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Amber Kartman uses acrylic paints to create a drawing of a cow near the cattle barn on Friday at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. Kartman's paintings are on or near the outside of the buildings where each animal is housed at the fair.

Teen creates animal artwork at Crow Wing County Fairgrounds

By Sara Guymon
Brainerd Dispatch

Brainerd

While strolling around the Crow Wing County Fair this week, one can find new artwork painted on animal barns.

The cartoon-like paintings are the work of 19-year-old Amber Kartman. Kartman was asked to paint animals on the barns representing what fairgoers will find inside. So far, Kartman has painted chickens, horses, cows and rabbits.

Out of all the paintings she has done at the fairgrounds, her favorite one is the horse, she said.

Kartman is autistic and has always had an interest in art. She began making dolls to sell at The Crossing Arts Alliance last year, and she is currently pursuing a graphic design degree at Central Lakes College. She said she hopes in the future to become a video game designer.

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The great goat escape

Family finds 100+ goats grazing in Brainerd backyard

By Tim Speier
Brainerd Dispatch

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A herd of 100-plus goats graze in Cheri Drake's backyard Saturday after they escaped from a fenced area at Rotary Park in south Brainerd. The goats are at the park to eat invasive buckthorn.

BRAINERD — Some days kids play tricks on their parents, and other days there are actually 100 goats in the backyard.

That statement rang true for south Brainerd resident Cheri Drake on Saturday, July 30, when her son-in-law Matt Wintner looked out the back window at about 9 p.m. and saw the yard filled with goats of all sizes.

"It was kind of like, we could hear a bell and, 'Oh, I wonder what that is,'" Drake said. "Matt, her (daughter Ashley Wintner's) husband, got up and looked out the pic-

ture window and goes, 'You have 100 goats in your yard.' And I went, 'Oh, yeah, right.' Then we walked over there and sure enough, there were 100 goats."

Drake said the herd walked around her backyard grazing on the grass. She was not surprised as she knew goats were being used to clear invasive buckthorn in nearby Rotary Park.

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Details emerge in Aitkin County cabin slaying

24-year-old son faces murder charge in death of father



R. Bzdok

Aitkin County cabin appeared to reveal the man's suspicions of his sons stealing from him and his plan to turn them into law enforcement.

MURDER: Page 8

Crash kills motorcycle racer Friday at BIR

By Tim Speier
Brainerd Dispatch



Briody

BRAINERD — A 50-year-old Hannacroix, New York, man died Friday, July 29, after his motorcycle struck a retaining wall at Brainerd International Raceway.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office

responded to the crash, reported at 3:45 p.m. at BIR, north of Baxter.

According to the sheriff's office, the motorcyclist was participating in a qualifying race as part of the

MotoAmerica Superbikes event when he lost control and struck a retaining wall.

On its website, MotoAmerica announced the driver of the motorcycle was Scott Briody. Briody was a competitor in MotoAmerica's Stock 1000 class, and the accident occurred

during the first qualifying session. The sheriff's office reported Briody was pronounced dead at the scene, and his body was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office.

All on-track activity was canceled for the remainder of Friday at **CRASH:** Page 8

Rural teachers from 1-room schools recall what life was like

Retired rural school teacher Ruth Johnson Boldan, center, exits the CTC Center in Pillager on Thursday after taking part in a panel discussion about education and one-room schools that taught multiple grades.

Frank Lee / Brainerd Dispatch



By Frank Lee
Brainerd Dispatch

PILLAGER — Teaching has never been easy. Teaching in years past, however, presented numerous challenges without today's modern conveniences and facilities.

Students and teachers likely take current amenities such as indoor plumbing and central heating for granted. Rural one-room schools of days gone by, however, made do with what they had: using pages torn

from a Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog for toilet paper, for example.

Retired school teachers shared what their day looked like and what education was like in one-room schools in Cass County at a Thursday, July 28, presentation at the CTC Center in Pillager, which was sponsored by Sylvan Township and Pillager School Community Education.

The first public school in Cass County was established

in Gull River, only open a short time as the city did not last long, Dave Johnson said at the event.

"In 1889, all of Cass County was designated as one school district," said Johnson, who led the four-teacher panel discussion in the school district's performing arts center.

The second school in Cass County was a log structure built in Pillager.

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What advice would you give yourself regarding your career choice?

What advice would you give your younger self knowing what you know now in terms of your career choice or current job? Share your comments with us and we could potentially include them in an article for the Dispatch's Progress edition in September. Include your name, where you work and the city, and your job is. Also include a phone number where you can be reached (not for publication). Email the submissions to DeLynn Howard at delynn.howard@brainerddispatch.com or mail them to the Brainerd Dispatch, Attn: DeLynn Howard, 506 James St., Brainerd, MN 56401. Deadline is Aug. 1.

August calendar of night-sky highlights

August is a time of transition. After a long spell in the morning sky, Jupiter and Saturn become full-fledged evening planets that climb higher and become more obvious with each passing night. On Aug. 1, Saturn shines low in the southeastern sky at dusk, with Jupiter rising around 11 p.m. local time. By month's end, Jupiter pops its head out two hours earlier. The solar system's largest planet looks so bright you might mistake it for an airplane on its landing approach.

The red planet Mars slowly brightens, gaining almost half a magnitude this month as it continues to rise earlier and earlier. On Aug. 1, it glows low in the northeastern sky starting around 1 a.m. local time. By month's end look for it closer to midnight. Mars spends all of August near the familiar Pleiades star cluster, the one shaped like a small dipper. Early on, you'll find the planet about a fist to the right of the group. Later in the month it hangs below the Pleiades.

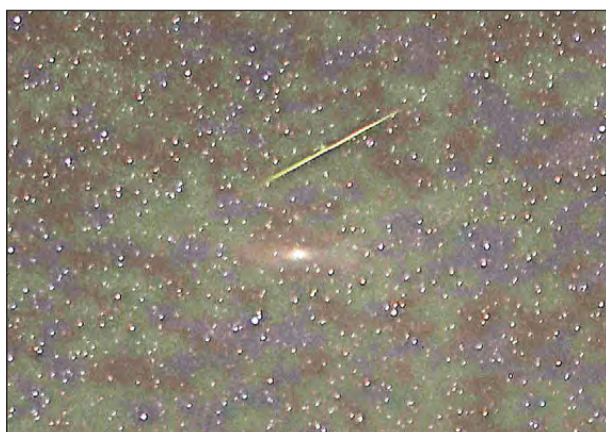
Venus heads in the direction of the sun and by next month will be lost in the glow of morning twilight. It's still easy to see during the first three weeks of August, low in the northeastern sky an hour to 45 minutes



before sunrise. Mercury will be too near the sun to view this month.

During the first week of August, Mars and Uranus will be in conjunction, which will present a fine opportunity to spot the remote planet with binoculars with Mars lending a hand. You can download and print out a current map of the sky showing the positions of the evening planets and bright constellations at skymaps.com/downloads.

Although the full moon will spoil the month's biggest astronomical event - the Perseid meteor shower - it won't snuff it out. You'll still see meteors, so don't miss the show's peak on the Friday night, Aug. 12-13. Because it takes the Earth more than a month to fully cross the Perseid meteor stream, you'll see at least a few Perseid meteors every night through the end of August. To confirm they belong to the shower, trace their paths backwards. If they lead to the *radiant* in Perseus just below the W of Cassiopeia, they're Perseids alright.



Contributed / Bob King
A bright, early Perseid meteor streaks past the Andromeda Galaxy before dawn on July 30.

As the Big Dipper slides down into the northwestern sky this month, the summer constellations Sagittarius, Cygnus, Aquila and Lyra dominate the southern sky. But even as the season reaches its climax, winter sends us a reminder: mighty Orion and his three belt stars rise in the southeast before the start of morning twilight near month's end.

*Note: When "a.m." follows the date, it refers to an event visible in the morning sky after midnight. All times are Central Daylight Time (CDT) unless otherwise noted.

Events:

Aug. 1 - Mars in conjunction with Uranus, passing 1.4° to its south. With the help of the Red Planet, you can spot Uranus

in a pair of binoculars. One degree is equal to the width of your little finger held at arm's length against the sky. Most binoculars have fields of view of 5-6°.

Aug. 5 - First quarter moon

Aug. 11 - Full Sturgeon Moon

Aug. 11 - The full moon will pass about 5° below (south) of Saturn in conjunction. Moon-planet pairings like these are a great way to use the moon as a planet-finder.

Aug. 12-13 - Peak of the annual Perseid meteor shower. Were it not for the nearly full moon we might see some 60-80 meteors per hour. Bright moonlight will cut that number at least in half. No worries. It's still well worth your while and fun to watch with family and friends. All you need is a reclining chair and a wide-open view of the night sky.

Whatever direction you choose to watch, be sure to face away from the moon to keep your eyes as dark-adapted as possible. I'd suggest facing north. Watch from 10 p.m. till dawn local time. The later you're up the more meteors you'll see.

Aug. 14 - Saturn reaches opposition, when it's brightest and closest to Earth for the year. Tonight, it shines from a distance of 823.7 million miles (1.3 billion km). That's equal to 74 light-minutes or the time it takes light from the ringed planet to reach your eyes. Saturn resides in eastern Capricornus and rises into good view in the southeastern sky around 10-10:30 p.m. local time. It's the only bright "star" in that direction. Telescopes will show the north face of Saturn's famous rings, which are tipped 13° to our line of sight.

Aug. 14 - Waning gibbous moon passes 4° below Jupiter in conjunction

Aug. 18 - Last quarter moon

Aug. 19 a.m. - The waning moon passes 2° above (north) of Mars in conjunction. Use binoculars to see the Seven Sisters star cluster a few degrees to the moon's upper left. A pretty trio!

Aug. 25 a.m. - A thin lunar crescent hovers 6° above Venus during mid-morning twilight. Venus has been approaching the sun all summer and sink into the bright glow of twilight later this month.

Aug. 27 - New Moon
Aug. 29 - Thin crescent moon returns to the evening sky. Watch for a sliver of light low in the west about 20 minutes after sunset.

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WEATHER OUTLOOK



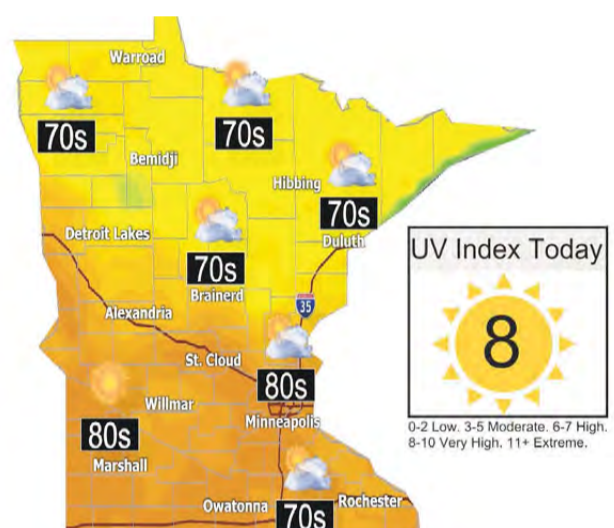
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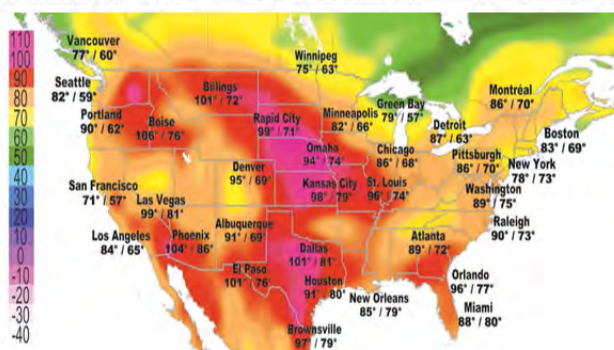
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
79/63 Partly Cloudy Wind: NW 10 mph	91/71 Partly Cloudy Wind: S 14 mph	82/57 Mostly Sunny Wind: NW 16 mph	82/63 Mostly Sunny Wind: SE 8 mph
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
91/68 Mostly Sunny Wind: S 16 mph	82/63 Scattered Thunderstorms Wind: SW 10 mph	81/62 Partly Cloudy Wind: N 11 mph	80/62 Partly Cloudy Wind: SW 10 mph

*Average wind speed for each day



Regional Weather	Today	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Regional Weather	Today	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Bemidji, MN	76	62	87	67	Marshall, MN	85	68	99	71		
Duluth, MN	75	58	73	65	Minneapolis, MN	82	66	93	76		
Eau Claire, WI	79	59	87	75	Rochester, MN	79	63	88	75		
Fargo, ND	80	65	95	69	Sioux Falls, SD	89	70	104	76		
International Falls, MN	75	57	82	66	St. Cloud, MN	81	63	93	72		



StormTRACKER Forecast

Partly cloudy with highs around 80°. Stray t-storm possible tonight with lows around 60°.

Almanac Through 6 pm Sunday

Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	84	66
Normal	81	58
Record	101 in 2006	44 in 1974

Precipitation	In Inches
Sunday	.01"

Sunrise: 5:58 a.m. Sunset: 8:47 p.m.
Moonrise: 9:49 a.m. Moonset: 10:53 p.m.

