health and fitness to games, to travelogues to billiards," Foster said. "We're also a meeting space and are also a space where people can gather for their meetings."

In recent months, Foster said the recruitment of new members has ramped up a bit and that the main mode of recruitment has been through word of mouth. Senior center events are also included in the newspaper's community calendar.

"Going to community events like Wake Up Alexandria and also using word of mouth," Foster said in regard to how they are recruiting new members. "People that are enjoying our activities are talking to their friends about it."

According to Foster, the Alexandria Senior Center has

550 members. Foster said that many of the residents enjoy the community aspect of playing games and partaking in their favorite activities.

"Socialization, just being with other people, visiting and having that camaraderie every week," Foster said, referring to the senior center members' favorite parts of taking part in these activities.

"They can meet their friends there. We always have free coffee here. We have coffee sponsors every month. We have coffee and we often have donuts. It's really just about that time to come together with others in a safe space."

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Friday, April 22

7:30 p.m. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels Andria Theatre

#### Saturday, April 23

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Those who will attend New Life Christian Church's "A Night to Remember" may "shop" for new formal wear. The church is located at 1910 County Road 82 SE, Alexandria. There is no cost for attendees and help will be available for selecting outfits. Those with guestions may call the church office at 320-763-7051.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Spring Salad Luncheon, First Lutheran Church of Kensington

11:30 a.m. Welcome Spring Luncheon, Alexandria Senior Center, 320-762-2087 Noon-3 p.m. Earth Day cele-

bration, "Love the Earth," moved indoors to First Congregational Church, Alexandria Noon-3 p.m. Jake's Bikes

Love the Earth - Central Lakes Trail Cleanup, Big Ole 12-7 p.m. Lions Club Smelt/

Fish/Chicken Strips Fry, 201 W. Main St., Parkers Prairie 1 p.m. Design a Board Game

for Grades 6-12, Douglas Countv Library 7-9 p.m. Salute to Glen Campbell, AAHS Performing

Arts Center

7:30 p.m. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Andria Theatre

#### Sunday, April 24

2 p.m. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Andria Theatre

3 p.m. East Meets West, University of Minnesota Morris Symphonic Winds and Concert Choir, AAHS Performing Arts Center

#### Wednesday, April 27

11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Alex Public Schools and Chamber of Commerce Hosts Spring Luncheon: The Negativity Remedy with National Speaker Nicole J. Phillips, Holiday Inn of Alexandria

#### Thursday, April 28

11:30-12:30 a.m. Master Gardeners: Let's Talk Plants! Doug-

las County Library

6:30-7:30 p.m. Local authors Fred Liljegren and David O'Brien talk about Fredtime Stories: A Mostly Rural Life, Douglas County Library

7 p.m. Annual Poetry Night, Evansville Art Center

7:30 p.m. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. Andria Theatre

#### Friday, April 29

12:30-2 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Alexandria Senior Center, reservations by April 22, at 320-762-2087.

7:30 p.m. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Andria Theatre Send event information to echo@

echopress.com, or Echo Press, P.O. Box 549, Alexandria, MN 56308.

# **Evansville Arts Coalition** celebrates National Poetry Month

Staff report

Alexandria Echo Press

EVANSVILLE — Poets of all ages and experience are invited to share their original work or read their favorite poems at Evansville Art Center's annual Poetry Night at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28.

The event marks National

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Girl born 4/11/22 to Kimberly

Thompson and Alex Pearson of

Poetry Month. Begun in 1996, it a treat to share at intermission. is the longest literary event in West Central Minnesota, according to the art center.

Studies have shown that poetry causes the part of the brain that activates during daydreaming to light up when reading or listening to poetry," the center said in its news release.

Participants are invited to bring

Beverages will be provided. This is a free event, and donations will be accepted for the Evansville Art The Evansville Art Center is at

111 Main St. in Evansville.

This activity is funded with grants from the Lake Region Arts Council via the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

#### **BIRTHS**

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Girl born 4/18/22 to Deveny Rocholl and Sean Saxton of Elbow Lake

Year to date births (as of April

## Remove bird feeders to prevent spread of bird flu

**ROBIN** 

**Alexandria** n recent weeks, there has been news of highly contagious, deadly bird flu in Minnesota. Many gardeners also include bird feeders in their landscapes. If you are concerned about the wild bird population, here is some information from Dr. Victoria Hall executive director of the University of Minnesota

Raptor Center. "The United States is unfortunately experiencing an unprecedented outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in our wild birds. It is important to remember that all bird species are susceptible to HPAIbut how they show or do not show signs of illness and the role they play in carrying and spreading the disease will vary. This virus is shed in the feces and respiratory secretions



very hardy, with virus particles able to survive for weeks in cool, damp environments. "In wildlife, we know

the most about how this virus works and presents in waterfowl, shorebirds, and seabirds, as these are the groups of birds who are most likely to carry and shed the virus without showing signs of illness. We know some about how this virus impacts groups of birds like raptors, as these birds often get severely sick and rapidly die from the virus.

"Unfortunately, we have a lot of gaps in knowledge about the role of songbirds in

HPAI outbreaks. We have not encourage birds to some data from previous outbreaks around the world, but this outbreak is very different. The H5N1 virus strain in wildlife. With minimal viral surveillance being done with songbirds, it is hard to measure the risk of transmission birds.

Raptor Center, we are seeing the impact of HPAI as we triage and test birds like bald eagles and great horned owls that are intensely surrering from fatal neurological illness due to HPAI. With these infected birds, humane euthanasia is the only tool we have left to help them. We also know that this strain and outbreak is causing severe illness in other species like geese, ducks, blue jays, and crows.

gather together at places such as bird feeders or bird baths. These are places where things like viruses could easily be exchanged between individuals.

"In areas with HPAI transmission in any avian species, consider pausing the use of bird feeders and baths for the next couple of months until the rate of virus transmission in wild birds dramatically decreases. Not only will this action help to protect those beautiful feathered creatures that visit your yard, but will also help all wild bird species that are already having it hard this spring because of HPAI. We have it in our power to take a short-term action so we are not accidentally assisting in the virus' spread. This outbreak won't last forever and I, for one, am greatly looking forward to when I can safely hang my bird

For more information about HPAI, visit https://

Until next time, happy gardening!

educator with University of Minnesota Extension. Contact her at 320-762-3890, or at trot0053@umn.edu.

#### 2022 ALEXANDRIA METAL PICK UP DAY

have partnered together to designate Tuesday, April 26th as free metal pick up day.

the items on their boulevard and have them removed at no extra charge. (NOTE: NO furniture, mattresses, electronics, or televisions). When in doubt if a magnet adheres to it; we will

service will not be accepted. Only residential customers within Alexandria City Limits are eligible. (Commercial customers are not eligible)

for removal of the following metal items or objects on, or about

PLEASE PROVIDE STREET ADDRESS:

Please list items:

The undersigned warrants that he/she owns or has rights to the item(s). In consideration of this service, at no charge from the City of Alexandria, the undersigned does hereby release and agree to hold the City harmless for any claims made by himself/ herself, their family, or residents of property owned by him/her in connection with any losses or injuries arising from the removal

Signature

## **Prairie Business** seeks nominations for **Leaders & Legacies**

Prairie Business, the premier business magazine of the northern Plains, is seeking nominations for its annual Leaders & Legacies awards. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, May 9.

Leaders & Legacies recognizes executives in the Dakotas and western Minnesota for the exceptional accomplishments they have made in business, "whether in recent years (Leaders) or over a lifetime (Legacies)," said Publisher Korrie Wenzel. Nominations must

include key details of the candidate's business accomplishments, civic leadership, and career history. The high-level achievements from these executives make them stand out from the crowd.

nomination Per instructions, tell Prairie Business in detail why the nessmagazine.com.

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — nominee deserves to be recognized with a Leaders & Legacies award her or his achievements and career successes. The more information provided, the better.

"Leaders & Legacies is an exciting award," said Prairie Business Editor Andrew Weeks. "It recognizes the very best of business leadership in the region. It is always exciting for Prairie Business to receive nominations, to see the high-levels of achievement that come out of the many industries here, and we look forward to seeing who will make the Leaders & Legacies list this year." To nominate an indi-

vidual, visit gfherald.wufoo.com/forms/ q435xjn0xt61v9/. For questions, contact

Weeks at 701-780-1276 or aweeks@prairiebusi-

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Century 21 honors Whiting Todd Whiting with Century 21



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The Centurion Producer award recognizes top producers within the Century 21 System. In addition to his outstanding work in his profession, Whiting is an asset to the Alexandria lakes area by donating his time, talents and resources to many local organizations.

#### **ASB inducts 2** into Hall of Fame

**American Solutions for Business** in Glenwood inducted two members into its Hall of Fame onstage at its National Sales Conference in Orlando, Florida in late February.

Inductees included late sales associates **Tom** Keller and Frank Quin**lan**, both honored posthumously.

Keller passed away in November of 2020 and was an American Sales Associate for 14 years alongside his wife and business partner, Livi Dalmau Keller. While working at American, he was presented the GPO Excellence Award, and was inducted in both the President's Club and Million Dollar Club.

In addition to his honor, the ASB family was able to raise \$6,100 to benefit Keller's church, hosting a Memorial Walk at the conference, where his children Ryan, Lauren and Chrissy were able to participate. Quinlan passed away in

July of 2021 and served as a sales associate with American for 13 years. He grew up in Staten Island and served his country in the Vietnam War. His son, Keith, and daughter-inlaw were present for his induction and recording shared with the rest of his family.

