

Palace construction volunteers were hard at work Monday making final preparations ahead of the Ice Palace Grand Lighting Ceremony this Friday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.



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## PALACE PREP WORK NEARLY COMPLETE

Construction is wrapping up ahead of Friday's Grand Lighting Ceremony, the official kick-off to Polar Fest

**By Vicki Gerdes**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Excitement is beginning to build for this Friday's Ice Palace Grand Lighting Ceremony on the Detroit Lakes City Beach, which will kick off 17 days of Polar Fest activities throughout the community.

Before the lighting ceremony gets underway

at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11, visitors can watch the final preparations for the ice palace unveiling — which will include the creation of two large-scale ice sculptures to flank the sides of King Isbit's Royal Throne at the front of the palace.

The sculptures will be created by two professional ice sculpting teams from the Twin Cities, both

**IF YOU GO**

**What:** Polar Fest Ice Palace Grand Lighting Ceremony  
**Where:** Detroit Lakes City Beach  
**When:** Friday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

**More Info:** There is a live camera feed of all the palace preparations available at iceharvestdl.org, and a full schedule of Polar Fest events can be found at polarfestdl.com.

“One of the teams, Paul and Deneena Hughes, will be coming up here on Wednesday,

while the other, John Cooper and John Njoes, are expected to come on Thursday,” said Hans Gilsdorf, the principal artist behind the creation of the ice palace.

“John and John just placed first at the St. Paul Winter Carnival, while Paul and Deneena's team got third place at the same event,” Gilsdorf said.

While the design

of their sculptures is being kept top secret, the teams' work is not unfamiliar to local residents.

“Both teams have been up here in the past, doing ice and snow sculptures (for Polar Fest),” he said.

For the 2018 Polar Fest, the Hughes husband-and-wife team

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## 'Willing to help, with open arms'

First Lutheran Church started a homeless outreach program shortly after COVID hit; it's already helped 112 households

**By Grant Evans**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

A year and a half ago, a woman who was fleeing an abusive relationship found herself and her 5-year-old son in Detroit Lakes, holed up at a local

hotel for as long as her limited budget would allow.

Once funds ran dry, they had nowhere to go. Still in fear of her abuser, the woman couldn't bring herself and her son back home, and she had

no one to turn to for help. They were homeless, and the woman became desperate.

With few homeless shelters in the area, and capacity issues at those that are around, she started reaching out to churches in an attempt to find some sort of refuge. But she was repeatedly told that they didn't have the resources or know-

how to help.

Then she discovered First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes.

Soon, the woman and her son had a warm bed to sleep in, and food to eat. She was job-hunting, and was working with the church and local agencies to become financially independent.

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Essentia Health presents Mackenzie Hamm and other members of First Lutheran Church's homeless outreach committee with a \$10,000 donation on Jan. 26.

## Three Becker commissioners likely to dodge bullet on elections this year

**By Nathan Bowe**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

After the 2010 census, all five Becker county commissioners had to run for reelection.

This time around, it appears likely that only two commissioner seats will be on the ballot — and they both would have been up for election anyway.

Those two seats are held by District 2 Commissioner Ben Grimsley of Detroit Lakes and District 1 Commissioner Larry Knutson, who lives just south of Bambi's Resort near Toad Lake.

Grimsley's district is made

up of Detroit Lakes city wards 2 and 3, and one precinct in Detroit Township. Knutson's district covers the entire eastern half of Becker County.

But thanks to the way Detroit Lakes has handled its proposed redistricting, only Grimsley's district will have enough of a population change to require the seat be on the ballot in November.

Grimsley's district will con-

tinue to include wards 2 and 3. Since the population change of those two wards is greater than 5%, his seat would have been required to be on the ballot, even if his four-year term wasn't expiring this year.

But no other commissioner district will see a population change greater than 5%, so the law will not require elections in those districts, Grimsley said.

City wards, county commissioner districts, state legislative districts and U.S. House districts are adjusted every 10 years, based on the U.S. Census

population results. Because Detroit Lakes is the largest city in the county, commissioner district lines can be easily affected by city ward boundary changes.

Grimsley said that he and District 3 Commissioner John Okeson met with Detroit Lakes officials last week to find out how the proposed ward boundaries will impact county commissioner districts.

“They (the city) came up with a really good model,” Grimsley said, in which major streets and landmarks form the dividing lines. Washing-

ton Avenue will be the line between Ward 2 and Ward 3, for instance. That boundary is currently Lake Avenue.

Highway 10 will be the dividing line for Ward 1. “It's just a better, more natural dividing line,” he said. Currently, Ward 1 slips down south of Highway 10 and encompasses a big chunk of the city, including the northern two-thirds of Long Lake and the Walmart-airport area. That all goes into Ward 3 in the proposed plan.

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## DL Development Authority seeks \$2.5 million industrial park expansion

**By Michael Achterling**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes could be adding 13 more lots to the North Industrial Park on Cormorant Avenue with a proposed \$2.5 million street and utility project that was discussed at the city's development authority meeting on Feb. 1.

The project would add street and utility hook ups to the remaining lots and run from Hawk Street to Terry Street along Cormorant Avenue,

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Michael Achterling / Detroit Lakes Tribune  
Matt Boeke, left, alderman for ward three, Phil Hansen, center, and Ron Zeman, alderman for ward one, view proposed plans for an expansion of the Detroit Lakes North Industrial Park on Cormorant Avenue during a meeting of the Detroit Lakes Development Authority on Feb. 1 at the City Administration Building.





