

# BIG HATS FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

Detroit Lakes Jaycees host stagette at Holmes Theatre

**By Michael Achterling**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The hats were large, worn with ribbons, flowers and lights to coordinate perfectly with the Kentucky Derby-style ensembles of the fashionable event-goers.

Dozens of women, dressed to the stars, descended upon the Historic Holmes Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 16 to celebrate the Detroit

Lakes Jaycees Stagette, a fundraiser to benefit the winter's upcoming toy drive.

"I think we have a great turnout and these ladies look amazing," said Mandie Tretbar, an event organizer, during the event. "The hats are awesome."

She said all of the proceeds will go to the Gifts For Kids toy drive in December, with more details becoming available in the coming

months.

"We purchase gifts for kids in the community," she said. "We do put (donation) buckets out, usually at different businesses around town, and ask for donations as well, but a lot of (the gifts) are usually just purchased."

The Stagette is expected to raise more than \$2,000 for the program, but, Tretbar said, they could raise as much more than

that depending on the amount of money spent at the various event stations.

Carnival games lined the walls of the theatre's ballroom, which eventgoers could play to win prize tickets.

Kasey Fetzer designed the My Little Pony horse racing game, she said, and Tretbar herself had the idea for Bra Pong a couple years ago for

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Jen Savig, left, of Audubon, Minn., Sheree Lenz, center, of Detroit Lakes, and Kaylin Severson, of Detroit Lakes, smile for a group photograph during the 2021 Detroit Lakes Jaycees Stagette at the Historic Holmes Theatre on Saturday.

# Becker County commits \$100,000 in seed money for new home daycares

**By Nathan Bowe**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

In a bid to help parents return to work, Becker County has allocated \$100,000 to help new daycare providers overcome a variety of challenges.

"The dollar amounts are reasonable and the premise is reasonable," Becker County Board Chairman Barry Nelson said at a recent county board meeting. "We need to work out the details on administering it and recouping funds if need be."

Prior to the vote, Becker County Economic Development Coordinator Guy Fischer outlined three strategies to provide a 15% boost in the number of available daycare slots in Becker County.

"An estimated 600 slots are needed in



Becker County is acting to help improve the daycare situation. The county has been struggling with a serious child care shortage for years.

Becker County, so 15% (80 slots) seems modest but obtainable," he told commissioners.

**Family daycare startup grants up to \$10,000**

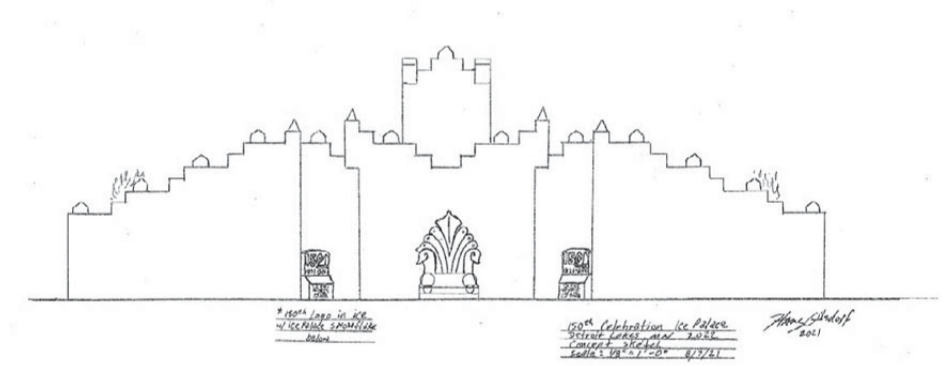
The first strategy is to provide family daycare startup grants up to \$10,000, which is the estimated cost of starting

a family child care business that is licensed and approved by the state.

On average, it's a 3-6 month startup timeline, Fischer said, and the first \$5,000 grant would be available after three months, with the second \$5,000 coming after six months.

Providers will have

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A preliminary sketch of the 2022 Polar Fest Ice Palace by artist Hans Gilsdorf shows the basic layout for the structure, which will measure 95 feet long by 24 feet deep and 31-to-32 feet high — the city's largest such structure to date. The 2022 Polar Fest celebration, set for Feb. 11-27, will cap off the city's 150th birthday celebrations.

# Seventeen-day Polar Fest will cap Detroit Lakes' 150th celebration

**By Vicki Gerdes**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes had plenty to celebrate in 2021, with the return of many 2020 events that were canceled, postponed or downsized by COVID-19, coupled with new festivities planned to celebrate the city's 150th birthday,

or Sesquicentennial.

But it wasn't just the ongoing pandemic that put the city's last Polar Fest celebration on ice: Ironically, it was subzero temperatures that curtailed many of the activities planned for last February. Because that Polar

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# Airport commission approves \$748,000 in bids for new medical airlift helicopter hangar

**By Michael Achterling**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Improved airlift medical services are one step closer to coming to the Detroit Lakes-Becker County Airport after a meeting at the City Administration building on Monday.

During the Oct. 18 meeting of the airport commission, members approved two bids for a new helicopter hangar, and corresponding site work. The hangar will be used by LifeLink III, pending lease approval, for their 24/7 medical airlift staff.

The total cost for the project will be \$748,137, which will be financed by Becker County, the city of Detroit Lakes and potential grants from the



Mark Hagen, right, chairman of the Detroit Lakes-Becker County Airport Commission, looks over site plans for a new \$748,000 helicopter hangar project with John Okeson, county commissioner for district three in Becker County, during a meeting at the City Administration building on Monday.

Minnesota Department of Transportation. The preliminary financing split between the entities will be decided during their respective meetings on Oct. 19 and Oct. 20.

"The county seemed to be on board

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## POLICE NEWS

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The following reports were compiled from the Becker County Sheriff's Office and Detroit Lakes Police Department from an official with knowledge of the cases, unless otherwise noted.

## Thursday, Oct. 14

6:21 a.m., 25000 block 354th Street, Ogema, propane gas leak.

10:20 a.m., 36000 block Mission Road, Ogema, possible catalytic converter theft. Truck runs extremely loud compared to the day before and caller wants someone to check out their vehicle.

10:51 a.m., at Walmart at 1583 Highway 10, Detroit Lakes, past action shoplifting.

10:58 a.m., 28000 block Waboose Drive, Ponsford, tires and garbage being burned. Extinguished.

11:37 a.m., 300 block east Frazee Street, Detroit Lakes, gas pump drive-off.

12:57 p.m., 3000 block 3rd Street, Lake Park, license plate stolen.

5:11 p.m., 800 block Central Street, Detroit Lakes, mobile phone stolen at the middle school.

7:04 p.m., at the Audubon Liquor Store, vehicle tires slashed.

9:31 p.m., 700 block Pembina Trail, Detroit Lakes, multiple credit card accounts were attempted to be opened in the caller's name without authorization.

11:01 p.m., 100 block 2nd Street, Frazee, fight involving three parties occurred on Saturday night. No serious injuries were reported. All three were cited for disorderly conduct.

## Friday, Oct. 15

9:19 a.m., 1100 block West River Road, Detroit Lakes, a report of domestic assault by a concerned third party. No injuries were reported in the incident. The case is under investigation.

2:39 p.m., 600 block Highway 10, Detroit Lakes, phone scam involving fraudulent, non-existent bank accounts.

5:19 p.m., 900 block Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, a report of bad checks being issued.

10:12 p.m., 100 block east Main Street, Detroit Lakes, a report of shots fired involving a group of juveniles was reported hours after the incident. An unknown party suffered a minor injury in the incident. A 15-year-old was detained and transported to a juvenile detention facility in Moorhead.

## Saturday, Oct. 16

4:03 a.m., 37000 block 280th Avenue, Waubun, suicide-related. The caller reported their sister was intoxicated and threatening self-harm. No transport was needed.

3:37 p.m., 19000 block Highway 59, Detroit Lakes, online scam involving personal information.

3:38 p.m., 16000 block County Road 6, Lake Park, suicide-related. A 54-year-old man was transported to a medical clinic in Fargo for evaluation.

## Sunday, Oct. 17

7:21 a.m., 300 block 11th Avenue, Detroit Lakes, an invited guest into a residence may have stolen personal items.

8:10 a.m., 21000 block Dovre Road, Detroit Lakes, property damage. A vehicle drove over the caller's property damaging trees and a sign.

11:17 a.m., 10000 block west Lake Ida Lane, Lake Park, vehicle damage. The windshield and passenger window of a vehicle was broken.

11:34 a.m., 9000 block Highway 34, Detroit Lakes, parked vehicle damaged. A witness has corroborated the incident.

3:49 p.m., 100 block south Lake Street, Frazee, a yellow garden wagon was stolen. The wagon is valued at \$140.

7:00 p.m., 37000 block south west Height of Land Drive, Rochert, drug-related. A caller wanted an officer to pick up his son's marijuana.

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## Green Pine Acres receives \$320,380 benefactor donation

By Shannon Geisen  
Park Rapids Enterprise

Greenwood Connections Administrator Laura Ahlf reported that Green Pine Acres received a \$320,380 gift from the Gordon and Sally Brevig Family Trust.

She spoke to the Menasha City Council on Oct. 12.

The funds are to be used for capital improvements "for the betterment of the quality of life of the residents." Ahlf said she will consult with city attorney Jeff Pederson when considering use of the funds. She also plans to acknowledge the Brevigs when projects are completed.

In other business, the council did as follows:

► Learned that Patricia Anderson was hired as the new director of nursing for Greenwood Connections. Ahlf said admissions are still curtailed due to a nursing shortage. Twenty-five percent of positions are open at the nursing home and 23% at assisted living.

► Learned there will be a 9% increase when Greenwood Connections renews its Public Employees Insurance Program Pool in January 2022. Ahlf said this

is nearly a \$4,000 hike per month for health insurance.

► Former mayor Joanie Liimatta criticized the city for its lack of foresight and inability to host a remote council meeting because Pachel was on vacation. She suggested that more city staff be trained on GoTo-Meeting.

► Huebner read from the Minnesota Mayors Handbook, which explains the mayor's role in a weak mayor-council system. All council members have the same right to vote and make motions. The mayor's additional responsibility is to preside over the meeting and preserve order, including enforcing bylaws and calling members to order if they disregard rules of procedure or decorum. The handbook also states the mayor has ceremonial and legal duties as well, like executing official documents and making appointments.

► Huebner stated he would not approve council minutes because of "alterations" and "finessing."

► Huebner presented a Sept. 10 letter from Les Kundo, vice president

of Teamster General Local Union No. 346. It stated that there has been "questionable, if not disrespectful behavior, comments, possible harassment and even plain disregard" for city employees by elected city officials.

► Keranen inquired about 21 invoices from Ramstad, Skoyles & Winter, the former city attorney, totaling \$4,334. The charges were incurred between Aug. 3 and Sept. 30, with 11 by Olson and nine by Kreklau. Olson said she has council approval to speak to the city attorney when there is a need.

► Learned from city planning and zoning commission chair Quade Mayer that two businesses – Subway and Greener Tomorrow – were confirmed as conforming. They had previously been identified as nonconforming, but proper documentation was found in city files.

► Clarified that administrative support technician Jensine Kurtti is under the direction of Olson, in communication with Kreklau, as stated in a previous resolution.

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## COURT NEWS

## News Staff

## Pelican Rapids man faces charges after Becker County crash

Jesus Martinez Perez, 26, of Pelican Rapids has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime, gross misdemeanor criminal vehicular operation and misdemeanor DWI.

According to court records, shortly before 2 a.m. on Sept. 5 a trooper responded to a vehicle crash on Highway 59 in Becker County.

Perez was the driver and smelled of alcohol. A passenger in his vehicle stated they were at a wedding in Detroit Lakes earlier, and travelling from the wedding to Zorbaz on Pelican Lake.

Another vehicle that was involved in the crash was heavily damaged. The driver of that vehicle said Perez went through the intersection and collided with the passenger side of his vehicle. The passenger in the vehicle was transported to the hospital for possible head, shoulder, and leg injuries. They were later released, however the passenger stated they are dealing with pain in those areas.

Perez refused to submit to a portable breath test, was arrested, and a blood draw was sent to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for testing. A pat down search at the Becker County Jail revealed a little over half a gram of meth in his front pants pocket.

On Sept. 7, cash bail for Perez was set at \$300, or bond at \$3,000 under standard conditions of release, or \$10,000 bond with no conditions.

## Felony dropped against Lake Park man because already in prison

Eric Daniel Omdahl, 23, of rural Lake Park has had a felony fifth-degree drug charge dismissed in Becker County District Court.

According to court records, on June 4, 2019, a Becker County sheriff's deputy saw a vehicle travel past him where the driver appeared to be using his

phone to record the deputy as the driver was traveling.

The deputy pulled the vehicle over, and he could smell a strong odor of marijuana as he approached the vehicle. Omdahl admitted to video recording the deputy as he drove by.

While speaking with Omdahl, the deputy observed a zip lock bag with buds of marijuana sticking out. Asked if there was any more marijuana in the vehicle, Omdahl responded there was in the glove box. The deputy found several marijuana oil cartridges. The marijuana weighed about 135 grams with packaging.

The charge was dismissed Sept. 10 because Omdahl was in a North Dakota prison, and following his release there, he will serve a prison sentence in Minnesota. Based on the nature of the offense and judicial economy, the state dismissed the charge.

## Sex charges dismissed against International Falls man

Marcus Tarrell Washington, 38, of International Falls, has had two counts of felony first-degree criminal sexual conduct dismissed in Becker County District Court.

According to court records, he was accused of sexually abusing a child under the age of 16 on several occasions.

The victim met with a forensic interviewer on Jan. 15, 2020, at the Red River Child Advocacy Center in Fargo.

On Sept. 3, the charges were dismissed without prejudice, meaning they can be brought back to court at a later date. The charges were dropped by the Becker County Attorney's Office based on prosecutorial discretion – to protect the best interests of the victim, according to court records.

## Fugitive from justice charge filed

Jay Mark Loerzel, 38, of Davenport, N.D., has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony being a fugitive from justice from another state.

According to court records, on Sept. 2, Loerzel was transported to the Beck-

er County Jail from Otter Tail County. He has an outstanding active warrant out of Cass County, North Dakota, issued on Aug. 3 on charges of failure to appear and possession. He admits being the same person in the warrant. Cass County authorities confirmed they would extradite him.

## Fargo man charged with being fugitive

Brett Owen Wester, 31, of Fargo, has been charged in Becker County District Court with being a fugitive from justice from another state, a felony.

According to court records, on Sept. 3, he was arrested in Becker County, where it was discovered that there were active warrants out of Cass County, North Dakota, for his arrest. Wester is wanted for failure to appear in court and unauthorized use of ID, and admitted being the person named in the warrant.

On Sept. 9, he waived his right to an extradition hearing.

## Felony burglary charge dismissed

Brent Michael Jungling, 40, of Fargo has had charges of felony third-degree burglary and misdemeanor theft dismissed in Becker County District Court.

According to court records, on July 8, he allegedly shoplifted \$298 worth of merchandise from the Detroit Lakes Walmart.

The charges were dismissed Sept. 8 because the defendant is deceased, having passed away on Sept. 2.

## Receiving stolen property charge dismissed

Tammara Cherise Eischens, 33, of rural Park Rapids has had a charge of felony receiving stolen property dismissed in Becker County District Court.

According to court records, on March 10 she took a woman's vehicle at Casey's gas station in Detroit Lakes and kept it for several days.

The charge was dismissed Sept. 13 because the defendant is deceased.

## Waubun man faces fifth-degree drug charge after search

Zachariah Michael Bray, 36, of rural Waubun has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime.

According to court records, on Sept. 13 White Earth officers and agents of the Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force executed a search warrant on a residence in Becker County.

A number of people were inside the residence, including Bray, who was in a bedroom where a bundle of white substance was located, as well as drug paraphernalia. Another person said the white substance was fentanyl, and Bray said someone gave him drugs at the residence earlier in the day. The suspected fentanyl was sent to the Minnesota BCA for testing.

Bray also faces a felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime from a May 20 incident, in which a White Earth officer, in pursuit of a man who had fled on foot, found Bray lying down in the front seat of a vehicle. He was found to have 1.1 grams of fentanyl in his wallet.

On Sept. 15, cash bail for Bray was set at \$150 or bond at \$3000, under standard conditions of release, or \$10,000 bond with no conditions.

## Search warrant ends in drug charge for Waubun woman

Karre Ann Ashley, 57, of rural Waubun has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime.

According to court records, on Sept. 13 Officers of the White Earth Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence on Rattle Snake Circle in Waubun, Becker County.

There was a warrant for Ashley's arrest. A quarter-gram of meth was on a plate in the living room. A paper bundle with a white powdery substance weighing approximately 0.14 grams was found on a nightstand. A brown powdery substance weighing approximately 0.18 grams was found on a

black board on the nightstand. She told officers that the paper bundle found on the nightstand contained fentanyl that she had obtained from a third party.

On Sept. 15, cash bail for Ashley was set at zero, under standard conditions of release, or \$5,000 bond with no conditions.

## Ogema woman accused of meth possession

Lisa Marie Blakely, 54, of rural Ogema has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime.

According to court records, on Sept. 9 police, responding to a report of suspicious persons, found her at a Becker County property without permission to be there, and 1.6 grams of meth was found next to her cigarette pack.

On Sept. 9, cash bail for Blakely was set at zero, under standard conditions of release, or \$5,000 bond with no conditions.

## Erratic driving leads to drug charge for Onamia woman

Danielle Renae Kegg, 29, of rural Onamia has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime.

According to court records, on Sept. 9 she was pulled over after complaints that she was speeding and had nearly side-swiped several vehicles on Highway 10. Motorists told a dispatcher that the red Suburban she was driving was in the ditch at one point and was back on the road getting close to Ox Cart Trail in Detroit Lakes.

She initially gave a false name to the officer, because she was wanted on a warrant. In her purse was \$9,901 in cash, divided up with hair pins, two bundles of suspected fentanyl weighing a total of 1.61 grams with packaging, a pill bottle of Gabapentin pills, a THC vape cartridge, and drug paraphernalia.

On Sept. 9, cash bail for Kegg was set at zero, under standard conditions of release, or \$10,000 bond with no conditions.

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# Ponsford man gets over 8 years for cinder block assault

News Staff

A Ponsford man has been sentenced to 100 months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for violently assaulting a man on the White Earth Indian Reservation.

According to court documents, during the early morning hours of June 3, 2020, Wesley Robert Warren, 23, and another man got into an argument with the victim.

The argument escalated into a fight and Warren and the other man knocked out the victim. Once the fight was over and the victim was lying face down on the ground, Warren continued the assault by picking up a 42-pound cinder block and dropping it on the back of the victim's head.

As a result of the assault, the victim was hospitalized for several weeks due to brain trauma and was

later transferred to a long-term care facility.

On June 17, 2021, following a four-day jury trial at the federal courthouse in Fergus Falls, Warren was found guilty of one count of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

The case was the result of an investigation conducted by the Becker County Sheriff's Office, the White Earth Police Department, and the FBI Headwaters Safe Trails Task Force.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Deidre Y. Aanstad and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Caleb J. Dogeagle.

Acting U.S. Attorney W. Anders Folk for the District of Minnesota made the announcement after U.S. District Judge Nancy E. Brasel sentenced the defendant.

# 'Miss Little's Gift' author comes to Kitchigami

Douglas Wood, the award-winning author, illustrator, musician, naturalist and wilderness guide, brings an inspiring children's program based on his book 'Miss Little's Gift' to the Kitchigami Regional Library System next week.