#### **Bumgardner hired** as coach at NSS **Noonan Sport Special-**

ists recently hired a new coach at their Alexandria personal training facility. Demara Bumgard**ner** joined

Bumgardner

co-owners Mike Hawes and Dustin Schlichting their staff starting February 2022. Bumgard-

ner, originally from Elbow Lake, attended North Dakota State University in pursuit of her bachelor of

science degree in exercise science and an accompanying minor in psychology. She is set to graduate in May 2022.

Bumgardner is actively preparing for her Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialists cer-tification through the National Strength and Conditioning Association with the hopes of attaining this in the summer of 2022.

She will be assuming the position of certified personal coach for Noonan Sport Specialists at their main facility on Hawthorne Street in downtown Alexandria. Her responsibilities for NSS will include conducting semi-private personal training sessions with clients and helping to create, implement and ensure the growth and development of structured training templates, coaching philosophy, and Noonan Sport Specialists

Located at 503 Hawthorne St. Suite 145, Noonan Sport Specialists is a 7,500 squarefoot, year-round training facility whose mission is to use fitness as a catalyst to positively impact lives

as a company.

#### Johnson, Mogenson honored

Two representatives with **Coldwell Bank**er Crown Realtors were recently honored for successful sales achievements - Brandon John-

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**Johnson** 



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membership in the company's International Diamond Society, a level achieved by only the top 10% percent of all sales associates / representatives worldwide in the Coldwell

Mogenson, a sales associate/representative with Coldwell Banker Crown Realtors, was honored as a member of the company's International Sterling Society. This is awarded to the top 15% of all sales associates/representatives worldwide in the Coldwell Banker system.

Coldwell Banker Crown Realtors located at 625 Broadway, Alexandria, can be reached at 320-762-2172. Coldwell Banker Crown Realtors has been an affiliate of Coldwell Banker since 1983 and has been serving the Alexandria Lakes area since 1967.

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allocation may shift more quickly than those that suffer more gradual, market-induced shifts. Contributions should be used to purchase investments that are under-weighted or, if the allocation is on target, purchases should be made in proportions that maintain the balance. It's important to review your asset allocation

The Importance

We often talk about reviewing portfolios and

When is rebalancing necessary?

Rebalancing is especially important if an

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individual is making continuous contributions

needs to go somewhere. In such cases, the asset

to their portfolio; the cash being contributed

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quarterly basis.

occasionally to determine if your risk tolerance and or time horizon has changed. It is not uncommon for one's asset allocation to change over time, so keep your target asset allocation in check by periodically buying or selling assets to restore your portfolio to its original target allocation.

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2022 outbreak is unique because of the very high levels of transmission of the currently circulating from songbirds to other "Every day at The

"During these unprecedented times, we recommend doing anything that we can to try and help our wild bird populations. Because the science is unclear on the role of songbirds in this current H5N1 outbreak, one consideration is to

feeders back up!"

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Robin Trott is a horticulture

As an incentive to help city residents clean up their property this spring, the City of Alexandria and Alex Rubbish & Recycling People with metal objects they wish to dispose of can place

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of said property.

#### **SCHOOL**

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The construction documents will be ready in July, he said.

Lewis said the plan for the next board meeting is to have the recommended contractors for the precast concrete and steel work.

"The Evansville demolition really needs to be done," he said. "You'll want to see that get done as soon as possible so we're able to finish the design for that so we can do demolition this summer."

Lewis said demolition will start after July 4.

This fall the rest of the project will bid as the second bid package, Lewis said, with additions starting in the spring of 2023 and interior portions of the renovation to take place in the summer of 2024.

Everything should be finished in the fall of 2024, he said.

"The overall project is in great shape, going real well, on schedule, within budget," Lewis said. "It's tight ... but right now we're comfortable."

#### Superintendent search

The search for a new district superintendent has resulted in 12 applications being received, which will be prioritized individually.

The district does not have a hard number of interviews at this time.

Current superintendent Don Peschel tendered his resignation last month.

#### Last day of school

The board also voted to make Friday, May 27, the last day of school for the district.

It will be a full day of classes, followed by a teacher workshop on May 31 and June 1.

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#### DISPATCH

From Page A1

meaning she calls them on a regular basis. What I found interesting is that Makenna didn't sound frustrated or bothered by the constant caller, she just listened and tried to calmly help the woman. It was actually very heartwarming because I could tell the woman on the other end of the line was a tad confused about something but Makenna just did what she needed to do and in the end, the woman was helped.

Another call that came through, which was handled by a dispatcher, Sasha, was from a man who had just witnessed two young boys trying to drown two dogs. The man was upset, excited and breathlessly talking to her as he was trying to keep an eye on where the two young kids had gone. Sasha, although visibly upset (I could tell by the look on her face) by what was happening, was verbally unfazed by what the caller was saying. She didn't raise her voice. Instead, she just politely and calmly talked with the man until officers were on scene, took over the call and handled the situation with the kids.

Multitasking masters

In talking with Kevin, I learned that in 2021, dispatchers answered 69,289 calls. Out of those, 12,559 turned out to be actual 911 emergency calls. Dispatchers also handled 35,000 "calls for service" requests that required law enforcement, fire or and EMS response.

Dispatchers answer 911 calls and non-emergency calls for three county law enforcement agencies — the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Alexandria Police Department and Osakis Police Department. They also assist in dispatching locally for the Minnesota State Patrol and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. And they dispatch for four ambulance services – North Memorial Ambulance, Parkers Prairie, Ashby and Hoffman. They also have the ability to launch air ambulances, including LifeLink III and North Memorial Air Care.

If that wasn't already enough, they also dispatch for 12 fire departments and first responder

agencies within Douglas County. Close your eyes for a moment

and picture a room full of people,

each doing one task – answering a phone call, entering information into the computer, checking in with the law enforcement officers on duty every two to three minutes, answering questions from a coworker, checking a map to see where each officer/deputy is, paging out an ambulance, checking the background on someone who was pulled over, running a license plate to see if a vehicle was stolen and more. Now, picture one octopus with its eight arms doing all those same things by itself.

That is a dispatcher. Using the word multitasker to describe one doesn't do them justice.

Save 911 for real

emergencies In my first few minutes of my sit along, my head was spinning, I had no idea what was happening and I am pretty sure Sasha took care of at least three calls and I had no idea what any of them were as I sat there silent, in awe, watching the magic being performed in front of my eyes. All with calmness, swiftness, grace, wit, confidence, awareness and understanding.

It was incredible. My time in that room, although nearly three hours, felt like 10 minutes. Everything happened so fast. So

efficient. So smooth. And although we are all taught at a young age to call 911 in an emergency, people should think about if what they are calling about is really an emergency. Things like parking complaints, animal complaints, minor fender benders, neighbor disputes (as long as there is no violence), kids not listening to their parents or cats being stuck up in a tree should be called in on the nonemergency lines — 320-762-8151 for the sheriff's office, 320-763-6631 for the police department and 320-859-2550 for the Osakis Police Department.

And if you can't remember those numbers, my guess is you are probably calling from your cell phone so look it up before calling and save 911 for real emergencies.

One last thing, if you happen to see any of the people pictured in this article on the street, thank them for their service. You never know when they might be the person on the other end of the call doing what they can to help you. Maybe even saving your life.

Email reporter Celeste Edenloff at cedenloff@























The Douglas County Sheriff's Office communications center has 12 full-time staff members, including 10 dispatchers, a lead dispatcher and a dispatch sergeant. Members are, left to right, top to bottom, Kaycea Larson, Dan Schroeder, Chris Blank, Andrea Kerfeld, Makenna Schlangen, Kevin Smith (lead dispatcher), Nick Rogers, Kari Rahn-Vedral, Sasha Sazama, Keith Polipnick and Tom Egan (dispatch sergeant). Laura Karl is not

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# Alexandria College golf programs continue their growth

By Sam Stuve Alexandria Echo Press

■he Alexandria College men's and women's golf teams took part in a tournament in Fort Dodge, Iowa, at the Iowa Central Spring Invite in what was a preparation for the national tournament coming up in May for some golfers.

Alexandria College finished seventh out of the nine teams in the men's tournament on April 12 and 13. Jayme French led the way for the Legends, as he posted a score of 7-over par (par for 18 holes is 71) and finished tied for ninth. That was six strokes behind the winner, Austin Erickson, of Iowa Central.

French, a Fargo, North Dakota native, posted a score of 75 on day one and 74 on day two.

On the women's side on April 9-10, Abby Hamman, a sophomore from Slayton, placed third overall with a score of 157 (79, 78) and two strokes behind winner Molly Carey (Graceland).

Hamman and Alexandria College men's golfer Conner Josephson will play in the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships in May.

"Abby's a great golfer," Alexandria College assistant coach Maggie Slagle said. "She's just going to have to practice and she has a chance (to perform well at nationals) if she works at it."

Hamman is headed to the DI Championship in Sanford, Florida,



Contributed Members of the 2021-22 Alexandria College Golf Team, from left to right: Conner Josephson, Jayme French, assistant coach Maggie Slagle, Abby Hamman, Caden Chromy, head coach Scott Dirck, Gannon Lueck, and Lukas Justesen.

on May 9-12. There is only one NJCAA division for women's golf. Josephson will play in the DII Championships in Joplin, Missouri on those same dates.

"It's an honor to take them to the national tournament," Alexandria head coach Scott Dirck said. "I can't wait to see how it goes."

Dirck said that Hamman is one of the toughest mental competitors he's ever

"She's a really good player and she's got a lot of tournament

experience," Dirck said. "We just need to get outside so we can practice chipping and putting. She'll be working hard from 100 yards and in before nationals.'

Hamman was the winner of the NJCAA DII Region IV Championship on October 8, 2021, and was named to the allregion team.