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Weather drawing by Kaitlyn Mellenthin of Mr. Kelm and Mrs. Meyer's second grade class at Harrison Elementary School.

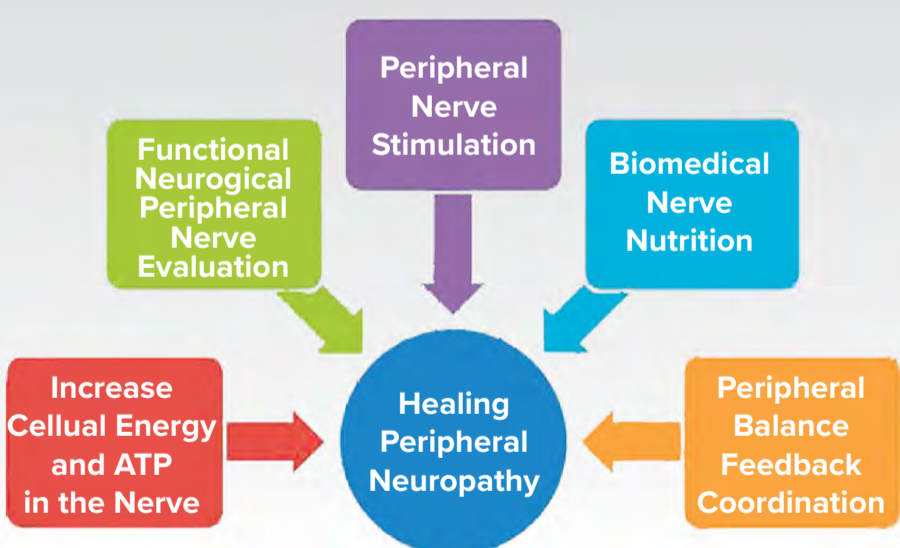
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State auditor releases investigation of northeast Minnesota mayor

Two Harbors mayor faces recall Aug. 9

By Jimmy Lovrien
Duluth News Tribune

TWO HARBORS, Minn. — A state investigation into Mayor Chris Swanson found he may not have disclosed interests in organizations that went before the City Council. It also found the council and city attorney “acted appropriately” in reviewing whether conflicts of interest existed.

The 12-page investigative report released by the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor on Thursday found Swanson, who faces a recall election Aug. 9, disclosed his interest in some of his organizations that went before the council but documentation of disclosures for other organizations could not be found.

“The (Office of State Auditor) found instances where city actions involved one or more of the businesses that appear to be connected to the mayor,” the report said. “Documentation suggests that the mayor may have disclosed an interest in some of these businesses. For others, we found no documentation of such disclosure.”

The investigation into the mayor’s business dealings began in February, the News Tribune first reported.

In an interview with the News Tribune on Thursday afternoon, State Auditor Julie Blaha said the investigation was prompted by “a flurry” of concerns regarding Swanson that people shared with her office, the Minnesota Attorney General’s office and the city attorney.

Blaha credited the City Council for preventing conflicts of interests with the mayor to occur.

“I would suggest that the actions of the City Council not only protected local citizens’ interest, but also helped protect the mayor, too,” Blaha said. “I think he avoided some problems because (the City Council) avoided a number of contracts.”

Asked if she believed Swanson was being careless with his mixing of business and public service, Blaha said she couldn’t speak to that.

“Frankly, that’s up to the people of Two Harbors to decide on Aug. 9,” Blaha said, referring to the recall election.

According to the auditor’s report, Swanson disclosed his involvement in Life Garage, LLC as “a mentor and advisor and as the father of Callie Swanson.”



Forum News Service file photo

Two Harbors Mayor Chris Swanson listens as residents speak during the public comment period March 28.

As the News Tribune previously reported, Callie Swanson is listed as Life Garage LLC’s president, according to a \$100,000 loan Life Garage received from the Two Harbors Development Fund, a city-run nonprofit, in October 2019.

The auditor’s report said Swanson also signed business filings with the state “for the assumed name Garage Starts, LLC, for the name holder — Life Garage, LLC.”

Swanson was the CEO of Garage Starts, the Garage Start website said earlier this year (he no longer appears on the website’s “About” page).

The \$100,000 loan was funded through a grant from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation to the Two Harbors Development Fund, but Life Garage had borrowed a total of \$150,000, according to meeting minutes from the fund obtained by the News Tribune through a city data request.

Callie Swanson received an additional \$70,000 in loans from the fund in July 2020 to help fund construction work at Burlington Station, her gift and candy shop in Two Harbors, according to the fund’s minutes.

The report did not mention the loans Life Garage or Burlington Station obtained through the city-run nonprofit, but cited a September 2019 letter from Steve Overom, the city attorney at the time, saying the fund was a “standalone Minnesota nonprofit corporation” and included the mayor’s disclosure of his connection to Life Garage. Because of that, Overom said the loan did not present a conflict of interest between the city and Swanson.

“It is my view that actions by the THDF are not actions by the city as a result of the involvement of Mayor Swanson with Life Garage, LLC does not violate Two Harbors City Code Section 2.61, Subd. 2A,” Overom wrote, accord-

ing to a copy of the letter provided to the News Tribune by the State Auditor’s Office.

However, Overom did urge Macey Jones, then both a THDF board member and Life Garage employee, to resign from one of her roles before the THDF considered Life Garage’s loan.

Current City Attorney Tim Costley is now fully separating the nonprofit from the city.

Blaha echoed Overom’s opinion.

“A lot of times, cities generally don’t have the authority to run a nonprofit,” Blaha said. “So it might be a nonprofit that does things that benefit the city, but it’s not the city’s profit. So therefore, they don’t have the authority over that, and that may be why there isn’t a contract there.”

The report said Swanson, a board member of the Friends of the Bandshell Park in 2017 and 2018, also abstained from voting on certain actions related to the group before the council but that the meeting minutes do not say why Swanson abstained.

But meeting minutes in August 2017, March 2018 and November 2019 show the city provided city funds to the Chalk.a.lot festival, but that “these meeting minutes do not reflect a disclosure by the mayor of a connection to the nonprofit corporation.”

The report also suggests Swanson changed his tune on disclosing his interest in First Day Events, the nonprofit incorporated by his daughter, Ashleigh Swanson, that was organizing volunteers and applying for permits from the city for the upcoming Festival of Sail after the mayor urged the council to support hosting the event (the group is no longer involved in the event.)

The articles of incorporation also listed Sarah Koster, who was the executive administrative assistant for Swanson’s Garage Starts.

“City Council meet-

ing minutes indicate that when asked about the business First Day Events, the mayor reported to the City Council that the individual who filed the (Office of Secretary of State) paperwork for First Day Events ‘was his admin and worked for him,’ the report said. “He went on to say that, ‘He thought that he could just abstain from a vote.’ He also reported ‘that his counsel has shared with him that, particularly in small communities, people will have conflicts of interest. His understanding is that he should be transparent, but that people can have contracts as long as they disclose them.’ However, in subsequent meeting minutes, the mayor reported ‘that he has no direct or indirect interest in First

Day Events.’”

The Office of State Auditor recommended the city require elected officials complete economic interest disclosure statements going forward.

“If the city required its elected officials to complete similar statements shortly after taking office, the city might be in a better position to identify potential conflicts of interest when they arise,” the report said.

The report listed several additional recommendations the city could take to avoid such issues in the future:

► Record abstentions from voting due to a conflict of interest in the City Council meeting minutes. Name and reason for abstention should be recorded.

► Ensure city officials

and city employees only serve in a non-voting capacity on the board of nonprofits meant to help local government.

Last month, the council voted 6-0 to urge Swanson to resign. Swanson did not attend the meeting and has not attended a council meeting since.

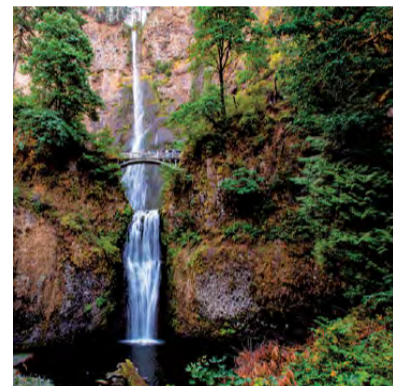
Swanson will face a recall election Aug. 9. Two Harbors voters will answer “yes” or “no” to the question: “Shall Mayor Christopher Swanson be recalled?”

City officials did not immediately respond to the News Tribune’s request for comment.

An emailed statement sent to the News Tribune by Ashleigh Swanson on behalf of Mayor Swanson said: “Today is a great day for Two Harbors. The truth is starting to come out.”

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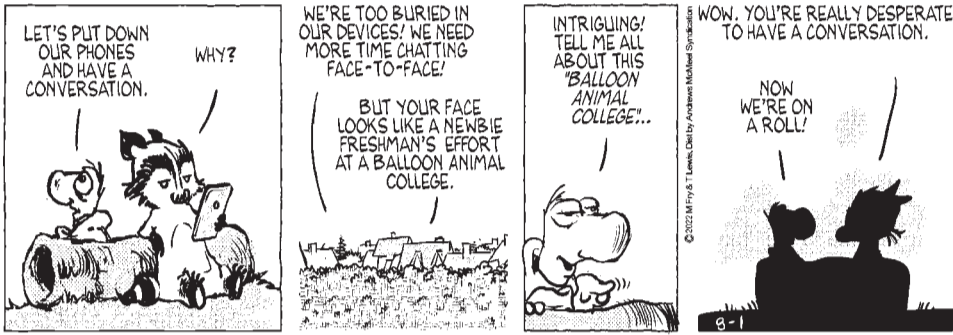
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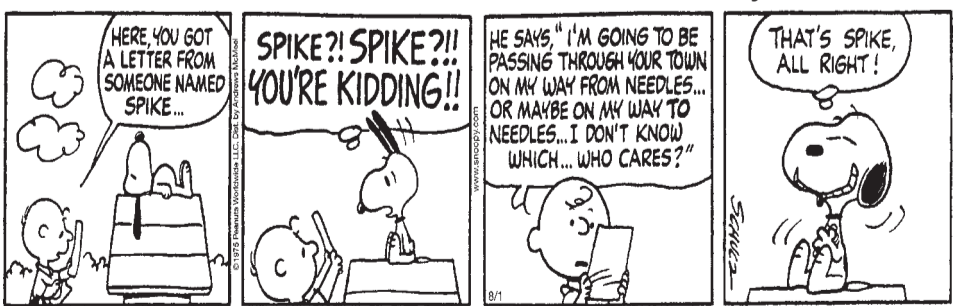
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Crossword grid with clues for Saturday's answer.

Saturday's answer

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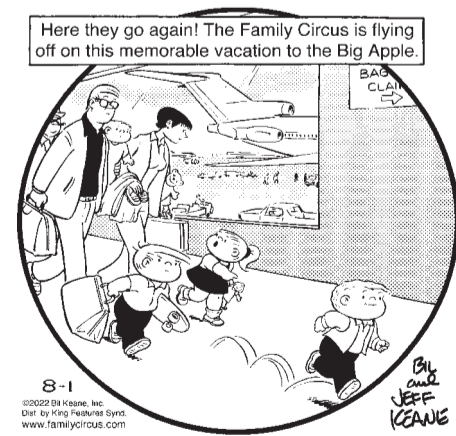
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that West's lead of an unnecessarily high heart was a suit-preference signal, asking for the return of the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits. Accordingly, Huang returned the deuce of diamonds, transmitting a suit-preference signal of his own. West ruffed the diamond and, obeying East's signal, returned the seven of clubs! West's second underlead of an ace was likewise successful. East won with the queen and led another diamond, and West ruffed to put the contract down one. But alas, this brilliant defense by the Taiwanese East-West pair was more than offset by what occurred at the second table, where the U.S. West wound up playing at five hearts doubled. Ordinarily, he would have gone down one, losing the first three spade tricks. But, luckily for declarer, North's singleton spade was the ace, which he led, and that was the only trick scored by the defenders. So the outcome was that the American East-West pair at the second table made five hearts doubled with an overtrick for a score of 1,050 points. This was 950 points more than the Taiwanese pair at the first table had scored with their extraordinary defense, providing ample proof that brilliancies are not always adequately rewarded.

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Find Friday's Sudoku answers in Sunday's TV Week

FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Tell Jeffery not to run ahead. He just wants to be the first one to see New York City."

THE LOCKHORNS By Bunny Hoest & John Reiner



"If you can't say anything nice, Leroy, say it on social media."

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9x9 grid showing the solution to the previous Sudoku puzzle.

HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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Minnesota could get millions from \$4.25B opioid settlement

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ST. PAUL — Minnesota could see tens of millions of dollars from a tentative \$4.25 billion settlement agreement with the generic drugmaker Teva for its role in the opioid addiction epidemic, Attorney General Keith Ellison's office said this week.

While the agreement between state and local governments and the Israeli pharmaceutical company announced Tuesday, July 26, is not final, Ellison in a statement said he was encouraged by the progress.

Minnesota has reached five other settlements with opioid companies over the last two and a half years, including a settlement with Johnson

& Johnson and the big three drug distributors in 2021 that brought the state \$300 million.

Ellison said he will continue reviewing the terms of the agreement to ensure it's the best deal for the state. Tuesday's announcement is the latest major development in a series of settlements Ellison and other attorneys general are pushing to reach with drug

distributors, marketers and manufacturers for their role in widespread prescription painkiller addiction in the U.S.