Appearances are scheduled at:

► 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Bemidji Public Library.

► 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at the Wadena City Library.

► 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 at the Walker Public Library.

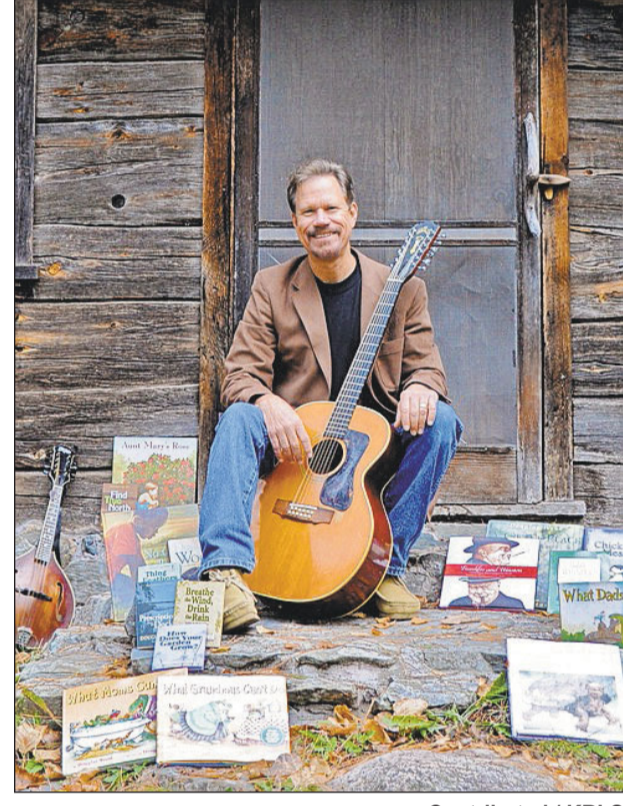
► 4 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Blackduck Community Library.

► 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the Crosslake Area Library.

► 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Pequot Lakes Community Library.

► 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29 at Pine River-Backus Elementary School.

Wood was the worst reader in his class, contending with ADHD and dyslexia before anyone knew what they were. He was lucky to have a special teacher who



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Doug Wood is an award-winning children's author and musician.

gave him the gift of audiences to never give up, overcome challenges and recognize the importance of reading.

The free program, geared toward kids and families, is funded through the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. His program motivates



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Construction work on Highway 87 in August. The highway is now open again.

# Highway 87 is open to traffic again

News Staff

Signs are up, striping is done and Highway 87 is now open to all traffic again, according to a MnDOT news release.

Crews still have a list of items to complete, including paving at County Road 31, which was delayed this week due to the weather. You'll also see them installing a few additional signs, mailboxes and fire numbers along the corridor.

Please continue to travel with caution throughout the area, obey any traffic control, and watch for heavy equipment and workers.

The railroad work is in preparation for next year's 2022 Highway 87 reconstruction project in the City of Frazee.

Railroad crews are replacing the existing crossing with wider panels in order to accommodate the future trail and sidewalk as part of that project.

For more information about the 2022 project, visit the project website.

## Completed work

- Bridge replacement at the Otter Tail River.
- Majority of the paving and shouldering.
- Sign installation.
- Final striping & rumbles.

## Upcoming schedule

- Paving & final striping near County Road 31.
- Finish various items along the work zone.

# Funds available to improve safety on Minnesota farms

Minnesota farmers who want to improve safety on their farms can now apply for funding through two programs from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The funds help with the cost of buying, shipping, and installing eligible safety equipment.

The Grain Storage Facility Safety Cost-Share program, now in its second year, reimburses up to 75% of the costs associated with safety equipment for on-farm grain bins or silos. The program will pay up to \$400 per bin or silo, with a limit of \$2,400 per farm per year. The first year of the program reimbursed 91 farmers an average of \$831 to install guardrails,

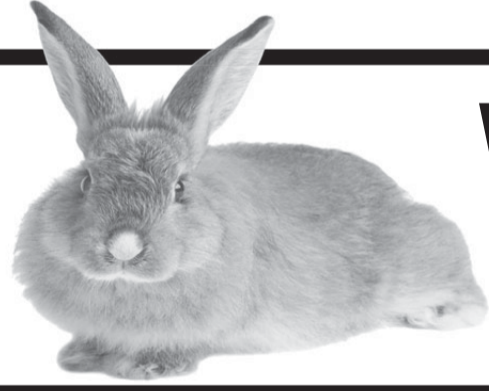
platforms, auger shields, safety harnesses, and more. For more information and to apply, visit the Grain Storage Facility Safety Cost-Share webpage.

The Rollover Protective Structures Rebate Program makes tractor safety equipment affordable and simple to order. Minnesota's program reimburses farmers and schools at least 70% of the cost to purchase, ship, and install a rollover protection kit, limiting the cost to no more than \$500 per tractor. The program works with farmers to identify and price the appropriate rollover protection kits for their tractors. For more information and

to apply, visit the ROPS Rebate Program webpage.

"There's very little that can comfort a family who has lost someone due to a preventable accident on the farm," Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "Fortunately, small safety improvements can prevent that from being necessary, and we're grateful to offer support so farmers can make those changes."

Both programs are accepting applications through June 30, 2022, or until all funds are exhausted. Funding for these programs comes from the Minnesota Legislature and private donations.



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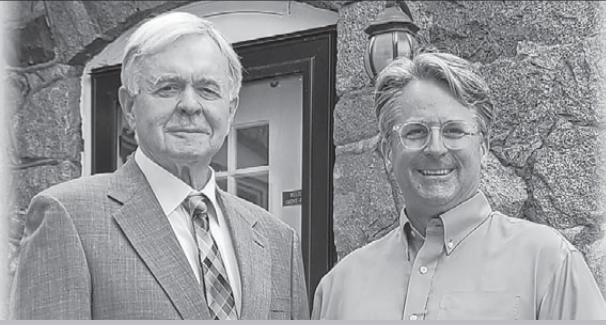
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## GUEST EDITORIAL

# Follow this flu shot advice

A guest editorial from the Alexandria Echo Press

Have you had your flu shot yet? Health experts say it's more important than ever to get vaccinated for the flu shot this year. The Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center, UMASH, boils it down to these six reasons:

1. COVID-19 has strained the health care system, making it more difficult to get necessary care when you're sick. This is especially true in rural areas where, even before COVID, access to healthcare can be limited.
2. If you work with swine, the flu shot is especially important. Humans can give the flu to swine and vice versa.
3. Even if you do get the flu, it will likely be much less severe with the flu shot. The flu shot doesn't protect against COVID-19, but it does reduce your chance of getting the

flu. There's a common misconception that "the flu shot gives you the flu." This is untrue.

4. Almost everyone should get a flu shot. About the only exceptions are children younger than 6 months of age; people with severe, life-threatening allergies to any ingredient in a flu vaccine (other than egg proteins); people who have had a severe allergic reaction to a dose of influenza vaccine.

5. Getting the flu shot protects your community, including those who can't get the shot and are most vulnerable.

6. The flu vaccine protects you from four different versions of the influenza virus. This is why you should still get the shot even if you've had the flu.

Other information from UMASH:

The flu shot doesn't "kick in" immediately. It takes about two weeks for the antibodies to develop

in the body and provide protection against the flu. Because of this, it is recommended to get the flu shot as early as possible.

Those with a moderate-to-severe illness with or without a fever should not get the flu shot. Getting a flu shot when you're not well could prolong your recovery.

If you are suspected or confirmed for COVID-19, your health care provider can consider delaying vaccination until you are no longer acutely ill.

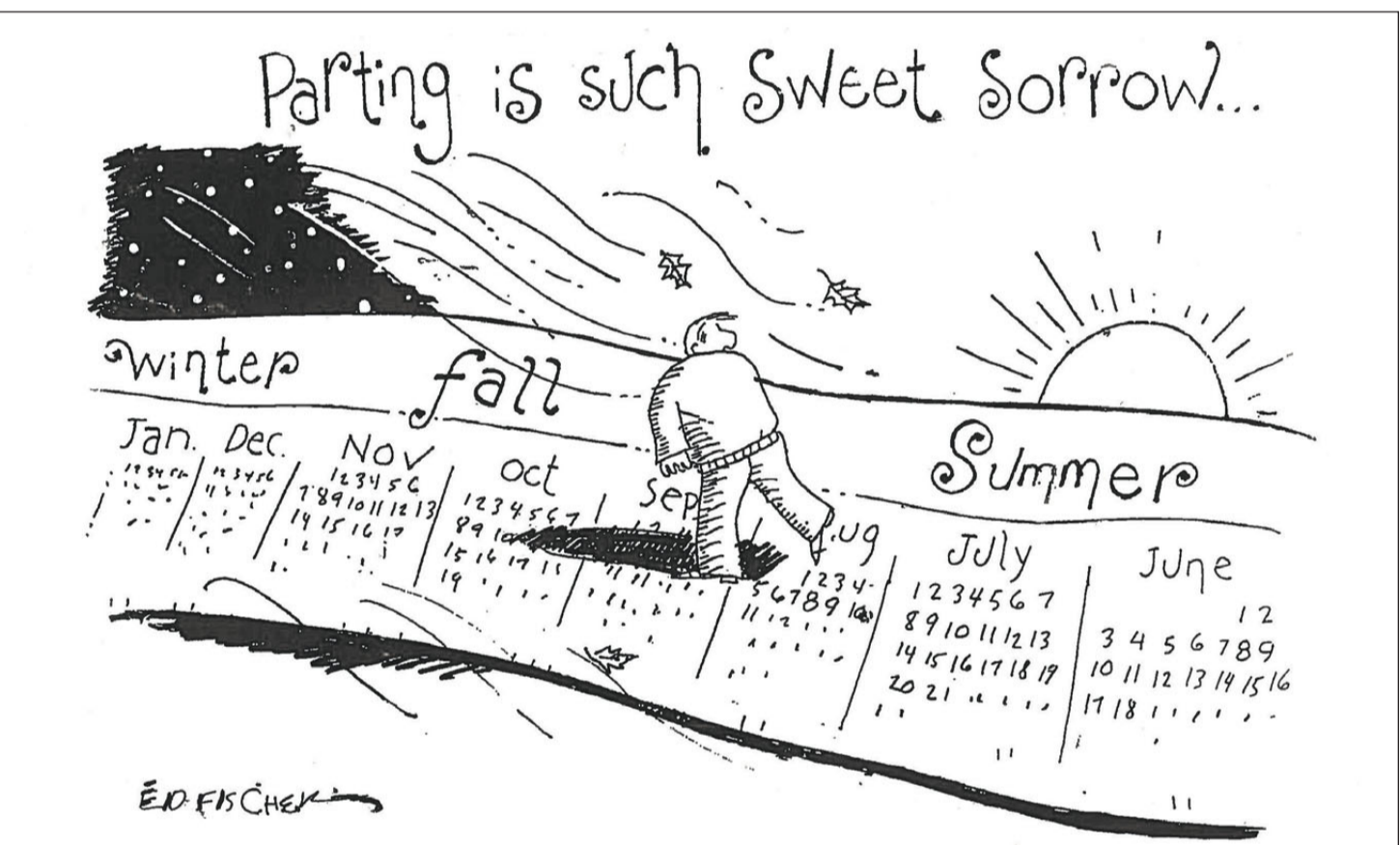
There are some key differences between flu and COVID-19. COVID is caused by infection with a coronavirus first identified in 2019, and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses.

COVID seems to spread more easily than flu. However, as more people become fully vaccinated against COVID, the spread of the virus that causes COVID should slow down. Compared to flu, COVID

can cause more serious illnesses in some people. COVID can also take longer before people show symptoms and people can be contagious for longer.

Because some of the symptoms of flu, COVID and other respiratory illnesses are similar, the difference between them cannot be made based on symptoms alone. Testing is needed to tell what the illness is and to confirm a diagnosis. People can be infected with both flu and the virus that causes COVID at the same time and have symptoms of both influenza and COVID.

If you have other questions, UMASH noted that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regularly updates its Influenza-Related Questions page. The Minnesota Department of Health and here in Douglas County, Horizon Public Health, are also credible sources of information.



## ANALYSIS

# Klobuchar's 'Freedom to Vote Act' could end partisan gerrymandering

By Ashley Hackett  
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As it went into the 2020 election cycle, North Carolina adopted a new congressional districting map that led to Republicans winning eight of the state's 13 districts. That's despite Democratic candidates getting well over half of the total votes in the state, according to Facing South, the online magazine of the Institute for Southern Studies.

For many lawmakers, the culprit that leads to scenarios like this is partisan gerrymandering of districts. Aided by sophisticated software, partisans can engineer voting districts in their states to virtually guarantee control by one party, irrespective of how the majority of voters decide.

Democrats' new voting rights bill, the Freedom to Vote Act, authored by Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar seeks to put an end to this practice.

Current law on redistricting bans things like diluting the votes of certain minority groups; the change proposed by Democrats in this bill would ban the creation of districts to favor a certain

party. "Instead of changing their policies, or their candidates or their ideas, they choose to change their voters," Klobuchar said.

How the Freedom to Vote Act proposes to end partisan gerrymandering

Putting an end to partisan gerrymandering is not a simple task, and lawmakers have introduced bills to do this before to no avail. But the Freedom to Vote Act outlines a list of specific changes to states' criteria for congressional redistricting, and Klobuchar thinks this time it has a chance at succeeding.

The bill states that when drawing new congressional districts, there will be "no favoring or disfavoring of political parties." Specifically, districts can be suspect of partisan gerrymandering if they were drawn either "with the intent" or if the drawing "has the effect" of favoring or disfavoring any political party.

"Intent or effect" means that a redistricting plan could be considered illegal if it can be proved that it was created with the intent to sway a district in favor of one party, but it could also be invalidated if it has the effect of swaying a district politically even if

that was not the original intent.

According to the bill, intent or effect will be determined using computer modeling. Software will be used to perform an analysis of whether the redistricting plan is likely to "result in partisan advantage or disadvantage on a statewide basis."

The analysis will also compare the modeled electoral outcomes of the current plan with modeled outcomes of alternative plans. If any party thinks that a state has created a redistricting plan that could lead to partisan gerrymandering, the party can bring a civil action against the state.

Jeff Wice, a professor at New York Law School who specializes in redistricting, voting rights and census law, said that Klobuchar's bill also addresses the limit on partisan gerrymandering cases being heard by federal courts. In 2019, the Supreme Court decided that partisan gerrymandering was not an issue federal courts were prepared to hear. The Court said that the question of partisan gerrymandering was a political one that could only be resolved by the elected branches of government, and not

a legal one that federal courts should decide.

So state courts, Congress and state legislatures became the only option for regulating partisan gerrymandering. The problem with that decision is that each state's constitution is different, and thus many states will have different outcomes on gerrymandering cases.

"(The Freedom to Vote Act) would actually establish guidelines and criteria for federal courts, which is one of the things that the Supreme Court found was lacking — that it didn't really have any judicially manageable standards, and Sen. Klobuchar creates those standards for the courts to follow," Wice said.

A redistricting plan could be challenged at any point in time during the decade it represents. Districts could be retroactively inspected for intent or effects of partisan gerrymandering, even if they were created before this bill's policies go into effect.

Wice says that the Freedom to Vote Act is the best chance Congress has to end partisan gerrymandering.

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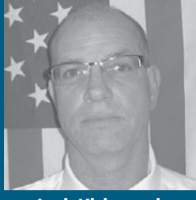
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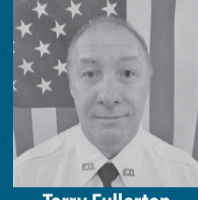
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## HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

Halloween open house opens at Becker County Fairgrounds this Friday

**By Vicki Gerdes**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Becker County Fairgrounds in Detroit Lakes will be haunted by “ghosties and ghoulies and long-legged beasties” of every shape, size and description for the next two weekends, courtesy of the Becker County Museum.

“This year’s theme is ‘things that make your skin crawl,’” said Museum Director Becky Mitchell, adding that the haunted house is intended to be scary, so kids under the age of 13 will need to find their fun elsewhere unless accompanied by an adult.

The hauntings will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23 and again on Oct. 29-30, at the 4-H quonset behind Freeman Arena. Admission is just \$10 cash at the gate — or you can order a “\$20 ‘fast pass’” online at [beckercountyhistory.org](http://beckercountyhistory.org) (click on the “STORE” link at the top of the page) and jump to the front of the line like a real VIP.

Those who get there early can take advantage of a unique opportunity to receive a free “Magic Bucket” from event sponsor Cinemagic Cinema 7. The buckets



are good for a full year’s worth of \$3 popcorn refills at the theater,

located inside Detroit Lakes’ Washington Square Mall.

“We will be giving away a limited number of buckets at each haunted

Halloween trunk or treat celebrations are beginning to pop up on the Detroit Lakes happenings calendar for October. The haunting holiday festivities get underway with the opening of the Becker County Museum’s Halloween Haunted House at the Becker County Fairgrounds on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. Tribune file photo

house event,” Mitchell said.

Face masks are encouraged, but not required while in the haunted house, and pandemic social distancing guidelines have prompted the museum to limit the tour group size to a maximum of six people.

More Halloween happenings: Two Trunk or Treat events are on the schedule for Halloween weekend. Callaway’s White Earth Land Recovery Project will host theirs on Friday, Oct. 29 from 4 to 7 p.m., while Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes will host theirs in the church parking lot at 1100 Lake Ave. on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

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### Staff reports

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center is hosting artist Sue Kalseim for two alcohol ink workshops on Oct. 20 and Nov. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.

These evening workshops are designed to teach participants the basics of alcohol inks as a versatile and beautiful art medium, according to a Cultural Center news release.

On Oct. 20, Kalseim

will guide participants in creating one-of-a-kind jewelry, and at the second session she will work with participants to create beautiful handmade cards for the holiday season. Classes will be limited to eight participants. Cost is \$40 per class or \$70 for both, if paid in advance.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Cultural Center as soon as possible to register by calling 218-385-3339 or

emailing [cheryl@kulcher.org](mailto:cheryl@kulcher.org).

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

The Center continues to follow COVID safety guidelines by respectfully requesting unvaccinated visitors to wear masks; and for fully vaccinat-

ed visitors, masks are optional. Maximum class size of eight will allow for distancing with tabletop dividers available.

The Cultural Center Gallery & Gift Shop hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Private gallery viewing and tours can be arranged by contacting Cheryl Bannes at 218-385-3339 or [cheryl@kulcher.org](mailto:cheryl@kulcher.org).

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# OBITUARIES



**William D. Hager**

William D. "Bill" Hager, 74, Frazee, MN & Boca Raton, FL, died Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND. A memorial service will be 11:00 am, Monday, October 18 at David-Donohewer Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service on Monday.

Born in Pipestone, MN, Bill was the son of WWII Veteran Robert and Harriet (Call) Hager. As a child, he lived in Ashton, IA, where he enjoyed to playing baseball. Bill was an outstanding public speaker and graduated from Sheldon (IA) High School in 1965. In addition to earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in mathematics from the University of Northern Iowa in 1969, Bill obtained a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Hawaii in 1972 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois in 1974.

Bill enjoyed his active professional work as President of Insurance Metrics Corporation, providing expert insurance witness and reinsurance arbitration services and practicing law. He was licensed as an attorney in IA, IL and FL. Bill also taught mathematics at Kalakaua Intermediate School in Honolulu, HI 1970-1972.