Josephson, a native of Redwood Falls, finished tied for 35th with a score of 20-over par (77, 85) at the Iowa Central Invite. Josephson qualified for

the NJCAA DII National Tournament by placing fourth in the Region IV Championship on

October 7, 2021. "He's at practice here every day working and he definitely has the potential to do well," Slagle said. "He's struggled a little bit in our two tournaments this spring, having one good day and one bad day. They're going to have to work at it. They both have the potential to do great."

"Conner is a very good athlete and a very good putter," Dirck said.

"He's figuring out how to play in many kinds of conditions."

Lukas Justesen and French are alternates for the championships.

Just like at the high school level, the weather has limited what the college golfers are able to do right now. Practices for the Legends have been held at Dirck's golf academy in Alexandria.

"We've hit a million golf balls indoors or out at the academy, but it's just hard to work on that chipping and putting part of it (golf),"

Dirck said. "Nothing compares to the real thing. Our facility that we have that we practice out of is probably very similar to the Minnesota Gophers (facility). So as far as facilities go we've got one of the nicer ones at any college or any high school. Handling bunkers and short game stuff is hard to do.

There is a putting green at the academy but that specific green doesn't necessarily simulate the slopes or green speeds of other courses.

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#### TRACK AND FIELD

## Bemidji State the perfect setting for Osakis' Stanek

**Senior commits** to the Beavers for college track and field

> By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

OSAKIS - Making a college decision for an athlete comes down to fit. Fit with coaches and teammates within their sport. Fit in the classroom, and oftentimes fit within a whole community.

In that sense, Bemidji State University checked all the boxes for Osakis senior Tessa Stanek in track and field.

"We had a track meet there a couple years back, and I just thought the area was beautiful," Stanek said. "I talked around, and people said they really loved the Bemidji school. That interested me a lot. I'm really a big outdoors person, so I loved the area up there. It's just a beautiful place."

the Bemidji State University track and field program on Wednessprinter for Osakis who has run on varsity since

7th grade. She is coming off a junior year where she finished 13th at the Class A state meet in 2021 in the 200-meter

"Right away as a 7th-grader, Tessa contributed as a varsity sprinter," Osakis head coach Lee VanNyhuis said. "She came into a program that had a tradition of good sprinters and good sprint relays. She learned how to train from some other really good athletes, including her sister, Tianna. As she's matured, her role on the team has changed and she has gained confidence. She's also gained confidence in the weight room and she is learning the importance of that part of her train-

Stanek is a multi-sport athlete who plays tennis in the fall and basketball in the winter, and VanNyhuis said that has made a big impact on her success in the spring.

has a different role and Stanek signed with learns different things from different coaches, VanNyhuis said. "I really feel that helps. Being in day. She is a standout a winter sport gets her ready for the track sea-



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Osakis senior Tessa Stanek laughs with her family, friends and coaches who were on hand to help her celebrate signing to run track at Division II Bemidji State University starting next school year. Stanek signed her letter of intent with the Beavers on Wednesday.

out or getting stale."

Stanek was committed to tennis in the fall and basketball in the winter, but her future in college in track and field from a young age.

"I just love the environment of track and field. It's not even just a team. It's like a family," Stanek said. "We all get along great, and you build relationships (with people) that you don't even know or talk to in school. It's just a "In each sport, she fun environment to be in. I just love competing in track, and I love the intensity I get. It's always been a good sport for me, and it's always felt like a family."

Stanek qualified for son without burning her last year's state meet TRACK: Page 11

with a winning time of 27.16 in the 200 dash at the Section 6A championship. She was fourth in the 100-meter finals athletics seemed to be at sections with a time of 13.13. She has also been a fixture on the Osakis sprint relays over the

Stanek will continue in the sprint events at the college level and also wants to keep competing as a long jumper in Bemidji's program. She was 10th in the long jump at the 6A meet a year ago with a long mark of 14-04.5.

"It's not my strongest (event), but I love doing long jump," Stanek said. "I think it's fun, and I like to improve in it as much as I can."

**BASKETBALL** 

## Ashby's Jacob Cook sets lofty goals as he commits to Concordia

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

ASHBY — Jacob Cook took his time in figuring out exactly what would be the best situation for him academically and athletically when it came to realizing a longtime goal of his to play college basketball.

The senior center/ forward for Ashby ultimately decided that Moorhead is where he fives with them. They're wanted to be.

Concordia College by announcing the decision on his Twitter account on April 18. The Cobbers play out of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) at

the Division III level. "One of the biggest things for me was how did I fit with the team," Cook said. "I've been playing with them for a month or two now. a short drive north to I really liked running



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Ashby senior Jacob Cook goes up for a layup in a game against Hancock on March 12. Cook announced that he will play his college basketball at Concordia in Moorhead after he finished fifth on the all-time scoring list for Ashby with 1,248 career points to go along with 624 rebounds.

## Perleberg's walk-off double gives Brandon-Evansville a split

By Sam Stuve Alexandria Echo Press

ST.CLOUD -Brandon-Evansville baseball team nearly began the season with two wins against Border West, as it suffered a one-run loss in game one on Tuesday but bounced back with a win in game two. Both of the games were decided by a walk-off.

In game one, the score was tied at two in the bottom of the seventh when Marshall Tolifson hit a walk-off single to give Border West the 3-2 win.

"We definitely had chances in this game as we left 10 runners on base, so that will be a point of emphasis moving forward," B-E Head Coach Brian Perleberg said. "But we're not going to dwell on it because it was great to finally be outside play-ing baseball again."

Border West struck out 10 batters, while Brandon-Evansville struck out eight. Caden Spilde earned the win on the mound for Border West, pitching 1 2/3 innings in relief, allowing no runs, earning one strikeout and walking one batter.

Tyler Bitzan started on the mound for the Chargers. He pitched 4 but that's exactly what 2/3 innings, striking out happened," Brian Per-

"We couldn't be happier with Tyler Bitzan's performance on the mound," Perleberg said. "He gave us five strong innings and probably could have kept going. He looked comfortable and in control, which is exciting to see under the circumstances everyone has been facing with the weather this spring."

Bitzan, Brady Perleberg and Dezmond White all had a hit for Chargers. Brody Nachbor led the Border West offense in game one with two hits.

Game two ended almost the same as game one, except Brandon-Evansville was the designated home team and was up to bat when the game was tied at two in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Brady Perleberg delivered in the

hitting

4-2 win.

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Perleberg

games of an opening-day doubleheader end with walk-off hits,

six batters and allowing leberg said. "It made for just one run. leberg said. "It made for an exciting day of baseball for the fans who were in attendance."

Before Brady Perleberg's walk-off, Border West tied the game in the fifth inning with a two-RBI double by Spilde.

Jayden Hoidahl earned the win on the mound for the Chargers. He pitched six innings, struck out six batters and allowed two runs on three hits.

"This game was much like the first game of the doubleheader with both teams pitching well and making it hard to score runs," Brian Perleberg said. "It was a tight game all along, and we learned a lot about ourselves and the things we need to work on. All in all, I'm very happy with the grit and determination the kids showed and how well they kept their composure in some clutch by difficult situations. I thought Jayden Hoidahl two-RBI had a solid 2022 debut double to going six innings on the the mound and only giving Chargers a up two runs. He worked out of a couple of jams, "It's not and his defense played often you well behind him.

White led the Chargers in hits in game two with two in his three at-bats.

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## Cora Larson listed as Ms. Golf Award candidate

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

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in an article in Minnesota Golfer Magazine.

The Ms. Golf Award

lead the Cardinals to a 22-shot win at the Class AAA state tournament a year ago when she was a junior who finished ninth individually with backto-back rounds of 75.

season. Larson helped

Larson shot an 80 in Alexandria's first meet this spring as she helped the Cardinals cruise to a win in Becker with a team score of 329. Hutchinson was well behind in second place at 360.

It's an Alexandria team that returns all six of its goes to the top senior girls varsity players from the golfer in the state each state-title winning team

Other candidates listed for the Ms. Golf Award with Larson are Isabella McCauley of Simley, Perham's Mallory Belka, Lac Qui Parle Valley's Sarah Halvorson, Chanhassen's Madi Hicks and McKenna Mallow of Detroit Lakes.

McCauley broke a state-tournament record with a 10-stroke win during her freshman season and was the state's top-ranked player for much of 2021.

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**BASEBALL** 

## Hennen fans 10 in opener

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Nick Levas-

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two innings,

final

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

SAUK RAPIDS — The Alexandria baseball team finally got in its season opener after weather delays earlier this spring, and the Cardinals made a good first impression.

Alexandria went to Sauk Rapids-Rice on Tuesday evening and came back with a 5-0 win. JD Hennen got the opening-day start on the mound and dominated with 10 strikeouts and just two walks allowed in a 5-inning no-hitter. Alexandria



walking one and striking out one. The Cardinals had six hits overall and opened the game up with a 4-run second inning. Brock Lerfald helped the offense with a 1-for-2 day at the plate with two walks, two

runs scored and an RBI. Devin Cimbura had a 2-for-4 season debut finished with a run scored. Nate Hammerback doubled, and Hennen and Lake Hagen each added a hit as well.

Alexandria was scheduled to be at Rocori on Thursday. The Cardinals' home opener is set for Saturday at 2 p.m. against the St. Cloud Crush.