About 5,500 Minnesotans have died due to the opioid addiction crisis, Ellison said in past statements on settlement agreements.

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CRASHES

Vehicle crash injures 2 Cedar women

MCGREGOR — A 54-year-old driver and a 33-year-old passenger, both of Cedar, were injured Sunday, July 31, after a car struck an SUV on Highway 65 in Aitkin County.

The Minnesota State Patrol responded to the crash, reported at 12:23 p.m. in Rice River Township, south of McGregor. According to the report, a 1995 Mercury Grand Marquis was southbound on the highway, south of Highway 27, when it struck a 2013 Chevrolet Equinox traveling the same direction.

The driver of the Chevrolet, Leean Mae Wicken, and her passenger, Cassie Lee

Bowerman, both suffered non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin. The driver of the Mercury — Bradyn Aurora Janisch, 18, of St. Paul — suffered no reported injuries.

The road was dry at the time.

Assisting at the scene were the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office and McGregor Fire and Rescue.

Highway 371 crash injures motorcyclist

BAXTER — A 39-year-old Duluth woman was injured Saturday, July 30, after the motorcycle she rode struck a passing vehicle on Highway 371 in Crow Wing County.

The Minnesota State Patrol responded to the crash, reported at 6:12 p.m. in Unorganized Territory, north of Baxter. According to the report, the 2015 Kawasaki Cruiser motorcycle pulled into the right lane of northbound traffic on Highway 371 as a 2009 Lincoln MKX moved into the left lane and began to pass the motorcycle near Birchdale Road. The motorcycle changed from the right lane into the left lane and ran into the passenger side of the MKX, causing the motorcycle to crash and the driver to fall to the pavement.

The driver of the motorcycle, Amy Beth Gallagher, suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Essen-

tia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd. Gallagher was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, the state patrol reported.

The SUV driver Holly Ann Usherwood, 38, of Wadena, and passengers Joann Dorothy Hoof, 18, of Pequot Lakes, and Dominic Ray Paulson, 19, of Pine River, suffered no reported injuries.

The road was dry at the time.

Assisting at the scene were the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office and North Memorial Health Ambulance.

Motorcycle crash kills Bemidji man

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

Highway 200 in Hubbard County.

The Minnesota State Patrol responded to the crash, reported at 11:30 p.m. in Hendrickson Township, west of Laporte. According to the report, a 2016 Harley-Davidson motorcycle was traveling northwest on the highway when it entered the shoulder, continued into the ditch and rolled.

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

The state patrol reported alcohol was involved. The road was dry at the time.

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

BRIEFS

Rochester police shoot, kill suspect in ax robbery

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Rochester police shot an armed robbery suspect early Saturday morning.

Officers responded to a robbery call at a business on the 2000 block of Broadway Avenue South at 10:59 p.m. Friday night. A white male allegedly entered the business armed with an ax, took cash and fled in a van.

Police located the van at 12:44 a.m. Saturday and conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 63, south of the U.S. Highway 52 overpass. According to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, reports indicate the suspect got out of the van with the ax and charged toward an officer. The officer shot the suspect.

The suspect later died from his injuries.

The officer involved in the shooting has been with the Rochester Police Department for just over a year and was an officer at another agency previously, according to the BCA.

The BCA is withholding the names of both the officer involved in the shooting and the suspect who was shot until Monday.

The BCA is investigating the officer-involved shooting, which is standard procedure in Minnesota.

Duluth man sentenced for identity theft

DULUTH — A Duluth man was sentenced to more than eight years in prison after pleading guilty to identity theft and fraudulently receiving unemployment insurance and federal pandemic aid.

Federal Judge Michael Davis on Wednesday sentenced Jared Fiege to six and a half years in prison for wire fraud and an additional two years for identity theft. Fiege, 35, is also sentenced to pay \$284,000 in restitution: a combined \$31,000 to four victims identified in court records only by their initials, \$21,000 to Minnesota's unemployment insurance program, and \$231,000 to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In July 2021, Fiege pleaded guilty to the fraud and identity theft charges. He admitted then to using other people's names, birthdays and Social Security numbers to make a

web of fake passports, email addresses and other identifiers to apply for unemployment insurance and COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans administered by the federal business administration.

Fiege admitted on July 14, 2021 to accessing tax records held by a relative who does tax preparation. With that information in hand, he reportedly stole victims' identities, posing, for instance, as a Duluth firefighter to apply for unemployment insurance, get a fake passport, open a bank account and get a "burner" phone account.

Authorities claimed Fiege would take a lap around the Saginaw area each day to intercept mail from homes where he had arranged for fraudulent credit cards to be sent.

When he was arrested, authorities found about \$189,000 in cash, two guns and 14 cellphones. Each phone, police claimed, had a different victim's name taped to the back of it.

Former police officer sentenced for reckless discharge of firearm

GRANITE FALLS, Minn. — A former law enforcement officer will serve 15 days in jail and two years of probation, and has lost his peace officer license, as the result of a felony conviction for reckless discharge of a firearm in a municipality.

Alex John Schlangen, 29, of Richmond, pleaded guilty May 5 to reckless discharge of a firearm in a municipality as part of an agreement in which a charge of domestic assault was dismissed.

An amended sentencing order issued by the District Court in Yellow Medicine County on July 12 requires that he serve 15 days in jail with credit for four days served and probation for two years. The sentence is a stay of imposition, and becomes a misdemeanor conviction on successful completion of probation, according to the court record.

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training last week completed the revocation of the defendant's peace officer license following his felony conviction. According to information



Macy Moore / West Central Tribune
Daniel Villarreal, from left, and Jason Haug carry a banner for Danny Neville's memorial walk in New London the morning of Saturday.

from Erik Misselt, the board's executive director, the board's rules make it clear that, for licensing purposes, the felony conviction stands regardless of the stay of imposition, meaning the license cannot be reinstated whether or not Schlangen successfully meets the requirements of his probation.

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training records show that Schlangen's license was issued in October 2014 and he had been employed during his law enforcement career with the Kanabec County and Isanti County sheriff's offices, the Belgrade-Broten Police Department and Upper Sioux Tribal Community Police.

Dozens gather in New London to mark 20 years since teen disappeared

NEW LONDON, Minn. — Dozens gathered in New London on Saturday morning to keep Danny Lee Neville's memory alive as work continues to be done in bringing Danny home for the 20th anniversary of his disappearance.

During the early morning hours of Aug. 1, 2002, Daniel Lee Neville was seen at a party in New London. It was the last time anyone saw the 18-year-old. Twenty years later, his family and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office are still looking for answers.

Following the mile-long walk from Peace Lutheran Church in New London to Danny's tree in Old Gray Park

in downtown New London, friends, family and supporters gathered to listen to Detective Sgt. Kent Bauman with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office speak about the updates on Danny Neville's case. Although no major details were released due to the ongoing investigation, Bauman gave the crowd hope moving forward.

Motorcyclist dies after driving into Minnesota lake

VERGAS, Minn. — A motorcyclist died Friday morning after driving into a lake southwest of Vergas.

A witness saw the motorcycle traveling eastbound on County Highway 4 when it drove over the center line and entered the north ditch, according to a report from the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office.

After entering the ditch, the motorcycle proceeded to enter Lawrence Lake, the report said.

The witness immediately removed the motorcyclist from the water, then called 911.

The motorcyclist, a 70-year-old man from Elbow Lake, was transported to a nearby hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

It is possible that the motorcycle operator suffered a medical emergency prior to the incident, the report said.

The Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office is investigating the crash. Vergas is about 14 miles south of Detroit Lakes.

— Forum News Service

OTHER OPINION

Pope Francis is right to seek forgiveness for residential schools

In this era of reflexive counterpunching, where powerful people and institutions are often conditioned not to back down, public apologies are rare. When they do come, they are often begrudging statements designed to silence critics, not soul-searching, heartfelt acknowledgments of wrongdoing.

That makes it refreshing to see Pope Francis — leader of a religion with well more than a billion adherents and an array of influential institutions — express deep regret about the church’s role in the horrific system of Canadian residential schools. Over many years, these often church-affiliated institutions endeavored to wipe out entire cultures by receiving children taken from indigenous families and attempting to coercively assimilate them, often inflicting all manner of harm and abuse, up to and including death.

Having traveled to Maskwacis, Alberta, to speak to indigenous communities on their own land, the pontiff avoided the many rhetorical tricks of the modern non-apology, saying instead he had come to “humbly beg forgiveness” for what he strikingly called the “evil committed by so many Christians.” He is right to do so, and he is right that forgiveness alone is not enough.

Francis also called for “concrete ways” in which survivors and their families could be assisted. Both the apparatus of the church and the governments that directed the abuse should take heed. Nothing will turn back the clock, but all must take active steps to tell the full story, hold culprits accountable and make scarred families whole, to the extent that is still possible.

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THIS WAS BRAINERD

20 years ago (2002)

The Brainerd Bushwhackers ride through the “Hap” Dumont World Series 14-and-under baseball tournament ended yesterday, but not before the team beat Eagan 6-2 and finished fourth, believed to be Brainerd’s best showing ever. The Omaha Patriots face the Wichita Cardinals in the tournament finals.

30 years ago (1992)

Cass County Sheriff’s investigator Michael Diekmann and BCA Agent Dave Bjerga said that the suspect charged in the slaying of a Backus man told them that all child abusers ought to be killed. The victim was found in a shallow grave shortly after being charged with criminal sexual conduct with a teenage boy.

40 years ago (1982)

Short-statured Joel Gullickson, second baseman for the Brainerd Legion team, doesn’t hit many home runs, but his two-run blast touched off a six-run fourth inning as Brainerd downed Little Falls 14-8 to win the sub-district Legion tournament. Brad Loch and Mark Muesing also homered for Brainerd.

60 years ago (1962)

(Adv.) Jake’s Bargain Busters! Our famous Home-grown Tomatoes – 5 lbs. \$1.00 – or 10-lb. Basket – \$1.95; Biggest Cantaloupe in town – plus a pint of Kemp’s Ice Cream – both for \$1.00; Crisp Lettuce – head 10 cents; Red or Russet Potatoes – 10 lbs. 39 cents. Jake’s Garden Market – Hwys 210-371 West.

80 years ago (1942)

Relatives and friends of men of the 194th Tank Battalion who served on Bataan and who are now believed prisoners of the Japanese, were advised today that donations for their relief are being accepted at the Press Club in San Francisco. The shipment will be sent by a Swedish neutral ship. No messages or personal packages are allowed.

100 years ago (1922)

The railroad strike here, of several weeks in length, has been remarkably free of violence of any kind. But that record was damaged when Erick Kronberg, a foreman at the NP Shops, was viciously attacked by men who called him a scab, though he was required by law to do a job at the shops.

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GUEST OPINION

Would term limits for SCOTUS make things better or worse?

For decades the American left has relied on the courts reading new “rights” into the constitution, and not voters and legislatures making law, to deliver the policy outcomes they desire.



ROB PORT
Say Anything

Then the Supreme Court threw a monkey wrench into the works. They struck down the Roe v. Wade precedent, noting, correctly, that the Constitution is neutral on the question of abortion, and that if Americans want certain rights to be in the law, then they ought to write the law in a way that recognizes them.

The left has not handled well this new edict to use democracy, and not judicial fiat, to make policy. They’re out for retribution on the Supreme Court, and one of the avenues they’re proceeding down is term limits.

The Supreme Court Tenure Establishment and Retirement Modernization Act, sponsored by Rep. Hank Johnson, a Georgia

Democrat who once had to be reassured that Guam, the Pacific island, wouldn’t capsize from overpopulation (I’m not joking), would see each new president appointing two new justices to the Supreme Court during a four-year term.

One appointment would happen in the first year of a term; a second in the third year. Upon each new appointment, the justice with the longest tenure on the court would be moved to senior status, where they would still have some official duties, including filling in should a vacancy occur on the court.

Johnson argues his bill is needed to address a “legitimacy crisis.”

The “legitimacy” being called in question because the lawfully appointed

justices have issued some landmark opinions our progressive friends don’t like so much.

But to the extent there is a problem with the Supreme Court becoming too polarized along ideological lines, would Johnson’s legislation fix the problem?

I’m not so sure. Would making appointments to the court an automatically granted prize to be won in each new presidential election make the court less partisan? Or more partisan? Currently, those appointments are only a potential prize, hinging on whether a vacancy on the court occurs with a given president’s term, but most presidents end up appointing a couple of justices.

Only four presidents in history — Jimmy Carter, Andrew Johnson, Zachary Taylor, and William Henry Harrison — served in that office without making an appointment (though Harrison was in office for just 31 days, and Taylor just a little more than a

year). Frank Roosevelt appointed nine justices, though he was elected to four terms. Donald Trump appointed three justices, but his four predecessors appointed two each.

Not counting President Joe Biden’s not-yet-completed term, in which he’s appointed one justice so far, we’ve had 45 presidents in American history who have appointed a total of 121 justices for an average of almost 2.7 appointments per president.

Remember, 21 of those presidents served two terms, too.

Johnson’s bill would guarantee four appointments to a two-term president.

I’m not against some form of term limits for the court, but Johnson’s legislation would make the court even more of a “spoil of war” for the politicians than it already is.