Among many other public service positions, Bill worked as an Iowa Assistant Attorney General 1975 - 1976; First Deputy Commissioner for the Iowa Insurance Department 1976 - 1978; Iowa Insurance Commissioner 1986 - 1990; he was a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners 1986 - 1990; served the Boca Raton City Council 2002 - 2009; Boca Raton Deputy Mayor 2004 - 2005; and as an elected member of the Florida House of Representatives 2010 - 2018.

Bill was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) 1990 - 1998 and served as voluntary Board Member of the Boca Raton Regional Hospital 1995-2004.

Family and friends were important to Bill and anyone fortunate enough to spend time with him counted themselves lucky for having had good laughs with his witty, smart humor and gatherings with visiting friends and family members.

Bill was united in marriage to Martha Araujo Hager, Sept. 28, 2013 at Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. He cherished his faith with the United Methodist Church in Vergas, MN and Advent Lutheran Church in Boca Raton, FL; he loved college sports and his time at the lake.

Survivors include his wife, Martha; his daughters, Mackenzie (Andy Mounter) Hager and Madison (Gabe) Weinstein; siblings, James (Diana) Hager, Jeff Hager (Pat Hardie), Barbara Hager (Greg Garmen).

The family is requesting that those who attend the memorial service wear masks.

In lieu of card or gifts family asks to donate to United Methodist Church in Vergas or their favorite charity. Additionally, memorial gifts may be made in memory of Mr. William Dean Hager and in honor of Dr. Neal Patel to Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and Hypersensitive Pneumonitis research. Please visit <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donatemc>.

David-Donohewer Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

**Carlson, Elizabeth J.**



Age 61 of Saint Paul, formerly of Detroit Lakes. Passed away October 3, 2021. Preceded in death by father, David Carlson. Survived by son, Hunter Franke and daughter, Camryn Franke; mother, Patricia Carlson; younger sisters, Cynthia Carlson (Sherri Dougherty), Susan Carlson Morin (Tom Morin), and Jennifer Rousseau Reigel (Chris Reigel); uncle, Robert (Joan) Carlson; and nieces, nephews, and cousins. Elizabeth, known as Liz by most, had many friends from different walks of life. Liz was an attorney, and an accomplished athlete, researcher, scholar, and advocate. She was an alumna of Detroit Lakes Senior High, the University of Minnesota, and William Mitchell College of Law. She loved flower gardening, walking in nature, and spending time with her children. Liz is deeply missed. Services have been held.

**Katherine M. Wheelwright**



Katherine Mary Wheelwright, 34, passed away October 5, 2021, in her Dilworth home. She was born April 8, 1987, in Moorhead, MN, to Patty Renney and Dennis Wheelwright.

Kate was an accomplished artist. She loved working with mediums of all kinds, especially graphite. She was also an exemplary cook who enjoyed exploring new recipes. She loved traveling, pets, and trips to the casino with her mom. She was a devoted aunt, a beloved sister, and a cherished daughter.

Kate was preceded in death by her grandparents; stepfather, Ed Renney; and sister, Emily Wheelwright.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Nolan, Alexandra, Wyatt, Ivy, and Jack; her sister, Wendy Pearson; stepbrothers, Travis and Tom Renney; her parents, Patricia Renney and Dennis Wheelwright; and her aunts, uncles and many cousins.

Memorial Service for Katherine will be Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 1pm in Korsmo Funeral Chapel, Moorhead, MN.

Arrangements entrusted to Korsmo Funeral and Cremation Service, Moorhead, MN.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.korsmofuneralservice.com](http://www.korsmofuneralservice.com)

**DEATHS**

**Darrell Beck**

May 15, 1955 - Oct. 13, 2021  
FERGUS FALLS, Minn. - Darrell Beck, 66, Fergus Falls, Minn., died Wednesday, Oct. 13, in Broen Home.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Glende-Nilson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls. Visitation will continue from 3-4 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22, at Life Church in Fergus Falls. Roger Sodsod will officiate and Nicholas Preston will lead worship.

Arrangements by Glende-Nilson Funeral Home.

**Norbert Benke**

Nov. 8, 1938 - Oct. 2, 2021  
FARGO, Minn. - Norbert Benke, 82, Dent, Minn., died Saturday, Oct. 2, in Sanford Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dent. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 25, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Perham, Minn.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

**Theodore "Ted" Winter**

Feb. 9, 1923 - Oct. 15, 2021  
DETROIT LAKES, Minn. - Theodore "Ted" Winter, 98, Callaway, Minn., died Friday, Oct. 15, in Ecumen.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a rosary and prayer service at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Assumption Catholic Church in Callaway. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 21, at the church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Callaway. Masks are encouraged.

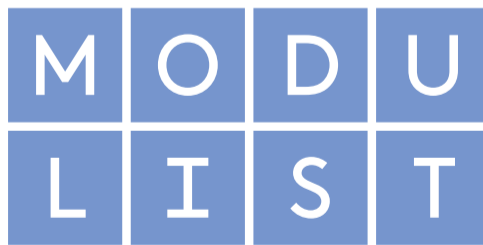
Arrangements by Anderson Family Funeral Home.

**Irene Adams**

April 4, 1923 - Oct. 15, 2021  
FRAZEE, Minn. - Irene Adams, 98, Frazee, Minn., died Friday, Oct. 15, in Frazee Care Center.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 25, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frazee.

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**HAPPENINGS**

The Detroit Lakes Tribune accepts community calendar items, for publication online and in our Wednesday and Sunday print editions, space permitting.

Submissions must be made at least a week in advance of the event date, in writing, to either [dltribune@dlnewspapers.com](mailto:dltribune@dlnewspapers.com) or [vgerdes@dlnewspapers.com](mailto:vgerdes@dlnewspapers.com).

Each submission must include the following: Date, time and location of event, whether it is recurring or a one-time happening, and where to go for more information (phone, email and/or website). Also include whether the event is free or paid admission, and how much it costs when applicable.

**Wednesday, October 20**

**Art from the Start:** Parents and guardians with children between ages 3-5 are invited to bring their budding artists to the Holmes Art Cellar at 10 a.m. for a one-hour "Art from the Start" class on how to make a Paper Plate Witch Scene. Cost is \$15; pre-registration is required. Instructor is artist Courtney Stanley. To sign up, call the Holmes Box Office at 218-844-7469 or visit the website at [dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html](http://dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html).

**Friday, October 22**

**Eagles Tribute Concert:** Now in their 12th year of performing hundreds of sellout performances of their spot on tribute, The Fabulous Armadillos and Collective Unconscious come together to recreate the magical songs we all know as the premier band of California rock in the 70's, the Eagles, in "Takin' it to the Limit," which gets underway at 7:30 p.m. You will hear all the hits and relive the sound of your turntable spinning those incredible albums. Tickets are \$32 for adults and \$16 for students. Visit [dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html](http://dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html) or call 218-844-7469 to reserve your seats.

**Saturday, October 23**

**Vergas Wine Walk:** Take a wine tasting tour at Vergas businesses, sample a different wine at each and do your holiday shopping from noon to 4 p.m. Win door prizes and enjoy appetizers. You must visit each participating business to be eligible for prizes.

**Leela & Lavender Re-Grand Opening:** Leela & Lavender will be hosting a "Re-Grand Opening" event in their Washington Square Mall store from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy catered sips and snacks while viewing the store's new fall collection.

**Holiday Bazaar:** The Detroit Lakes American Legion Club at 810 West Lake Drive will be hosting a Fall Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be clothing, jewelry, DIY supplies, Tupperware, books and homemade rugs, holiday decor and more.

**Author Lela Peterson:** The Detroit Lakes Public Library will host a presentation by author Lela Peterson, "Capturing My Story: One Author's Journey Writing Her Family's Story," at 1 p.m. in the main meeting room. No cost to attend.

**Friday, October 29**

**Trunk or Treat:** Callaway's White Earth Land Recovery Project will host a Halloween Trunk or Treat from 4 to 7 p.m. Chili, hot cocoa and apple cider, chips and cheese will be served.

**Saturday, October 30**

**Frazee Craft Fair:** The 43rd annual Frazee Craft & Vendor Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Frazee Elementary School. More than 60 booths, turkey and sloppy joe sandwiches available. Hosted by the Frazee Lions Club.

**Sunday, October 31**

**Trunk or Treat:** Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes will host a Halloween Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot at 1100 Lake Ave. on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

**Miscellaneous**

**Halloween Haunted House:** The Becker County Museum will be hosting a Halloween Haunted House at the Becker County Fairgrounds, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 22, 23, 29 and 30. Cost is \$10 at the door — or skip the line with a VIP Fast Pass, which you can order online at [beckercountyhistory.org](http://beckercountyhistory.org) (click on the "Store" link at the top of the page). Recommended for ages 13 and up; all those age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult to attend.

**October Road:** The Mustang Lounge at Mahnomen's Shooting Star Casino will be hosting back-to-back nights of performances by October Road, starting at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23.

**Steel Magnolias:** The Detroit Lakes community theater group will be presenting three performances of the play "Steel Magnolias" on stage at the Historic Holmes Theatre, Oct. 28-30. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for students; order online at [www.dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html](http://www.dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html) or call 218-844-7469.

**Winter Gear Sale:** The Detroit Mountain Ski Patrol's annual used winter gear sale and consignment sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30-31 at the Washington Square Mall in Detroit Lakes. Used winter gear, ski and snowboard equipment will be sold from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Drop off your donated or consignment gear at the mall between 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29 to be included in the sale.

**Kids' Art Club:** Detroit Lakes' Historic Holmes Theatre is hosting a weekly Art Club for kids in grades 3-12, every Monday through Nov. 22. There will be two sessions held each Monday, 4:30 to 6 p.m. for grades 3-6 and 6:30-8 p.m. for grades 7-12. Artist Courtney Stanley will be the club's facilitator. Cost is \$140; pre-registration is required, and all materials are included in the program fee. To sign up, call the Holmes Box Office at 218-844-7469 or visit the website at [dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html](http://dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html).

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The Frozen Fireworks — in super-sized form — will be returning to Detroit Lakes for its annual Polar Fest celebration, Feb. 11-27, 2022. The festival will launch with the unveiling of the city's largest ice palace to date.

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Fest all but fizzled, planning committee members decided that the 2022 festival would be super-sized, with the dual purpose of serving as the finale for the Detroit Lakes Sesquicentennial.

"It's going to run over three weekends," said Viva Lauinger, president of Propel DL, the group responsible for planning and organizing Polar Fest each year.

A full 17 days of frosty fun are planned, starting with the Friday, Feb. 11 unveiling of the new Polar Fest Ice Palace, which will be super-sized, as well.

"The 2022 palace will be 95 feet long by 24 feet deep and 31-to-32 feet high," says artist Hans Gilsdorf, the ice palace's principal designer. "The first one was 50-to-60 feet long — this one is way bigger."

Though some parts of the design are still

being finalized, Gilsdorf said he expects the entire structure to need about 1,700 blocks of ice, which will be harvested directly from Little Detroit Lake, as they have been for previous incarnations of the ice palace project, which began in 2018.

"My designs are based on 17-inch (thick) ice," he said, adding that while the 2018 ice palace had blocks of ice that were 26 inches deep — and weighed 1,000 pounds each — the lake ice has been closer to 17-18 inches deep for the past couple of years.

The design of the palace will include space for six chambers, including a central tower that will reach a height of approximately 32 feet at its apex.

"There will be two fire cauldrons built inside the palace, each of them about 13 feet high," Gilsdorf added. "They'll be lit every night."

The lighting design will also include wall washers, similar to those used for the orig-

inal palace, and King Isbit's throne will once again serve as the centerpiece of the structure.

"I have ice from all the past thrones that will be incorporated into the design for the 2022 one," Gilsdorf revealed, adding that he's stored the pieces, wrapped up in plastic, in anticipation of this year's event.

Also returning for this year's Polar Fest will be the **Fandazzi Fire Circus**, which was a big hit during the 2019 festival. The Twin Cities-based performers will present two shows on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 6 and 9 p.m.

Polar Fest mascots King Isbit and Polar Pete will be making their return, as well, along with the Frozen Fireworks, Poles & Holes Ice Fishing Derby, Polar Fest Plunge, Chocolate Fantasy (at the Becker County Museum), Kool Kites on the Lake and many other familiar events — though there is still room for more, Lauinger said, given



Photos by Vicki Gerdes / Tribune

The Twin Cities-based Fandazzi Fire Circus will be returning to Detroit Lakes for its 2022 Polar Fest celebration on Saturday, Feb. 12. Two shows are planned, at 6 and 9 p.m. in the Detroit Lakes City Park.

that the festival has been extended this year. "Anyone who is interested in being involved, or in planning a new

Polar Fest event, is welcome," she said.

More information is available on the Polar Fest website, polarfest-

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## STAGETTE

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the men's Stag event, but it was so popular at a previous Stagette as well that they brought the game back for this year's crowd too.

The prize tickets were placed in buckets representing different items on the long prize tables, with lucky winners being drawn throughout the night. Cash prizes were also available, as well as handbags, a Roomba, a turkey roaster and other various electronic and utility items that were on hand to be won by the guests.

"Most of the door prizes were donated from businesses around town," Tretbar said.

While the event was a fundraiser, it was also a way to highlight the Jaycees as a leading community-focused volunteer organization that is also part networking and socializing with your neighbors, she said.

"It is a very good social club," Tretbar added.

Tretbar said that she met her husband through the Jaycees, along with many of her friends, because even though she lived in town, she worked out of town, which made it difficult to meet people after moving to a new area.

Six years ago, when Tretbar began volunteering with the Detroit Lakes Jaycees, their membership was nearly 80 members. Today, she said, the

membership has shrunk to less than half that, so she emphasized the need for more community members between the ages of 21 to 40 to get involved.

Randi Su Tanem, an event volunteer and member of the Bemidji Jaycees, drove from her home in Bemidji to help work the event because she believes the organization helps every community connect with their own residents. She even remembers the Detroit Lakes Jaycees chapter sending her family a flower arraignment when her dad passed away three years ago.

"I wasn't even a member of their chapter, but they were just like, 'No, we are thinking of you,'" said Tanem. "It's a family. Sisters and brothers. We are this



Michael Achterling / Tribune

Jess Benson, of Hawley, plays Bra Pong for prize tickets during the 2021 Detroit Lakes Jaycees Stagette at the Historic Holmes Theatre on Saturday.

weird family of misfits and it's amazing." Anyone interested in becoming more involved

with the Detroit Lakes Jaycees should visit the group's website or Facebook page for more

information. Send your local story tips to Michael at machterling@dlnewspapers.com and follow him on Twitter @machterling.

## DAYCARE

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to stay in business at least 30 months or pay back the grant, prorated based on length of time in business.

Several commissioners were concerned that daycare providers might get the money and then quit the business.

Nancy Jost, director of Early Childhood issues for the West Central Initiative, said her agency had good luck with a similar loan program.

"We did a forgivable loan program for several years," she told commissioners. "We had a good response from people staying in business, and if they don't, then paying it back," she said.

Mary Rotter, owner of Laker Prep Preschool, also attended the meeting, and noted that the loans are up to \$10,000, but not all daycare providers will need that much.

A home-based daycare caring for eight kids, but licensed for up to 10 kids, might need

to make improvements to meet the base requirements for licensure to add those two extra children, she explained. Even basic state requirements can be difficult for providers to meet, she said.

### Wondering why it costs \$10,000 to start a home daycare?

Take a look at some of the eligible startup costs, which include Sudden Unexpected Infant Death training, Abusive Head Trauma training, and training in first aid, child development, health and safety.

And don't forget related improvements such as fire doors from garage to house, egress windows, handrails, fire extinguishers, outdoor fence/climbers, water testing, first aid kits, fingerprinting, equipment and materials from each of the required categories, outdoor climbers, and resilient surfaces.

The county will provide a start-up pool of \$100,000 for family daycare startup grants. Commissioner Larry Knutson

motioned to appropriate the money and approve the program, with the details to be worked out later. Commissioner John Okeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### Helping new childcare providers navigate state requirements

A second strategy, funded by the Early Childhood Initiative, is to provide a "childcare navigation assistant," to help the new daycare businesses succeed. The idea is also to recruit people interested in starting a home daycare, and help them navigate the licensing process and help with funding through early operations.

The navigation assistant would also look for new or existing funding sources to improve child care in Becker County.

"This is kind of a gap position," Fischer explained. "We're anticipating other funding coming into play in the not-too-distant future."

### County offers emergency help to providers through 2022

The third strategy is providing county emergency assistance grants to child care providers.

"The goal is to stabilize the local childcare industry," Fischer said. "We're looking at \$85,000 in 2021 and \$85,000 in 2022."

### State's new childcare plan to boost daycare pay and benefits

The county's program will work in conjunction with the state's new childcare plan, which includes \$304 million through June of 2023 to boost pay and benefits for child care workers (at least 70% of the grant must go towards that) and help pay for equipment and other expenses faced by daycares (the other 30% of their grant).

That \$304 million pot of money will also be used to help daycare providers who are able to demonstrate a

financial hardship, Fischer said.

In addition, the state will spend about \$102 million over the next two years to boost the Childcare Assistance Program. Fischer noted that the bulk of the money, which comes from the federal American Rescue Plan, will go to raise low pay and benefits for childcare providers.

The state is also providing \$22.5 million in upgrade grants for childcare facilities.

Over a dozen government and nonprofit agencies and private businesses are involved in trying to improve the daycare situation in Becker County, through membership on the Childhood and Early Childhood Moving Forward Committee.

Jost and Rotter, for example, are on that committee, as are Karen Pifer of Essentia Health, Detroit Lakes Administrator Kelcey Klemm, and Denise Warren, director of Becker County Human Services.

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with the idea, and willing to put up some of the financing and the city, with the public utilities and the development authority, were willing to put up part of the financing," said Mark Hagen, chairman of the airport commission. "So, basically, if this all gets approved, we'll be splitting the financing and then it'll all get paid back over 10 years."

The funding entities are only providing the construction costs up front because LifeLink III will repay the initial construction costs through a 10-year lease agreement with the airport, which is still pending approval.

Katie Burkhart, director of marketing and communications for LifeLink III, said the new proposed hangar and lease with the airport will help ensure that vital medical services are available for every community member, if or when they need them.

"It's such a valuable resource to the community," said Burkhart. "For those critically ill and injured patients it's so important."

It also increases the connecting network of health care provided by LifeLink III, which also has helicopter availability in Alexandria, Bemidji and Fargo, she said.

"Whether you're in Detroit Lakes or you are at your cabin, you know that LifeLink III has the network to be able to have an aircraft respond, and get you to the place you need to go," said Burkhart.

She added Essentia Health has been a valuable consortium member with LifeLink III since 2010, and they look forward to continuing to improve medical services in the area.

"It'd take about 20 minutes to fly from Alexandria and a little less for Fargo, probably, but its no different than fire departments," said Mark Hagen. "You're much better off spreading out some engines, and getting a first arriving engine, than you are having five engines in one place."

The new hangar will include a three



Michael Achterling / Tribune

Members of the Detroit Lakes-Becker County Airport Commission meet to discuss approving bids for a new \$748,000 helicopter hangar project during a meeting at the City Administration building on Monday.

bedroom apartment and office area to house the 24/7 medical staff, and other personnel assigned to the airlift unit. LifeLink has a similar contract with the Brainard airport, but that site includes a detached mobile home instead of a built-in apartment area.