Robin Fish / Forum News Service

Park Rapids firefighters battle an evening house fire in Park Rapids on Feb. 3.

# Menahga firefighter injured in Park Rapids house fire

**By Robin Fish**  
The Detroit Lakes Tribune

A firefighter was injured Feb. 3 when the Park Rapids and Menahga fire departments responded to a house fire at the corner of 2nd Street and Front Avenue in Park Rapids.

A Menahga firefighter fell from an icy ladder during efforts to control the blaze, breaking four ribs and puncturing a lung.

"He was life-flighted to, I believe, Fargo," said Assistant Fire Chief Ben Cumber. "But he's doing

OK and stable." Cumber attributed the accident to a combination of the weather and spray from the fire hoses.

"The ladders had ice on them," he said. "It was a cold night with a lot of water, and you get a lot of ice, and sometimes accidents happen. That's the leading injury in the fire department: slips, trips and falls."

Cumber said the fire department was paged out at 5 p.m. and firefighters arrived to find a two-story, wood-framed

house on fire. A girl was in the house when the fire broke out but she escaped unharmed. Two dogs did not get out in time and were later found deceased inside the home.

Cumber said the cause of the fire was still being determined. The home was completely destroyed.

Also responding at the scene were the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office, Park Rapids Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol and the state fire marshal.

## POLICE NEWS

**News Staff**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

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, Feb. 3**

6:21 a.m., near mile marker 41 on Highway 10, Detroit Lakes, a vehicle was reported off the roadway.

10:44 a.m., 1200 block Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

1:48 p.m., near County Road 143 and Waboose Lake Road, Ponsford, a vehicle was reported off the roadway and appeared unoccupied.

7:13 p.m., at Menards, Detroit Lakes, shoplifting.

10:12 p.m., 900 block Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, a caller reported a juvenile threw a ketchup packet at their vehicle. No damage.

**Friday, Feb. 4**

1:35 a.m., near South Shore Drive and East Shore Drive, Detroit Lakes, vehicle in a snowbank. No injuries.

5:09 a.m., near mile marker 36 on Highway 10, Audubon, a vehicle was reported in a roadside ditch. No injuries. Tow required.

8:15 a.m., near Highway 10 and Oxcart Trail, Detroit Lakes, a vehicle was reported in a roadside ditch. No injuries.

9:02 a.m., at Walmart, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

10:27 a.m., 23000 block north Fox Lake Lane, Detroit Lakes, domestic incident. Parties were separated for the night. No injuries.

10:45 a.m., 1100 block Jackson Avenue, Detroit Lakes, a report of inappropriate sexual conduct involving a juvenile. The case is

under investigation.

3:47 p.m., near Washington Avenue and Willow Street, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

6:09 p.m., near Highway 10 and Jackson Avenue, Detroit Lakes, a vehicle went into a snowbank. No injuries.

6:18 p.m., 300 block Frazee Street, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

7:46 p.m., near West Lake Drive and Long Bridge Road, Detroit Lakes, a vehicle was reported in a snowbank.

**Saturday, Feb. 5**

12:26 a.m., 36000 block Martens Drive, White Earth, window to a residence was broken.

12:05 p.m., near County Road 56 and 385th Avenue, Frazee, a vehicle reportedly rear-ended a street plow. No injuries.

12:11 p.m., near County Road 15 and 177th Street, Audubon, a vehicle was reported off the roadway and unoccupied.

2:20 p.m., near Leaf Lake, Audubon, an all-terrain vehicle was stuck in the snow. No injuries.

7:30 p.m., near County Road 5 and Church Drive, Lake Park, a snowmobile was reported on the shoulder.

9:02 p.m., near Roosevelt Avenue and Highway 34, Detroit Lakes, a vehicle went into a snowbank. No injuries.

9:21 p.m., 13000 block Gingerbread Farm Road, Audubon, physical domestic involving two-parties. No injuries were reported. A 42-year-old man left the scene in a vehicle and was arrested for possible DWI.

9:29 p.m., near Highway 10 and Woods Drive, Frazee, a vehicle was reported off the roadway. One person was arrested for possible DWI and resisting arrest.

10:23 p.m., at Walmart, Detroit Lakes,

shoplifting.

**Sunday, Feb. 6**

12:10 a.m., 31000 block Rock Rice Road, Rochert, multiple citations for underage consumption.

12:52 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Lakefront, Detroit Lakes, a vehicle was reported in a snowbank.

1:13 a.m., 33000 block Highway 34, Detroit Lakes, a vehicle was reported off the roadway.

1:53 a.m., near Buffalo Lake, Callaway, a 20-year-old woman at a hospital emergency room reported she had been the victim of inappropriate sexual conduct. The case is under investigation.

1:47 p.m., at Security Storage, Detroit Lakes, four separate storage units were found with their locks cut.

3:15 p.m., 1300 block Madison Avenue, Detroit Lakes, past action, parked vehicle damage.

4:22 p.m., 29000 block 170th Street, Detroit Lakes, a flat-bed truck was reported in a roadside ditch near Detroit Mountain. The vehicle was unoccupied.

8:47 p.m., 300 block Pelican River Road, Detroit Lakes, a beige 2008 Nissan Murano was stolen out of a garage.

11:34 p.m., 100 block West Lake Drive, Detroit Lakes, a black Dodge Ram was stolen in the area.