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ALEXANDRIA PITCHING - JD Hennen
- W, 5IP, 0H, 0R, 0ER, 2BB, 10SO; Nick
Levasseur - 2IP, 0H, 0R, 1BB, 1SO

ALEXANDRIA OFFENSE - Reed Reisdorf - 0-3, BB; Caleb Runge - 0-3, BB; Nate
Hammerback - 1-3, 2B, RB; Hennen - 1-2;

Augie Gulbranson - 0-1; Devin Cimbura - 2-4, 1 run; Lake Hagen - 1-4; Dayton
Downing - 0-2, 2 BB, 1 run; Brock Lerfald
- 1-2, 2 BB, 2 runs, RBI; Grady Anderson 0-3; Jaxon Schoenrock - 1 run

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#### **GOLF**

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Justesen, a Detroit Lakes native, finished tied for 23rd at the Iowa Central Invite with a score of 12-over par (78, 76). Rounding out the results for the Legends in Fort Dodge, Gannon Lueck finished tied for 49th with a score of 32-over par (85 89) and Caden Chromy finished tied for 52nd at 34-over par (88, 88)

The golf programs at Alexandria College are part of a growing list of athletics offered at the school (baseball, clay target (co-ed), fishing (co-ed), eSports (co-ed), soccer (men's and women's) and volleyball.

"I think it's going to be a really cool thing," Slagle said. "I think it's cool just besides having the fishing and clay target which is what they've always had. I think athletics is

always a great thing to bring to the schools." Dirck took over as head coach of the program in January 2020 and said that starting up the

program was like starting up a

business. "Recruiting was kind of very difficult," Dirck said. "So they've come a long way from where we started to where we're at. I didn't have a clue what I was getting into. As far as starting a program like that."

The men's golf team has 10 players in the next recruiting class, and they're aiming for similar numbers on the women's side.

"We only have three recruited players [on the men's side] and the rest of the kids walked on, which is amazing," Dirck said. "Next year, our men's team will have 10 recruited players, eight that are on scholarship. Our women's program, though, really hasn't taken off. We have one or two players every year. It's hard to hard to explain. Finding men for our programs, that seems like it's pretty simple right now. But the women's side has been difficult. I'm not 100% certain why, but I think some of it is maybe people not understanding what Alex college is all about.'

Dirck feels part of increasing numbers for the women's program will be continuing to communicate the variety of academic opportunities the school has to offer.

"There's a lot to Alex college. It's a wonderful place and there's a lot of different courses and a lot of different programs

that you can get a degree in, Dirck said. "From welding to nursing to business to accounting, there's a lot there."

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#### TRACK

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The Silverstreaks competed at the Bemidji Indoor meet on April 5 where Stanek got a chance to meet some of her future teammates for Bemidii State. She likes the family atmosphere within the Beavers' program that is led by head coach Kevin Kean.

"They were really nice, so I felt really welcomed," she said. "I'm really excited to meet everybody when I get the chance."

Stanek said she feels prepared heading into a college program due to growing up in the Osakis program. The Silverstreaks are consistently leaders in the Prairie Conference and competitive all the way through true team and regular section and state meet competitions.

"Coach VanNyhuis does a really nice job of making sure we're working hard all the time, and at the same time, having fun," Stanek said. "Just being together as a team. He does a really good job of that. He's done that every year since I've been in it.'



Osakis' Tessa Stanek with her father, Rich, left, mother, Shelly, and head coach Lee VanNyhuis, right, after Tessa signed her letter of intent to compete for the Bemidji State University track and field program.

level this spring is to make a run at a school record or two.

Katie Grundman holds the school record from 2002 in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.60 at the state meet, and Becka Sadlemyer's 200-meter record of 26.15 has stood since

Stanek's top time in the 100

Stanek's goal on a personal Osakis history, while her PR in the 200 of 27.16 is seventh. Her older sister, Tianna, is fourth all time in school history in both the 100 (12.95) and 200 (26.61) dashes.

Tessa and Tianna teamed up with Makenzie Lien and Grace Walter at the 2017 state meet to set a school record in the 4x100 relay in a time of of 13.08 is eighth all-time in 50.34 seconds. Tessa has also

tied the 10th best mark in Silverstreaks' history in the long jump at 16-feet during the 2021 subsections.

Making a run at any more records would be a strong individual accomplishment for Tessa if she can reach them. But Stanek also wants to take advantage of her last opportunity to lead her high school program before moving on to the Beavers.

"(Those records) are the big goal, but also I want to be a person all the runners look up to and be a person who they feel comfortable coming up to and asking any questions they have," Stanek said. "I want to be looked at as a leader. Our girls team has a good chance of doing well at (true team) state, hopefully competing in a true team state. I'm just hoping we can all gel well together. So far, it feels like we've been connecting well and it feels like a family like it has in other years. That's definitely something I'm going to miss when I leave, but I'm just going to try to enjoy it as

much as I can before I leave." **Email sports and outdoor editor** Eric Morken at emorken@echopress.com.

#### **BASKETBALL**

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really great guys. The coaching staff has been supporting me for over a year now. They were the first college to reach out to me, and I really liked the environment there and the coaching staff and how much they believed in me.'

Cook was excited about the fit with Concordia in terms of the degree he will get too. His plan right now is to pursue a major in either business or exercise science.

Cook was thorough in making his decision. He looked at other programs like the University of Wisconsin-Stout, St. John's in Collegeville, Gustavus Adolphus, and the North Dakota College of Science before settling on Concordia.

"I visited five or six schools, and I just have great things to say about all of them, Cook said. "They all had great coaches, and I had a great experience with every single The Cobbers are led by head

coach Tyler Bormann. He took over the men's program at Concordia in 2020 after spending four seasons as the head coach at Moorhead High Coaches at Concordia really

sold Cook on the vision they

had for him in terms of his role on the team and how they envisioned him playing in their system.

At 6-feet, 6-inches and almost 210 pounds, Cook has shown an ability to play both inside and out by working around the basket and extending his range to the three-point line. For his career, Cook shot nearly 61% from two (444-of-730) and 33% from three (79-of-237) over three seasons.

"I for sure see myself playing that (small forward) or (power forward) position," Cook said. "That's what really sold it for me with Concordia too is just the way they want me to play and the way they believe in me. It's how I want to play and grow as a player. At Ashby, I was technically our center, but I didn't play like a center. I could go in and out, but I'll work this summer on my shot and getting more explosive and fast with a better handle. That will help me play more of an inside/out role."

Cook finished his Ashby career fifth all time in scoring for the Arrows with 1,248 points. He also grabbed 624 rebounds as a consistent double-double threat.

"He's going to keep getting better and better because of how hard he works," Ashby head coach John Holsten said.

The commitment to play collegiately was the culmination of a longtime goal for Cook. He said he really started taking the process seriously after his sophomore season, and the results for him and the Arrows followed suit.

Ashby had a good team each of the last two seasons where the Arrows found themselves ranked in the top-10 of the Class A polls almost every week. Ashby went 23-4 this winter season after finishing at 19-1 in 2020-21.

Cook passed the 1,000point milestone in his career during a win over Park Christian on Jan. 31, 2022. He earned first-team All-Little Eight Conference honors, and he averaged a double-double of 21.9 points and 11.9 rebounds overall as a senior.

"I've been playing basketball since 3rd-grade, and my goal was always to play at the college level," Cook said. "Everything I was ever told is if you go to a small school, you can't make it. I think I worked pretty hard, and these last two years have put me in position to have multiple opportunities with schools. For every opportunity I got, I felt blessed to get it and I feel

like I worked for it." Cook said he is looking to add more muscle to make sure he can add athleticism quickness to

lateral

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defend more positions.

"At a 1A school, we played against good teams. I believe our section was the best section out there at 1A," Cook said. "But you have to realize that when you're playing even Division III, I see it get a little bit of hate, but they're players. They all can hoop. Everybody at the college level can hoop, and I think understanding that and not being satisfied will push me to be

better." Cook accomplished his goal of getting an opportunity with the Cobbers. He knows he has to keep taking his game to another level to contribute the way he wants to contribute in college.

"This year I wasn't getting a lot of open shots because I was getting face-guarded or facing a box-and-one, but I think that helped me with my vision and finding teammates," Cook said. "I think I had probably the best shooter in 1A in Torin Olson. He was a sniper and always has been, but shooting and getting quicker laterally with my athleticism, those are two things that will contribute to me. Then it's just how much I want it. It's not being satisfied. I want to be the best player in Division III basket-

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Horizon Public Health is a fully integrated and accredited local public health organization that serves the residents and communities in Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens and Traverse Counties.

We are currently recruiting a compassionate and skilled individual to work in our communities in the following

#### **Full Time Registered Nurse** -Case Manager

Morris office

Visit our website at https://horizonpublichealth.org/

employment for a complete job description and

information how to submit an application. Closing date is Wednesday April 27, 2022 at 4:30pm.



Horizon Public Health is a fully integrated and accredited local public health organization that serves the residents and communities in Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens and

We are currently recruiting a self-motivated, detail orientated, team player with strong computer proficiency to support the work of the nurse case managers/social

#### workers in the following capacity: **Program Support Specialist**

This position can work out of our Glenwood, Morris, Wheaton, Elbow Lake or Alexandria office.

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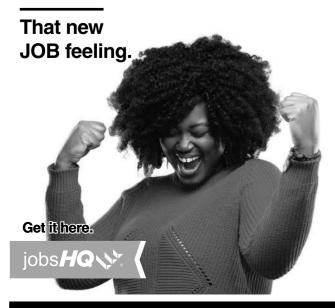


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HELP WANTED Maintenance and Repair



#### Maintenance Technician I-**Collection System**

The Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District (ALASD) is seeking a qualified applicant to fill the position of Maintenance Technician I-Collection System.