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Congress is moving toward fixing the way it counts votes for president, but it won’t be easy

By Doyle McManus
Los Angeles Times

Washington
Last week, a bipartisan group of 16 U.S. senators agreed on a long-awaited proposal to fix the Electoral Count Act, the ramshackle 1887 law that then-President Donald Trump used to try to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump claimed the law, which sets the rules under which Congress counts electoral votes, allowed then-Vice President Mike Pence to block votes from states that Joe Biden won. Pence refused, which is why the mob that stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, chanted “Hang Mike Pence.”

Trump also argued that the law empowers state legislatures to set aside the popular vote at will. He lobbied GOP leaders in swing states to appoint rogue slates of Trump electors, but none played along.

Most legal scholars said Trump misinterpreted the law, but that didn’t stop the former president from nearly touching off a constitutional crisis, if not a coup d’etat.

After Jan. 6, there was broad bipartisan

consensus in Congress that the law should be revamped before 2024 to prevent Trump or other candidates from trying those gambits again.

The bipartisan Senate proposal fixes the most glaring flaws in the old statute. It specifies that states must appoint presidential electors based on the laws in place on Election Day — no changing the rules after the game. It requires each state to designate one official (most often the governor) to certify a single legitimate slate of electors — no rogue slates. It allows presidential candidates to challenge any state’s electoral slate in federal court under a fast-track process.

And it sets down in writing what Pence and nearly everyone already believed: The vice president has no power to reject any state’s electoral votes.

You might have expected a commonsense proposal like that to win broad and immediate support beyond the nine Republicans and six Democrats who negotiated it.

No such luck. In today’s

polarized Washington, no outcome is guaranteed — even on a measure to protect the next presidential election from another coup attempt.

On the left, progressive Democrats don’t want to admit that their yearlong effort to pass broader voting rights legislation is dead, and that fixing the Electoral Count Act might be the best they can do.

On the right, many Republicans — especially those who face primary elections this year — fear drawing Trump’s wrath if they endorse a bill aimed so squarely at his groundless campaign to delegitimize the 2020 election.

So it’s already clear that this bill, worthy though it is, will have to wait until after the midterm elections for action.

There are substantive arguments over the bill’s details too. Most involve a long-standing difference between the two parties: In general, Democrats want clearer, detailed rules to govern what states can do, while Republicans want to preserve state autonomy.

The bill replaces the old rule under which a single member of the House

and a single member of the Senate can object to a state’s electors; instead, it would require 20% of each body to raise a challenge.

Those are all legitimate grounds for debate — and debated they will be. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., chair of the Senate Rules Committee, has announced that her panel will hold hearings on the legislation soon.

But the argument for compromise is strengthened by the pressure of a deadline. A new, improved Electoral Count Act is not a theoretical insurance policy against a once-in-a-century event. It’s more like fire insurance in a neighborhood where an arsonist has set blazes and is threatening to strike again.

Congress needs to pass some version of this bill by the end of the year; the job will only get harder once the 2024 presidential campaign gets underway. And if the House of Representatives comes under the control of pro-Trump Republicans in November, the bill might simply die. This is no time to let the best be the enemy of the good.

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Recovered granddaughter fighting for independence

DEAR ABBY: I have been in what feels like a war with my grandmother. She always took care of me and my younger brother and sister. She was there when we couldn't be with our parents. For a long time, I was troubled and into addiction. I admit I lost sight of who I really was. I had two sons I didn't raise, but now that I'm back and a year and three months clean, I'm enjoying spending my time with the son I'm still in contact with. I have always lived with my grandmother.

Now that I'm taking control of my life and reaching the point where I'm ready to move away with my son, she's fighting me. She has many bad things to say



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Dear Abby

about my past and a lot of things to throw in my face. After all this time, I thought she would be happy for me. Instead, I am encountering outright disrespect and ugliness. I have always known my grandmother could be hateful, but now it's turned up to full volume. Am I wrong for wanting to be with my son? I'm tired of crying all the time over this.

— **BREAKING THE CYCLE**
DEAR BREAKING: Because

of your history, your grandmother may be fearful for the welfare of her great-grandson. However, if you are clean, sober and capable of caring for yourself and your child without her assistance, then it's time to graduate to independence. Tell your grandmother you love her and are grateful for all of the care she has given you. Then proceed with the move **WITHOUT BURNING ANY BRIDGES**, if that's possible.

DEAR ABBY: I have had a friend for 30 years whom I have helped with advice and money many times. He is often rude and short-tempered. I never expected anything in return, but I have often had to turn the other cheek because of his behavior.

Recently he had a collection of auto parts he was going to sell. When I asked if I could buy a few of them, he refused because he wanted to sell the parts as a group. I was disappointed. It was the first time in 30 years I had asked him for a favor but, again, I turned the other cheek.

I recently learned that he gave away all the auto parts for free to his neighbors. I asked him about it but didn't want to make a big deal out of it because I didn't want an argument. He shrugged it off like it was nothing. I was shocked because he always has financial problems, so giving the parts away for free instead of selling a few to me was baffling. Should I overlook this or is it time

to end the friendship? — **DISAPPOINTED IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: The person you have described is not, and never was, your friend. He refused to let you buy the auto parts because he wanted to charge you more for the whole kit and caboodle. When there were no other takers, he dumped them on whoever would take them. You have been a supportive friend, and your reward was being treated rudely. By all means, end this one-way arrangement. The next time he asks you for something — and he will — feel free to refuse.

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Legislation would allow land transfer on Lake Winnie

Forum News Service
DEER RIVER, Minn. — Legislation that would allow the owners of Bowen Lodge on Lake Winnibigoshish to acquire some of the land the lodge sits on in exchange for nearby, undeveloped land in the Chippewa National Forest has been introduced in Congress.

The bill would give the Heig family the 7.6 acres where the long-time lodge operates a marina on adjacent Cut Foot Sioux Lake

in exchange for 37.5 acres of undeveloped private property with shoreline on Lake Winnibigoshish that would go to the U.S. Forest Service and be part of the Chippewa National Forest.

Bowen Lodge currently leases the marina property from the Forest Service. The Heigs purchased the undeveloped land last year in advance of the land exchange.

The bill was introduced Thursday by U.S. Reps. Pete Staub-

er, R-Minn., and Jared Huffman, D-Calif.

While acquiring the marina land would give the lodge owners certainty on the future of the property, the undeveloped shoreline and forest land acquired by the Forest Service would help protect the environment around Lake Winnibigoshish, a reservoir on the Mississippi River.

"There are few parcels that have this much water quality and habitat value

located on the Mississippi River," Tim Terrill, executive director of the Mississippi Headwaters Board, said in a statement. "... preserving this newly acquired shoreline property on Lake Winnibigoshish will protect the natural and recreational values of the Mississippi River while keeping our cultural history intact."

The Itasca County Board also has backed the land exchange. The Heig family has owned the lodge for 40 years.



Contributed / U.S. Forest Service

A land exchange proposal within the Chippewa National Forest has been introduced in Congress.

Group takes to a field of dreams with the St. Paul Saints

By Soraya Keiser
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — It's not every day that Brian Jensen can catch a ball in the outfield of CHS Field, hit a ball to third base, and shake hands with Toby Gardenhire, manager of the St. Paul Saints.

But on Tuesday, he did it all. In collaboration with the Saints — the Minnesota Twins' Triple-A Minor League affiliate — the Beautiful Lives Project was able to put on a Field of Dreams event where people of all ages and disabilities were able to experience an activity they wouldn't usually have the chance to — play baseball with professionals.

The Beautiful Lives Project is a nonprofit that aims to give those with disabilities the opportunity to actively participate in activities that may not have been available to them.

Jensen, 43, of Little Canada, attended the event along with 52 others who signed up, free of cost. He was there with Merrick, Inc., the largest program in Ramsey County to provide day services to adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. As a life-long fan of the St. Paul Saints, Jensen ran up to Gardenhire after he opened the event with a few words to shake his hand and get a picture.

"I shook hands with the manager," he excitedly told his fellow Merrick, Inc. clients.

"I haven't seen him this happy before," Tess Bruhn, a Merrick, Inc. employee, said. "It's kind of cool."

For an hour, St. Paul Saints players and event attendees played catch, ran the bases, batted and got to know each other.

"To have them put this on is really incredible," Jensen said.

Accessible to everyone

This excitement is exactly the thing that Beautiful Lives Project co-founder Bryce Weiler aims to accomplish with these events.

In college, Weiler was able to sit on the bench of the University of Evansville men's basketball team, and it changed his life. Weiler was born almost four months premature. While in the hospital, his retinas detached from his eyes, causing him to become blind. However, this did not stop him from being part of the team and going on to become a sports commentator.

"I wanted to be able to give that back and to help people



Photos by John Autey / St. Paul Pioneer Press

Tanya Hagen, left, of Minneapolis, high-fives St. Paul Saints manager Toby Gardenhire after her batting practice during a Beautiful Lives Project event at CHS Field in St. Paul on Tuesday. The Beautiful Lives Project is a nonprofit dedicated to giving people with disabilities the opportunity to actively participate in activities and events that may not be usually available to them.

who have disabilities to be able to live their dreams to experience sports or experience other programs," Weiler said.

And he wanted to do so in a way that is accessible to everyone.

"One of the best things about the Beautiful Lives Project events that we run is that they are open to people of every disability and of all ages," Weiler said. "So often these types of events are just

open to children and a certain disability. We think it's important to have every disability interacting together."

'The greatest fan'

This is why at the event you could see both children and adults, both people in wheelchairs and people running after balls. The one connecting point? They're all having fun.

Tanya Hagen, 28, of Minneapolis, was most excited to see the players. Decked out

in a pink Saints hat, tie-dyed Saints shirts and black Saints shorts, Hagen is obviously a super-fan.

"She just wants to stand around and hang with the guys," Jane Hagen, Tanya's mother, said. "She's just the greatest fan."

Not only are events like these rewarding for the attendees, they are for the players as well.

"It's an experience that you don't get a chance to have

very often where our players are out on the field playing and mingling with these folks that are going through so much," Gardenhire said. "They're always so happy and they're having so much fun to be on the field, and it really puts everything in perspective for everybody involved."

For more information on the Beautiful Lives Project and their future events, find their website www.beautifullives.org.



Left: Andy Poster, 9, of Ham Lake, Minnesota, plays catch with St. Paul Saints pitching coach Virgil Vasquez. **Right:** Jacob Stankwitz, left, of Orono, Minnesota, laughs as he beats St. Paul Saints shortstop Jermaine Palacios in baserunning practice during a Beautiful Lives Project event Tuesday at CHS Field in St. Paul.



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GOATS

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"My daughter Ashley called 911 and got the dispatcher," Drake said. "The dispatcher really thought she was just kidding. And she goes, 'Well, some of the goats are white, some are black, some are black and white. Some are brown, brown and white. There's little goats, and there's big goats and there's a couple of baby goats, there's a pregnant goat.' And by this time, the dispatcher is laughing."

Brainerd Police Sgt. Paul Dooley said the call came in at 9:12 p.m. of an animal complaint on the 100 block of Birchridge Drive and an officer went to check on the situation.

Drake said when the first officer arrived, they walked to the backyard and said, "Oh, my goodness."

"They went down there and called us on the radio and said there's seriously 100 goats in this backyard," Dooley said. "So we called animal control and his first answer was, 'I don't deal with goats.' So we all went down there, we found them and then figured out roughly the area through the



Left: Goats, seen here in their Rotary Park enclosure on Sunday, made an escape into a Brainerd neighborhood the previous evening. The goats were hired to eat invasive buckthorn in the Brainerd Park **Right:** Cheri Drake talks Sunday about finding an escaped herd of goats in her backyard the previous evening.

woods where this fence was."

With the help of some of Drake's neighbors, Dooley said they eventually found where the goats came through the electrified fence, a few hundred yards down a path to the park. Dooley said it did not appear to be working properly as they opened it back up to get the goats back in without getting shocked.

Drake's neighbor Bob Sher-

man, who helped officers find the path to the park, said they learned how to corral and herd goats on the fly Saturday night.

With four other officers, Dooley said they started to try and move the herd in one direction, but they ended up doing circles around the shed in Drake's yard.

While the goats ran circles around the yard, Dooley found



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the creatures would follow the leader. The officers hatched a plan with a Crow Wing County sheriff's deputy.

"We got part of the fence down and then we just did like an old-fashioned deer drive and got them pushed back into their pen," Dooley said. "I don't know anything about goats. I'm a city guy. I didn't know anything about them until last night. So goats

bleating and their little bells clanging and we're all laughing because, it was by far, one of the funniest calls I've ever been on."

The law enforcement officers were able to get the goats through the woods and back in the enclosure after about 40 minutes on the scene.

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CRASH

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BIR out of respect for Briody, MotoAmerica reported. Assisting at the scene were North Memorial Health Ambulance and North Memorial Health Air Care.

"We are deeply sad-

dened by the passing of Scott Briody," stated Chuck Aksland, chief operating officer of MotoAmerica in the release. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his team and the MotoAmerica paddock."

A Friday night Facebook post from Disrupt Racing, one of the teams participating in the

MotoAmerica event at BIR, memorialized Briody.