Hagen said the helicopter unit will also purchase an estimated 15,000 gallons of fuel per year from the airport.

"I can't stress enough how much of a win-win deal this has been," he said. "How good it has been working with (LifeLink III), and with the county, and the city, and the airport. When you enter into deals, and you are all interested in making sure it works for the other people, deals tend to go a lot better."

The bid for the site work, which will include a taxiway extension, access road and parking lot construction, along with sewer and water hookups, was won by Hough Inc., of Detroit Lakes, with a bid of \$225,137. The site work bid came in about 13% below the initial engineer's estimate.

The winning bid for the hangar construction was awarded to McCall with a bid of \$523,000, including labor and materials.

Site work construction at the airport is scheduled to begin this fall, with the hangar construction to start once the site work is completed, Hagen said.

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Detroit Lakes senior quarterback Brady Swiers throws a jump ball on a short pass in the first half of the Lakers' 20-14 win over Park Rapids on Friday.

## FOOTBALL

# Gritty not pretty

Lakers fend off Park Rapids to earn first road win of the season

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes has had a tough stretch of road games leading to Friday's final chance to get a win away from Mollberg Field in the regular season. While the Lakers' big-play offense shined in recent weeks, it was the defense that stood on its head to spoil Park Rapids' senior night.

The Lakers (4-3) hung on to beat the Panthers (1-6) 20-14. However, Park Rapids had its chances to take the lead in Detroit Lakes' territory three separate times in the fourth quarter.

Trailing by six and facing a fourth down inside the Lakers' 10-yard line, quarterback Noah Morris had his favorite target, Logan Jackson, in single coverage toward the end zone. Detroit Lakes junior Tyson Ullyott broke up the jump ball to force a turnover on downs.

Ullyott pass breakup  
"We were playing man-coverage, so I was taught to



Detroit Lakes junior running back Ethan Carrier runs the ball in the middle of his entourage on Friday in the Lakers' 20-14 win over Park Rapids.

look at the guy and not the ball," Ullyott said. When I saw the ball go into his hands, I punched it out. The size of the dog in the fight doesn't matter when the fight in the dog is bigger."

After a Detroit Lakes punt,

it was Ullyott again coming up with a big defensive play. On third-and-long in Laker territory, Ullyott picked off Morris to set his offense up at its three-yard line.

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## BOYS SOCCER

# Apollo halts the Lakers' comeback in 8AA quarterfinal

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes boys soccer team walked away from the pitch on Thursday night knowing they outplayed the third-seeded Apollo Eagles in the second half of its Section 8AA quarterfinal. But it wasn't enough to pull off an upset.

A three-goal first half from the Eagles (7-6-3) was enough offense to send the sixth-seeded Lakers (5-10-1) packing by a final of 4-2. Despite burying two goals in the last 40 minutes, Detroit Lakes' comeback push ran out of juice.

"We made some corrections," Detroit Lakes head coach Justin Wegleitner said. "We played pretty sloppy defensively in the first half. We were stabbing, and we weren't playing strong defense in front of them. They were cutting, and we bit into their cuts. It opened things up and created opportunities for them.

As coaches, you ask for them to fix their mistakes. When they do it, you know they're putting forth effort."

Trailing 3-0, the Lakers found a spark in the form of a penalty kick. Senior Sean St. Claire took a shot that Apollo goalkeeper Dylan Coulter tipped over the goal. Seconds later, the Eagles committed a foul inside the penalty area. Detroit Lakes' Noah Meyer beat Coulter on the penalty kick to pull within two in the 53rd minute.

The Eagles got it back 15 minutes later off the foot of Elijah Doyomo, but Detroit Lakes didn't go down without a fight. St. Claire, who had come so close to finding the back of the net multiple times in the second half, finally got one to go in the 74th minute.

"He's going to be one of the toughest guys for us to replace,"

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Evan Thomas (right) and Lane Yliniemi (middle) collide going for a loose ball while Hamza Mohamed chases during Detroit Lakes' 4-2 loss to St. Cloud Apollo in the Section 8AA quarterfinal round at Apollo High School on Thursday.



Caden Reep throws the ball in play during Detroit Lakes' 4-2 loss to St. Cloud Apollo in the Section 8AA quarterfinal round at Apollo High School on Thursday.

## GIRLS SOCCER

# Lakers come up short in 8AA semifinal

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes head girls soccer coach Ben Aastuen knew what his team was getting into when they made the trip to Alexandria on Saturday. Yet he still walked away impressed with the Lakers' performance in a season-ending 2-0 loss.

The fifth-seed, Detroit Lakes (8-9-1), had its chances to break through against the top-seeded Cardinals (14-2-1) in the semifinal round of the Section 8AA tournament but fell in a hard-fought 2-0 game.

"They're a very strong team," Aastuen said of Alexandria. "Despite their speed, we had so many offensive opportunities. I'm so proud our girls were not daunted by it. When you're met with a challenge like that, sometimes, teams get nervous or scared. Our team was ready to go and fight for it today."

The Lakers threatened with the first high-danger scoring chance of the afternoon off the foot of junior Abby Larson. Her shot sailed just past the far post to the right of Alexandria goalkeeper Sophia Vinje.

The Cardinals finally broke through in the 27th minute when sophomore Sophia Korynta snuck one by the right arm of Lakers' sophomore Elle Bettcher. Elle Heydt got the ball to Korynta in front of the goal to set up the tie-breaking strike.

"We talked about going out there and trying to get a goal early," Alexandria head coach Tom Roos said. "We got our first goal a little later than we hoped, but we are still the top team in this section. We beat every team in this section, and being on the scoreboard reaffirms that. Once we knocked in that first goal, I think we started believing in ourselves a little bit more."

Korynta was the most prominent pest for the Detroit Lakes defensive

unit to slow down. She found ways to get the ball to the goal several times but could only beat Bettcher once.

"This was her strongest game of the year," Roos said of Korynta. "It's been a real grinding schedule for those attackers, but I think she's picking it up. They have a very fast center defender that made things tough down the middle. There were some nice combinations between (Ella Westlund) and Sophia. The high pressure on their defenders allowed us to keep it in their defensive end."

After the Cardinals broke the ice, they found their offensive rhythm. However, Bettcher was up to the task. She made several sprawling saves, much like the ones she made to help Detroit Lakes beat St. Cloud Tech in the quarterfinal round.

"She has this thing that switches on in her brain that says it's game time, and it's really fun to see," Aastuen said. "Sometimes in practice, it's not turned on, and then I tell her to turn it on, and then she's diving for every ball. It's like this switch that she flips that gets her locked in. When she's locked in, there's not a ball that she can't get to. She's an amazing player."

"We wanted to continue to put pressure on her," Roos said of Bettcher. "She did make some great saves. It wasn't like there was one weakness of hers that we could focus on. We just had to continue to keep pressure on her. She made a ton of saves, but eventually, one is going to get through. She was very strong."

Alexandria kept the pressure on offensively, which set up numerous set-piece chances late in the game. The Lakers did a good job of holding their positions to be able to stay within striking distance.

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Sasha Sekundiak (left) fights off Sophia Korynta during Alexandria's 2-0 win over Detroit Lakes on Saturday at Alexandria Area High School.



Ella Westlund leaps to kick the ball away from two Lakers in the second half of Alexandria's 2-0 win over Detroit Lakes on Saturday at Alexandria Area High School.





## FOOTBALL

## Lakers prepare for unbeaten DGF on short rest

By Jared Rubado

Detroit Lakes Tribune

It took a few weeks longer than it had hoped, but the Detroit Lakes football team notched its first road win of the season last Friday in Park Rapids. Now, the focus shifts to keeping the momentum as the Lakers gear up for one of this fall's toughest challenges.

"We had a couple of tough losses on the road and probably didn't play how we wanted to," Senior quarterback Bradly Swiers said of beating Park Rapids. "We came out tonight and played hard. We wanted this one."

Detroit Lakes turns around after its 20-14 win over the Panthers and hosts Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton on Wednesday night at Mollberg field. The biggest challenge the final regular-season game poses is the ability to recover from a physical road game on short rest.

"One of the things we talked about this week with our offensive line is that none of the guys were in the same spot tonight that they started the season in," head coach Reed Hefta said. "We have some injuries, so guys are moving around, and we're putting the pieces together. We also had our starting tight end, Hunter Korth, go out during practice. Brandon Marsh steps up and makes two great receptions.

**WHAT:** DGF (7-0) at Detroit Lakes football (4-3)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mollberg Field at Detroit Lakes High School

It's those moments we love to see as coaches where a guy steps up."

"There are going to be a lot of dinged up kids, especially with a lot of our guys playing both ways," Hefta said. "As tough as it is with hunting season, the best thing we can do is take weight off our feet. Relax, and take care of yourself. We need to understand that there's not much time left this season. We're playing for seniors, and we're playing to keep our identity strong. We want to finish strong."

The Laker defense had one of its strongest games of the season in Park Rapids, especially in the fourth quarter. The Panthers threatened on the Detroit Lakes side of the field three times in the final 12 minutes but came away with zero points.

"It puts more motivation in us," junior Tyson Ullyott said of playing in man-coverage down the stretch. "I feel like our coaches trust us to make plays. I trust every single guy on our defense to make plays, including myself. When we get put in that situation, we can pull out wins."



Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Bradly Swiers (left) head to the sideline for the next play call in the first half of Detroit Lakes' 20-14 win over Park Rapids on Friday. Swiers ran for a touchdown in the Lakers' first road win of the season, and will look to knock off unbeaten Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton in the final game of the regular season at Mollberg Field.

Hefta was impressed with the defensive stands and how well his team came together as a unit in the clutch.

"Our halftime conversation was about playing physical football and being able to trust that everyone is going to do their job," Hefta said. "If you run around trying to be that playmaker instead of focusing on your role, then it puts gaps in our defense. We have to make sure we play 11 as one. We were by no means perfect

today, but it was a step in the right direction."

Swiers knows the celebration is short-lived as they welcome DGF to town.

"We have to have a great effort and know our stuff," Swiers said. "I think our offense can still step it up a little. We can convert on more of those third downs. We need to keep the ball moving, and our defense is going to have to play tough. They're a solid team, so it's going to be inter-

esting."

The Rebels are undefeated this season and are the fourth-ranked team in Class AA, according to Minnesota-Scores' QRF system. DGF has beaten common opponents such as Perham, Fergus Falls, Pequot Lakes, Thief River Falls, Park Rapids and East Grand Forks.

"They're pretty dang good," Hefta said. "This is going to be one of the better teams we will play all year regardless of section or class size. We talked about this last week, too, where every game from here on out is a playoff game. We have to up our intensity and do our best to play our spots."

The Lakers did a good job of picking themselves up after a loss to Barnesville two weeks ago. Hefta hopes a win over Park Rapids and a good showing against DGF can inspire confidence at the right time of the season.

"We don't expect everyone to be perfect," Hefta said. "We expect them to attempt to get better each and every play. We can put ourselves in situations where we can build confidence because that's when football is fun. It gets kind of cumbersome when you go out and get your butt kicked by Barnesville. You have to find ways to get that excitement rolling after games like that."

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## GIRLS SOCCER

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"We talked about transitions, and honestly, it's just quickness," Aastuen said. "When those stoppages happen, and they get those free kicks, it's about how

we use our quickness to break up those plays. We also have to have good body positioning so that when the ball does deflect off of us, it goes where we want it to go."

With under 30 minutes left in regulation, Roos subbed in freshman Allie Habaala. Three minutes later, she

scored on a gritty individual effort to get by two Laker defenders on her way to the front of the goal.

"Allie is a high-impact player," Roos said. "She's fast and powerful. When she's out there, I think people don't think much is going to happen, and then she goes.

It's deceiving. She's a very exciting player."

The Lakers got a chance to see how far they've come on Saturday, even in a 2-0 season-ending loss. On Aug. 28, Alexandria shut out Detroit Lakes 4-0. But Aastuen was proud to see the ways his team improved to play a

more competitive game against the best 8AA has to offer.

"Their heart and their work ethic have been so amazing this year," Aastuen said. "I have all of the faith in the world that if we had more time to work and continue to develop that we would win this game, hands

down. Even looking at the score, 2-0 doesn't show the offensive opportunities that we had. It doesn't show how well our girls played. I'm so proud of them, and I can't say enough good things about them."

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Wegleitner said of St. Claire. We lost a lot of great seniors, but when you see the effort out there on the field like he shows, you can see why he's a great captain. He doesn't give up, and he gives that effort from start to finish."

In the second half, the Lakers poured on the shots while increasing their defensive intensity. But the first half was a different story. Apollo used its speed to create chances and exploit the hesi-

tant Detroit Lakes defense.

Lakers' goalkeeper Evan Thomas gave his team a chance to make a comeback with a handful of acrobatic saves in the opening frame. Despite allowing three goals in the first half, his confident approach kept Detroit Lakes within striking distance.

"He had some good opportunities, and I loved the aggressiveness he showed tonight," Wegleitner said of Thomas. "I think he let loose a little more tonight, and it showed. There are a couple of saves he probably could've had, but they're tough. (Apollo) is a good team, and they took some strong shots on us.

Evan has nothing to do with this loss. We had some defensive things to clean up after the first half, and if we played like we did the second half for the whole game, it would've been a lot tighter."

Wegleitner enjoyed seeing his team play with conviction in the second half, but he was also impressed with how they carried themselves in the waning minutes of a season-ending loss.

"I love the way that my Lakers left the field," Wegleitner said. "They carried themselves well and competed hard from start to finish. They carried themselves as men. They didn't have to chat or say

anything to the officials or the other team. We held our heads high, and played respectfully all the way to the end."

The heartache of watching a season come to an end and seniors walk out the door stings for most teams. However, Wetleinger is optimistic about the future and hopes his young core can pull lessons from a loss.

"We always hope that in games like this, the guys can feel that taste of defeat," Wegleitner said. "But we also want them to feel that high, competitive edge. We have to compete. They saw those opportunities that they missed tonight and what they

could've done to not let this last day happen. I think the young guys, whether they were on the field or on the bench, saw that tonight."

"We have so much young talent coming up," Wegleitner said. "We have guys on the bench tonight that could've played and played well. We just wanted to give those seniors the last few moments on the field to feel the pitch one more time. We've got a lot of good freshmen, sophomores and juniors coming. I don't think the Lakers are going to take a step back any time soon."

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"Their quarterback and (Jackson) had a pretty good connection," Ullyott said. "We were in a coverage where all I had to do was look at the quarterback. I saw him roll out and point at his guy to drag him across. I decided to stay with that guy. He threw that ball, and it fell right in my lap."

Detroit Lakes chewed time off the clock by running and throwing the ball in the final six minutes of the game. Senior quarterback Bradly Swiers showed how dynamic his game is by beating Panther defenders in many different ways late in the game.

"It's great to have that trust from your coaches," Swiers said. "They know we have guys that can make plays. It worked really well. We grinded it out tonight. Nobody got down when we were

pinned deep."

On third down with two minutes left at midfield, the Lakers went back to the "Philly Special," where senior running back Christian Solberg received a pitch before finding an open receiver downfield. Chuck Kalina came down with what was thought to be a game-clinching first down before the gain was called back on an ineligible player downfield penalty.

The Lakers punted the ball back to the Panthers with 1:41 remaining. Park Rapids' final drive of the game lasted just four plays as the Detroit Lakes defense swarmed each ball carrier to close out the fourth win of the season. Gavin Smith recorded a sack on second-and-long to put the Panthers' hopes in dire straits before the defense clutched up the final two plays.

"I think our defense has really good chemistry," Ullyott said. "We all trust each other to make the plays that we need to make. We knew we had to go out

there and get a stop for this team."

Swiers got the offense out on the right foot on its first drive of the game with a six-yard touchdown run. Despite a banged-up unit, the offensive line gave Swiers time to successfully run and throw the ball on Friday.

"They've been amazing," Swiers said of his offensive line. "I've been knocked down a couple of times, but I stay pretty clean during games for the most part. It helps me deliver good balls to receivers, and that all starts with them."

Morris threw interceptions on back-to-back drives to start the game offensively for Park Rapids, but the Panthers didn't go down quietly. Morris found Jackson on a 24-yard strike to take a 7-6 lead late in the second quarter.

"They did a really good job of getting their playmakers in spots to be successful," Detroit Lakes head coach Reed Hefta said. "It makes

things very difficult. They're a heck of a team, and much better than their record says. Whether it's one year or four years, whenever they get it going, they're going to be dangerous."

It didn't take long for the Lakers to respond with another six-yard rushing touchdown. This time, Ethan Carrier gave Detroit Lakes a 14-7 lead with under two minutes left in the first half. Carrier was one of several Detroit Lakes skill players to succeed on the ground and through the air.

"It's crazy how many offensive weapons this team has, and it's hard to stop," I trust each and every single person to catch that ball when I throw it or to pick up a first down if we run it."

Park Rapids found another spark when Kaleb Stearns returned the opening kickoff inside the Lakers' 20-yard line. After a pass interference call kept the short drive alive, Tristin Hill ran in the game-tying touchdown from six

yards out.

Tristin Hill TD Despite only having one win on the season, Park Rapids gave Detroit Lakes all it could handle. But after the Hill touchdown, the defense played one of its strongest halves of the season.

"When you play in an emotional game like this against a team that hasn't beaten us in a while, and it's their senior night, you know they're going to come at you," Hefta said. This was a chance for us to build our identity on defense. We put hats on the football today, and that sprung some plays for us. We want to get to a standard where it's an expectation that our defense plays like this."

Sophomore Mason Carrier scores what would be the game-winning touchdown midway through the third quarter. Despite a missed two-point conversion attempt, the

Lakers held on to pick up a big win.

Hefta was impressed with the way his team dug deep to hold off a hungry Panthers team to avoid slipping below .500.

"Our boys really stepped up today," Hefta said. "The word I would use is 'resiliency.' Just look at how they battled tonight. Tyson (Ullyott) gets beat on a deep ball and has a pass interference penalty. Then he makes the two biggest plays of the year for him. That speaks to how these kids bounce back."

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# Otter Tail to host traveling exhibit 'We Are Water MN' next year

**O**tter Tail County is honored to have been chosen as a 2022 host community for the Minnesota Humanities Center traveling exhibit, 'We Are Water MN.' The traveling exhibit highlights state and local water issues using interactive displays, stories, and public events. The Fergus Falls Public Library will house the exhibit from Aug. 18 through Oct. 10, 2022.

Otter Tail County, the county with the most lakes in the country, is an ideal community to host the exhibit. Partners across the county will collaborate to tell the story of their relationships to water.

"We are excited to bring the exhibit to Otter Tail County," said Chris LeClair, Otter Tail County land and resource management director. "Not only will we bring new perspectives to our relationships with water, but we will also strengthen and grow our local networks within the county through this collaborative event."

We Are Water MN will draw upon local stories, experiences, knowledge, and resources to share in the exhibit. Activities and events will be hosted in addition to the exhibit. Individuals, community



Photo by Humanities Council

The 'We Are Water MN' traveling display will be in Fergus Falls next year.

organizations, educators, businesses, spiritual leaders, state and local governmental agencies and others are invited to participate in telling the story of water in Otter Tail County. We are all stake holders in preserving and protecting the water.

Though the exhibit does not arrive until

summer, planning for the event will begin soon. Local schools are invited to the event and are encouraged to plan field trips for September 2022. Those interested in participating in the planning or hosting an event please contact Chris LeClair at cleclair@co.ottertail.mn.us.