This position assists and performs tasks as follows: jetting of sewers, lift station maintenance, televising sewer, snow removal, mowing, painting, and janitorial duties as assigned. The position is 40 hours per week, 7:30-4:00 M F.
The position is located The position is located at the ALASD wastewater treatment

facility and reports directly to Assistant Collection Collection
Superintendent.
Employer provides
highly competitive
benefit package. The
starting salary range for
this position is \$21.97\$22.50 per hour DOQ.

The Maintenance Ine Maintenance
Tech's detailed job
description and
employment
application are
available at:
www.alasdistrict.org

Individuals can also inquire regarding details by calling (320)762-1135.

Send employment application and resume to: resume to:
Alexandria Lake Area
Sanitary District
2201 Nevada Street
Alexandria, MN 56308

Application packet needs to be received by ALASD: Friday, April 29th @ 3:00 pm.

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#### **SUDOKU**

Fun by the Numbers. Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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#### **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down

into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the 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

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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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HELP WANTED OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### **Administrative** Assistant

Mark Lee Excavating Full time position to help with day-to-day responsibilities in this family-owned business. Knowledge of Word, Excel and accounting a plus. Competitive wages based on exp. Medical, dental & 401k. **Email resume and** 

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#### OFFICE ASSISTANT/ RECEPTIONIST

The City of Glenwood is now hiring for an Office Assistant/Receptionist position.

Applicant will perform intermediate skilled administrative support work answering telephone, greeting visitors, providing general information, typing documents, handling, preparing, and maintaining files and records,

processing camping reservations, processing accounts receivable, utility billing, assisting the public, preparing reports, and related work as apparent or assigned.

Knowledge and use of computers and software is required. Applicant must be able to multi-task in a fast paced office setting.
Salary is dependent
on qualifications.

Interested candidates may obtain an application and job description at Glenwood City Hall, 100 17th Avenue NW, www.ci.glenwood.mn.us, or contact the City of Glenwood for more information at 320-634-5433.

Applications, cover letters, and resumes will be accepted until
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douglas.mn.us/ employmentopportunities

Visit *https://www.co.* 

This job recruitment closes on 4/25/2022

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For Sale: 3-shelf glass display case. \$75.00 (320) 283-5713 For Sale: 9# bags of Array fer-tilizer. \$25.00 (320) 808-0937

For Sale: Basketball hoop & backboard with mount. \$25.00 (320) 876-2181 For Sale: Brass Artillery Shell Casing - 1917 WWI. \$75.00

For Sale: Commercial grade bagged fertilizer. \$31.80/bag (320) 808-0937

For Sale: Garage door remotes. 3 Liftmaster & 1 Allstar garage door remotes. \$10 - \$25. Text for pictures. (320) 815-1768

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For Sale: Old tackle and tool boxes with tools & lures. \$75.00 (320) 876-2181 Used 3/8" plywood for sale, in good condition, square & rectangle shaped pieces. \$3 - \$6/sheet (320) 491-1887

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Wanted: Miscellaneous fishing items - old fishing lures, reels, etc. Paying fair price, NFLCC member. (218) 969-8561 Wanted - yard or garden wagon in good condition. (320) 491-1887

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WANTED: Junk Riding mowers snowblowers, outboards, ATV's, mo torcycles. Sorry no walk behind mowers. **FREE** pickup within 15 Miles from Alex. (320) 762-0526

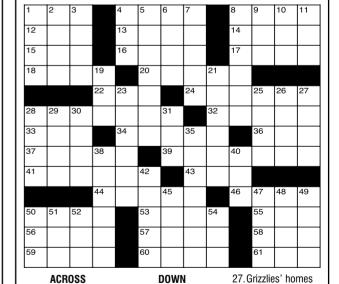
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**AKC Standard Poodles** Gorgeous, family raised on farm. AKC pups, OFA tested parents, hunting/companion/working dogs Vet checked, up to date on shots \$1500. 218-590-7106 www.Poodlesaround.com

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#### **CROSSWORD**



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Babbles

7. Lawn tool

8. Eight-legged

9. Unit of weight

11. Expert, for short

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19. Tree's juice

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10. Not in

23. School

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5. Amok

6. Vault

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- 4. Competent 8. Finish
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- 13. Shortcoming 14.Rain hard 15. Bible boat
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- preposition 18.Pitch 20.Exhaust
- 22.Beer's kin 24.Spun
- 28. Coddles
- 32. Desire strongly
- 33. Frozen block
- 34. Kilt 36. Decimal base
- 37. Serving platters 39. Booklovers
- 41. Final year student 43. Moistureless
- 44. Pass, as a law 46.Effortless
- 50. Cain's bro
- 53. Ditch of defense
- 55. Court amorously 56. Headliner
- 57. Mama's man
- 58. Moose's kin
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38. Capitulates

42. Freeway

48. Exclusive

40. Change color

entrances

45. Cover with paint

47. Inspires with fear

49. Oxen neckwear

50. Full amount of

51. Hive builder

52. Enjoy dinner

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#### **MN LEGALS**

Ad for Bids Publish April 15, 22, 2022

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS** 18th Avenue Road Improvements (SP 102-123-002) Hawthorne Street Road

Improvements (SP 102-102-002)
Jefferson Street Road
Improvements (SP 102-116-005)
Jefferson Street Road
Improvements (SP 102-112-009)
ALASD Sanitary Sewer

Improvements
ALP Watermain Improvements
Alexandria, MN

Notice is hereby given that electronic proposals will be received by the Alexandria City Council, until 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud for the furnishing of all materials, skill, labor and all else necessary for the 18th Avenue (SP 102-123-002) Road Improvements, Hawthorne Street (SP 102-102-002) Road Improvements, Jefferson Street (SP 102-116-002 & Jerierson Street (SP 102-116-002 & SP 102-112-009) Road Improvements, ALASD Sanitary Sewer Improvements and ALP Watermain Improvements in Alexandria, Min-

Major items include the following approximate quantities: 25,700 CY Common Excavation 12,500 CY Select Granular

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8,800 CY Aggregate Base Class 5 6,700 SY Full Depth Bituminous Reclamation

7,100 TON Type SP 12.5 Wearing Course Mixture (3,C) 8,800 LF Concrete Curb & Gutter 39,000 SF Concrete Walk 4,900 LF RC Pipe Sewer

#### **MN LEGALS**

6,300 LF PVC Pipe Sewer 2,900 LF PVC Watermain

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or a bidders bond acceptable to the Alexandria City Council in an amount of at least five (5%) percent of the total amount of the bid, payable without condition to the Alexandria City Council. If the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract or to give bond as required by law within the specified number of days after the award of the contract, such certified check or bond shall be forfeited as liquidated damages. No bid will be considered unless i

is electronically submitted through QuestCDN vBid (Online Bidding ONLY) prior to 11:00 AM on the 4th day of May, 2022. No paper bids will be accepted. Bid security must be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The contract Documents may be

The contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Alexandria City Hall and at Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc., 610 Fillmore St., Alexandria, Minnesota. Complete digital project bidding documents are available to view at www.widseth.com under bid information or at www.widseth.com.you.

tion or at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by inputting Quest project #8181398 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or into @questcondorm. info@questcdn.com for assistance

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by calling 320-762-8149 to schedule an appointment and upon non-refundable payment of \$50.00 for each set. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be avail. Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Checks for Bidding Documents must be made payable to "Widseth". Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for the Issue of Bidding. ble for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other

than the Issuing Office.

All bids must be submitted on the official forms, prepared by the Engineer for that purpose. Bids shall be directed to the City Administrator, securely sealed and endorsed upon the putside with a brief statement as to outside with a brief statement as to the work for which the bid is made The Alexandria City Council

reserves the right to hold all bids for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time set for receiving bids and to reject any and all bids and to award the contract as the City deems in their best interest Minimum wage rates to be paid by

the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and

implementing regulations.
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The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bid-

ders:
The City of Alexandria, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 US.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regu-lations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services) it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this adver-

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tisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pur-suant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be of-fered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, member-ship or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age; in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compli-

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights

applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A 36 and Minnesota Rules parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are in corporated into any contract between these parties based on this specifica-tion or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request

from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Min-nesota Statute 363A.36 and Min-nesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3).

A minimum goal of T.B.D% Good Faith Effort to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enter-

By Order of the Alexandria City Council, Alexandria, Minnesota Marty Schultz City Administrator 52016

#### **Assumed Name**

Publish April 22, 27, 2022 CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MINNESOTA ASSUMED NAME: Katy's Swing

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 805 Jane Circle Drive SW, Alexandria, MN 56308 NAMEHOLDER(S): Chuck R. Wencl, 805 Jane Circle Dr SW, Alexandria, MN 56308

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose sig-nature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath

DATE 2/1/2022 SIGNED BY: /s/Chuck Wencl 53855



#### **MN LEGALS**

**Hoium Estate** Publish April 15, 22, 2022 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

IN DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NO: 21-PR-22-486 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL

AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

n Re the Estate of: Fay Ardith Hoium, aka Fay A. Hoium, aka Fay Hoium, Decedent.
Notice is given that an application

for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated March 27, 2020, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The

application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Melody L. Faber, whose address is 2732 Southside Drive SE Alexandria, MN 56308, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless obiections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Es-tate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Per-sonal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appro-priate petition and proper notice of Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-

801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 6, 2022

/s/Shari Kris Registrar Kim Missling, Deputy Court Administrator THORNTON, DOLAN. BOWEN. KLECKER & BURKHAMMER, P.A Megan E. Burkhammer

Atty. Reg. No. 0386588 Attorney for Personal Representative 1017 Broadway, P.O. Box 819 Alexandria, MN 56308 (320) 762-2361 Mburkhammer@thorntonlawoffice.