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- FLOSSING** Make sure your child flosses too. Note, however, that flossing the conventional way can be difficult and discouraging for kids. Try kid-friendly flossers, which are easier for kids to handle and come in different shapes, colors and flavors.
- GEARING UP** Make brushing fun by letting your kid choose their own toothbrush (just make sure it's a suitable size and soft-bristled) as well as a favorite toothpaste flavor (so long as it's a toothpaste approved by the American Dental Association).
- DENTAL CHECKUPS** Bring your children to the dentist at least once every six months for cleanings and checkups. If your kids aren't quite as happy about these dental visits as their teeth are, you might reward them with a fun activity afterward.
- GAMES AND ACTIVITIES** Get your kids excited about caring for their teeth by doing fun activities that promote good oral health habits. Visit the American Dental Association's consumer website (mouthhealthy.org/toothteam) to find printable activity sheets for your child to enjoy.

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# 'Just a fun run for old sleds'

## Vintage snowmobile show and ride brings hundreds to Lake Park

By Vicki Gerdes  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

If the standing-room-only crowd inside Lake Park Liquor Store on the morning of Feb. 5 was any indication, the day's blowing snow and frigid temperatures were no deterrent to success for the annual Old Timers Snowmobile Show and Run.

Hosted by the Midnite Riders Snowmobile Club, the event drew several hundred sleds to the lot outside the liquor store for the start of the run, with several taking part in the judging held prior to the event, as well.

"We have about 120 sleds out there for the trophy show, and there's going to be 400-500 sleds leaving from here (for the run), with more joining in along the trail," said Tom Holmes, trails coordinator for the Midnite Riders.

Holmes noted that there was no set course for the run; riders could choose to take any route to enjoy the hospitality of the eight stops along the way, including the Lake Park and Audubon liquor stores as well as Pit 611, Hooligan's, TJ's Bar & Bistro, Cormorant Inn, Cormorant Pub and the Roadhouse.

"There's no particular way you have to go," Holmes said. "It's just a fun run for old sleds."

Prior to the 10:30 a.m. start of the run itself, early attendees were able to view a wide range of vintage sleds on display.

"We have everything from the really early vintages, early 1960s and even a couple of '40s and '50s, up through 1997 (models)," Holmes said, adding that while all sleds could participate in the run itself, regardless of age, only those at least 25 years old were eligible for entry in the show that preceded it.



Photos by Vicki Gerdes / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Snowmobiles of every vintage, size, color and description were on display outside the Lake Park Liquor Store on Saturday morning, Feb. 5, for a show that preceded the annual Old Timers Snowmobile Run, hosted by the Midnite Riders.

### Midnite Riders Snowmobile Show Results

Trophy winners for the vintage snowmobile show held in conjunction with the Old Timers Snowmobile Show were as follows:

- ▶ **Kids' Class:** Brenner and Marvin Knutson, Frazee
- ▶ **Rat Class:** Tyler Brock, Lake Park
- ▶ **Custom Class:** Keith Hovelson, Cormorant
- ▶ **Sleds 1974 and Older:** Paul Hogenson, Audubon
- ▶ **Sleds 1975 and Newer:** Duane Musolf, Lake Park
- ▶ **Sleds 1969 and Older:** First place, Randy Lefebvre, Detroit Lakes; 2nd place, Bryan Nordhagen, Fargo
- ▶ **1970-73 Class:** First place, Kip Bailey, Borup; 2nd place, Dustin Knutson, Frazee
- ▶ **1974-80 Class:** First place, Howard Olson, Detroit Lakes; 2nd place, Mike Carik, Fargo.
- ▶ **Sleds 1981 and Newer:** First place, J. Blake, Detroit Lakes; 2nd place, Jenny Knutson, Frazee.
- ▶ **Best of Show:** Randy Lefebvre, Detroit Lakes.



Some of the more colorful entries in the vintage snowmobile show held prior to the Old Timers Snowmobile Run on Saturday warranted a second, or even a third look from visitors.



This vintage 1971 Arctic Cat Puma, owned by Keith Hovelson of Cormorant, Minnesota, was one of the more colorful entries in the vintage snowmobile show that preceded this year's Old Timers Snowmobile Run in Lake Park. Hovelson took first place in the custom sled category.

### COURT NEWS

### Man sentenced for stolen ATV, gun charge dropped

Scott Alan Sandberg, 40, of Cannon Falls, has been sentenced in Becker County District Court for felony receiving stolen property.

A felony charge of illegal possession of a gun or ammunition was dropped in a plea agreement.

According to court records, on April 15, 2019, law enforcement executed a search warrant for Sandberg's residence and outbuildings on 580th Avenue in rural Menahga.

The following items were found: A SCCY 9 mm pink-and-black handgun; a Savage Springfield .22 caliber long rifle; an Optima Pro Magnum .50 caliber muzzleloader and a stolen 2009 Polaris Sportsman XP850 ATV, located under wood east of the house.

Also found were a small amount of marijuana, with a small smoking device, brass knuckles; and two 7.62 by 39 mm cartridges.

Sandberg's girlfriend said the muzzleloader and .22 caliber rifle belonged to Sandberg. He was found in the house hiding in a utility closet. Sandberg is prohibited from possessing firearms, following fifth-degree drug convictions in 2003 and 2011.

On Jan. 21, District Judge Gretchen Thilmony sentenced Sandberg to 13 months in prison at St. Cloud, stayed five years.

He was ordered to serve

45 days in jail, with credit for 45 days served, and to pay a \$500 fine and \$650 in court fees.

He was ordered to abstain from drugs and alcohol, and submit to random testing, and was placed on supervised probation for five years.