### About the Minnesota Humanities Center

We are Water MN is led by the Minnesota Humanities Center in partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Minnesota Departments

of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources. We are Water MN is funded in part with money from the Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Fund that was created with the vote of the people of Minnesota on Nov. 4, 2008, and by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

# 2021 scholarship program set for law enforcement students

### By News Staff

Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Becker County Sheriff's Office announced the county's participation in the 2021 Law Enforcement Scholarship Program on Thursday, according to a news release from the Becker County Sheriff's Office.

On Oct. 14, the Minnesota Sheriffs Association scholarship fund board of directors announced they will grant up to 15 scholarships of \$2,000 for students involved in law enforcement educa-

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tion in coordination with the 87 county sheriffs across the state.

To qualify for the scholarships, students must be either:

► Enrolled in the peace officers skills and training course.

► In their second year of a two-year law enforcement program

► In their third or fourth year of a four-year college criminal justice program.

"The (MSA) Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform," said Becker County Sheriff Todd Glander, in a news release.

The scholarship committee stated the selection of awardees will be representative of all the geographic areas of the state.

"The ability of a peace offi-

cer to render effective service responsive to the public's need depends heavily upon job knowledge and skills," states the MSA on the group's website. "Minnesota Sheriffs' Association recognizes the importance of pre-entry training to the accomplishment of these requisites. It also recognizes that some candidates need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, as well as those candidates who excel academically."

Students must also submit transcripts from each school

they have attended during their law enforcement training.

Applications can be found on the Minnesota Sheriff's Association website and at the Becker County Sheriff's Office. The applications are due to the sheriff for his signature by Nov. 19.

The scholarships will be awarded on Dec. 28, according to the news release.

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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

### Two named to dean's list at UW-Eau Claire

Jon Richards, Callaway, and Jaryn Johannsen, Frazee, were among the 2,816 students named to the spring 2021 dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Their academic performance has been outstanding, and we recognize these students with pride.

To be eligible for the UWEC dean's list, a student must:

► be in good academic standing.

► have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.7 (on a 4.0 scale).

► have completed at least 12 credits during the semester, with no incompletes, no courses below the 100 level, no repeats, and no Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory registrations (except in degree credit-bearing courses that are offered only on the S/U grading system in which a grade of S has been earned).

### Seaberg earns dean's list honors at Bethel

Elle Seaberg, the daughter of Jon and Heather Seaberg, Detroit Lakes, has been named to the dean's list for academic excellence during the spring 2021 semester at Bethel University, St. Paul. She is a junior at the university.

The Bethel University dean's list honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater.

### Several local students make Concordia dean's list

Dr. Susan Larson, provost and dean of Concordia College in Moorhead, has announced the names of students whose superior academic achievement during the second semester of the 2020-21 academic year placed them on the dean's honor list.

Among the local residents who earned this academic honor were:

► Victoria Branden

and Amber Eken, both of Audubon;

► Katie Glander, Connor Haugrud, Tate Kernzman, Maycen Kirchner, Aaron Oakes, Ryan Paskey, Rachael Perkins, Emily Smith and Lauren Tschider, all of Detroit Lakes;

► Elise Grabinger, Erin Grabinger, Arianna Johnson and Rianna Lilley, all of Lake Park;

► Samantha Sabin, Menahga;

► Jacob Clements,

Osage.

"We offer our congratulations to these students on their academic accomplishments and are grateful for the many ways they have enriched our campus community," says Larson.

To qualify for the dean's list at Concordia, students must carry a minimum of 12 semester credits and have a grade point average of at least a 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

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# Running through retirement

'Main street runner' dashes through the region's small towns, aiming for 500 stops this year

**By Robin Huebner**  
The Detroit Lakes Tribune  
MOORHEAD, Minn. — A retired teacher, runner and cancer survivor from Moorhead has explored more small towns in the region on foot than most and has the photos, log books and memories to prove it.

Ralph Fiskness, 72, has a goal this year to run down the main streets of at least 500 towns in North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota, and he's drawing close to that mark.

On Oct. 6, Fiskness ran a 3K through Fort Ransom, North Dakota, just south of Fort Ransom State Park and along the rolling, tree-lined hills of the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway.

It was stop number 453 for him.

"Some say I've lost my mind, including my spouse," he said with a laugh.

Fiskness and his wife, Jewell, have been to Fort Ransom many times over the years to sell their carved wood signs at a popular craft show, but he'd never run through town.

Two school principals who were big influences during his early years of teaching are from Fort Ransom, which gave him another reason to visit and take a run.

"Maybe it's a tribute to them," he said.

The downtown running project, started in January, has given Fiskness a valuable way to spend his idle time during retirement.

He almost always wears a Fargo Marathon shirt, counting director Mark Knutson as one of his biggest motivators.

He runs distances ranging from 1K to 5K, depending on the town.

It helps him maintain his good health, allows him to meet new people and learn new things about communities in the region.

His initial goal was to hit 300 towns, but that number was quickly adjusted upward.

He's figured a handful

of runs in other states into his total, including Iowa, Nebraska and Arizona.

An important aspect of each run is the photos he takes with his cellphone of landmarks and interesting signs, which he's using to make a photo book.

For particularly spectacular sights, he'll go back with his 35 mm digital camera and snap more photos, which he sells to stock photo companies to help pay for his hobby.

"I don't golf, I don't hunt, I don't fish. So it's my way of hunting, always looking for pictures," he said.

Fiskness has been a runner for much of his life, taking part in track in high school and college. But in 2008, it looked like he might not run again.

Diagnosed with prostate cancer, he developed an infection following treatment, he said. As he lay in bed recovering, he realized he couldn't move his legs.

"The nerves and muscles did not fire together," he said.

He said a prayer that he'd be able to walk again. With intensive therapy and rehabilitation, he was able to take steps first with a walker, then crutches and a cane. A focus on getting back to running followed.

He began entering races: first a 5K, then a 10K, then a half marathon, and then his first and only marathon in Louisiana four years ago.

"When I go out and run, it's a form of worship," Fiskness said.

After turning 70 a few years ago, he signed up for as many races as possible, thinking he could finally start placing in his age bracket. But then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and every race he planned to run was canceled. Instead, he did 50 half marathons on his own in 2020, he said.

When the calendar turned to a new year and COVID-19 was still in the air, Fiskness thought there must be a new twist



Chris Flynn / The Forum

Ralph Fiskness takes a picture of an old barn in Fort Ransom, North Dakota, on Oct. 6. He captures photos in all of the towns he visits during his runs.



Chris Flynn / The Forum

Ralph Fiskness runs through Fort Ransom on Oct. 6. His goal is to run through 500 towns in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Fiskness has fewer than 50 to go.

for him.

A book about being "wild" in retirement, given to him by his financial advisor, gave him the main street running idea.

His first, and coldest, run was in Moorhead, on a bitter, well below zero day, while his hottest run

was in over 100 degree heat in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

North Dakota towns he's visited range from Abercrombie and Argusville to Walhalla and Wild Rice; Minnesota towns include Ashby and Avon, Waseca and Wheaton.

He keeps a log of everywhere he's been and takes notes about weather, distances he runs and people he meets.

Perhaps the biggest hazard he faces in towns with fewer than 100 people is that dogs tend not to be tied up and run free. He's been chased and cornered by them, even bitten by one, but the dog only managed to grasp his running pants.

Now, when going to those towns, he drives through first to scope it out.

"If I see a dog that's loose, I just keep on going," Fiskness said.

His most memorable visit thus far was earlier this month in Brownston, Minnesota, a town of around 700 people west of the Twin Cities.

Running down main street, he turned a corner

and ran into a sea of blue shirts, he said.

Turns out, a well-known and respected community member had died of a rare disease recently, and people were gathering to honor her and raise funds. The event included a 5K race, so Fiskness signed up.

"Here's where it got interesting," he said.

During the race, Fiskness kept pace with a woman in front of him the whole way, but couldn't seem to catch her.

At the finish, he congratulated her and asked how she was tied to the event held in the community member's honor.

"She was my mother," came the reply, which hit

Fiskness hard, emotionally.

He was able to meet other family members and friends and learn more about the disease that claimed the woman's life.

"It was just a thrill to be there," Fiskness said.

During that weekend in west-central Minnesota, he said he covered 39 towns in two days.

What will he do when he hits town number 500?

Fiskness said he prefers to end on an odd number, so will likely do one more main street run after that.

That one is planned for Hickson, about 15 miles south of Fargo, he said.

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After a run in Norfolk, Nebraska, Ralph Fiskness sits under a mural of Johnny Carson, who considered Norfolk to be his hometown. Fiskness is running in 500 small towns in the region.

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Be honest and give voice to your mental health, not only for yourself, but for those who love you, who need you, says Katie Pinke.

## Open up about barriers rural residents face in getting help for mental health

We're tight-lipped in farm country. Suffering in silence seems to be the way we were taught. But I think we need to acknowledge and address our problems. Oct. 10 was World Mental Health Day and gave me a nudge. It's OK to acknowledge we're not OK. Write it down on a health questionnaire. Say it to your medical provider. Be honest and give voice to your mental health, not only for yourself but for those who love you, who need you.

Urban or rural, we're similar in mental health suffering and stigmas. The difference is, those of us in non-urban areas need to overcome three additional challenges in areas of mental health. According to Rural Health Information Hub, those challenges include:

► **Accessibility:** "Rural residents often travel long distances to receive services, are less likely to be insured for mental health services, and are less likely to recognize an illness"



**KATIE PINKE**  
The Pinke Post

RHIhub says. Personally, I am insured but if I am attending an appointment, I will take off two to four hours from work to attend. There have been instances I've taken a full day off for a 200-mile round trip drive to a counselor appointment. Not all rural residents can swing that schedule. Telehealth options expanded through the pandemic. I hope telemedicine continues to increase mental health accessibility.

► **Availability:** I love rural health clinics and supporting them for routine healthcare. However, I currently have no options for mental health support in a rural health clinic. According to RHIhub, "Chronic shortages of mental health professionals exist and

mental health providers are more likely to practice in urban centers." I called for a new appointment with a professional I had seen years ago and was told they were booking six to one-year out for new appointments. First, I felt empathy for the person having to answer the phone and schedule appointments. Next I thought of those in the mental health service industry not having the ability to connect with all who want to see them. We need more experts. I still want to see that professional, in-person. I will wait for her appointment. I also will see a different professional by video sooner.

► **Acceptability:** The first time I wrote about mental health in this column, I received feedback from a person who felt they knew me enough in real life to comment and say I didn't really know mental health struggles or the reality of the impacts of mental illness on a family. She was wrong. I don't usually let the haters

or negative feedback stick but that one did for a bit. Then, along came a person who shared an in-person thank you for speaking out on mental health. Do not let the lack of acceptance from anyone hold you back from seeking professional help for your mental health. "The stigma of needing or receiving mental healthcare and fewer choices of trained professionals who work in rural areas create barriers to care," RHIhub says. We can break down barriers by saying it's OK to seek mental health help for you or your loved ones.

All of us are affected by mental health struggles. If you're not one experiencing mental health obstacles or severe mental illness, you know someone who is. Add in a global health pandemic and we're more isolated right now than we were two years ago. Do not stay silent about mental health or severe mental illness. If someone confides in you, help them get connected to professional help. Listen

more than talk. Showing up with your presence is a difference-maker.

You are not alone. You are needed. You are loved. Your presence is a critical part of someone's community. I purposefully decided I won't allow myself to be swallowed up in the waves of anguish I feel at times. I fight it with a network of support. I also know healthy lifestyle choices, routine exercise, fresh air, quiet time in my faith, and doing a few things for myself that I enjoy positively impact my mental health.

Taking care of our mental health is equally important to taking care of our physical health. Let's start by overcoming rural mental health barriers of availability, accessibility and acceptability by seeking the help needed, no matter the drive-time, appointment wait time or stigma barriers we need to bust.

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## Essentia Health welcomes family medicine physician Dr. Elizabeth Westhoff to clinic

**News Staff**

Dr. Elizabeth Westhoff, a family medicine physician and hospitalist, is excited to welcome new patients at the Essentia Health St. Mary's-Detroit Lakes Clinic.

"I chose to join Essentia Health because of the friendly and welcoming atmosphere I experienced every time I came in contact with this organization," Westhoff said.



Westhoff

"I pursued family medicine

Westhoff received her medical degree at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota, and completed her residency in family medicine at the Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

because I enjoy getting to know patients and their families," she said. "I also love the variety of concerns I can see in a day."

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Westhoff, call the Essentia Health St. Mary's-Detroit Lakes Clinic at (218) 844-2347. To see her full profile, visit [EssentiaHealth.org](http://EssentiaHealth.org) and click on "Doctors & Providers."

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# Minn. nearing 14-year-high rate of traffic deaths

## State officials say excessive speeds were the top cause of most of the 392 traffic fatalities since the beginning of the year

**By Dana Ferguson**  
The Detroit Lakes Tribune

ST. PAUL — Minnesota Public Safety officials on Monday, Oct. 18, urged drivers to limit their speeds and to take extra precautions as traffic deaths were on pace to hit a 14-year high.

Department heads reported that 392 people have died on Minnesota roads since the beginning of the year compared to 313 at this time in 2020. At current rates, the state could see 475 traffic deaths this year, public safety officials said. That would be the most since 2007.

Speed-related accidents are fueling the increase in fatalities, they said. So far this year

124 people have died in crashes where excessive speed was reported, up 27% from a year prior and up 107% from 2019.

"In the last 15 months, we have rolled back 15 years' worth of traffic safety work," Paul Aasen, president of the Minnesota Safety Council, said. "Within a year and a half, we've lost a decade and a half of time."

The department, Minnesota Safety Council, AAA and other groups said they planned to take an education campaign to employers around the state to remind motorists about safe driving habits. They said employers have a broad reach and are trusted. And they asked Minne-

sota drivers to practice basic safe driving techniques to limit their risk on the road.

"It's simple: Drive the speed limit, pay attention, don't drink and drive, and wear your seatbelt every single time you get in the vehicle," Minnesota State Patrol Chief Matt Langer said. "Those four simple things are all that we need to do in order to drastically reduce and, in fact, almost eliminate traffic crashes on our roads, especially fatal ones."

Langer and others said the surging traffic fatality rates are worrisome but injuries resulting from crashes were also ticking up as Minnesotans drive at great-



John Molseid / Post Bulletin  
A member of the Rochester Police Department marks the scene of a fatal crash at 48th Street Southwest and Commercial Drive on July 27.

er speeds or enter into more dangerous driving situations.

Kellen Schmidt, a worker for a Minnesota utility company, in March was sitting in his parked car when a semi-truck crashed into

the back and side of his vehicle. Schmidt sustained a traumatic brain injury in the accident that he said has stalled out plans for his family's future and caused daily stress and frustration.

"I can't do the things I want. Every night when

I go to bed, I just don't even want to wake up the next day," Schmidt said. "Life is not the same and I worry it's never going to be the same again."

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# Church announces new bishop of the Diocese of Crookston

**By Ingrid Harbo**  
Grand Forks Herald

The Roman Catholic Church has announced that the Most Rev. Andrew Cozzens of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has been appointed as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Crookston. His installation Mass will be on Dec. 6.

Cozzens has served as auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis since 2013. In the archdiocese, he has served as vicar for Catholic Education and supervised the Archdiocesan Synod Process. Cozzens currently serves as the chair of the board for NET Ministries, St. Paul's Outreach, The Institute for Priestly Formation and The Seminary For-

mation Council. Cozzens is also the chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

"I am humbled and honored to be asked by the Holy Father to be the next Shepherd of the Diocese of Crookston. I look forward to getting to know the priests, deacons, consecrated religious and many faithful laity of the diocese. I pray that together we can grow to be Christ's faithful disciples who make present his love in northwestern Minnesota," Cozzens said.

"The Diocese of Crookston extends a heartfelt welcome to our new shepherd, Bishop Andrew Cozzens," said the Most Rev. Richard Pates, apostolic administrator for the Diocese of Crookston. "He brings an engaging pastoral spirit, extensive experience, positive energy and will soon have the smell of the sheep of

northwest Minnesota on his person. May his days among us be especially blessed."

Cozzens succeeds Bishop Michael Hoepfner, whose resignation was accepted by Pope Francis

on April 13. The Diocese of Crookston serves the 14 northwest counties of Minnesota, and more than 32,000 Catholics and 66 parishes.

Hoepfner was requested to resign at the request

of the Pope following a more than year's long investigation into reports that the Diocese covered up reports of sexual abuse by members of the clergy. The investigation, which began in 2019, was the

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7	8	5	9	6	2	3	4	1
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**AERATION NOTICE**

WARNING: An aeration system creating open water and thin ice will begin operating at 11811 through 11849 Fern Beach Drive, Lake Melissa, Becker County, Township 138, Range 41, Section 29, after November 1, 2021. Weather conditions may cause the areas of thin ice and open water to fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of the marked area. (Oct. 20 & 24, 2021) 2904062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Filed in District Court State of Minnesota State of Minnesota Becker County District Court Seventh District**

In re the Estate of David D. Feldt, Deceased

Court File Number: 03-PR-21-1694

**Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an appointment for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Name: Brian Feldt  
Address: 19228 Enchanted Way Farmington MN 55024

as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. §524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. §524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

/s/ Carmen F. Bertram  
Probate Registrar - Carmen F. Bertram 9.23.21  
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Court Administrator 9.23.21  
(Oct. 20 & 24, 2021) 2908059

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**FIRST NOTICE ON INTENT TO OPERATE AERATION SYSTEM** An aeration system has been installed December 1, 2021, contingent on ice conditions on Island Lake, located in Becker County, Height of Land and Shell Lake Townships. The aeration system is located on the west side of the lake off of 40743 W. Island Dr. and will result in thin ice and open water. If you have questions contact Reed Stigen (218)847-7762. (Oct. 20 & 27, 2021) 2900927

**NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF THE UTILITY EASEMENTS IN BLOCK 2 OF THE TOWER ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Council of the City of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 5:00pm and will at said time and place conduct a hearing in the matter of vacating of a portion of the utility easements in Block 2 of the Tower Road Industrial Park on the following described property:

Those portions of easements located in Lots 1, 2, 4 and 5 of Block 2 of the TOWER ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK, said plat is on file and of record at the Becker County Recorder's Office, in Section 22, Township 139 North, Range 41 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows:

The easterly 10.00 feet of said Lot 1 less the north 50.00 feet and the southerly 10.00 feet of said Lot 1 less the west 20.00 feet.

The westerly 10.00 feet of said Lot 2 less the north 50.00 feet and the southerly 10.00 feet.

The northerly 10.00 feet of said lot 5 less the west 20.00 feet and the easterly 10.00 feet and the southerly 20.00 feet less the west 20.00 feet.

Less those portions already vacated per Doc. No. 631684.

All person who desire to be heard with reference to the above matter will be heard at this meeting. Dated at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota this 20th day of October 2021.

Kelcey Klemm  
City Administrator (Oct. 20 & 27, 2021) 2906544

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the Audubon City Council will hold a public hearing at City Hall on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:30 pm to consider the assessment of delinquent utility, service and fire call bills to property taxes. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views orally or in writing.