"Scott had a major influence on our team, he was the first person to ever help me out when we came into MotoAmerica, he continued to and will always be a big influence on me and this team and was always cheering us on," the post stated.

Bison Track, a motorcycle clothing and accessories company, shared a tribute to Briody on Saturday.

"It has taken us almost 24 hours to find the words. Scott Briody was our friend first, he just happened to become a customer. He was an exceptional personality in the paddock adored by

all because of his hilarious demeanor, willingness (nay, insistence) to help anyone, and his big heart," the Bison Track post stated.

Bison Track co-founder Robert Lackey also posted a blog post in memory of Briody on the company's website.

"Let's all take a moment, regain our

composure and remember: Scott passed away quickly doing something he truly loved. He wouldn't want us to change our course or alter our lives due to his passing," Lackey wrote.

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FAIR ART

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Kartman enjoys role-playing games, but also enjoys games like Minecraft. She noted that Crash Bandicoot 4: It's About Time is her favorite video game.

In her free time, she enjoys doing digital art and playing

video games. She also enjoys watching anime. Japanese music such as the opening and closing theme songs for anime is what Kartman often listens to while working on her artwork.

Kartman described her art style as a mixture of anime and "Cuphead." "Cuphead" is a video game with rubber hose or 1920s animation-

style graphics.

Out of all the art mediums, Kartman prefers digital art. She often will use Microsoft Paint or Photoshop to create her pieces. She also has been working on her own video games and designing characters. In 2021, Kartman earned an Award of Excellence in video game design at the Brainerd

High School Fine Arts and Activities Celebration.

Kartman's involvement in the fair was set up by her grandfather, who helps with the preparation of the fair. These cute animal paintings are not the only thing Kartman helped to design.

"I did the posters for the grandstands and other things," Kartman said. "I

even made the recent fair cover which had just asked that cow in the barn."

In addition to the cover of the fair booklet and posters, Kartman also designed the tickets for the grandstand.

Kartman's artwork is on display on the animal barns throughout the fairgrounds.

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MURDER

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Ronald Bzdok, 24, of Buffalo faces a felony second-degree murder charge in the death of his father Daniel Bzdok, who was the subject of a missing persons case first under investigation Tuesday by the Wright County Sheriff's Office. The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office assisted with the investigation.

Daniel Bzdok of Buffalo left for his cabin, a trailer on Fleming Lake in Fleming Township south of Palisade, on July 22 with his son Ronald Bzdok. Daniel Bzdok was last heard from July 23, according to the report. Authorities learned Dan-

iel Bzdok was known to bring his .22-caliber handgun to the cabin and drove a Buick LeSabre.

After numerous unanswered phone calls, Daniel Bzdok's brother became concerned about Bzdok's well-being and went to check the cabin Tuesday. He found the main door padlocked and no vehicles around, so he left the cabin.

An Aitkin County sheriff's deputy responded to the location Wednesday to look for Daniel Bzdok. The deputy walked around the outside of the cabin and through a large window, saw a dead man with blood on his chest seated at a dining room table.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehen-

sion along with its crime scene team responded to the residence. Investigators noted most of the windows were obscured and the inside of the trailer was dark.

Authorities executed a search warrant and identified the victim as the missing person Daniel Bzdok using a driver's license photo. They found the victim facing the television with a Graham cracker in his hand and a single gunshot wound to the back of the head. A single .22-caliber shell casing was found next to the victim, according to authorities.

The BCA special agents found a note in front of the victim indicating Daniel Bzdok suspected Ronald Bzdok and his other son stole from

him and he planned to turn them into law enforcement and obtain a restraining order.

The Wright County Sheriff's Office reported Ronald Bzdok was arrested July 23 — the same day people last heard from Daniel Bzdok — in Wright County while driving the victim's vehicle and in possession of a .22-caliber handgun. The arrest was at 7:23 p.m. for driving while intoxicated, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of drugs and driving a vehicle without an ignition interlock device.

Thursday, investigators executed a search warrant on Ronald Bzdok's belongings and found the victim's Cabella's credit card and a key

ring containing a Buick key, a Ford key, gun safe keys and numerous other keys.

Ronald Bzdok is in the Aitkin County Jail on charges of second-degree murder with intent but not premeditated and a probation violation. The second-degree murder charge carries a maximum of 40 years of imprisonment.

Ronald Bzdok was previously convicted of a gross misdemeanor DWI for refusing to submit to a chemical test in 2020 and felony theft by swindle in February. The theft conviction arose from a report of employee theft at a Holiday gas station in Medina. He fraudulently returned items at the store without purchasing them, amount-

ing to a loss of \$2,211.62 to the business, according to the complaint.

Bzdok is set to make an appearance at 10:45 a.m. Monday in Aitkin County District Court via Zoom.

This case remains under investigation by the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office along with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Though the name of the murder victim is similar to that of Forestview Middle School teacher Dan Bzdok, Brainerd Superintendent Heidi Hahn confirmed late Sunday night the teacher is alive and well.

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TEACHERS

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"Crescent School, located in Poplar Township, which by the way is near Leader, was the last one-room public school in Cass County and it closed in 1969," Johnson said.

There were more than 700 one-room schools in Minnesota as late as 1965, according to Johnson.

Ruth Johnson Boldan taught a quarter of a century in "country schools" and was one of the panelists. She is also Johnson's aunt.

"We didn't think we could go to high school because there were no buses," Boldan said of her childhood. "With a country school, you had to have a school that the child doesn't have to walk any more than a mile and a half, and so most of them walked."

After passing her eighth

grade state board exams, Boldan said the Staples schools sent out buses so children could attend school.

"It didn't have a heater in it, but we really appreciated the ride," Boldan told the attentive audience of mostly seniors. "And we had to pay for our own ride."

Boldan was born in the country north of Leader and had two brothers and a sister. She attended Crescent and Poplar rural schools in her youth.

"Our principal came into (an) assembly and she said the teachers' training department in Pine River has got openings. I made it up there in nothing flat," Boldan said. "I was 17 when I got my teachers' training. I started there in 1941 — Dec. 7, the bombing of Pearl Harbor."

Boldan said she arrived at school by 8 a.m. as a teacher, with the school day starting at 9 a.m. There was a 15-minute morning recess

and an hour recess at noon, except in the coldest part of the winter when it was limited to 30 minutes, and school was let out at 3:30 p.m.

"The country schools — you did what you could with what you had," Boldan said of the limited instruction she received as a teacher in terms of child psychology or school supplies. "I don't have any regrets except I wish I had been a little smarter, a little quicker."

Boldan had 28 students her first year as a teacher in Osakis — first through eighth grade and spring kindergarten, she recalled.

"The children back then learned from each other and from their books," Boldan said. "Today, I have the feeling that children must be taught. There's a difference ... there's a difference."

Boldan said she had no disciplinary problems when she was a rural teacher in a one-room school teaching multi-

ple grades.

"You moved from one to another. And in the meantime, these little kids sat at their desks ... and they learned from each other," she said. "The little kids had a preview because they listened in on the older kids — history and geography — so it was familiar to them when they got that far."

Boldan, who is in her 90s today, earned a master's degree later in life when she was 56 years old because she believed in the power of education.

"I got better and better and more relaxed as the years went by because of all these tricks that you learn about discipline. I learned not to squeal when I opened my desk drawer and there was a snake in it," Boldan said to much laughter from the audience. "Kids will be kids."

A rural teacher's responsibilities in a one-room school often included janitorial

duties, such as making sure the school was heated with wood contracted from nearby farmers.

"You had to wash the toilet seat every month — even in the winter," Boldan said to a chuckling audience. "I would wash them on Friday night. And then Monday morning, I'd get there and thaw it and chip the ice off."

The three other teachers on the discussion panel echoed Boldan's sentiment that rural schools were more like family, which they believed was more favorable than today's education system.

"They supported their school. The school was a part of their lives," Boldan said of parents back then. "We've lost a lot of things when we went into town and consolidated. We lost that collectiveness of the community."

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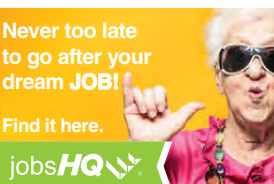
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It's time to get to know a little bit about your candidates for Crow Wing County 2023 Vegetable of the year; our candidates include broccoli, cabbage, green beans, peas, and squash. All these candidates are rich in nutrients that our bodies need including vitamin A, vitamin C, and

potassium. It's important to eat 4 to 5 servings of veggies and fruits per day to reduce the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke. Broccoli: "I am a super-food. I am one of the healthiest veggies you can eat because of my nutritional makeup. I am loaded with

fiber, antioxidants that fight cancer, and vitamin C to aid in iron absorption. I can be eaten steamed, boiled, or raw. Kids love to eat me because I look like a little tree." Cabbage: "I am loaded with lots of chemicals that help ease swelling in your tissues. This helps protect you from other health issues because inflammation is linked to things like cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease. You can chop me up and put me in salads. I can be steamed, boiled, sauteed, or baked. You can ferment me, and I turn into sauerkraut." Green Beans: "I am high in vitamin K and have a good amount of calcium. This helps maintain strong, healthy bones and can reduce your risk of fractures.

I am so easy to make – you can blanch me and keep me in the refrigerator for a couple of days. When you get hungry, you can reheat me in a skillet with olive oil and minced garlic and spices." Peas: "I am a good source of vitamins C and E, zinc, and other antioxidants that strengthen your immune system. I can help reduce inflammation and lower your risk of chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and arthritis. Not to brag, but I am one of the best plant-based sources of protein. You can steam me, boil me, or eat me right out of the garden." Squash: "I am a good source of vitamin A, C, and B – I am also high in antioxidants. I am rich in water and fiber which helps you hydrate and I'm good for

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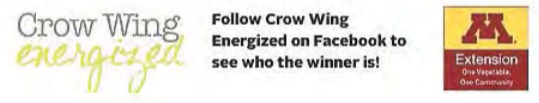
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Contributed Candidates for Crow Wing County 2023 Vegetable of the year are broccoli, cabbage, green beans, peas, and squash.

10 things they don't teach you about work relationships

By Barton Goldsmith
Tribune News Service

We learn a lot in school, but unfortunately, information about work relationships is usually not offered, much less required, reading.

Once you get into the working world, you may run into people who are difficult or don't play by the rules. Here are some tips you were probably never taught in school.

1. Do your due diligence before letting your guard down with colleagues. Avoid people who are manipulative or who color the truth to show themselves in a better light. Steer clear of those who play "let's get what we can." One bad relationship can ruin your entire career. Keep things light and positive in the workplace.

2. Never forget to keep professional relationships professional. Attending a graduation or even a wedding is appropriate, but leave before the reception. Showing your respect is different from socializing. You may have a friendship at work, but most business relationships are not personal. Generally, it's good to know your boundaries.

3. Try to remain objective in the workplace. For example, if you are working with a few people and find yourself siding with one or another, you have developed a bias. It may even be for good reason, but taking sides will do



Dreamstime / TNS These tips will work for you whether you are self-employed, at entry level or are the boss, writes Dr. Barton Goldsmith.

nothing to reduce the conflict and may draw you into something that will not help you move forward.

4. Know the difference between a friend, a client and a customer. A friend is someone you have a personal or a social relationship with, whereas a client is someone who is under your care. A customer is someone who buys a product or a service from you. Best to not confuse one kind of relationship with another.

5. Remember that being a good person is not a 9-to-5 job. If your co-workers think you are wonderful and superhuman, but you lose your temper as soon as you get home, please rethink your priorities. All business relationships end, but family is forever.

6. If someone asks you for a loan, just say no. Life and success are not about the money, but money is almost always an issue, and loaning money is usually not a good

idea. Friends may ask you to donate your time to a cause. Some pro bono work is a good thing, but there is a cost to the energy you expend, and you need to value your work as a professional.

7. Never date (or have an affair) with a client or a customer. Getting involved will complicate and maybe damage both your lives. There are so many people looking for uncomplicated relationships that it just doesn't make sense to be with

someone who may make your life more difficult.

8. Never take your clients' advice. Stock tips, dating sites, business ideas, all are off-limits. Your clients are confused about boundaries if they're offering you these things. Again, remember they are your clients for a reason, so be the consummate professional.

9. Don't be afraid to fire a client. Disagreements are to be expected, but if someone is disagreeable, you don't need them in your life. It might be an uncomfortable business decision, but think of it as just making room for new people.

10. Do your job right and treat everyone respectfully. Everyone grows, including you, when you do this. Being your best self will help others who approach you, and it will help you find the answers you need to make your work-life the way you want it to be.

These tips will work for you whether you are self-employed, at entry level or are the boss. They will also help you balance your personal and professional relationships. You have a lot to offer, and the world needs you, to share your gifts. That is how you will find happiness.

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San Diego Padres left fielder Jurickson Profar scores on a Luke Voit single in the sixth inning Sunday against the Minnesota Twins at Petco Park in San Diego.

TWINS DROP SERIES IN SAN DIEGO AS TRADE DEADLINE NEARS

By Betsy Helfand
St. Paul Pioneer Press

San Diego

There's still time remaining to affect the Twins' roster. But that time is dwindling.

The Major League Baseball trade deadline will come and go on Tuesday at 5 p.m. CDT, affording the Twins just a couple more days to make meaningful outside additions — particularly to the pitching staff.