### Detroit Lakes man sentenced for assaulting brother

Donovan Bain Fletcher, 27, of rural Detroit Lakes, has been sentenced in Becker County District Court for gross misdemeanor domestic assault.

A felony charge of domestic assault by strangulation and a misdemeanor fifth-degree assault charge were dropped in a plea agreement.

According to court records, on the evening of June 26, 2021, a Becker County deputy responded to a residence on County Road 21 on the report of a domestic assault. Fletcher told the deputy he got into a verbal altercation with his brother and that it turned physical. He admitted that he threw the first punch, and said they were both rolling around on the ground and fighting. He admitted to kicking his brother in the face with a steel-toed boot, and putting him in a choke hold - to the point where the brother told the deputy he couldn't breathe, thought he was going to die, and may have lost consciousness.

On Jan. 22, District Judge Gretchen Thilmony

sentenced Fletcher on the gross misdemeanor to 365 days in jail, all but two days stayed two years, with credit for two days served.

He was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and \$650 in court fees, abstain from drugs and alcohol, and submit to random testing. He must complete anger management counseling, and is authorized to do that through the White Earth Domestic Violence Program. Fletcher was placed on supervised probation for two years.

### Court requirements met, drug charge dismissed

A felony charge of fifth-degree controlled substance crime has been dismissed in Becker County District Court against Ona Marie Kassera, 49, of Moorhead because she successfully completed the requirements of the court.

According to court records, on May 5, 2019, a deputy responded to a call about suspicious activity near some grain bins in rural Becker County. The property owner reported that nobody should be there, but the deputy found a parked vehicle with two occupants, who said they were just there talking and could not identify the owner.

Kassera was in the driver's seat. She appeared nervous and was sitting in a position that made the deputy believe she was hiding something. She was ordered out of the vehicle, and while she

was getting out, a black cellphone case fell to the floor. It was found to contain a baggy with just over 1 gram of meth.

The charge was dismissed Jan. 20 because Kassera successfully completed supervised probation and other court requirements.

### Probation extended another year in wildfire arson case

Probation has been extended for another year for a one-time Lake Park firefighter sentenced in 2016 for setting a number of grass fires in 2014.

Michael Lyn Gullard, 42, of Frazee, originally appeared Feb. 25, 2016, before Becker County District Judge Joe Evans, who sentenced him to 13 months in prison, stayed five years. He was ordered to serve 25 days in jail and pay a \$1,000 fine plus \$285 in court fees. He was placed on supervised

probation for five years.

He served 25 days in jail after a probation violation in 2019, and was ordered to pay \$1,200 restitution at that time.

According to court records, fellow Lake Park firefighters started to become suspicious after a sharp increase in grass fires that happened after Gullard joined the department, throughout April and May of 2014.

Lake Park firefighters responded to 25 wildfires that spring - they normally handle only five or

six a year.

Since his conviction, Gullard has been convicted of a number of misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or petty misdemeanor offenses, mostly driving- or auto-related, including theft of fuel and intent to escape taxation, driving after revocation, and no proof of insurance.

On Jan. 24, District Judge Gretchen Thilmony extended Gullard's supervised probation by one year, to Jan. 25, 2023.

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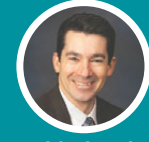
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## GUEST COLUMN

# Big questions on White Earth energy deal

Government accountability is a challenge. Say that your tribal government signed a secret contract for \$4.9 million of your tribal money for a tribal energy plan with a newly created entity you've never heard of.

In 2012, the tribe put up 30 units of "solar ready" tax credit houses in the villages of White Earth, Rice Lake and Naytahwaush. Those houses never got their solar electric panels on them. Gordon Construction, which had the contracts, never completed the project. So, hundreds of thousands of dollars later, these houses stand, and no one was held accountable.

Ten years ago, our tribe did an energy plan. And, with the White Earth Land Recovery Project, our tribe put up the White Earth wind turbine. The reservation has Class Four wind along Highway 59. Last year, with the help of the RREAL — Rural Renewable Energy Alliance — the tribe installed four solar projects. Meanwhile, 8th Fire Solar began manufacturing solar thermal panels to reduce heating bills by 20%, selling these panels nationally, and installing them on tribal houses. Tribal members produce those panels. Straight outta Ponsford. In the fall of 2021, the White Earth tribe asked 8th Fire Solar to come up with a



WINONA LADUKE

proposal to address the 30 solar ready houses, and keep a promise to the residents. Enter Disaster Capitalism. That's when corporations and corrupt decision makers start allocating disaster funds to special projects which benefit the top 1%, not the folks in the housing project.

Total Spectrum, a newly created entity received a \$4.9 million contract to create an energy plan for White Earth. Secretary Alan Roy wanted tribal members involved, so he invited a group of tribal members to become a special community Green Team. None had real experience with renewable energy. In turn, Roy was able to pay those tribal members well, and it turns out, some of those tribal members helped Roy with a petition to remove Chairman Mike Fairbanks from office. Fairbanks reported this to the Minnesota attorney general as possible "racketeering." Classic corruption of power.

Usually a tribal energy plan would cost \$100,000, and it would have spreadsheets, time tables,

business plans and legal documents. This has none. That's to say, in 2019, the Department of Energy allocated \$1 million between 11 tribes for feasibility studies like this. Most of those tribes received less than \$100,000. In fact, Leech Lake received funding in 2019 for the feasibility and planning for a tribal electric utility. Maybe we could just cut and paste from their plan?