#### **Public Notice**

ublish April 22, 2022 The Douglas County Planning Advisory Commission/Board of Adjust-ment will be meeting at the Douglas County Courthouse, 305 8th Avenue West, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308 at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2022. and then proceeding to preview some of the properties on the May 10, 2022

Foreclosure Sale Publish April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED

BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions

#### MN LEGALS

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Commissioner boundaries

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#### Official Publication

Notice is hereby given that the Congressional, Legislative and County Commissioner district boundaries for Douglas County have been established for the 2022 state primary, state general and future elections. The table represents all areas of redistricting by precinct. The

maps represent recently adopted Legislative boundaries and County

TO THE VOTERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA:

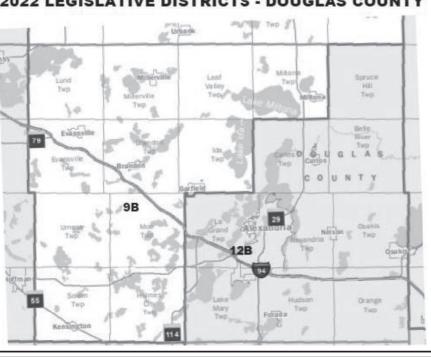
If you have any questions concerning either the district boundaries or your residence in these districts, please contact the Douglas County Auditor-Treasurer Office at 320-762-3077

Douglas County Auditor-Treasurer

#### 2022 Douglas County Commissioner Districts



#### 2022 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS - DOUGLAS COUNTY



#### **RESULTS OF 2022 REDISTRICTING LEGISLATIVE &** COUNTY COMMISSIONER **DISTRICTS**

All precincts within Douglas County remain in Congressional District 7 and Judicial District 7

strict 12B

PRECINCT NAME	Senate District 9 / House Dist	Senate District 12 / House Dist	County Commissioner Dist
Alexandria W1		Х	5
Alexandria W2		X	4
Alexandria W3		Χ	5
Alexandria W4		Χ	5
Alexandria W5		Χ	2
Alexandria Twp		Χ	4
Belle River Twp		Х	3
Brandon City	Х		1
Brandon Twp	X		1
Carlos City		Χ	3
Carlos Twp		Χ	3
Evansville City	X		1
Evansville Twp	Х		1
Forada City		Х	4
Garfield City	X		1
Holmes City Twp	X		1
Hudson Twp		Х	4
Ida Twp	X		1
Kensington City	X		1
LaGrand Twp		Х	2
Lake Mary Twp		Х	2
Leaf Valley Twp	X		1
Lund Twp	X		1
Millerville City	X		1
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Spruce Hill Twp

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of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 18, 2009

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$202,170.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Laura J. enarz and Rick A. Lenarz, wife and

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100061907000097758 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Summit Mortgage Corporation SERVICER: MidFirst Bank DATE AND PLACE OF FILING:

Filed May 18, 2009, Douglas County Recorder, as Document Number A317202, thereafter modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on April 13, 2015 as Docu-ment Number 374302; thereafter ment Number 3/4302, modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on November 29 2016 as Document Number 388762

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc.; thereafter assigned to MidFirst Bank LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5, Block 2, Twilight

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2575 Lois Ln SE, Alexandria, MN 56308 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

NUMBER: 03-1973-240 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Douglas THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE GOOD THROUGH APRIL 14, 2022:

\$184.852.65 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover

the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as fol-

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 10, 2022, 10:00AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main

Office, 216 7th Avenue W, Alexandria, MN 56308 to pay the debt secured by said

mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not re-deemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on December 10, 2022, or the next business day if December 10, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday

or legal holiday.
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORT-GAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MIN-NESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORT-GAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

JCTION, AND ADE OF THE DATE OF Assignee of Mortgagee LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP BY

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#### **PUBLIC/GARAGE SALES**

Alexandria, 56308 GARAGE SALE

1513 Jasmine Dr. LOTS OF GOOD STUFF: Furniture, housewares, home decor, lawn & garden implements, dishes, cookware, lamps, pictures, knick-knacks, linens, & bedding. Access via alley behind house. 8 AM - 12 PM, April 23, 2022

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KC Hall - 722 6th Ave E
Adult Clothing, Baby items,
toys, man things, Bikes, Much
misc. Sat 4/23 7am - 3pm

#### **ESTATE SALES**

Alexandria, 56308 FISHERMAN'S ESTATE SALE 211 Ashley Ln Lures, Rods, Reels, Boat Accessories, etc. Also toys &

youth hockey gear Sat - April 23 8am - 3pm

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Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070 Attorneys for Mortgagee LOGS Legal Group LLP 1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210 Eagan, MN 55121 (952) 831-4060 THIS IS A COMMUNICATION

FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR
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#### Foreclosure Sale Publish March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15,

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 14, 2007

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$105,730.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Heather S Hauptli, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo

Bank, N.A DATE AND PLACE OF RECORD-ING:

ING:
Recorded: September 17, 2007 Douglas County Recorder
Document Number: A299071
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: Minnesota Housing
Finance Agency
Dated: September 14, 2007
Recorded: September 17, 2007
Douglas County Recorder
Document Number: A299072
Transaction Agent: Not Applicable
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable
Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator:
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY

IS LOCATED: Douglas Property Address: 620 8th Avenue East, Alexandria, MN 56308

Tax Parcel ID Number: 63-1472-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
PROPERTY: That part of Lots 19 and
20, Block Eleven, Kilbourn's Addition
to the Townsite of Alexandria, according to the recorded plat thereof, described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Block Eleven;

of said Block Eleven; thence on an assumed bearing of South 89 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West along the north line of said Block Eleven a distance of 85.86 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 06 seconds East 107.78 feet to

utes 06 seconds East 107.78 feet to the south line of said Lot 19; thence North 89 degrees 13 min-utes 06 seconds East along said south line 85.97 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 19; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds West along the east line of said Block Eleven a distance

of 107.70 feet to the point of begin-

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF

NOTICE: \$89,855.80 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been in-stituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that this is regis-

tered property;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as fol-

lows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May

13, 2022 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: County Sher-iff's office, 216 7th Avenue W, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said

ments, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

premises and the costs and disburse-

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on November 14, 2022, or the peet husiness day if November. the next business day if November 14, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday

14, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.
ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION

OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
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FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORT-

FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORT-GAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. DATED: March 15, 2022 MORTGAGEE: MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY Wilford, Geske & Cook, PA. Attorneys for Mortgagee

Attorneys for Mortgagee 7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200 Woodbury, MN 55125 (651) 209-3300 File Number: 050688-F1

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## Making the best of bad weather

#### Getting out of the wind and hunting mid-day key success

ain, snow, morning temperatures well below freezing and winds gusting past 40 miles-per hour at times. Not ideal conditions for the first week of the Minnesota spring turkey hunting season.

I would suspect license sales for the 'A' firearms season will be down this year due to those conditions, but the ability to hunt all season with an archery license meant I had my tag already purchased leading up to the April 13 opener.

My 9-year-old daughter, Aubree, is hunting with me for the first time this season as a shooter. Getting her an opportunity at a bird is my primary focus, which left me with a decision to make on Saturday afternoon with my bow.

Aubree toughed it out in real-feel temperatures of about 10 degrees on Saturday morning in a ground blind I set up on Friday evening. The blind is on a field edge down low with oak ridges all around us. We could hear the winds howling up high as light slowly came over the black field through the clouds. A lone gobble was all we had heard by 7 a.m.

Aubree was getting cold and a little restless in the blind as she warmed her hands over the small propane heater. At about 7:15, a gobble to our left broke the silence.

"That's not that far away," I told her.

I let out a few soft yelps on my mouth call to let him know where we were. Multiple hens started answering back, followed by back-to-back gobbles.

This was obviously a flock of birds with at least two toms. The hens and I talked back and forth with each other after I positioned Aubree's 20-gauge on the tripod and had her get ready.

It felt like this was about to happen. My heart was racing like I was in Aubree's position again as a young hunter as I



anticipated a tom strutting into our decoy spread.

The hens and toms talked back and forth with me for a couple minutes, but they never did show.

In hindsight, I wish I would have been more aggressive. My experience with calling henned-up toms is that you usually have to get the hens to commit to your setup. I tried to pique their curiosity with yelps and clucks, thinking that might be enough. I should have tried more aggressive cutting to trigger their instinct to fight.

Aubree's feet had had enough of the cold by 8:30, so we picked up our decoys and drove to my parents' house with her younger sister. By noon, I was back in the woods again with my bow looking to fill my tag.

The winds were gusting to 30 miles-per hour, but the sun was shining. High winds are not ideal turkey-hunting conditions, but if you have low ground to hunt, you can use it to your advantage because it concentrates the birds in areas out of the wind.

I dropped down a ravine into the riverbottom to try to find a setup. Bowhunting turkeys without a blind is incredibly fun and challenging, but it often takes an ideal tree to set up against. I finally found that perfect tree — a trunk big enough to blend in with, located in the shade with dead timber in front of it to give me more protection from the fantastic eyesight that turkeys possess.

I set up a quarter-strut jake decoy with a lay-down hen about 15 yards from me in the sun, got out my box call and made a series of high-pitched yelps to cut through the wind. I popped my mouth call in and sat back against the tree.

A couple of minutes had passed when I heard something walking through the leaves to my left. A tom was slowly paralleling my setup and looking for the source of those yelps about 70 yards away. I let him get behind a tree and let out a few soft clucks.

He threw his head up and seemed to catch sight of my jake decoy. Nothing. The bird's body language was pretty nervous, which has been my experience using decoys, especially jake decoys. Toms will either run in to fight or steer clear.