While things are expected to heat up in the next couple of days — Cincinnati starter Luis Castillo was traded to Seattle but otherwise things have been mostly slow — this week's road trip gave the Twins a chance to see how they stack up against other playoff contenders.

The Twins fell on Sunday 3-2 to the Padres at Petco Park, dropping two of three games to a team bidding for a National League wild card spot. Before that came two tough losses in Milwaukee to the National League Central Division leaders.

With Sunday's loss, the Twins (53-48) currently have a one game edge over the Cleveland Guardians and a two-game lead over the third-place Chicago White Sox.

"We haven't played our best baseball all year. We haven't been healthy all year. Those are two true things," president of baseball operations Derek Falvey said Sunday on WCCO-AM. "But for us right now, looking at our group and trying to figure out ways to add to these pieces, to get better in the second half, our focus is to put the best team out there that we can every night. That's maybe not the case in every market in every season. We're going to try to find ways to add to this group."

Things got a little harder this road trip on the injury front when Max Kepler was hit by a pitch on the foot, suffering a fractured pinky toe. Alex Kirilloff was taken out of Saturday's game with right wrist pain and will be further evaluated on Monday. So will Miguel Sano, who returned from the injured list and then landed right back on it days later after tweaking his surgically-repaired knee during his rehab assignment.

In Sunday's loss, Twins hitters collected just four hits — solo home runs from Luis Arraez and Jose Miranda in consecutive innings produced their only runs — and the Padres (57-46) surged

ahead in the sixth inning.

Starter Dylan Bundy, who had retired 13 of the past 14 hitters leading into the frame, allowed a pair of hits, spelling the end of his day. Emilio Pagan followed him and allowed a pair of singles — a ball hit at 80.4 miles per hour that got by Arraez at first base and then a soft single that dropped into right field — giving San Diego the lead for good.

"Just two bloop hits again under 80 miles an hour. It's bad luck and we keep saying, 'It's bad luck,' but eventually we're going to have to change that luck," Bundy said. "I thought EP threw the ball great. ... Two bloop hits. Ain't nothing you can do about it."

The loss sends the Twins home having lost four of seven games on the road trip — they swept Detroit to begin the trip — just a couple of days before Tuesday's important deadline.

"We've got a good team. We know we've got to get better," Miranda said. "We've played some good teams this road trip, some playoff contenders. We know we've got to get better ... But we've just got to keep grinding, keep battling and give our best out there."

Vikings cornerbacks dedicating season to late teammate Gladney

Dantzler, Hand, Boyd were close to former starter who died in May car accident

round pick in 2020 who also started as a rookie. "He was like my blood brother, my mother's child. Everything I do (this season) for the first time, I'm doing it for him. Every good play, I'm going to point to the sky."

When Vikings cornerback Cameron Dantzler arrived for training camp last Tuesday, he held up a No. 20 Jeff Gladney jersey. When he took the field for practice the next day, he wore a helmet visor that had an image of Dantzler and Gladney alongside one another.

Gladney, a first-round pick by the Vikings in 2020 and a starting cornerback as a rookie, died in a car accident in Dallas on May 30. Dantzler, a good friend, is dedicating this season to him.

He's not the only one. Minnesota cornerbacks Harrison Hand and Kris Boyd also say they are using 2022 as a tribute to Gladney.

"We were very close," said Dantzler, a third-

The No. 31 overall draft pick out of Texas Christian, Gladney started 15 of the 16 games he played in 2020 but was released by the Vikings last August after being indicted in Dallas on a charge of domestic violence. He sat out last season.

At trial in March, Gladney was found not guilty and then signed with the Arizona Cardinals. Dantzler said he was excited to see him resume his career.

"I know how bad he wanted to be out there," Dantzler said. "It still doesn't seem real."

Gladney, 25, and his girlfriend, Mercedes Placios, 26, were killed in an accident at 2:30 a.m. on Memorial Day on a Dallas freeway. According to police reports, Gladney's



Photo courtesy of Minnesota Vikings via @camdantzler3
Minnesota Vikings cornerback Cameron Dantzler arrives at training camp Tuesday at the TCO Performance Center in Eagan holding a Jeff Gladney No. 20 jersey. Dantzler is dedicating this season to the memory of Gladney, who was a starting Vikings cornerback in 2020 and died in a May 30 car accident.

Mercedes SUV was traveling at an excessive rate of speed and spun off the road before crashing into a brick wall and igniting into flames.

Dantzler learned of Gladney's death while sitting on a plane in Houston, where he had been for the weekend before returning to Minnesota for the May 31 resumption of organized team activities. He had been planning to visit Gladney in early June.

"I had talked to him that night (of May 29)," Dantzler said. "My mom texted me (May 30) and asked if I was all right on the part of Jeff. I was

like, 'What happened to Jeff?' And she was like, 'He died in a car accident.' I didn't believe it."

When Hand heard the news, he was at his home in Cherry Hill, N.J.

"My mom sent it to me," said Hand, a fifth-round pick in 2020. "We have a group chat. It just shocked me. I almost broke out into tears. It's sad. It's a tragedy."

Hand wore No. 38 as a rookie before he switched to No. 20 last season after Gladney was released. He also plans to use this season as a tribute to Gladney.

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STOCK CAR RACING

Vanlaningham takes third leg of MidSummer Hobby Stock Tour

Joe Lindholm

Brainerd Dispatch

BARROWS — The third time was a charm for Hobby Stock driver Jesse Vanlaningham.

Vanlaningham made the drive from Beatrice, Nebraska to Kossuth County Speedway to compete in the first night of the MidSummer Hobby Stock Tour.

The Tour started in Algona, Iowa on Thursday, moved to Princeton Friday before making the third stop at North Central Speedway Saturday, July 30. The series would culminate Sunday with the final race at Buffalo River Speedway.

Vanlaningham finished a disappointing 22nd on Thursday in Iowa. At Princeton Friday, he had a great view of a thrilling finish between Dylan Nelson and Scott Herron with Nelson winning by just 0.017 seconds, with Vanlaningham grabbing the third spot.

But the feature draw Saturday was kind to Vanlaningham after a win in the heat race. He earned a first row start alongside Chase Peterson in the 20-lap feature race with 22 cars making the field. Vanlaningham never gave up the top spot and took the checkered flag and the \$1,000. Tim Otterness took second place and Tom Anderson finished in third.

After three nights, Scott Herron, who took the fourth spot at NCS, leads by three points over Jed Trebelhorn and four points over Vanlaningham. The winner of the points for

the four nights walks away with another \$1,000. NCS points leader Brandon Bombardo took the night off but held a 36 point lead for the points championship.

It has been a perfect July for Northern SportMod driver Jake Hagemann. He swept the month of July winning all three of the July races. He held off points leader David Siercks to take first place in the 15-lap feature event with Craig Paul taking the third spot. Siercks leads Paul by 14 points with four races left in the season.

The 2022 season has been close to perfect for Aaron Johnson. The Modified driver won his eighth race of the season with Shawn Fletcher finishing in second place. Johnson had trailed Fletcher in the points race all season but with the win the two are now tied.

Troy Jordan pushed Kris Peterson as hard as he could but in the end it was Peterson coming across the finishing line with his second Stock Car win of the year. Dave Johnson took third place and now trails points leader Tim Gonska by just six points.

Chad Funt claimed his first win of the season for the Mod Four's and Skyler Smith took the second spot. He trails points leader Gerald Nohner by 17 points.

Sport Compact driver Nathan Kohl has been dominant with six wins. He had win No. 7 in his sights with just

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Lynx hold on to defeat Sparks

Field Level Media

Moriah Jefferson scored 22 points on 9-of-14, shooting to help the Minnesota Lynx notch an 84-77 victory over the host Los Angeles Sparks on Sunday.

Sylvia Fowles added 16 points on 8-of-9 shooting and collected nine rebounds for the Lynx (12-19), who won their second straight game. Kayla McBride scored 15 points and Rachel Banham added 10 for Minnesota.

Nneka Ogumike scored 23 points and Brittney Sykes added 15 for Los Angeles (12-17), which has dropped three straight games and six of its last eight. Chennedy Carter and Katie Lou Samuelson tallied 10 points apiece for the Sparks.

The result tightened the battle for the eighth and final playoff berth. Los Angeles still holds the spot but is just a half-game ahead of the Atlanta Dream, a full game in front of the Lynx and New York Liberty.

Minnesota shot 54.4 percent from the field, including 6 of 11 from 3-point range. Jessica Shepard grabbed 10 rebounds to help the Lynx hold a 38-29 edge on the glass.

Los Angeles made 36.1 percent of its shots and

was 6 of 25 from behind the arc.

Jefferson scored five points during a 7-0 fourth-quarter run that saw Minnesota open up a 79-59 lead with 6:26 left. But the Sparks answered with an 18-3 charge.

Sykes scored nine straight points to bring Los Angeles within 11 with 3:59 remaining. McBride hit a short baseline jumper for the Lynx with 2:26 left, but Sykes scored the next four points and Ogumike added a 3-pointer to pull the Sparks within 81-75 with 1:05 remaining.

Los Angeles moved within five before McBride hit two free throws with 22.9 seconds left as the Lynx held on.

Minnesota shot 69 percent (20 of 29) from the field in the first half while holding a 52-43 lead at the break. Jefferson scored 16 points on 7-of-9 shooting in the half.

Jefferson's basket increased Minnesota's lead to 50-34 with three minutes left before Los Angeles went on a 9-2 run to end the half.

Banham and Shepard made the last two baskets of the third period to give Minnesota a 69-55 advantage entering the final stanza.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Reports: 49ers extend WR Deebo Samuel

The San Francisco 49ers are giving wide receiver Deebo Samuel a three-year, \$71.55 million contract extension, ESPN and NFL Network reported Sunday.

He will be guaranteed \$58.1 million, and the deal could be worth up to \$73.5 million, per the reports.

Samuel, 26, hauled in 77 receptions for 1,405 yards and six touchdowns last season in 16 games (15 starts). He was also vital to the rushing game, adding 365 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground.

The former second-round pick has spent his entire career with San Francisco, where he has recorded 167 receptions for 2,598 yards to go along with 10 touchdowns. He made his first Pro Bowl appearance last season, was named first-team All-Pro and led the league in yards per reception (18.2).

Samuel reported to the 49ers' training camp but was "holding in" and not practicing while contract negotiations were ongoing. He had requested a trade out of San Francisco last April.

Rodgers loving underdog rookie WR

Aaron Rodgers' penchant for donning his GM cap persists even after the Packers paid up to keep the Green Bay quarterback content.

Rodgers, working with a reshuffled stack of talent at wide receiver in the aftermath of No. 1 target Davante Adams moving on via trade to the Las Vegas Raiders, said he likes what he sees so far in training camp.

Rodgers said he envisions Allen Lazard replacing Adams as his top option, and they've connected early and often in training camp.

"Allen Lazard is going to step into the No. 1 role," Rodgers said, "and I think it's going to be a very seamless transition for him as a primary blocker and kind of a niche guy for us, to get an opportunity to get more throws, be No. 1 in the progression more often."

But there could be big things in store for fourth-round pick Romeo Doubs, who is winning over Rodgers in training camp and making headlines with his big-play flair. Doubs has taken advantage of second-rounder Christian Watson spending the first week of camp on the physically unable to perform list, and Sammy Watkins being slowed out of the gate.

"Romeo Doubs has had a really nice start to the camp," Rodgers said. "He's been getting a lot of attention based on some of the plays that he's made. I like the approach. Very understated kid, very humble kid from kind of inner city L.A., made his way to Nevada."

Doubs, 6-foot-2 and 204 pounds, was All-Mountain West at Nevada with 80 receptions and 11 touchdowns in 11 games in 2021. Before opening eyes at the Senior Bowl on the pre-draft circuit, Doubs caught national attention with a 19-catch, 203-yard showing at Fresno State last October.

"I was sitting with him at lunch the other day and really just marveling," Rodgers said. "It's surprising how many teams passed on him. Whatever reason it was, we all feel really good about Romeo and the start he's gotten off to."

Tokyo 2020 ex-board member allegedly got more payments from Olympic sponsor

YOKOHAMA, Japan - A company run by a former Tokyo Olympic organizer received more than \$1 million from Games sponsor AOKI Holdings Inc 8214.T, on top of payments from the suit retailer being investigated by Tokyo prosecutors, Japanese media said.

AOKI paid about 230 million yen (\$1.7 million) to a subsidiary of advertising agency Dentsu in the fall of 2017, which was later transferred to a company run by Haruyuki Takahashi, a former member of the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee board, the Nikkei business daily said on Saturday.

Tens of millions of yen were then transferred to two sports organizations, while Takahashi's firm kept the remaining 150 million yen, the newspaper said. The Yomiuri newspaper on Sunday put the initial payment at 250 million yen (\$1.9 million).

Takahashi, a former executive at advertising giant Dentsu Inc, did not immediately respond to an email from Reuters seeking comment.

Reuters

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Professional

MLB

American League

East

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. NY Yankees 69 34 .670, Toronto 57 45 .559, Tampa Bay 54 48 .529, Baltimore 51 51 .500, Boston 51 52 .495.

Central

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Minnesota 53 48 .525, Cleveland 52 49 .515, Chi. White Sox 51 50 .505, Detroit 41 62 .398, Kansas City 40 62 .392.