The report sounds sort of crazy, frankly. Here are some questions one might ask: What corporate structure would supply solar power to Bagley, an off-reservation city with a municipal utility? How would White Earth participate in a 230 MW solar project and who would be the partners? And are we powering a bitcoin mining project and installing a hydro electric dam near Roy Lake — proposing a 40-acre reservoir in the Buckboards?

Surprise. There's no mention of the Class 4 wind in the western portion of the reservation. Nor was there any mention of the small tribal business building solar thermal panels in Ponsford, except to say that the completed proposal for the 30 solar ready homes, solicited by the tribe, now ready for action, should be shelved, and put up for a competitive bid. And, we should get into hydro power. Dams?

It turns out that Spectrum hired a consultant, Chuck Alsberg, co-owner of North American Hydro Holdings Inc., which owned and operated 44 hydroelectric projects throughout a five-state region in the midwestern United States. The company is listed as having one employee. North American Hydro Holdings would profit from Native Nations: "Indigenous tribes are given special consideration and preference for development on federal facilities. This pertains to construction of hydroelectric facilities on Army Corps of Engineer dam sites. This preference could significantly reduce the approval time for tribal development compared to non-tribal development on those sites ..."

That's at the core of this project, a corporate interest using Indians to gain access. Old story. Hydro's probably a great idea, but I'd like a full disclosure as to how our \$4.9 million was spent. We could have powered the village of White Earth with the Total Spectrum check. How about we work together to make a good future for our people, and not let corruption waste our power?

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# We are never too far gone for God's love

Recently, as I finished up a lesson on the Apostle Paul during confirmation, I asked the students what their takeaways were.

"No matter how bad you are, you are never too far gone for God to love you," blurted a student.

For this to make sense, it helps to know something of Paul, who was originally named Saul before his conversion to Christianity. As a Jewish Pharisee, Saul was responsible for terrible persecutions of early Christians. Until one day he had an encounter with Jesus, which forever changed Paul's life.

In his letters, found in the Bible's New Testament, Paul writes about not being worthy of God's love, which might surprise many. You mean that the most instrumental apostle in the history of the Christian



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church doubted his worthiness to receive God's mercy? Yes! But he also realized it was God's grace that mattered, not his own self-assessment.

I've noticed that the single greatest obstacle to a relationship with God for so many is not their worthiness in God's eyes, but rather it is their own self-doubt, self-loathing and belief they are not good enough to receive God's love.

Our world — Western society in particular — loves judgment. We are taught from birth that there is a narrow path to being accepted. That everything is

binary. You are good or bad. You are successful or not. You are of worth or not. And so, from an early age, many fall victim to believing they are not good enough to receive God's love.

And faith leaders have been some of the worst offenders of this transgression. We've preached that if you sin, you are not worthy; that if you suffer addictions; if you've been divorced; if you dare not conform to gender expectations; if you are a woman, a person of color, someone who is in poverty, or someone who is not heterosexual, then you are not worthy of God's love. We've done terrific damage from the pulpit too. We are not guilt free.

Our teenagers are keen enough to pick up on these messages that we adults pass on to them. And the lessons need not ever be

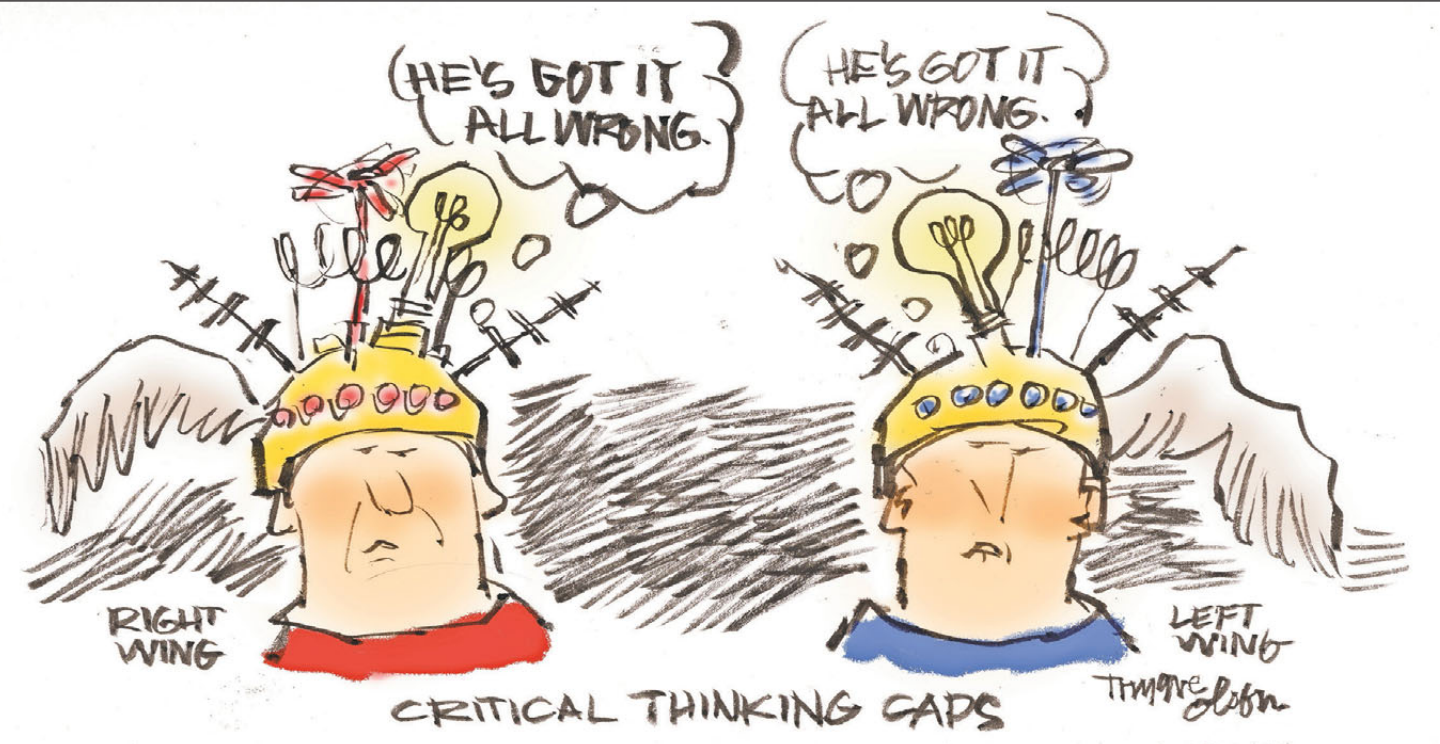
spoken. Our actions often speak louder than words.