Stephanie C. Poegel, City Clerk  
City of Audubon  
Becker County, Minnesota (Oct. 20 & 24, 2021) 2908256

**PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION RFP**

The City of Audubon requests proposals from experienced and well-qualified consultants to provide audit and financial statement preparation services. Generally, the City seeks a cost-effective and responsive consultant to achieve each of these areas as described in the RFP. The full RFP can be found at the City of Audubon's website. Submission deadline is Friday, October 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Questions may be submitted by mail, email or phone to City of Audubon Attn: Stephanie Poegel PO Box 263, Audubon, MN 56511; 218-439-6582. (Oct. 20, 2021) 2908154

**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER IN DISTRICT COURT 7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Cormorant Store, Inc., Plaintiff,

vs.

Estate of Alvin Benson, Merle Adams as personal representative of the estate of Alvin Benson, Samuel Elsworth, Jr., Samuel Ellsworth, Jr., Raymond A. Haugen, Flora E. Haugen, Clinton Henry, Sandre Oleson, Steven F. Larson, Jane Larson, Hugh Pattison, Mary Pattison, Murdock Pattison, Murdock Patterson, Jacob Pattison, Belle Pattison, Belle Freng, Nellie Pattison, Nellie McKay, William Pattison, Stella Pattison, Stella Andrews, Sophia Reff, Ernest H. Reff, Alan R. Reff, E. Robert Reff, Mildred Reff, Jennie Smith, Howard G. Rising, S.A. Halgren, William W. McLeod, W.W. McLeod, William Byron McLeod, Mary Josephine McLeod, Mary Eliza Matthewson, Rachel Ingalls, Samuel Milton McLeod, Letitia Ingalls, Maud Reed, and Annicle McLeod, also, the unknown heirs of the aforementioned-Defendants and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

Case No: 03-CV-21-1947  
**SUMMONS**

**THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):**

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: James A. Teigland Attorney at Law Fremstad Law Firm PO Box 3143 Fargo ND 58108

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your

written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Clay County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

That part of Block 5, W.W. MCLEOD'S PLAT OF THE TOWNSITE CORMORANT, according to the recorded plat thereof, Becker County, Minnesota, lying southwesterly, westerly and southwesterly of the following described line:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter, Section 36, Township 138 North, Range 43 West; thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes 56 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the north line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 2682.20 feet to the northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 56 seconds West, along said north line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1270.50 feet; thence southwesterly 574.76 feet along a curve concave to the southeast, not tangent with the last described line, said curve has a radius of 500.00 feet, a central angle of 65 degrees 51 minutes 44 seconds, the chord of said curve bears South 52 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West, distance of 543.63 feet; thence South 19 degrees 44 minutes 03 seconds West, tangent to said curve, a distance of 130.87 feet to the most southerly corner of the a parcel of land described in Document Number 635993, on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Becker County, Minnesota and to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North 71 degrees 45 minutes 28 seconds West, along a southwesterly line of said Document Number 635993, a distance of 186.70 feet; thence North 19 degrees 14 minutes 32 seconds East, along a northwesterly line of said Document Number 635993, a distance of 123.47 feet to a corner of said Document Number 635993; thence North 66 degrees 38 minutes 32 seconds West, along a southwesterly line of said Document Number 635993, a distance of 254 feet, more or less, to the centerline of creek and said line there terminating.

The object of this action is quiet title to the property in the Plaintiff alone. Dated: October 7, 2021.

/s/James A. Teigland  
James A. Teigland (MN ID 0395695)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT: SEVENTH Court File No. 03-PR-21-1973 Case Type: Formal Probate Estate of James Eldon Olson a/k/a James E. Olson, Decedent.

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 30, 2021, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 913 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Josh Olson whose address is 28547-60 Ave. So., Hawley, MN 56549, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. §524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Referee Susan Solheim Date 10.15.21  
/s/ Carmen F. Bertram  
Carmen F. Bertram, Deputy Court Administrator Date 10.15.21

Attorney for Petitioner  
Craig A. Peterson, Id. No. 181389  
2108 So. Univ. Dr., Suite 101 B  
Fargo, ND 58103  
Telephone (701) 241-8444  
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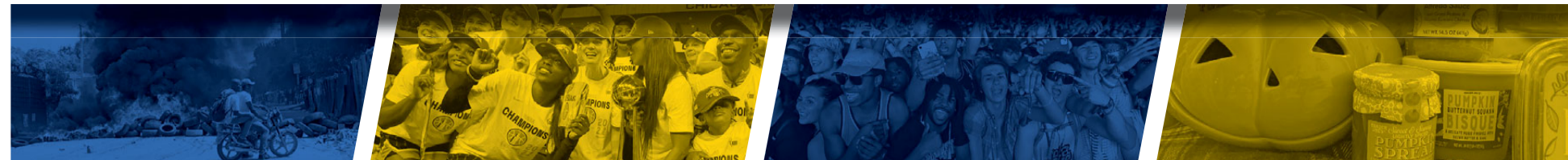
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## US House committee backs contempt charge against Bannon

By Patricia Zengerle and Jan Wolfe  
Reuters

Washington

A U.S. congressional committee probing the deadly Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol voted unanimously on Tuesday in favor of contempt-of-Congress charges against Steve Bannon, a longtime aide to former President Donald Trump.

The seven Democratic and two Republican members of the House of Representatives Select Committee approved a report recommending the criminal charge by a unanimous 9-0 vote, calling it "shocking" that Bannon refused to comply with subpoenas seeking documents and testimony.

Approval of the report paved the way for the entire House to vote on whether to recommend contempt charges. A source familiar with the schedule said that vote was planned for Thursday.

If the House approves the referral, the Justice Department will decide whether to pursue a criminal case.

"It's a shame that Mr. Bannon has put us in this position. But we won't take 'no' for an answer," Representative Bennie Thompson, the panel's chairman, said in his opening remarks.

Before leaving office in January, Trump pardoned Bannon of charges he had



Elizabeth Frantz / Reuters

U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., chairperson of the U.S. House Select Committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, speaks Tuesday during a vote on a report recommending the U.S. House of Representatives cite Steve Bannon for criminal contempt of Congress during a meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington.

swindled the Republican president's supporters. Trump has urged former aides subpoenaed by the panel to reject its requests, claiming the right to withhold information because of executive privilege, a legal principle that protects many White House communications.

At Tuesday's business meeting, Republican Representative Liz Cheney, the select committee's vice chair, dismissed that argument.

"Mr. Bannon's and Mr. Trump's privilege arguments do appear to reveal one thing, however: They suggest that President Trump was

personally involved in the planning and execution of Jan. 6th. And we will get to the bottom of that," she said.

More than 670 people have been charged with taking part in the riot, the worst attack on the U.S. government since the War of 1812. The select committee

has issued 19 subpoenas.

Noting that the committee is investigating a violent attack that took place as lawmakers met to certify the results of the 2020 election, Thompson said: "It's shocking to me that anyone would not do everything in their power to assist our investigation."

## Democrats aim for deal on spending package this week

By Jarrett Renshaw, Andrea Shalal, Trevor Hunnicutt and Steve Holland  
Reuters

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden and Democratic lawmakers are edging toward a deal on the scope of their cornerstone economic revival package and hope to reach a compromise as soon as this week, people briefed on the negotiations said on Tuesday.

Scrambling to broker an agreement, Biden met with 19 lawmakers on Tuesday. He aimed to secure what may be the signature effort of his administration, a multitrillion-dollar, two-bill legislative package that expands social safety net programs and infrastructure spending.

One source said a deal could be announced mid-week if things go well.

A spending package that was originally estimated at \$3.5 trillion over a decade could be \$1.9 trillion to \$2.2 trillion, said Representative Pramila Jayapal, chair of the Progressive Caucus in the House of Representatives, after meeting with Biden.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer also said Democrats aim to reach a framework deal this week. Speaking to reporters following a closed-door lunch with fellow Democrats, he said: "There was universal agreement in that room that we have to come to an agreement and we want to get it done this week."

Any final deal is likely to



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U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., with Reps. Katherine Clark, D-Mass.; Debbie Dingell, D-Mich.; Jared Huffman, D-Calif.; Ritchie Torres, D-N.Y.; and Barbara Lee, D-Calif., leads a group of Democratic members of Congress out of the West Wing to speak to reporters Tuesday after meeting with President Joe Biden about infrastructure legislation at the White House in Washington.

severely curtail Biden's initial ambition. Initiatives in his original proposal that may see cuts include \$322 billion for affordable housing, money for paid family leave and some \$400 billion earmarked to increase home-based care for the elderly and disabled, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Biden has told lawmakers that a program providing free community college is on the chopping block and a child tax credit may be extended for fewer years than planned, according to people familiar with the discussions.

All of the people warned that negotiations were fragile, still under way and that a deal could still collapse.

U.S. House of Representa-

tives Speaker Nancy Pelosi has set Oct. 31 as the deadline for the House to pass a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure deal that the Senate has already approved.

As part of the blitz of meetings that tested his negotiating skills honed over decades in Congress, Biden met on Tuesday with a group of House progressive lawmakers, which has been unwilling to pass the infrastructure bill unless it is coupled with the larger budget bill that would fund Biden's campaign pledges on climate, inequality and social programs.

"We all feel still even more optimistic about getting to an agreement," to get a large measure of what they wanted months ago, said Jayapal, who attended the meeting.

## UPS and Disney meet White House officials

### Discuss vaccine requirement for private-sector workers

By Nandita Bose  
Reuters

WASHINGTON - Executives with United Parcel Service Inc, Walt Disney Co and other companies met with White House officials on Tuesday to discuss President Joe Biden's COVID-19 vaccine requirement plan for private-sector workers, amid concerns it could worsen labor shortages and supply chain woes.

The mandate would apply to businesses with 100 or more employees, and would affect about 80 million workers nationwide.

Several industry sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the rulemaking process was moving with urgency and they expect the mandate to be formally announced as early as this week. It was not clear how much time employers will have to implement it.

The White House's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been meeting with several influential business lobbying groups, such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA) and the Business Roundtable as part of its rulemaking process. The meetings were requested by the trade groups and companies and is part of the regular rulemaking process.

Many of the industry groups have raised concerns such as labor shortages and how reg-

ulation by the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) could worsen existing supply-chain problems facing U.S. companies ahead of the holiday shopping season. Other topics, such as testing requirements and who will bear the cost, also were raised.

Evan Armstrong, RILA vice president for workforce, said it will be tough for the retail industry to implement the rule in the middle of the U.S. holiday season and that pushing it to January would help. He said the group raised the topic with the White House during their meeting.

"The implementation period needs to push this out past the holiday season because obviously for retail that is the biggest time for us," he said. RILA's members include large U.S. employers such as Walmart Inc.

Biden's plan has drawn a mixed reaction from industry trade groups and companies.

Several big employers including Procter & Gamble Co and 3M Co, along with airlines such as American Airlines and JetBlue Airways Corp, have imposed vaccination mandates since Biden's announcement last month. Others such as IBM have said they will require all U.S. employees to be fully vaccinated by Dec. 8.

Some other large U.S. employers, such as Walmart, have yet to issue broad requirements.



## Haiti gang seeks \$17M for missionaries

Kidnappings have become more commonplace over the last few years

Reuters

A Haitian gang that kidnapped a group of American and Canadian missionaries is asking for \$17 million — or \$1 million each — to release them, according to a top Haitian official.

Justice Minister Liszt Quitel told Reuters that talks were underway with kidnapers to seek the release of the missionaries abducted over the weekend outside the capital Port-au-Prince by a gang called 400 Mawozo.

The minister confirmed the hefty ransom fee, telling Reuters “they asked for \$1 million per person.” The fee was first reported by the Wall Street Journal earlier in the day.

CNN reported earlier on Tuesday the kidnapers first called Christian Aid Ministries — the group to which the victims belonged — on Saturday and immediately conveyed the price tag for the missionaries’ release. The FBI and Haitian



Ralph Tedy Erol / Reuters

People ride on a motorcycle near a burning barricade Monday as Haitians mount a nationwide strike to protest a growing wave of kidnappings, days after the abduction of a group of missionaries, in Port-au-Prince, in Haiti.

police were advising the group in negotiations, the minister said.

Several calls between the kidnapers and the mission-

ary group have taken place since their disappearance, the minister told CNN.

The group of 16 Americans and 1 Canadian includes six

women and five children, including an eight-month old baby, the missionary organization said. They were abducted in an area called Croix-des-Bouquets, about 8 miles outside the capital, which is dominated by the 400 Mawozo gang.

Five priests and two nuns, including two French citizens, were abducted in April in Croix-des-Bouquets and were released later that month.

Quitel told the Wall Street Journal that a ransom was paid for the release of two of those priests.

Kidnappings have become more brazen and commonplace in Haiti amid a growing political and economic crisis, with at least 628 incidents in the first nine months of 2021 alone, according to a report by the Haitian nonprofit Center for Analysis and Research in Human Rights, or CARDH.

Haitians on Monday mounted a nationwide strike to pro-

test gang crime and kidnappings, which have been on the rise for years.

Shops were open again on Tuesday in Port-au-Prince and public transportation had starting circulating again. Transport sector leaders had pushed for the strike, in part because transport workers are frequent targets of gang kidnappings.

The FBI said in a statement on Monday that it is part of a U.S. government effort to get the Americans involved to safety.

Kidnappings in Haiti rarely involved foreigners.

The victims are usually middle-class Haitians who cannot afford bodyguards but can nonetheless put together a ransom.

The growing crisis in Haiti has also become a major issue for the United States. A wave of thousands of Haitian migrants arrived at the U.S.-Mexico border last month.

## FBI raids homes linked to Russian billionaire Deripaska

By Sarah N. Lynch and Mark Hosenball  
Reuters

WASHINGTON — FBI agents on Tuesday raided Washington and New York City homes linked to Oleg Deripaska, a Russian billionaire under U.S. sanctions who once employed Paul Manafort, a chairman of Donald Trump’s 2016 U.S. presidential campaign.

Two sources familiar with the investigation said the U.S. Attorney’s office in Manhattan, also known as the Southern District of New York, is leading the probe related to Deripaska, a metals industry magnate with Kremlin ties.

In Washington, FBI agents sealed off and searched a mansion in one of the U.S. capital’s wealthiest neighborhoods, carrying boxes out of the house, which had yellow “CRIME SCENE DO NOT ENTER” tape across the front, and towing away a vehicle.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation confirmed the agency was conducting a court-authorized law enforcement activity at the home, which the Washington Post has previously reported was linked to the Russian oligarch.

A separate spokesperson for the FBI’s New York field office confirmed “law enforcement

activity” at a home in New York’s Greenwich Village neighborhood but declined further comment.

Three FBI SUV vehicles converged on the two-story home in New York, with agents carrying out boxes and rolls of bubble wrap which they put in a white van. Officers blocked off access to the street and prevented local residents from entering it.

The reason for the searches was unclear, and the FBI spokespeople gave no details.

A representative for Deripaska said the homes being searched belong to relatives of the oligarch. Reuters could not immediately determine Deri-

paska’s whereabouts.

Washington imposed sanctions on Deripaska, 53, and other influential Russians because of their ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin after alleged Russian interference in the 2016 election which Moscow denies.

Deripaska once employed Manafort, who was convicted in 2018 of criminal charges arising from the U.S. investigation into the alleged interference but was pardoned by then-president Trump in December.

The U.S. Treasury said Deripaska was sanctioned because he acted, or claimed to act, for the Russian government. It

said he had been investigated for money laundering and accused of threatening rivals, illegal wiretapping, extortion and racketeering.

Deripaska owns part of Rusal via his stake in the giant aluminum producer’s parent company En+ Group. Washington previously dropped sanctions against both companies but kept them on Deripaska.

The representative for Deripaska, who declined to give their name because of company policy, confirmed the raid on both homes and said they belong to Deripaska’s family rather than the executive himself.

### BRIEFS

#### Private plane bursts into flame at Houston airport

(Reuters) — A private jet burst into flames during a take-off attempt at a small airport outside Houston on Tuesday, but all 21 people on board managed to escape without serious injury, U.S. aviation officials said.

The McDonnell Douglas MD-87 was departing the Houston Executive Airport just after 10 a.m. local time when it rolled through a fence and caught fire, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said in an email to Reuters.

All 18 passengers and three crew members were able to get out safely. Two people were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, Waller County Sheriff Troy Guidry told Reuters.

#### Portugal honors diplomat who saved Jews

LISBON (Reuters) — Portugal paid tribute on Tuesday to former diplomat Aristides de Sousa Mendes, who defied the Salazar dictatorship to issue visas to tens of thousands of Jews and other refugees, saving them from the horrors of Nazi concentration camps.

To honor him, a stone plaque was placed on the walls of the National Pantheon in Lisbon, which houses the tombs of major personalities from well-known fado singer Amalia Rodrigues to footballer Eusebio.

In 1940, as Portuguese consul in the French city of Bordeaux, Sousa Mendes defied orders from dictator Antonio Oliveira Salazar and handed out visas to Jews and others escaping the Nazis.

#### French beekeepers expect worst harvest in decades

PARIS (Reuters) — French beekeepers expect their worst harvest in decades as unseasonably cold and wet weather due to climate change has prevented bees from producing honey.

Beekeepers association UNAF said that based on infor-

mation received from regional associations it expects the honey harvest for 2021 to come in at 7,000 to 9,000 tonnes, or about a third of the 2020 harvest.

UNAF said 2021 will be a disastrous year for honey as, with the exception of a few rare areas in France, conditions have been very difficult for bees in spring and summer, with long periods of frost, cold, rain and northerly winds.

#### Poland almost doubles troops on Belarus border

WARSAW (Reuters) — Almost 6,000 Polish soldiers are now guarding the country’s border with Belarus in stepped up security measures in the face of a surge in migration, the defense minister said on Tuesday.

The deployment of fresh troops marks a significant expansion of the military presence on the border as only on Saturday Defence Minister Mariusz Blaszczak had put the number of soldiers at more than 3,000.

The European Commission and Warsaw say the flow of migrants has been orchestrated by Belarus as a form of hybrid warfare designed to put pressure on the European Union over sanctions it imposed on Minsk. Belarus has denied this.

#### North Korea confirms launch of ballistic missile

SEOUL (Reuters) — North Korea said it had test-fired a new ballistic missile from a submarine, state media reported on Wednesday, a day after authorities in South Korea and Japan detected an apparent weapons test.

South Korea’s military reported on Tuesday that it believed North Korea had fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) off its east coast, the latest in a string of North Korean missile tests.

The “new-type” SLBM was launched from the same submarine involved in a 2016 test of an older SLBM, North Korea’s state news agency KCNA said.



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Prisoners walk after being released by Myanmar’s military junta on Tuesday in Kyaukpadaung, Myanmar, in this screengrab from a social media video.

## Myanmar frees political prisoners after pressure

Local media: People were swiftly re-arrested

Reuters

Myanmar’s military rulers have freed hundreds of political prisoners in recent days, including Aung San Suu Kyi’s party spokesman and a famous comedian, although several were swiftly re-arrested, local media and a rights group said.

State television announced late on Monday more than 5,600 people arrested or wanted over anti-coup protests would be granted amnesty following a speech from Myanmar’s junta chief saying his government was committed to peace and democracy.

The release was described by some activists as a ploy by the ruling military to try to rebuild its international reputation after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) took the rare step of excluding the junta chief from its summit.

Shortly after local media began late on Monday documenting the release of parliamentarians, journalists and others from Yangon’s Insein prison and facilities in Mandalay, Lashio, Meiktila and Myeik, reports followed of re-arrests.