West

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Houston 67 36 .650, Seattle 55 48 .534, Texas 46 55 .455, LA Angels 43 59 .422, Oakland 39 65 .375.

National League

East

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. NY Mets 64 37 .634, Atlanta 62 41 .602, Philadelphia 55 47 .539, Miami 47 55 .461, Washington 35 68 .340.

Central

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Milwaukee 57 45 .559, St. Louis 54 48 .529, Chi. Cubs 41 60 .406, Cincinnati 40 61 .396, Pittsburgh 40 62 .392.

West

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. LA Dodgers 68 33 .673, San Diego 57 46 .553, San Francisco 51 51 .500, Colorado 46 57 .447, Arizona 45 56 .442.

American League

Saturday's Results

Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 4; NY Yankees 8, Kansas City 2; Toronto 5, Detroit 3; Seattle 5, Houston 4; Chi. White Sox 3, Oakland 2; LA Angels 9, Texas 7.

Sunday's Results

Toronto 4, Detroit 1; Kansas City 8, NY Yankees 6; Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 3; Houston 3, Seattle 2; Chi. White Sox (Kopch 4-6), 7:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Seattle at NY Yankees (Tailon 10-2), 6:05 p.m.; Toronto (Gausman 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 6-3), 6:10 p.m.; Detroit at Minnesota (Archer 2-5), 6:40 p.m.; Baltimore (Lyles 7-8) at Texas, 7:05 p.m.; Boston at Houston (Javier 6-6), 7:10 p.m.; Kansas City (Singer 4-3) at Chi. White Sox (Gioliello 6-6), 7:10 p.m.; Oakland (Montez 4-9) at LA Angels (Syndergaard 5-8), 8:38 p.m.

National League

Saturday's Results

NY Mets 4, Miami 0; Washington 7, St. Louis 6; Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings; Atlanta 6, Arizona 2; Colorado 5, LA Dodgers 3; San Francisco 5, Chi. Cubs 4.

Sunday's Results

St. Louis 5, Washington 0; Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 2; Atlanta 1, Arizona 0; NY Mets 9, Miami 3; LA Dodgers 7, Colorado 3; San Francisco 4, Chi. Cubs 0.

Monday's Games

Cincinnati (Greene 3-12) at Miami, 5:40 p.m.; NY Mets (Scherzer 6-2) at Washington (Corbin 4-14), 6:05 p.m.; Colorado (Senzatela 3-5) at San Diego (Clevinger 2-3), 8:40 p.m.; LA Dodgers (Heaney 1-0) at San Francisco, 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Colorado at San Diego, 3:10 p.m.; Cincinnati (Ashcraft 4-2) at Miami (Garrett 2-4), 5:40 p.m.; NY Mets (deGrom 0-0) at Washington (Abbott 0-1), 6:05 p.m.; Milwaukee (Burns 8-4) at Pittsburgh (Wilson 1-6), 6:05 p.m.; Philadelphia at Atlanta (Strider 5-3), 6:20 p.m.; Chi. Cubs at St. Louis (Wainwright 7-8), 6:45 p.m.; LA Dodgers (Anderson 11-1) at San Francisco, 8:45 p.m.; Colorado at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.

Interleague

Saturday's Results

Milwaukee 9, Boston 4; Cincinnati 8, Baltimore 2; Minnesota 7, San Diego 4.

Sunday's Results

Boston 7, Milwaukee 2; Cincinnati 3, Baltimore 2; San Diego 3, Minnesota 2.

Monday's Games

Arizona at Cleveland (Quantrill 7-5), 6:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Arizona (Gallen 5-2) at Cleveland (McKenzie 7-7), 6:10 p.m.

Sunday's Results

San Diego 3, Minnesota 2.

MIN

Table with columns: Team, ab, r, h, bi, SD, ab, r, h, bi. Buxton cf 3 0 0 0, Profar lf 4 2 2 1, Correa ss 3 0 0 0, Machado 3b 4 0 0 0, Polanco 2b 3 0 0 0, Crnwrth 2b 4 0 2 1, Garlick lf 4 0 0 0, Voit dh 4 0 1 1, Miranda 3b 4 1 1 1, Hosmer 1b 3 0 0 0, Arreaz 1b 4 1 1 1, Abrams 2b 1 0 0 0, Beckham dh 4 0 1 0, Alfaro c 3 0 0 0, Clstino rf 3 0 1 0, Mazarra rf 3 0 0 0, Hmlton c 2 0 0 0, Ruiz rf 0 0 0 0, Kim ss 3 0 1 0, Grisham cf 3 1 1 0.

Totals 30 2 4 2, Totals 32 3 7 3.

Minnesota

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San Diego

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E—Garlick 1, LOB—San Diego 5, Minnesota 5, HR—Arreaz (6), Miranda (10), Profar (11), SB—Profar (5).

IP H R ER BB SO

Minnesota

Profar 5 1 1 0 0 0

Correa 5 1 1 2 0 0

Machado 3 0 0 0 0 1

Buxton 2 2 2 2 3 7

Crisattol H, 5 1 0 0 0 2

T.Hill H, 7 1 0 0 0 0

Lu.Garcia S, 1 0 0 0 0 1

Inherited runners-scored—Pagan 2-2, WP—Bundy (2), Umpires—Home, Chad Whitson; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Malachi Moore; Third, Adam Hamari.

T—2:45, A—37,336 (45,496)

Saturday's Results

Minnesota 7, San Diego 4.

MIN

Table with columns: Team, ab, r, h, bi, SD, ab, r, h, bi. Arreaz 1b 5 1 1 0, Profar lf 5 1 2 3, Correa ss 5 1 2 1, Machado 3b 5 1 1 1, Buxton dh 3 2 2 1, Hosmer 1b 4 0 1 0, Polanco 2b 2 0 0 0, Voit dh 4 0 1 0, Krloff rf 3 0 0 0, Mazarra rf 4 0 1 0, Contrs rf 0 0 0 0, Nola c 3 0 0 0, Garlick ph 1 1 0 0, Grisham cf 4 0 1 0, Miranda 3b 3 2 1 1, Kim ss 3 1 1 0, Gordon lf 4 0 2 1, Abrams 2b 3 1 1 0, Sanchez c 4 0 0 0, Clstino cf 4 0 2 1.

Totals 34 7 9 6, Totals 35 4 8 4.

Minnesota

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San Diego 001 000 003 - 4

E—Abrams 1, Correa 1, Pagan 1, LOB—San Diego 8, Minnesota 4, 2B—Gordon (12), Grisham (13), HR—Buxton (26), Correa (13), M.Machado (18), Profar (10), SB—Buxton (3), Kim (7).

IP H R ER BB SO

Minnesota

S.Gray W, 6-3 5 5 1 1 1 5

Pagan H, 6 1 0 0 0 1 2

Tr.Megill H, 2 1-3 2 0 0 0 0

Jax H, 10 2-3 0 0 0 0 1

Ji.Duran 1 0 0 0 0 2

Duffey 1 1 3 3 1 1

San Diego

Musgrove L, 8-4 6 4 2 2 2 8

Crisattol 1 0 0 0 0 2

Morejno 1-3 3 4 4 1 1

Lamet 2-3 2 1 1 0 1

M.Baez 1 0 0 0 0 0

Inherited runners-scored—Jax 2-0, Lamet 2-2, HBP—Abrams (by Duffey), Miranda (by Musgrove).

Umpires—Home, Adam Hamari; First, Chad Whitson; Second, Jerry Layne; Third, Malachi Moore.

T—3:34, A—39,574 (45,496)

BASKETBALL

Professional

WNBA

Eastern Conference

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Chicago 23 7 .767, Connecticut 20 10 .667, Washington 19 12 .613, Atlanta 12 18 .400, New York 11 18 .379, Indiana 5 27 .156.

Western Conference

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Las Vegas 22 8 .733, Seattle 19 12 .613, Dallas 13 16 .448, Phoenix 13 17 .433, Los Angeles 12 16 .429, Minnesota 11 19 .367.

Saturday's Games

Seattle 82, Washington 77; Dallas 81, Atlanta 68.

Sunday's Games

Chicago 95, Connecticut 92, OT; New York 89, Phoenix 69; Las Vegas 94, Indiana 69; Washington 78, Seattle 75; Minnesota at Los Angeles, 6 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Connecticut, 6 p.m.; Philadelphia at New York, 6 p.m.; Las Vegas at Washington, 6 p.m.; Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Sunday's result

MINNESOTA 84, Los Angeles 77.

Shepard 2-5 1-2 5, Powers 2-7 4-4 8, Jefferson 9-14 2-4 22, McBride 3-5 7-7 15, Fowles 8-9 0-1 16, Achonwa 2-6 2-3 6, Banham 4-5 0-0 10, Carleton 0-1 0-0 0, L.Allen 0-3 0-0 0, Miliic 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 31-57 16-21 84.

LOS ANGELES (77)

Samuelson 4-14 0-0 10, N.Ogumwike 9-18 3-3 23, Sykes 5-17 4-4 15, C.Ogumwike 3-7 1-2 7, Toliver 1-5 0-0 3, Canada 3-9 1-1 7, Carter 4-10 2-2 10, Nelson-Ododa 1-2 0-0 2, J.Walker 0-1 0-0 0, K.Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 30-83 11-12 77.

MINNESOTA

26 26 17 15 - 84

Los Angeles 22 21 12 22 - 77

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 6-11 (McBride 2-2, Banham 2-3, Jefferson 2-4, L.Allen 0-1, Carleton 0-1), Los Angeles 6-25 (N.Ogumwike 2-5, Samuelson 2-9, Toliver 1-4, Sykes 1-5, Canada 0-1, C.Ogumwike 0-1), Fouled Out—None.

Rebounds—Minnesota 38 (Shepard 10), Los Angeles 29 (C.Ogumwike 6).

Assists—Minnesota 23 (Powers, Jefferson 4), Los Angeles 20 (Canada 6).

Total Fouls—Minnesota 13 (Shepard 4), Los Angeles 16 (C.Ogumwike, Sykes, Canada, Carter 3). A—6,857.

SOCCER

Professional

MLS

Eastern Conference

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Philadelphia 12 2 9 45 40 15, NYC FC 12 4 6 42 41 21, CF Montreal 11 8 3 36 36 36, NY Red Bulls 10 6 6 36 34 25, Orlando City SC 8 6 6 30 26 31, Columbus SC 7 5 9 30 27 22, FC Cincinnati 7 8 7 28 33 38, Chicago 7 10 6 27 24 28, New England 6 7 9 27 32 31, Charlotte FC 8 12 2 26 25 31, Inter Miami CF 7 10 4 25 22 33, Atlanta United FC 6 9 7 25 29 33, Toronto FC 6 12 5 23 30 49, Houston 5 12 3 19 26 43.

Western Conference

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Los Angeles FC 15 4 3 48 44 23, Austin FC 12 5 5 41 45 28, Minnesota United 8 5 35 35 30, Real Salt Lake 9 7 6 33 28 27, FC Dallas 8 6 8 32 32 25, Nashville SC 8 7 8 32 29 29, Portland 7 6 10 31 39 35, LA Galaxy 9 9 3 30 30 27, Seattle FC 9 11 2 29 29 27, Vancouver FC 7 10 6 27 25 38, Houston 7 12 4 25 28 37, Colorado 6 9 6 24 25 29.

Professional

NASCAR Cup Series

Verizon 200 at the Brickyard

Sunday

Speedway, IN

Lap Length: 2.50 miles

1. (1) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 86 laps, 0.0 rating, 40 points, 5 playoff points

2. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, 86, 0.0, 35, 0

3. (13) Harrison Burton, Ford, 86, 0.0, 36, 0

4. (9) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 86, 0.0, 38, 0

5. (19) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 86, 0.0, 40, 0

6. (5) Joey Logano, Ford, 86, 0.0, 38, 0

7. (20) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 0

8. (7) Michael McDowell, Ford, 86, 0.0, 29, 0

9. (24) Cole Custer, Ford, 86, 0.0, 31, 0

10. (16) Chris Buescher, Ford, 86, 0.0, 27, 0

11. (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 86, 0.0, 38, 0

12. (4) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 86, 0.0, 35, 1

13. (38) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 24, 0

14. (15) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 86, 0.0, 28, 0

15. (35) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 24, 0

16. (8) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 34, 0

17. (26) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 86, 0.0, 0, 0

18. (13) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 19, 0

19. (17) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 18, 0

20. (12) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 86, 0.0, 27, 17, 0

21. (25) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 86, 0.0, 17, 0

22. (32) Josh Blicicki, Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 0, 0

23. (3) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 86, 0.0, 28, 1

24. (33) Cody Ware, Ford, 86, 0.0, 14, 0

25. (37) Josh Williams, Ford, 86, 0.0, 0, 0

26. (6) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 86, 0.0, 20, 0

27. (21) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 10, 0

28. (11) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 86, 0.0, 9, 0

29. (27) Joey Hand, Ford, 85, 0.0, 8, 0

30. (29) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 85, 0.0, 7, 0

31. (23) William Byron, Chevrolet, Accident, 79, 0.0, 14, 0

32. (28) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, Damage, 65, 0.0, 5, 0

33. (18) Kevin Harvick, Ford, Accident, 64, 0.0, 4, 0

34. (30) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 60, 0.0, 9, 0

Reddick wins Verizon 200 at Indy

Field Level Media

When Tyler Reddick won for the first time in the NASCAR Cup Series, it was a monumental task.