But, on that night, my confirmation student got it right: You are never too far gone for God's love. If Jesus can find room in his heart to be gracious to Saul, who persecuted Jesus' followers, then none of us should lose hope.

If you've never heard this before, please listen: You are worthy of God's love, just the way you are. All of us are broken, and thanks to a corrupt world, it is easier to believe we are too far gone to be saved than it is to believe that God loves us anyway.

That is not the case ... Just ask my confirmation class.

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# Here's how critters survive subzero temps and howling winter winds

I awoke on a recent morning refreshed after enjoying a restful night of sleep. I bounced out of bed and went to the kitchen like I do every morning and made a pot of coffee. Not long afterwards I was busy working in my home office with a fresh cup of hot coffee to begin my work day.



**BLANE KLEMEK**  
North Woods

amount of snow on the ground, the days and nights that the mercury has dipped below zero, and the fact that there is plenty of winter yet to be had. Indeed, the potential for additional snow and bitter cold is more likely than not.

And then I glanced down at the temperature displayed on the lower right hand corner of my computer monitor. It read minus 35 degrees. To verify the unworldly temp, I also checked my smartphone's weather app. Scrolling through the different towns I've saved confirmed the negative number. Even my cheap little outdoor thermometer hanging outdoors affirmed the tree-popping temp at 31 below the donut.

If ever there was a survivor, it's the ubiquitous white-tailed deer. And yet, despite the species' amazing adaptability, winters with prolonged deep snow and subzero temperatures combined with a lack of accessible food can put even this resilient species over the edge. Still, it takes a lot to stress a deer to the point of no return.

Temperatures such as these remind me of, not only of my good fortune for having a warm abode and carefree comfort with no thought of my personal survival, but that animals in the great outdoors don't have it so lucky — especially those year-round resident species that remain active throughout the long and cold winter.

Deer are well equipped for surviving the harshest extremes that Mother Nature can dish out. Their winter coats are comprised of long, hollow hairs that trap air and provide them the insulation they need to stay warm. So insulated and protective are their coats that falling snow accumulates on their backs, rather than melts, because hardly any body heat escapes.

How do they do it?! Granted, without remarkable behavioral, physical, and physiological adaptations and functions, no species, humans included, would last long in such wintertime environments across the planet's northern latitudes.

As well, and probably more importantly, a deer's metabolic rate decreases in the wintertime, thus allowing them to conserve energy and reduce energetic needs.

Winter in the northland always causes some amount of hardship for wildlife. This winter is shaping up to be more difficult than recent past winters, given the

Put another way, deer don't need to consume as much food in the winter as they do throughout the spring, summer, and autumn months. This slowing down of internal body functions, a diet of mostly twigs, along with built fat



Flickr / Mara Koenig / U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Midwest Region We are not the only ones who enjoy maple syrup. This white-tailed deer is licking the sweet sap of a maple tree.

reserves, help most deer make it through. And behaviorally, deer choose habitats that provide thermal protection when available, such as thick coniferous cover where snow doesn't get as deep and howling bitter cold winds don't penetrate.

several of them at a time huddling together to stay warm.

Other wildlife, too, are equally as amazing in their survival instincts and adaptations. The diminutive black-capped and boreal chickadees survive cold and stormy weather by seeking shelter wherever they can find it, typically natural tree cavities, and often

Chickadees, and many other species of wild birds, also enter a state of mini-hibernation at nighttime, or torpor as it's called, where, like the white-tailed deer, metabolic rates decrease slightly thereby preserving valuable energy.

Some wild animals on the other hand truly do hibernate. Ground squirrels such as chipmunks, woodchucks, Franklin's and Richardson's ground squirrels, and others, sleep the winter away in deep underground burrows.



Andrew Krueger / Forum News Service A black bear emerges from hibernation near Duluth.



Shutterstock A black-capped chickadee on an icy crabapple branch.

Some cache food in burrow chambers in case they wake up and need a snack.

faint of heart. While most wild birds adapt to northern winters by leaving, those wild creatures left behind — from scurrying voles underneath the snow to wolves hunting for game to live another day — Minnesota's resident wildlife have all evolved unique and various ways to survive, as we get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

Black bears, too, hibernate, though not to the degree that ground squirrels do. Bears rely mostly on huge amounts of fat reserves as they slumber through the winter.