I was not going to let him go by being passive again, so I got more aggressive with my calling. Yelps, cuts and clucks caused him to sound off with back-to-back gobbles.

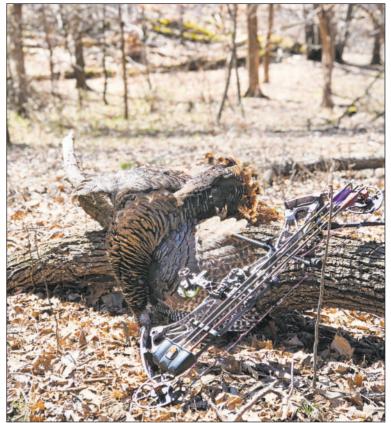
It was about this time that I saw he wasn't alone. A group of four jakes hopped over some dead timber in their way to get a good look at my setup. They committed, as the most aggressive jake quickly made his way over to my laydown hen and proceeded to try to breed her.

The entire group was about 12 yards away, clucking and half-strutting as I sat motionless with my hand on the grip of my bow and my release on the d-loop. For over a minute, I watched as the tom kept his distance. He got to a high point in the terrain about 60 yards away, gave a look at the jakes and then walked away.

I had a decision to make. All four jakes were legal birds with visible beards. I have passed up opportunities to take jakes with my bow in prior years, but I was just focused on my own hunts at that point. I typically don't want my season to end.

The fact that I get a chance to call for Aubree now helped me make a different decision in this instance. Three of the jakes followed the tom out of sight. With the bird facing straight away from me, I drew back, anchored in and settled my pin before releasing a perfectly-placed arrow.

#### No biological reason to not shoot jakes



Eric Morken / Alexandria Echo Press

Hunting mobile without a blind for turkeys is a fun and exciting challenge, but it often takes finding an ideal setup to stay hidden with birds needing to be so close for an ideal shot opportunity. The setup that helped the author take this bird on Saturday came after finding a big tree in the shade on an afternoon hunt that also had dead timber in front of it to help conceal him once a group of four jakes were focused on the decoys about 12 yards away.

topic because you see online debates of whether or not hunters should shoot jakes.

The National Wild Turkey Federation is clear on this there is no biological reason to not shoot a jake.

Greg Wagner of Nebraska Game and Parks wrote a great piece on this republished in May of 2020 where he talked with wildlife biologist, ecologist and biometrician Dr. Jeffrey Lusk with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

"Mother Nature creates a surplus of male wild turkeys," Lusk said in Wagner's story. "Also, the jakes are ineffective at breeding because they often get outcompeted for breeding rights by older toms. Research further shows that jakes can only rarely be successful at breeding a hen and fertilizing a clutch. Additionally, turkeys move around a great deal and natural mortality takes more jakes than hunters do. From a biological standpoint, I will get out in front of this if we thought that spring

wild turkey hunters should be restricted from shooting young male wild turkeys during the spring season, we would do so, but that is not

#### Mid-day hunts produce

This is the second time I have shot a bird with my bow after taking Aubree out with me at first light, and she was quick to remind me of that. It happened in a very similar situation in 2018.

Most of my best turkey hunts have been during midmorning to early afternoon. You will hear more birds at first light, but they can be much more receptive to calling later in the day when the hens have broken away from toms.

I talked with Aubree about this, and she agrees that it's time to get out of the blind and go after the birds like I did here. That's our plan. One turkey in the freezer. Hopefully another yet to

**Email sports and outdoor editor Eric** Morken at emorken@echopress.com.

## Cold, and snow put a damper on Minnesota turkey opener, DNR officers say

By Brad Doken

Alexandria Echo Press Here is the weekly report from Department of Natural Resources

conservation officers in West-Central Minnesota from Monday, April 18. District 3 -Fergus Falls area

**CO** Andrew Goodman (Fergus Falls) reports his primary focus for the week was spring tur-key hunting and ATV Wintry enforcement.

of spring turkey hunting, but some hunters tagged out in the opening days. Calls regarding trespassing, spring beaver trap-ping and sick/injured wildlife were handled. A few ATV riders have been contacted riding in county highway ditches for recreational purposes. Goodman would like to remind folks: "You may not drive an ATV within the right-of-way (ditch) of a state or county road

This does not apply to ATVs licensed and used for agricultural purposes."

CO Tricia Plautz (Henning) checked area turkey hunters, worked on wetland case follow up, and conducted some equipment maintenance. Plautz checked area streams and rivers for fish-run activity and fielded some license-issue questions.

**CO** Shane Osborne weather slowed activ- from April 1 to August 1 (Evansville) checked tur-

ity for the first season in the agricultural zone. key hunters and turkey activity. Turkey hunting activity was low in the Douglas County area with the latest snow storms and wind. Firearms safety class presentation was scheduled with firearms safety instructors.

CO Mitch Lawler (Alexandria) spent time training at Camp Ripley. Anglers are non-existent on treacherous ice conditions, and first-season turkey hunters are sparse with recent high winds and snowfalls.

CO Hanna week focused on angling enforcement. Few turkey hunters braved the weather to get out this week. Wood assisted local agencies and issued minnow permits. Lake levels continue to rise. With the high water and cool weather, angling success still seems to be low.

**Emily Douvier** (Morris) reports working small-game, fishing and recreational vehicle activity. Nuisance-ani-

**Wood** mal calls were fielded and (Wheaton) spent the Division training was also attended.

**CO Daniel Baumbarg**er (Glenwood) reports enforcement efforts for the week were concentrated on checking anglers, ATV operators, turkey hunters, and spring beaver trappers. Additional time was spent preparing equipment for upcoming training and performing maintenance on station equipment.

Osakis – vacant. Elbow Lake - vacant.

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#### **Public Notice** ublish April 15, 22, 2022 NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE

OVERLAY OF ABBY LANE AND A PORTION OF BETSY ROSS ROAD AND THE UPGRADING AND BITUMINOUS SURFACING OF GARFIELD LANE AND
THE GRAVEL PORTION OF
BETSY ROSS ROAD
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ida, Douglas County, Min nesota, will meet at the Ida Town Hall located at 4700 County Road 6 NW, Garfield Minnesota, at 7:00 p.m. May 2, 2022, to consider the overlay of Abby Lane and a portion of Betsy Ross Road and the upgrading and bituminous surfacing of Garfield Lane and the gravel portion of Betsy Ross Road pursuant to Minn. Stat. \$429.051 through 429.081.

The area to be assessed for such The area to be assessed for such

improvement is the abutting property accessing such roads in Section 2 of Ida Township. The estimated cost of the whole improvement project is \$650,628.00 and the amount estimated to be assessed is \$408,204.00. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment and estimated costs of the project will be available at the hearing. Such person who has a desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting. Barbara D. Kilgore

Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer 52079

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#### Public Notice Publish April 22, 29, 2022

of Gardonville Cooperative

Telephone Association
The 79th Annual Meeting of Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association will be held at the Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association shop at 800 Central Ave N in Brandon, Minnesota, on Friday April 29, 2022, at 6:30 PM for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the board of directors for a period of four (4) years, to present the 78th Annual Meeting minutes, to present the 2021 Financial Report and to trans-act any other business which may

#### Publish April 22, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION EXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

of Education of Alexandria School

District, Alexandria, Minnesota, was called to order by School Board Chairperson Angie Krebs at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Oak Conference Room, Alexandria, Minnesota.

School Board Members Present:

School Board Members Present:
Angie Krebs, Dave Anderson, Alan
Zeithamer, Sandy Susag, Pam Carlson, Dean Anderson, and Maureen
Eigen and (ex-officio) Superintendent
Rick Sansted. Absent: None

Administrators Present: Michelle Bethke-Kaliher, Trevor Peterson, Darcy Josephson, Jessie Hjelle and

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Lynn Jenc Others: Maggie Timm and 47

Ayes 7 Nays 0

Motion Carried.
CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dave Anderson, seconded by Carlson, to approve the

Consent Agenda as follows:

• approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 28, 2022

• ratify the payment of the February 2022 claims • approve the revenue and

approve employment agreementsapprove coaching/co-curricular

agreements

approve resignations approve leave of absence

requests

following district policies:

• Policy 101 – Legal Status of the School District

dents, Employees, Parents, Other Persons • Policy 104 – School District Mis-

School Organizations
• Policy 210 – Criminal or Civil Action Against School District,

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School Board Member, Employee or

Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Organizations and Per

 Policy 905 – Advertising
 Policy 911 – School Organizations and Booster Clubs adopt the following district

policies:
• Policy 524/453 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
• Policy 619 – Staff Development

for Standards

Management Policy 901 – Community Educa-

tion
• Policy 912 – Use of Volunteers in School
• repeal the following district policy:

Policy 106 – School District
Goals and Improvement Goals
 approve school district agreements

Vote on Consent Agenda: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Buildings & Grounds Department and Elementary Programming Up-

sented.

Ayes 7

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the School Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 ATTEST: /s/Angie Krebs Chairperson

/s/Dean Anderson The full version of the school board

minutes may be viewed by visiting the District Office or on the Alexandria Public Schools website: https://www.alexschools.org/Page/59 54339

#### Sealed Bids Publish April 22, 29, May 6, 2022 **Douglas County, MN**

**Notice to Contractors County Projects CLOSING DATE May 16, 2022** 

Notice is hereby given that **SEALED BIDS** will be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the Douglas County Auditor/Trea-surer Office at the Douglas County Administration Building, 821 Cedar St. West, Alexandria, Minnesota, 56308, until 2:00 pm, May 16, 2022 for Roundabout Construction, Grading, Bituminous Pavement, Concrete Pavement, Storm & Sanitary Sewer, Lighting, Trail, ADA Improvements, and Pavement Markings on SAP 021-645-007 (Located in Alexandria).