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, a non-profit group which

has documented killings and arrests since the coup in February, told Reuters that as of Tuesday evening around 40 people had been detained immediately after their release.

Local media, including Democratic Voice of Burma and Khit Thit Media, also reported several people were re-arrested.

#### Pressure

Myanmar has been in turmoil since the coup, which ended a decade of tentative democracy and economic reform.

Security forces have killed more than 1,100 people according to activists and the United Nations, and arrested over 9,000 people including Suu Kyi, Myanmar’s most prominent civilian political figure, according to AAPP.

ASEAN decided to invite a non-political representative to its Oct. 26-28 summit in an unprecedented snub to the military leaders behind the coup against Suu Kyi’s elected government.

U.N. Special Rapporteur Tom Andrews welcomed the release but said it was “outrageous” that they were detained in the first place. “The junta is releasing

political prisoners in Myanmar not because of a change of heart, but because of pressure,” he said on Twitter.

The junta has released prisoners several times since the coup, which triggered a wave of protests that were quelled by the security forces.

“They came to me today and said they will take me home, that’s all,” Monywa Aung Shin, a spokesman for Suu Kyi’s National League for Democracy party, told Democratic Voice of Burma late on Monday on his way home from prison.

Monywa Aung Shin was arrested on February 1 and had spent eight months in prison.

Burmese comedian Zarganar, a well-known critic of Myanmar’s past military governments, was also released late Monday, according to local media reports and a social media post by a close friend.

Photos and videos on social media showed detainees reunited with weeping family members.

Other images showed a succession of buses leaving the rear entrance of the jail, with passengers leaning from windows and waving at crowds gathered outside.



## Fans search for Chicago Sky merchandise

### Despite winning the WNBA title, jerseys, sweatshirts are hard to find

By Lauren Zumbach  
Chicago Tribune

Chicagoans looking to jump on the Chicago Sky bandwagon after the team won its first WNBA title may have a tough time tracking down jerseys and T-shirts to show off their fandom before the team's championship celebration Tuesday.

Fans can find Sky T-shirts and sweatshirts online, but that requires waiting for shipping. Options are slimmer in stores.

"There's just not as much as you'd like for a league with people who are so willing to buy," said Brian Paganiban, creator of social media fan account The Sky Show Chi.

Paganiban, 30, of Roscoe Village, posted photos of the selection at a handful of shops on Twitter during the playoffs, including a

Dick's Sporting Goods in Goose Island and the Michigan Avenue Nike store, with the hashtag #WNBAWeNeedMerch.

Dick's Sporting Goods tends to be fans' best bet for finding items in bricks-and-mortar stores, he said. An employee at the chain's Goose Island location said the store had Sky apparel, but championship T-shirts and sweatshirts available online wouldn't be on shelves in Chicago until later this week.

There are more options online, but even there, jerseys can be scarce. Fanatics and Lids didn't list any Sky jerseys in their online stores. At both Nike and Dick's Sporting Goods, the only player with a jersey available in adult sizes online was Diamond DeShields.

Cheryl Bernard said she and her daughter Taylor,

12, have been looking for Candace Parker and Kahleah Copper jerseys since August, with no luck — even at the shop at Wintrust Arena. Retailers have also had trouble keeping certain jerseys in stock for teams in other leagues because of supply chain issues.

Bernard purchased championship T-shirts after the team's win, but the online store warned her they might not ship until Nov. 1.

"Call me silly, I guess I thought they'd have this stuff ready," said Bernard, 37, of Forest Park.

The team's success and growing enthusiasm convinced at least one Chicago sports fan apparel shop to add Sky merchandise to its shelves for future seasons.

Clark Street Sports had been considering starting to carry the team's apparel



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Chicago Sky players, including Chicago Sky MVP Kahleah Copper (2), second from left, celebrate after winning the WNBA championship, 80-74, against the Phoenix Mercury on Sunday at Wintrust Arena in Chicago.

earlier this year but hadn't placed any orders, said co-owner Jason Caref. In the past he wasn't sure whether

there would be enough interest, but this season left no doubt.

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Empty shelves at a Sainsbury's supermarket on Oct. 10 in London, England. As is much of the rest of the world, the United Kingdom is facing supply chain disruptions.

## Comcast, Hisense team up to sell TVs

### New internet-connected TVs will be available nationwide at Walmart stores

By Christian Hetrick  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

With millions of Americans ditching cable TV channels for online streaming, Comcast on Tuesday unveiled its latest plan to remain a fixture in living rooms: selling internet-connected TVs.

Comcast launched XClass TV, a 4K Ultra High Definition television that will be sold in some Walmart stores starting this week and Walmart.com weeks later. It's the first time U.S. consumers can access Comcast's entertainment offerings without being in the Philadelphia cable giant's service footprint.

The smart TV, made in partnership with Chinese electronics maker Hisense, is the latest internet-connected device from Comcast that could appeal to so-called cord-cutters, who watch movies and shows through an array of apps.

"We're thrilled to bring our award-winning entertainment experience to smart TVs nationwide and for the first time offer consumers inside and outside our service areas a simple way to navigate their live and on-demand content, whether streaming or cable," Sam Schwartz, Comcast's chief business development officer, said in a statement.

The Hisense XClass TV, which runs on Comcast's operating system, comes with hundreds of streaming apps.

The device uses the same technology platform that powers the company's cable and streaming boxes, letting consumers access streaming apps, cable subscriptions, and other entertainment in one place. The smart TVs are available in two sizes: 43 inches and 50 inches.

"This is a clear move by Comcast to position itself in the connected device market as they leverage their best-in-class tech stack," said Geetha Ranganathan, a Bloomberg analyst. She noted Comcast already challenged market leaders Roku and Amazon when it released its Flex-branded streaming box a couple years ago.

"But that somewhat limited them to be within their footprint given that it was tied to Xfinity broadband," Ranganathan added. "With a smart TV, Comcast is not constrained by regional boundaries and can have a truly national offering. I view this as another way to turbocharge their digital ad business as well."

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## 'PEOPLE ARE HOARDING'

### Processing, transportation capacity shortages leave shelves empty

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In Denver, public-school children are facing shortages of milk. In Chicago, a local market is running short of canned goods and boxed items.

But there's plenty of food. There just isn't always enough processing and transportation capacity to meet rising demand as the economy revs up.

More than a year and a half after the coronavirus pandemic upended daily life, the supply of basic goods at U.S. grocery stores and restaurants is once again falling victim to intermittent shortages and delays.

#### 'Whack-a-mole'

In Denver, broken parts at the milk supplier's plant affected shipments of half-pint cartons.

"We've been struggling with supply-chain issues with different items since school started," said Theresa Hafner, the executive director of food services at Denver Public Schools. "It just continues

to pop up. It's like playing whack-a-mole."

In Chicago, Dill Pickle Food Co-Op ran out of certain dry goods because its two main distributors haven't been sending orders in full.

"Early in the pandemic, panic buying was the cause of many of the out-of-stock situations that grocers experienced," general manager I'Talia McCarthy said in an email to store owners this month. "Although the food industry was able to somewhat rebound, the sustained nature of the pandemic, combined with the slow pace of vaccination globally and the recent surge caused by the delta variant, have resurfaced the problem."

The shortages aren't as acute as they were earlier in the pandemic. At supermarkets, on-shelf availability has stabilized since dropping drastically in November last year, according to data from NielsenIQ.

Still, one key metric is trending down a bit. The total on-shelf-availability rate was 94.6%

in September, a decrease from 95.2% in August. That means that 94.6% of expected revenue was generated last month, NielsenIQ says.

#### Price pressure

Many food suppliers are planning for these hiccups and shortages to last.

Saffron Road, a producer of frozen and shelf-stable meals, is holding extra inventory, keeping about four months of supply on hand instead of the typical one or two months.

A&W Restaurants earlier this year had to cancel a marketing deal for chicken tenders when its supplier couldn't get extra stock of poultry.

"Rather than running short, we replaced the promotion with something we could get," said CEO Kevin Bazner. Supplies are improving, he said, but the chain is still only getting about 80% of what it orders, he said.

#### Not enough styrofoam

Food producers complain of supply-chain headaches of their own.

Land O'Lakes Inc. said its members are producing abundant amounts of milk at their dairies.

"The challenges in the supply chain continue to be issues such as driver shortages, labor and congestion at the ports," Chief Supply Chain Officer Yone Dewberry said in an email.

Meat processors tell a similar tale. Earlier this month, one pork supplier couldn't get products out because there weren't enough Styrofoam trays, said Steve Meyer, a consulting economist for the National Pork Producers Council.

Labor issues are also roiling the meat supply. Plants are running but not at full capacity due to a lack of workers and truckers, Meyer said.

In most cases, animals are being harvested but there aren't enough people to handle normal value-added processes. That may make it harder for grocery-store customers to find such high-value products.

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## Make sure you're buying online tickets safely

By Hanh Truong  
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With social media and ticketing websites, such as Ticketmaster, you can easily get passes to sports games, concerts, festivals and shows right at the tip of your fingers. But this convenience leaves room for scammers to sell fake tickets, price-gouge or never send the event pass to the buyer.

You can avoid running into killjoys and save your money by following these tips for safe ticket buying.

### Use secure platforms

"Be careful of buying tickets on social media," said Stephen Spiewak, a spokesperson for Vividseats, an online ticket marketplace. Instead, he recommends people shop on secure platforms to keep their personal information safe. The Better Business Bureau

advises people on their website to look out for the padlock in web addresses. This symbol indicates that the site has a secure purchasing system.

### Find trusted websites

Spiewak said you should buy from trusted websites that stand behind their tickets.

For example, Ticketmaster promises buyers that "tickets transferred or resold to you are 100% verified and issued in your name so they can't be counterfeited." SeatGeek, Vividseats and StubHub also have buyer guarantee, which ensures consumers are getting legitimate tickets.

According to the Bureau, you can look up the seller on bbb.org and find reviews from other customers. You can also check to see if the company is a member of the National Association of Ticket Brokers. Additionally, the agency suggested on their website,

that people purchase tickets directly from the venue, if possible.

### Pay with a credit card

The Bureau also advises people to purchase tickets using methods that come with protection, such as credit cards. "Debit cards, wire transfer or cash transactions are risky," they wrote on their website. "If the tickets are fraudulent, you won't be able to get your money back."

### Check the seller's profile

If you must buy your ticket on social media, make sure to scope out the seller's online presence before sending over any payments. Eventbrite, an event and ticketing platform, wrote on their blog that you should be "wary" of people who don't have a profile picture or have a blank profile.

Some red flags that the company listed as signs of



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Young Thug performs at the Bud Light Seltzer stage during the final day of Lollapalooza on Aug. 1 at Grant Park in Chicago.

a fake profile include lack of biographical information, such as where they are from or where they work. They also added that sellers participat-

ing in ticket scams may also appear pushy.

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From left, Vera Farmiga as Lorraine Warren and Patrick Wilson as Ed Warren in New Line Cinema's horror film "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

# SCARY MOVIES TO WATCH FOR HALLOWEEN

By Moira Macdonald  
The Seattle Times

For those who love the deliciously unsettling, tightness-in-the-stomach, hey-wait-what-was-that-noise-outside feeling that a scary movie can bring — here are 8 recommendations from the current century, all of which scared me silly (or made me giggle). Happy Halloween!

**"The Babadook"** (2014): Like so many great horror films, Australian director Jennifer Kent's masterfully creepy debut calls to mind Henry James' "The Turn of the Screw" (and the excellent 1961 horror film made from it, "The Innocents"): a dark house, a haunted child, a young woman who may or may not be succumbing to madness. Somebody please turn the lights on. (Streaming on Amazon Prime, Vudu)

**"The Conjuring"** (2013): It's just a haunted-house movie — but oh, what a house. James Wan, known for the "Saw" franchise, here shows he can craft an impeccable old-school "Amityville Horror"-meets-"The Exorcist" horror flick,

in which a family moves into a remote farmhouse and terrible things promptly happen. (Netflix, HBO Max, Amazon Prime, Vudu)

**"Crimson Peak"** (2015): If you, like me, like your thrillers with a touch of Gothic, feast your eyes on this red-underlined dream from Guillermo del Toro, where the ghosts seem to be made of equal parts smoke and black lace. Set in a crumbling mansion more than a century ago, it's a movie both delicate and wildly over-the-top — as if a classic Gothic horror film exploded, leaving blood on the floor. (Netflix, Amazon Prime, Vudu)

**"Get Out"** (2017): You probably saw Jordan Peele's wickedly smart debut when it came out a few years ago, but "Get Out" is the sort of movie that rewards re-watching — the better to ponder its layers. This story of a young Black man visiting his white girlfriend's very strange family will scare you, make you laugh and, in its examination of race, make you uncomfortable — but trust me, you won't want to

get out, not until the final frame. (Amazon Prime, Vudu)

**"The Invitation"** (2016): Karyn Kusama's film is a haunted-house movie — but the house is a smart modern pile in the Hollywood Hills, and the ghosts aren't exactly bump-in-the-night sorts. Watch as a dinner party goes horribly wrong, and as Kusama ratchets up the tension so expertly that suddenly everything seems like an evil omen. You might wish you could leave before dessert. (Amazon Prime, Vudu)

**"The Orphanage"** (2007): This gorgeously creeped-out thriller from Spanish director Juan Antonio Bayona is another haunted-house tale, but this time the house is a former orphanage, and the child at its center is a frail little boy with imaginary friends. It's a movie that understands the terror behind the idea of a child who never grows up — and, in Belen Rueda's remarkable performance, the enormity of a mother's grief. (Starz, Amazon Prime, Vudu)

**"Shaun of the Dead"** (2004): I've rewatched this

zom-rom-com many a time, and it never fails to hit its mark — a wonderfully deadpan blend of dark comedy and zombie horror. Shaun (Simon Pegg) is a regular London bloke, and what makes Edgar Wright's film work so well is how it treats a zombie invasion as just one more thing Shaun needs to deal with in a life full of obstacles. Watch for a scene-stealing performance by Penelope Wilton (better known now as Cousin Isobel on "Downton Abbey") as Shaun's sandwich-making mum. (Amazon Prime, Vudu)

**"Them"** (2007): No one paid much attention when it came out, possibly because of the very generic title. But I remember having the daylighters scared out of me by this short, snappy thriller from French filmmakers David Moreau and Xavier Palud, in which a couple moves to a remote country house where it soon becomes clear that someone — or something — is stalking them. How do you say "brrrrr" in French? (Amazon Prime, Vudu)

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"One thing about this movie is that, collectively, as a cast, I think that it all represents such a big part of our youth."

MATTHEW LILLARD,  
ACTOR

## 'Scream' actors reflect on the classic horror film

By Jami Ganz  
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A quarter century after the mysterious masked murderer known as Ghostface first slashed his way through a California high school, horror fans are still "Scream"-ing for more.

Skeet Ulrich and Matthew Lillard, who played the first killers in the "Scream" franchise, never thought people would still be talking about their movie 25 years later, never mind that the original would spawn four sequels and a TV series and help sell countless Ghostface masks at Halloween.

Now Ulrich and Lillard, who played Billy and Stu, respectively, in 1996's "Scream," are enjoying the renewed attention being paid to the movie ahead of the newly remastered Blu-ray that was released Tuesday.

"I think there was just a love of the brutality of it," Ulrich, 51, told the Daily News.

"Maybe if you're part of the Marvel Universe, you expect certain things. Outside of that, and certainly in [1996], there was no way to know" the lasting impact the movie would have, added Ulrich, who now stars on TV's "Riverdale."

"One thing about this movie is that, collectively, as a cast, I think that it all represents such a big part of our youth," the 51-year-old Lillard told The News. "We don't take it lightly that we're [in] this movie that still resonates."

"Scream" was a game changer. when it opened in December 1996. The over-the-top gore in Wes Craven's soon-to-be slasher classic not only satisfied bloodthirsty audiences, the movie deftly satirized the horror films of the '70s and '80s by deconstructing genre conventions.

Franchise regulars Courtney Cox, David Arquette and Neve Campbell starred in the original, which went on to make nearly \$200 million worldwide.

The latest entry in the franchise — also titled "Scream" — will be released in theaters in 2022 and again feature the three stars.

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# THE 30 BEST (AND WORST) PUMPKIN-FLAVORED FOODS AT TRADER JOE'S

By Christopher Borrelli  
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We're pumpkin people now. Me, my family — for us, it's all pumpkin, all season. We shall take sustenance from the great pumpkin lord, today, tomorrow. Every meal will center around nature's sacred orange gourd. I explained this to my 5-year-old: From here on, or at least through the Super Bowl, we will eat pumpkin products from Trader Joe's. Pasta, hummus, breakfast bars, bread, tortilla chips — all pumpkin. This is the way it must be.

She didn't take it too well. But she will learn to adapt. Even pumpkin people once scrunched their faces at pumpkin bagels. She'll see. Someday, should we move into a post-pumpkin future, we will have to explain: There was a time, long ago, when people greeted autumn by descending on Trader Joe's, buying too many pumpkin products and convincing themselves they wanted to eat pumpkin-flavored meals 24/7. But I expect telling the great-grandchildren we didn't always eat this much pumpkin will be like saying power windows weren't always standard in cars. The imagination can grasp only so much.

For now, we are living in the age of peak pumpkin. Anyone who shops at Trader Joe's can confirm: Starbucks revolutionized the hot pumpkin drink, but Trader Joe's weaponized pumpkin as an all-purpose 21st century meal. If you weren't already aware of the alarm on Twitter — where users have renamed the store "Ground Zero for the Pumpkin Spice Industrial Complex" and even suggested renaming fall "Pumpkin Everything at Trader Joe's Season" — a visit to the chain will floor you. I had no idea. I don't shop at Trader Joe's. But once there, like a Black Friday zombie, I fast realized how many pumpkin products I actually needed in my life.

I loaded a cart and apologized to the man at the register, embarrassed at the explosion of orange packaging and illustrations of falling leaves laid before him. He said, oh, this is nothing — people come in all the time and decide right then to get two, three dozen pumpkin items.

What follows is not for indiscriminating pumpkin people.

It's more for the pumpkin curious. It's also not everything pumpkin at Trader Joe's — I sidestepped the pumpkin-based baking mixes, teas, a few beverages, some other stuff. Instead, this is a ranking of Trader Joe's pumpkin items that offer that fast pumpkin fix, from best to very worst.

## Mini Spicy Pumpkin Samosas

Before we begin, note that pumpkin is not that remarkable an ingredient. It's in Indian food, Mexican food (pepitas are pumpkin seeds); when I return home to New England, baked macaroni in pumpkin in my comfort go-to. These baked pockets capture that reliability. Crispy, a bit flaky, with a pleasant heat (not overwhelming), touch of fennel, decent chunks of pumpkin, mild and earthy. Start here. \$3.99

## Pumpkin Biscotti

Obvious as it sounds, "pumpkin puree" — as opposed to, say, "pumpkin pie-flavored coating" — seems to be the secret of the best pumpkin stuff here.



Photos by Chris Borrelli / Chicago Tribune / TNS  
An assortment of pumpkin-flavored foods from Trader Joe's.



**Above:** Fall zucchette pasta and pumpkin Alfredo sauce from Trader Joe's. **Right:** Pumpkin-spiced pumpkin seeds from Trader Joe's.