Surviving Old Man Winter is not for the

## With warmer temps, fishing should be better this week

We are in the middle of another cold front through the weekend that should move out of the area Monday.



**BRAD LAABS**  
Fishing Lines

The middle part of this week will offer some of the better bite opportunities, as it is looking now like we will have another cold front moving in again by next weekend.

sand/kitty litter, and a cell phone if traveling to new areas. Stay away from moving current areas even this time of year.

Ice conditions overall are good, with ice thickness ranging from 18-24 inches on most area lakes. We have significant snow cover and after high winds early in the week, we have had additional drifting.

The best way to travel to remote locations and get away from the crowd right now is by sled or track vehicle. There are some slushing issues in some areas due to the significant snowpack on the lake. The heavy snow weighs the ice down, as do heavy vehicles, wheel houses, and crowds in an area with a collection of vehicles and houses.

Truck or vehicle traffic is recommended to stay on plowed roads and community fishing areas. If venturing off plowed roads by truck, it will help to have a plow! If no plow and you are still determined to get away from community spots, chain up to avoid getting stuck in the deep snow.

With the warming and cooling the ice expands and contracts, that can open up cracks in the ice and water can come up through those cracks. When traveling on the lakes, keep your speed to a max of 20 mph to avoid creating more fractures in the ice.

Make sure you have snow shovels, tow strap,

No matter what you are driving, you will push a wave under the ice as you travel. Be considerate of others you travel past, since you can push water up through their ice holes and flood them, especially those in portable houses. Do onto others on the ice as you would have them do unto you!

for extended periods of time will also melt snow and ice around and under the house and can create a greater risk for freezing down, if they are not blocked up high enough.

Due to some of the flooding risk, make sure to block up your fish houses. When leaving them on the ice for extended periods of time, they will absorb heat as the sun gets more powerful this time of year and can melt around the house. Houses with heat on

If you do freeze down, wood blocks, ice chisels, a breaker bar, and a screw jack can be your friendly helpers to get free without damaging your fish house or equipment. Do not use salt around your house to help get it loose — it is not good for our lakes!

If you get into trouble, reach out to ice anglers with experience to help problem-solve your way out of the situation.

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## BRIEF

## Becker County Bar Association hosts veterans supply drive

News Staff

The Becker County Bar Association recently hosted a Veterans Supply Drive to support veterans in need in the Becker County area.

Participating law firms donated various



hygiene and clothing supplies, which will be distributed to veterans through the Minnesota

From left are: David Stowman, Nicole Tabbut (association president), Holly Danielson (treasurer/secretary), Braden Szczepanski, Joe Akerman (MAC-V) and Brian McDonald.

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Assistance Council for Veterans.

The council's mission

is to end veteran homelessness in Minnesota through provision of housing, employment, and legal services to veterans in need.

Becker County Bar Association members plan to host future service projects in the area, including additional projects benefiting military service members.

## HAPPENINGS

By News Staff

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@dlnetnews.com or vgerdes@dlnetnews.com. Submissions must include: 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, February 9

### Naloxone for Overdoses Training:

At the Detroit Lakes Public Library at 5:30 p.m. One-hour Naloxone training session to learn more about the opioid epidemic and how to administer Naloxone for overdoses. Receive a free overdose treatment kit. Led by a Certified Community Trainer of Trainers; kits and materials for the training are provided for and sponsored by the Rural AIDS Action Network and the Minnesota Department of Health. Pre-register by calling the library at 218-847-2168. Training is open to all community members who want to learn how to help.

## Thursday, February 10

### Defensive Driving Class:

A 4-hour, in-person class held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the ITOW (In Their Own Words) Veterans Museum, 805 W. Main, in Perham. Cost is \$20. To register call Denise Lillis at 218-346-3336.

**GHD Chili Cook-Off:** The Title Team of Detroit Lakes (formerly Consolidated Title Services), located at 828 Minnesota Ave., is hosting its 4th Annual Giving Hearts Day Chili Cook-Off from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is a free will donation, with proceeds to benefit Health Resources of Detroit Lakes.

**Becker County Republicans:** The February meeting of the Becker County Republicans will be held in the banquet room at the Sandbar, 1150 Randolph Road, Detroit Lakes. There will be a "Constitution Alive" lesson from 5:30 to 7 p.m., followed by the official meeting from 7 to 8 p.m.

## Friday, February 11

**Ice Tee Golf:** Teams from local businesses and community organizations will play nine holes of frozen fun on Big Detroit Lake in front of the Holiday Inn. Cost to participate is \$100 for a four-person team; register online at polarfestdl.com or contact Kim Bettcher by phone at 218-844-4221, ext. 108 or email, kim@dlccc.org.

### Free Children's Book Giveaway:

The Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary will be giving away free children's books from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the DL Pavilion, prior to the start of the evening's Polar Fest activities at the city park.

**Art for the Sages:** Art classes held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every second and fourth Friday of the month, February through May, at the Holmes Art Cellar. This art course is for seniors of all skill levels. Join artist Anna Lassonde for a series of art classes exploring acrylic painting and some collage. She will guide participants through a painting, step by step, but you can also just come and paint your own projects if you prefer. Participants will be encouraged to keep a Sketchbook and create art in between classes. Cost of class is \$75, with all supplies provided in class. Class is limited to 15 people.

**Polar Fest Tubing After Dark:** Detroit Mountain Recreation Area will host a session of Tubing After Dark in conjunction with the 2022 Polar Fest celebration from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Colorful laser lights will be illuminating the tubing hill. Must register online at detroitmountain.com.