Common Excavation 6,255 Cubic Yards Common Embankment 11,298

Yards
Type SP 12.5 Wearing Course Mix
(3,C) 2,032 Tons
RC Sewer Pipe 1,594 Linear Feet
PVC Sewer Pipe 1,369 Linear Feet
Construct Drainage Structure Design Special 2 Each
Construct Drainage Structure 171.4
Linear Feet

Construct Drainage Structure 171.4 inear Feet
Lighting Unit Type Special 18 Each
Traffic Control 1 Lump Sum
Concrete Curb and Gutter 4,173

Linear Feet Seeding 2.62 Acres Linear Markings 8,674 Linear Feet Plans, Proposals and Specifica-

tions may be examined and obtained at Douglas County Public Works lo-cated at 526 Willow Drive, P.O. Box 398, Alexandria, Minnesota, 56308. Requests for Plans, Proposals and Specifications must be accompanied by a Check, Draft or Money Order made payable to Douglas County. The price is \$50.00 per set which includes Sales Tax. Plans and Specifications are also available at no cost on Douglas County's web site: h t t p s : / / m n - c o -douglas.app.rtvision.com/ Bids must be accompanied by a

Bidder's Bond or a Certified Check in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total bid made payable to Douglas County. Bids must be sealed and shall be clearly marked "SAP 021-645-007

Douglas County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities thereof. Dated at Alexandria, Minnesota, this 19th day of April 2022.

Vicki L. Doehling

County Auditor/Treasurer Douglas County, Minnesota 54330

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#### **Notice of Annual Meeting**

act any other business ...... come before said meeting. Debra Plaster, Secretary 53345

**Public Notice** 

ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA MARCH 21, 2022 The regular meeting of the Board

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Susag, to approve the March 21, 2022 agenda.

expenditure reports for February 2022

• approve retirements approve donations and grants approve the first reading of the

Policy 101.1 – Name of the School District
 Policy 103 – Complaints – Stu-

sion Statement
• Policy 105 – Public Relations, School Communications and

Policy 810 – Health and Safety
Policy 904 – Distribution of

Policy 720 – Food and Nutrition
Services Program
 Policy 806 – Emergency

Motion Carried.
REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

APPROVE 2022-2023 CAPITAL IM-PROVEMENT PROJECTS

Motion by Zeithamer, seconded by Carlson, to approve the 2022-2023 capital improvement projects as pre-

Cubic Yards
Temporary Road 1 Lump Sum
Aggregate Base Class 5 3,277 Nays 0 Motion Carried. Concrete Pavement 6,161 Square



**2022 - 2023 CONCERT SEASON** 

#### PORTRAIT OF A QUEEN

The Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, taught her listeners how to think and demand R-E-S-P-E-C-T while riding down the Freeway (of Love)! In this production, award-winning songstress Cece Teneal takes music lovers on a trip down memory lane with stellar hits from Aretha Franklin's 50 years of musical entertainment. Audiences will be energized by Cece's strong, soulful voice, and beautiful piano accompaniment to Franklin's lyrical life lessons.



#### **COPPER STREET BRASS**

Copper Street Brass is a Minneapolis-based sextet composed of two trumpets, trombone, tuba, and French horn with keyboard, percussion, guitars and electric instruments. Copper Street Brass presents a variety of music in bold innovative ways with a friendly and charming stage presence. "That '70s Show" features music from the 1770s, 1870s, and 1970s from classical and opera, jazz and folk, to rock and disco. Their eclectic performance will feature something for everyone



#### **BRANCY & DUGAN**

As collaborative partners, Brancy & Dugan are committed to re-energizing and reinventing the approach to art song. Grammy winning baritone John Brancy's intense musicality and communicative power place him among the finest of baritones of his generation. Pianist Peter Dugan is a sought-after multi-genre artist and regularly guest hosts on NPR's From the Top. Together these former Julliard classmates created Building a Dream: Music from the TRAVIS ANDERSON TRIO Post-War World to pay homage to World War I through the music of European and American composers of that era.



#### TRAVIS ANDERSON TRIO

Travis Anderson Trio is a Minneapolis-based group giving a modern twist to classic jazz and pops favorites. Fleet-fingered pianist Travis Anderson, a mainstay on the local jazz scene for over fifteen years, has wowed audiences everywhere from intimate jazz clubs to 2,000-seat halls. Steve Pikal, the first call bassist of the Twin Cities, lays down a great bass line. Drummer Nathan Norman is a smooth and sensitive player who adds many interesting colors to the beat. This creative ensemble will bring many smiles to your face with a familiar program of 60s' TV theme music Disney & pons/ jazz standards. The Travis Anderson Trio's dynamic style charms both seasoned connoisseurs and jazz newcomers alike.



#### TROUPE VERTIGO

Troupe Vertigo's spellbinding performances ignite the imagination through stunning physical feats choreographed into works of art. Their commitment to create work that is an eclectic and innovative mix of Circus-Dance-Theater redefines visual space with displays of mental and physical prowess. Incorporating artistic components from across different creative disciplines, Troupe Vertigo shows create stories woven together using highly stylized choreography, lighting and music to create scenes with imaginative visual landscapes.



#### THE EVERLY SET

Award-winning singer-songwriters Sean Altman (founder of Rockapella) and Jack Skuller (Songwriters Hall of Fame Buddy Holly Prize) will take you back to 1957 as The Everly Set. This was the year when teens Phil and Don Everly first supercharged the vocal sound of Rock n' Roll. The bright harmonies of brothers created charted hits like Bye Bye Love, Wake Up Little Susie, All I Have to Do Is Dream, When Will I Be Loved, and many more classics. The Everly Set brings laser precise harmonies, energy, charm, and humor to every performance.

#### ADMISSION BY SEASON MEMBERSHIP

Season Membership Fees: Adult \$50 - Student: \$10 - Family: \$110 Call (320) 491-6308

Central Lakes Concert Association | 1708 Galen Street SW | Alexandria, MN 56308

Yes, I wish to join the Central Lakes Concert Association for the 2022-23 Season. Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_

Check as applicable Student ......\$10 □

*Family......\$110* □

PHONE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_CITY \_\_\_\_

If this is a family membership, please indicate number of children\_

#### **BOARD**

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The assessment also reportedly included not only long-range goals, like the space needs, but also short-term goals, like fixing the parking lot, which is something that is currently being worked on.

long-range and shortrange goals listed in exist for years 2014 and the assessment and the library board will continue going through all of them. Both Albright and Carrott said the library board would like to get public input and that more information will be coming soon.

#### In other action

commissioners approved the following items:

▶ Donation of an iPad from Kronos to be used in the Douglas County coordinator's office.

► Off-Campus Work Study Program contract with the Alexandria Technical and Community College.

► Abatement of delinquent mobile home taxes for parcels that have There were other been inactivated and delinquent taxes still prior.

> ► Conditional use permit for Mount Carmel Ministries to allow the expansion of an existing commercial planned unit development/resort to a total density of 91 units.

► Conditional use permit to DUTZ Holdings LLC to allow the con-The Douglas County version of a commer-

cial planned unit development to Interlachen

▶ Preliminary plat of Windjammer HOA on Lake LeHomme Dieu in

► Final plat of Union Overlook, a one lot plat in LaGrand Township.

Carlos Township.

The board also denied a petition from Moe Township to have Douglas County take over Andes Road, which is in Moe Township.

Douglas County Chairperson Tim Kalina said there is not enough evidence supporting reasons why the county should take over that road and Commissioner Charlie Meyer made the motion to deny the petition. The petition was denied by a 5-0 vote.

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#### HOUSING

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shift to work-at-home employment, and the entry of Generation X and Millenial buyers into home buying.

While some sellers are benefiting from higher prices, Munson acknowledged that some first-time home buyers are being priced out of the market. These are typically buyers who spend less than \$250,000 for a home. Real estate agent Brandon Johnson provided statistics showing that in Minnesota, the median home price jumped from \$154,000 in 2012 to \$306,750 in 2021.

Meanwhile, boomers are seeing little reason to sell their homes, Munson said. The supply of homes for sale is at a 20-year low, while overall demand is at a 20-year high.

rates have climbed from their families. 3% to 4.75%, driven

by the Federal Reserve Board's activity designed to rein in inflation. Typically, higher rates help cool housing prices, but Johnson cited multiple real estate organizations that all expect home prices to continue to rise during 2022.

Rising mortgage rates means that a buyer who could afford a \$360,000 home in April 2021 can only buy a \$295,000 home in April 2022, said Mike Mohr, vice president at Glenwood State Bank. Yet historically, he

said, 4.75% is an excellent rate, reminding his listeners that years ago, mortgage rates hit 18%.

"In my banking career, the first refi boom I saw was when rates hit 4.75% for the first time," he said. "People were ecstatic. They were refinancing their 6% rates for 4.75.

He said buying a home remains a solid investment, and advised buy-In one year, mortgage ers to do what's right for

Johnson said that he

hears questions about whether there's a housing bubble or a housing crisis, which he strongly disputes. He provided data that shows that in 2012, as the market began to recover from the Great Recession, 70,145 homes sold in Minnesota, while in 2021, even with a tight market, 94,162 homes sold here.

"If you want to tell me that there is a housing crisis I am going to tell you you are 100% wrong ill-informed, Johnson said. "You can't have a crisis when you sell more of something."

While data show that housing prices are leveling off in Minnesota, there's still opportunity for growth, he said.

"Could it all change tomorrow?" he said. "Sure. Based on where we are today, there's no economic indicators that show this year that there will be any type of a crash."

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