His result Sunday was pretty special, too.

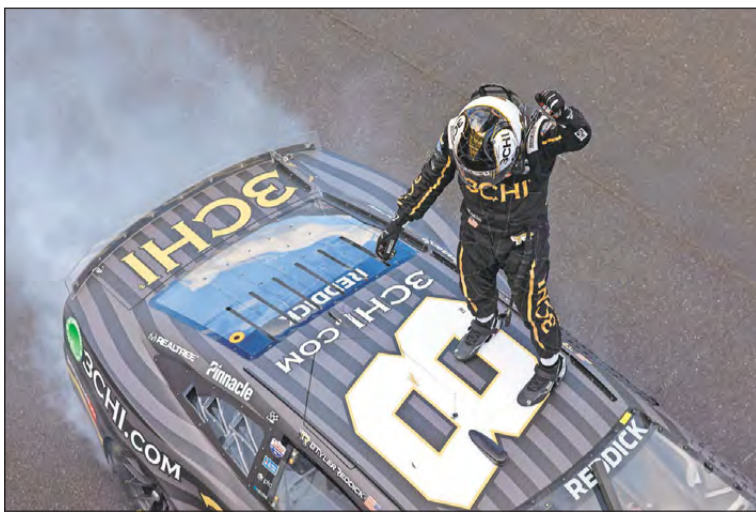
Reddick mastered a road course for the second time in July, withstanding late restarts to win the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis.

“Just really glad to be able to do it here in Indianapolis,” Reddick said. “This is one really special place to race, and really excited to kiss the bricks here in a little bit.”

Austin Cindric placed second, followed by Harrison Burton, Todd Gilliland and Bubba Wallace. Burton and Gilliland are rookies who both notched their best finishes.

The last half of the 86-lap race was largely a showcase for Reddick at Indianapolis Motor Speedway’s road course.

Reddick held more than a 3-second lead and appeared to have a clear path to victory. But with four laps to go, a blown tire on Christopher Bell’s car



Justin Casterline / TNS

Tyler Reddick celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Verizon 200 on Sunday at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana.

resulted in track debris and a caution. That set the stage for a potential showdown between Reddick and Chase Elliott.

Elliott spun in the first turn of the restart. The ensuing mess resulted in another restart.

This time, Reddick held off

Ross Chastain for the victory. However, Chastain was penalized for cutting Turn 1, so he’ll move down the list when official results are confirmed. Chastain was listed 27th in the unofficial results.

Chastain’s illegal maneuver put him in front of Reddick, but it didn’t matter because of the

obvious violation.

“I thought we were four-wide and couldn’t go any farther right, and decided to take the NASCAR access lane out there,” Chastain in explaining his costly move.

Reddick claimed his first Cup Series victory in the first race of the month, also on a road circuit, when he prevailed at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis. Elliott ended up second on that day, but he finished 16th following Sunday’s late bad luck.

Reddick was the pole-sitter, but Elliott had won two of the past three Cup Series events and three of the past five. They were the focus for much of the race.

“Well, we just know what we’re capable of, and we did that at Road America,” Reddick said. “And if we change nothing, we keep working really, really hard, we find a way back to Victory Lane.”

Reddick grabbed the lead on the 50th lap, but headed to the pits on the next lap, putting Ryan Blaney in front.

But after a series of pit stops, Reddick was back in the lead.

The first caution because of an accident came on the 62nd lap after 2021 series champion Kyle Larson, racing on his 30th birthday, went over the curb and rammed Ty Dillon’s car in what appeared for an instant might be a head-on collision. Still, Dillon exited with significant damage to the car.

“It was an impact unlike anything I’ve felt in my life,” Dillon said. “Just a string of bad luck we’ve had this season.”

The biggest edge in that restart went to Ryan Blaney, who moved to the second-place spot, and Bell dropped from second to sixth.

Chase Briscoe was the Stage 1 winner. Bell claimed points for Stage 2.

Aric Almirola was the first driver to fall significantly off the lead-lap pace because of a flat tire.

With about a dozen laps remaining, Alex Bowman was black-flagged with his car’s hood coming loose.

Twins snap losing streak with win over Padres



Denis Poroy / TNS

The Minnesota Twins’ Byron Buxton hits a solo home run during the fourth inning Saturday against the San Diego Padres at Petco Park in San Diego.

By Betsy Helfand
St. Paul Pioneer Press

SAN DIEGO — The Twins didn’t mince words after Friday’s ugly 10-1 loss.

It was an “awakening,” starter Chris Archer said. The team had time to play the kind of baseball it needed to, but not that much time, manager Rocco Baldelli said.

Locked in a close game late on Saturday, protecting just a one-run advantage, who better than the Twins’ \$35 million man to help break things open? Carlos Correa’s two-run home run

along with five innings of one-run ball from veteran Sonny Gray helped lead the Twins to a 7-4 win over the Padres on Saturday evening at Petco Park.

Correa’s blast, which cleared the center-field wall, marked the start of a five-run inning in which the Twins (53-47) pulled away from the Padres (56-46). That inning helped them overcome a three-run home run from Jurickson Profar in the ninth.

And it came just after the Twins caught a major break in the bottom of the seventh. With a run-

ner on second, Profar smoked a ball that looked as if it would tie the game up. Instead, it ricocheted off second base umpire Jerry Layne and died in the infield.

C.J. Abrams, who was at second base, stayed put and Griffin Jax subsequently entered the game with two on and worked his way out of the jam.

The Twins bullpen was pressed into duty in the sixth inning as Gray was removed after just 79 pitches and five strong innings. The veteran gave up five hits — one a solo home run to Manny Machado — in his outing.

Machado’s home run gave the Padres a brief lead, one which Byron Buxton eliminated a half inning later with his 26th blast of the season. An inning later, the Twins took the lead for good when Gilberto Celestino singled home Jose Miranda.

Briefly

Alex Kirilloff left Saturday’s game with right wrist soreness and is day to day. It is the same wrist that Kirilloff had surgery on last year and a cortisone injection earlier this season.

Loons fight back, 4-4 draw

By Andy Greder
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There was a stark yin and yang to Minnesota United’s 4-4 draw with Portland Timbers on Saturday.

The Loons couldn’t have started the match any worse, but their response couldn’t have been more resounding — at least for the duration of the first half.

The Timbers took the opening kickoff, strung together seven passes that culminated with a Sebastian Blanco goal just 14 seconds into the match. Minnesota had yet to even touch the ball.

It was the fastest goal MNUFC has conceded in its MLS history, besting Montreal’s Anthony Jackson-Hamels’ finish 27 seconds into Minnesota’s 3-2 win in July 2019. Blanco’s goal was the fourth fastest in league history.

Captain center back Michael Boxall said “everyone is kind of fired up” for the nationally televised game on ABC, and “maybe you’re a little bit too excited to do things you don’t necessarily do, so you take a half step too early and that just gives them space.”

But Minnesota answered with three goals — Franco

Fragapane’s header on a corner kick in the ninth minute, Bongsi Hlongwane’s rebound in the 21st and Luis Amarilla’s individual playmaking in the 41st — to take a 3-1 lead that appeared comfortable.

The Loons’ restart, however, was worse than the match’s onset. MNUFC allowed three goals across 15 minutes, including an own goal charged to Kemar Lawrence, to fall behind 4-3 in the 65th minute.

Manager Adrian Heath said there was no adjustment at halftime to stay behind the ball with the lead. “I wanted more of the same,” he said. “We just didn’t defend well enough. As I say, the back four and the goalkeeper have had a lot of praise this year and quite rightfully so. (Saturday), it wasn’t good enough and they know that.”

The last thing Heath said to the players at halftime: “Do not give them something to believe in.”

Portland, the MLS Cup runner-up and team that bounced the Loons out of the 2021 playoffs, had plenty of faith when it took the lead until Amarilla’s second goal made it 4-4 in the 69th minute.

“It’s looking more like the

Luis we know we’ve got,” Heath said. “His ball retention has been so much better in the last few weeks. He’s now looking a goal threat. The chance he had with the header late on is Luis at his best.”

Minnesota (10-8-5) extended its unbeaten streak to seven games; Portland (7-6-10) pushed its unbeaten run to eight.

While Minnesota’s two comebacks can be looked at positively, the Loons coughing up a two-goal halftime lead to drop two points at home didn’t sit well. “Massively disappointing,” Boxall said.

Heath added: “It feels like a defeat now, but it isn’t. In the cold light of day, seven games ago, would we have taken five wins and two draws, you bet we would have. But now, it doesn’t feel too good.”

BRIEFLY

Emanuel Reynoso, Robin Lod and Boxall were each issued yellow cards in the second half, and due to card accumulations, the trio will be suspended for the next MLS game against Colorado Rapids on Aug. 6. Reynoso, whose booking was a completely avoidable challenge,

MNUFC rebounded from quick goal, allowed to take lead



Courtesy of Minnesota United

Minnesota United midfielder Emanuel Reynoso pokes the ball Saturday against Portland Timbers in an MLS game at Allianz Field in St. Paul.

will be able to rest before his appearance in the MLS All-Star Game on Aug. 10. ... Reynoso and Kervin Arriaga returned from ankle injuries to make the starting XI. Lod remained in central midfield for a sixth straight game and was paired with Arriaga for the first time. ... MNUFC supporters in the Wonderwall sections unveiled a tifo with the message: “this game belongs to all of us.” It was in support of the club’s annual pride game on Saturday. ... Loons new fullback Alan

Benitez subbed into his second straight game Saturday, and Heath said the Paraguayan is getting closer to starting matches. ... After not scoring in his first 1,000-plus MLS minutes this season, Hlongwane has scored twice in his last 100 minutes. ... Former Loons fullback Jerome Thiesson reunited with Loons folks in St. Paul on Saturday. The 34-year-old Swiss man recently retired from soccer and is on a countrywide U.S. vacation with his wife and two young children.

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“Definitely trying to keep his memory alive,” he said. “I’m actually wearing his number now, and that’s a blessing, as well, this season for Jeff. ... We were definitely pretty close.

We were both the nickels (in 2020) and we were always talking and laughing and comparing notes.”

Hand expected Gladney to have a bright future with the Cardinals.

“He really would have excelled,” he said. “He came in (to the NFL) and already had a top-tier game.”

Boyd, who was in his second NFL season when Gladney arrived in 2020, had known Gladney longer than any Vikings player. Boyd is a native of Gilmer, Texas, an hour south of Gladney’s native New Boston.

“Me and Jeff grew up in East Texas together and we’d known each other since high school,

my freshman year (of 2011),” said Boyd, who played for TCU’s Big 12 rival Texas. “I’m dedicating this season to him. I’m going to give it my all and leave everything I can out there on the field and do it in his name.”

Boyd said he was the only current Vikings player to attend Glad-

ney’s funeral on June 4 in New Boston, although he said former Minnesota guard Dakota Dozier also was there.

“It was a (sad) experience,” Boyd said. “You can’t really say too much unless you were there, but it was definitely what I needed. ... That’s my brother. I know he’s looking down on

us now.”

Dantzler had planned to attend the funeral but his son got sick. He sent flowers to the family and plans at some point to visit Gladney’s grave in New Boston.

“With him not being able to play the game, I just feel like everything I do will be dedicated to him,” he said.

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two laps left, but Brandon Nyberg wouldn’t go away and Nyberg overtook Kohl with two

laps to go and won a thrilling 15-lap feature race. With the win Nyberg trails Kohl by 19 points for the points championship.

IMCA Expert Insulation Modifieds
Feature: 1-Aaron Johnson, 2-Shawn Fletcher, 3-Luke Hines
Heat 1: 1-Aaron Johnson, 2-Seth Kramer, 3-AJ

IMCA Stock Car
Feature: 1-Kris Peterson, 2-Troy Jordan, 3-Dave Johnson
Heat 1: 1-Kris Peterson, 2-Tim Gonska, 3-Dave Johnson

IMCA Northern SportMod
Feature: 1-Jake Hagemann, 2-David Siercks, 3-Craig Paul
Heat 1: 1-Jeff Innes, 2-David Siercks, 3-Michael

WISSOTA Mod Four
Feature: 1-Chad Funt, 2-Skyler Smith, 3-Josh Litzau
Heat 1: 1-Nick McCann, 2-Skyler Smith, 3-Gerrald Nohner

IMCA Hobby Stock
Feature: 1-Jesse Vanlaningham, 2-Tim Otterness, 3-Tom Anderson
Heat 1: 1-Jesse Vanlaningham, 2-Chase Peterson,

IMCA Sport Compact
Feature: 1-Brandon Nyberg, 2-Nathan Kohl, 3-Korbin Sarazin
Heat 1: 1-Nathan Kohl, 2-Brandon Nyberg, 3-Andrew Malinowski
Heat 2: 1-Korbin Sarazin, 2-Brent Kugel, 3-Beau Fries

3-Nate Hanson
Heat 2: 1-Tom Anderson, 2-Tyler Kunz, 3-Dylan Nelson
Heat 3: 1-Ryan Klenschmidt, 2-Tim Otterness, 3-Scott Herron