Light, finger-sized, with a creamy mellow and fleeting scented pumpkin vibe. Subtle. \$3.99

## Turkey & Pumpkin Mole Burrito

In a perfect world, here is the pinnacle of comforts: a refrigerated, gas station-esque burrito, with chocolate pumpkin mole. Alas, this is not a perfect world. Yet it works, even though the pumpkin is more hinted than tasted. Sweet potatoes come in chunks. Turkey makes for a nice change from the usual chicken. Handful of jalapenos. It takes just like food. And sometimes that's all you want. \$3.99

## Pecan Pumpkin Instant Oatmeal

More like, pumpkin-ish. The "rich pumpkin flavor" claim on the box is wrong, but "delightful holiday oatmeal" is spot on. Plenty of nutmeg. \$3.49

## Pumpkin Butternut Squash Bisque

"Finished with brown butter and sage," reads the container. It's mild, yet kind of lovely. Strings of butternut squash throughout. If you heated up a few containers and told friends you made it, no one would blink twice. \$3.99

## Spicy Pumpkin Curry Simmer Sauce

They suggest serving over rice or noodles. We tried tofu, which worked nicely. But it's better Brit-style, over french fries. A little lemon in there, some coconut, a touch of garlic. Another good "homemade" dinner to lie about. \$2.99

## Pumpkin Brioche Twist

A respectable, nearly refreshing supermarket bread. Could use more swirls of brown sugar and cinnamon (and more pumpkin taste), but the cut is thick and ideal

for French toast. Naturally, it springs to life after a light toasting. \$3.99

## Butternut Squash Mac & Cheese

I expected to hate this. It came out of the microwave (I was being lazy) and looked like a pool of cheese and some waning macaroni tubes. But the flavors mix well: the Gouda and Parmesan blend with a squash puree into a surprisingly nice comfort dish with bite. \$2.99

## Pumpkin Spiced Pumpkin Seeds

What should be a ridiculous sign of the apocalypse is, in practice, a very smart (though extremely sugary and addicting) salad topping. For best results, place on a shelf beyond your reach and eat a carrot, you slob. \$2.99

## Sweet and Savory Lightly Spiced Pumpkin Spread

According to the company, this spread is made in small batches in Portugal. Basically, marmalade but with a light pumpkin flavor. Good with cheese. Bonus points for cute packaging (twee fabric-covered lid, faux-wooden cap). \$2.99

## Pumpkin Tortilla Chips

The color of an old dog. Pumpkin taste is strong without being cloying. I flinched, then ate most of a bag. Which is also how I approach pumpkin beer. \$1.99

## Pumpkin Bisque

Sort of like their butternut squash soup but thicker, richer, with a welcome, tangy dash of tahini, yet still, somehow, more timidly serviceable than it should be. \$3.99

## This Pumpkin Walks into a Bar Cereal Bar

Fig bars, but with pumpkin. Slightly artificial, fragrant

and oaty. You imagine someone in the corporate office naming pumpkin items all day and getting punchy and needing to go home. Still, perfectly fine. \$1.99

## Butternut Squash Mac & Cheese Bites

A respectable appetizer to throw on the table if people are over. Partly because it's so rich, and so easily crumbles, it smacks of mediocre homemade dinner. \$3.99

## Fall Zucchette Pasta

Made with dehydrated squash that doesn't register strongly. Adorable little pumpkin-shaped macaronis. Fun for the kids, novelty for everyone else. \$2.29

## Pumpkin Waffles

One of the things I hate about Trader Joe's is that social media loves to be obsessed over totally ordinary foods they bought there. Exhibit A: Pumpkin waffles. I went three times before they had these in stock — they go fast. They're also just frozen waffles. Some pumpkin. (Now the Sweet Belgian Waffles at Whole Foods, those are Insta-worthy.) \$1.99

## Harvest Spaghetti Squash Spirals

For those too tired to twirl noodles onto a fork? Tiny portions, decent-sized cubes of squash. But pretty dull. \$3.99

## Pumpkin Butter

Too watery to be confused with the real thing. (Come on, TJ's, this is the Midwest. You can find better at any roadside grocery across Illinois.) A reliance on honey to liven this up was welcome. Just wished they had named it something else. \$2.29

## Pumpkin Cranberry Crisps

Chewy, good with cheese; but otherwise, cardboard. \$3.99

## Pumpkin Spice Espresso Beans

Chocolate-covered "with a pumpkin spice blend." Tastes like potpourri. And yes, I know what potpourri tastes like. (Don't ask me why.) \$0.99

## Pumpkin Bagels

Made with "pumpkin pie spice bits." This didn't have to happen. This country has been through a lot in the past four years. The nicest thing I can think to say is it's an OK bagel when it's not as squishy (and therefore stale) and you're starving. \$2.69

## Cauliflower Butternut Squash Risotto

Speaking of bland. \$3.99

## Pumpkin Spiced Teeny Tiny Pretzels

The problem with Trader Joe's pumpkin-palooza is, once you move beyond the good stuff, the drop-off is steep. This one made me sad. Never mind the yogurt coating that fights off any chance of tasting pumpkin — there's so much going on here you can feel the bigwigs demanding: More ideas! More! \$2.99

## Pumpkin Spice Hummus

This one feels unforgivable, unnecessary. The garbanzo is in there, but buried beneath what tastes like the filling of a mediocre pumpkin pie. It's really just dessert, and that was exactly the idea. \$2.49

## Petite Pumpkin Spice Cookies

A shopper beside me said she would sell her grandmother for these. Guess times are tough all around. These are the cookies at the Christmas party that the two stupidest people eat. "Yogurt coating." Ew. \$3.29

## Pumpkin Rolls

The dough for this rejiggered cinnamon roll is good; a little clove lends the right variety. But together with the icing, it's cloying, delivering only a faint pumpkin feel. You never forget how processed this seems. \$3.99

## Pumpkin Flavored Joe-Joe's

Crepe cookies with artificial-tasting pumpkin flavor that leaves the mouth waxy and unsettled and forces the brain to rethink your life choices. (My mother-in-law spit hers into the trash, gasped and asked: "Is that even pumpkin orange?") \$2.49

## Pumpkin Ice Cream

Generously priced. Made with 20% pumpkin puree. But whoa, is that overwhelming. "Wayyyyyyy too rich," said my 5-year-old, who I didn't think knew the word "rich," but then, some experiences just define themselves. \$3.99

## Pumpkin Alfredo Sauce

My wife and I looked at each other and said, nearly in unison, "Chef Boyardee." According to the label, the sauce is made in Italy, but I assure you, Italy makes crap too. If there's an upside here, that Boyardee-like smell will bring you back. \$3.49

## Pumpkin Empanadas

The shell is negligible, and though the packaging promises a "delicately spiced" interior, I tasted straight-up, nuclear-sweetened, richer-than-rich pumpkin pie filling; a hand pastry without a single dimension and one big taste — pumpkin. Which, admittedly, was the promise. \$3.99





Stacey Wescott / Chicago Tribune / TNS

Chicago Sky's Candace Parker and her teammates celebrate after winning the WNBA championship, 80-74, against the Phoenix Mercury on Sunday at Wintrust Arena in Chicago.

## QUEEN OF CHICAGO

Hometown hero Candace Parker brings back WNBA title

By Sarah Valenzuela  
New York Daily News

Candace Parker is the Queen of the Court. The 2021 playoffs were her coronation. And nearly two decades after the Naperville, Ill. native made a name for herself, her family and her Chicago suburb, she successfully brought a WNBA championship home in her first year with the Sky.

That chip, the Sky's first in its 15-year history, if nothing else before, has cemented Parker as the Hall of Famer we all know she will be one day. Chicago should consider itself lucky that such royalty was bred in its streets, but it foretold long before she left the Windy City that she would become the most decorated basketball player in history.

At Naperville Central High School, she emerged an Illinois standout. She was named a Gatorade Illinois State Player of the Year by her sophomore year of high school, then was awarded

the honor again the next two years in 2003 and 2004. Those last two years, she'd also been named the Naismith, Gatorade and USA Today National Prep Player of the Year. She also won the McDonald's All-American Slam Dunk contest in 2004, as well.

"Chicago is the mecca of just grassroots high school basketball," Parker told Sports Illustrated in September in an interview about the McDonald's All-American game returning to Chicago. "There's nothing like coming from here and just being around the Chicagoland area. ... The amount of support and the amount of fans that really tune into high school hoops makes it so nostalgic to be from here. This city has the type of fans who will follow you throughout your entire career."

She then rose to collegiate fame at Tennessee, where she became the fastest Tennessee player to reach 1,000 points and led the

team to back to back NCAA titles in 2007 and 2008. After becoming the No. 1 overall pick in the 2008 by the Los Angeles Sparks, she dominated there too.

Parker was the first player ever to win Rookie of the Year and MVP in the same season, the second-ever player to dunk in a regular season game (which she did twice) and helped the Sparks to 11 straight playoff appearances.

Before she left Los Angeles, she became a five-time All-Star, won All-Star Game MVP and another WNBA MVP (2013), a Defensive Player of the Year award (2020), six All-WNBA First Team, among others. She was already one of the most decorated basketball players by the time she stepped foot back in Chicago. All that was left was to ball out like she's done since high school.

In the championship winning game against the Phoenix Mercury on Sunday, in which the Sky came out with a 80-74 victory,

Parker put up a 16-point, 13-rebound, five-assist, four-steal, one-block performance.

The final buzzer hadn't even sounded before the tears started to well up in Parker's eyes.

And once it did ring, she sprinted head long for her family sitting courtside.

"It's amazing. Look at this," Parker said after the game looking up at the celebrating Chicago fans. "My high school coach is here, I know [former Tennessee head coach Pat Summitt] is watching. I got the whole city here. We got the whole city here and it's just amazing how Chicago supports. I mean we're champions for life now."

Yes, Candace Parker, the Candace Parker included her Chicago in her long list of accolades. The Candace Parker, "Ace" as she's also been called, has taken her rightful seat on the throne of basketball's all-time legends.

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SUPERSTAR CENTER

## Philadelphia 76ers suspend Ben Simmons for 1 game

Field Level Media

Philadelphia 76ers guard Ben Simmons was thrown out of practice Tuesday and suspended for one game by the team.

Simmons will miss Philadelphia's season opener at New Orleans on Wednesday.

Simmons was suspended for conduct detrimental to the team, per a 76ers statement. Simmons was not engaged during practice and was tossed by coach Doc Rivers, who afterward was asked if Simmons wants to be a part of the team.

"Well today not, obviously. We told him to go home," Rivers said. "But hopefully at some point, yeah, I do."

Rivers said he tossed Simmons from practice for being a distraction.

"At the end of the day as a coach I have to protect the team," Rivers said. "Team first, and then we get to the other part. Today I thought it was more important to focus on the team."

Sixers superstar center Joel Embiid had much stronger words for Simmons.

"At this point I don't care about that man, honestly. He does whatever he wants," Embiid said. "I'm focused on making the team better, win some games, play hard every night, try to lead the guys that we have here. ... Our chemistry has been excellent, despite everything that's been happening the last few months so like I said, I don't really care."

"At the end of the day, our job is not to babysit somebody," Embiid said.

Simmons did not meet with the media and reportedly is no longer conducting interviews.

Simmons practiced Sunday for the first time since reporting to the team on Oct. 11 after an acrimonious offseason that included a trade demand. He missed all four of Philadelphia's preseason contests. Simmons has been a reluctant participant in practice since returning from his holdout, per ESPN.

Rivers said Sunday the 25-year-old was in "decent shape."

The three-time All-Star averaged 14.3 points, 6.9 assists and 7.2 rebounds in 58 games last season. He averaged just 11.9 points in the playoffs while shooting a dismal 34.2 percent from the free-throw line.

## Elder statesman White wants another Olympics

The 35-year-old wears age as 'badge of honor' in pursuit of fifth Games

By Amy Tennery

(Reuters) - In a sport where youth can trump experience, three-time Olympic gold medal-winning snowboarder Shaun White wears his age as a "badge of honor" as he vies to compete at a fifth Olympics.

The American was 19 when he picked up his first gold at the 2006 Turin Games and cemented his legacy as the most successful snowboarder of all time when he triumphed in dramatic fashion at the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics.

Now 35 years old and hoping to compete in the 2022 Beijing Games, White said he was adapting to his status as the elder statesman of his sport.

"I've been the youngest competitor as long as I can remember but I wear it now as somewhat of a badge of honor in a sense," White told reporters at the USOPC media summit.

"To be on top of a sport that's ever-changing and for this amount of time, it's been



Eric Gaillard / Reuters File Photo

Gold medalist Shaun White of the U.S. on the podium during the 2018 Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

a challenge."

Staying on top has been as much a mental challenge as a physical one, he said, after

settling for fourth place at the 2014 Sochi Games and having to once again harness his passion for competing.

White clinched gold in 2018 on his final run in the half-pipe final, earning a 97.75 for a spectacular display.

"In Sochi, I'd lost something; I'd lost this edge that I had," said White. "It was (a) really emotional and sort of heavy journey to find that again."

The 13-time Winter X Games champion had once hoped to compete in the debut Olympic skateboarding competition at the Tokyo Games but dropped his bid in early 2020, deciding he was not ready to walk away from snowboarding and immediately "switching gears" back to winter sports.

The path has not always been easy.

He withdrew from the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colorado, earlier this year with a knee injury and said it took him longer to recover from the usual bumps and bruises that come with the high-flying sport.

Places on the U.S. snowboard halfpipe Olympic team will be allocated based on rankings and performances in qualifying events, according to U.S. Ski & Snowboard.



## PODCAST:

Joel Johnson discusses his busy winter with St. Thomas' first Division I season, coaching women's Olympic hockey team (on The Rink Live podcast.)

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How has home attendance been in the first few games this season?

#### Answers:

**Hatten (SCSU):** SCSU has had the good fortune to have two opponents from the Twin Cities in their first two home games and is averaging 4,841 per game, which is 90% of capacity.

**Wellens (UMD):** We've yet to see a sold out Amsoil Arena yet, even with the Ice Breaker Tournament in town last weekend — 5,940 on Friday, 5,738 on Saturday — but that should change Saturday when the Bulldogs' men host the Gophers. Word is that it is close to a sellout already. The Gophers are always the biggest draw, even for the women, who saw over 1,000 fans two weeks ago when they split a series at Amsoil Arena.

**Schlossman (UND):** I wondered if it would be tough to get fans back in buildings after the pandemic, but UND set a record for its highest attendance ever for an exhibition game, drawing 11,812 on Oct. 2.

**Myers (Minnesota):** The Gophers' crowds for a nonconference series versus Mercyhurst were predictably sparse. It was a different story with in-state rival St. Cloud State in town. While not a sellout (the official attendance was around 8,100) the student section was packed and the rest of the rink was probably 75% full, which is an encouraging sign for the 2021-22 season.

**Feldman (MSU-Mankato):** It doesn't hurt that MSU's first home games in 19-plus months happened to be a No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown against St. Cloud State, or that MSU is 4-2-0 through six games against top-10 teams. If the first month of the season is any indication, all of the 5,100 purple seats at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center will be needed often this winter.

**Babcock (BSU):** Attendance has been solid but not spectacular at the Sanford Center through two games. The home date with North Dakota was nearly full, but the opener against Minnesota Duluth filled up about two-thirds to three-fourths of the building.

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St. Cloud State forward Mason Salquist (16) watches the action against St. Thomas University in the first period Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center in St. Cloud.

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# PUCK PRESENT

SCSU's Mason Salquist is looking to give his parents a special hockey gift

**By Mick Hatten**  
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St. Cloud, Minn.

Keep this on the down low, but the parents of Mason Salquist may be getting a special gift soon. It is not something he went out and bought and it may have a scratch or gouge in it.

Salquist, a 21-year-old freshman from Grand Forks, scored the game-winning goal in St. Cloud State's win over Minnesota State University-Mankato on Oct. 9. He got the puck he scored it with because it was his first college goal, but he plans on making it a gift.

"I'm thinking about giving it to my parents, but they don't know that yet," Salquist said with a smile at a press conference. "They got me to this stage and this part of my life.

"It was an awesome feeling and ice to get that one (goal) out of the way early."

Salquist seems to be making a habit of scoring big goals against tough opponents. He also scored the game-winner in the Huskies' 2-1 win over Minnesota on Oct. 15.

#### Strong start

Salquist, who is listed at 5-foot-8 and 165 pounds, has played in four of the Huskies' first six games. In the season-opener, he played center and had an assist, a shot on goal, won 10 of 14 faceoffs and was named the NCHC Rookie of the Week, despite not playing in Game 2 of the series against St. Thomas.

He has three points, is a plus-2, is 18 of 27 on faceoffs and has seen time on the power play this season.

"We've really liked him. He's off to a great start," Huskies coach Brett Larson said. "With Sammy out, we needed a guy to go on the power-play unit. Salzy played the bumper (on

the power play) up in Fargo and it was a spot we could fit him in. He did a great job on the power play. He did a great job 5-on-5. He played with a lot of poise for a young player.

"He seemed to be able to get into the game and find his game. That crowd was rocking in Mankato and they're certainly one of the top teams in the country and he was able to step in and play. The situation didn't seem too big for him and he didn't seem overwhelmed by it. He's a smart player with some compete."

Salquist admitted that he had some nerves before the game on Oct. 9.

"A little bit, but after warmups, I kind of settled in and went out there and played my game, doing what I'm capable of doing and playing to my strengths.

"(I'm) a 200-foot player, playing well in my 'D' zone and bringing a little bit of offense and skill to the game, being hard to play against."

#### Fargo Force connections

Salquist played juniors last season for the Fargo Force of the United States Hockey League. He had seven goals and 12 points and was a plus-3 in 14 games before a lower body injury kept him out of the lineup from Dec. 30-Feb. 26. Salquist returned and helped the Force reach the Clark Cup Finals in the playoffs.

"It was tough. It's not easy having a lower body injury and then coming back and trying to get your feet back into it," he said. "But it was a lot of fun and part of the process. I had a really good group of guys with me, which made it easier."

Because of the pandemic, Salquist had an interesting recruiting experience. College coaches were not allowed to go out and see players play, so



St. Cloud State forward Mason Salquist (16) gets the puck away from St. Thomas University forward Kyler Grundy (27) in the first period Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center in St. Cloud.

they had to watch games on the internet and players were not allowed to go on recruiting visits to campuses.

In the spring of 2020, though, the Huskies coaching staff got in contact with him over the phone and he ended up having a virtual campus visit.

"It was a little different. I got a phone call from the coaching staff and got to know them a little bit," Salquist said. "Then I took a virtual visit, through the hockey facility on Facetime with (assistant) coach (Nick) Oliver. Then through the academic side, I was on a Zoom meeting and got to see campus."

Salquist played high school hockey for Grand Forks Red River, but the Fighting Hawks were not in the recruiting mix. But he was sold on a number of things with the Huskies.

"Just a great hockey culture and being close to home is really nice, too," said Salquist, who played 24 junior games in the NAHL with the Janesville

Jets in 2018-19 before joining the Force. "The coaches and the family that they bring — everyone's in it together. I just love how coach Larson and the coaching staff present things.

"I always wanted to be close to home and play in the NCHC. St. Cloud was up there on my list with recruiting. That helped, too."

He has been one of the few additions to the St. Cloud State roster with 23 players returning from last season's team. But Salquist has looked like a good fit in the early going.

And Salquist is enjoying his new team and surroundings.

"It's been awesome. The guys have been really welcoming," he said. "It's been a lot of fun so far. Playing my first game at the Herb, it was a lot of fun. The crowd really got into it and it was a good thing that we came out on top."

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