**Ice Palace Grand Lighting:** King Isbit's Polar Fest Ice Palace will be lit up for the first time at 7 p.m. on the Detroit Lakes City Beach near the Pavilion, launching the community's annual Polar Fest celebration. The public is invited to take part in the celebration, as well as watch the preparations on a live web camera at iceharvestdl.org.

**Sawyer Brown Concert:** At the Event Center at Mahnomen's Shooting Star Casino at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$23; purchase online at starcasino.com or call 800-453-7827.

## Saturday, February 12

**Eagles Blood Drive:** At the Detroit Lakes Eagles Club, 112 W. Holmes St., from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment, contact Terri Anderson, 218-846-7589, or visit vitalant.org and search for Detroit Lakes locations.

**Fat Bike Racing:** The "Snoway But Round" Polar Fest Fat Bike Races get underway at Detroit Mountain Recreation Area at 9 a.m. One or three-lap options available. Must register online at detroitmountain.com.

**Neighbor to Neighbor Fundraiser:** The Vergas Lions Club will be raising funds for the Neighbor to Neighbor program in Frazee and Vergas with a soup and sandwich luncheon, served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vergas Event Center. Admission is a free will donation.

**Midnite Riders Powder Puff Run:** The Midnite Riders Snowmobile Club is hosting a Powder Puff Run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Five stops will be

included in the five-stop poker run, which starts at Pit 611 and continues to Hooligans, Cormorant Pub, the Cormorant Inn, and concluding at TJ's Bar & Bistro. Visit the Midnite Riders Facebook page for details.

**Fandazzi Fire Circus:** The MN Sn'Ice Harvest, Snow and Ice Showcase will be hosting two shows by the Twin Cities-based Fandazzi Fire Circus at 6 and 9 p.m. in the Detroit Lakes City Park Bandshell. Free and open to the public.

**Frozen Fireworks:** The first of two free Frozen Fireworks shows in conjunction with Polar Fest 2022 (the other is on Feb. 26) will take place at 7 p.m. on the ice of Little Detroit Lake. Free and open to the public.

## Sunday, February 13

**Callaway Lions Pancake Breakfast:** From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Callaway Community Center. Admission is by free will offering.

**Cooking Up Love Drive-Through Fundraiser:** The Frazee Event Center will be hosting a Super Bowl Sunday drive-through fundraiser, "Cooking Up Love," starting at 4:30 p.m. A total of 400 meals will be served on a first-come, first served basis. Free will offering will go toward the purchase of new ovens for the event center. Local delivery available.

**Cool Kites on the Ice:** An afternoon of kite-flying on Little Detroit Lake from noon to 3 p.m. Professional show kite flyers will entertain Polar Fest visitors with "Cool Kites" of all shapes and sizes. Bring a kite to fly or make a kite with Detroit Lakes' Early Childhood Family Education. Event is free and open to everyone.

**Try Fat Tire Biking:** This free event, set from 1 to 2 p.m., is designed to allow folks to try fat tire biking on the groomed trails at Detroit Mountain Recreation Area. Basic instruction and bikes will be provided and participants will go on a short group ride together.

**Minne-Soda Hot Dish and Dessert Bar Challenge:** Detroit Lakes' Grace Lutheran Church will host the challenge, with the public invited to come taste some of the best local cooks' recipes from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (along with dinner rolls and soda), while supplies last. Trophies will be presented by Amber Estenson Schwarzrock, otherwise known as "That Midwestern Mom" on TikTok. Celebrity judges,

including Tracy Briggs of WDAY, will determine the champion. For more information, contact Jim Brogren at loloisland@gmail.com or 218-841-2968.

## Monday, February 14

**Chocolate Fantasy:** The Becker County Museum will be hosting this event, in conjunction with Polar Fest 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Area restaurants and grocery stores share all of their best chocolate-y sweets to create the perfect Valentines for participating sweethearts, friends, co-workers, and more. Reserve a chocolate tray — \$45 for a large or \$25 for a small — by contacting the museum at 218-847-2938, or order online at beckercountyhistory.org. Museum staff will deliver trays to businesses and homes within the Detroit Lakes city limits, for a small fee.

### Ogema VFW Auxiliary:

The Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m. in the VFW Hall. All members encouraged to attend. If you are interested in joining please contact Carol Fabre at 983-3443 or 218-401-1219. New members are needed!

## Tuesday, February 15

**Library Book Club:** At 3 p.m. at the Detroit Lakes Public Library. One-hour discussion of "The Kitchen Front" by Jennifer Ryan, a book about a cooking contest during WWII. All are welcome, even those who haven't read the book. Email detroit@larl.org with questions.

**Kiwanis Membership Open House:** All area businesses and individuals interested in learning more about the Kiwanis organization are invited to a new membership open house at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes from noon to 1 p.m. Members will share information and Jodee Bock will deliver a motivational message. RSVP by email to danajohn@arvig.net.

### Ice Climbing Presentation:

As part of Polar Fest 2022, the Detroit Lakes Public Library is offering a free 7 p.m. presentation by competitive ice climber and Minnesota native Kendra Stritch, who will share her experiences from her eight years of competing in Ice Climbing World Cup competitions, including winning a gold medal in speed ice climbing at the World Cup in Bozeman, Montana. Free and open to the public.

## OBITUARY

## Ina Mae Johnson

Ina Mae Johnson age 93 of Detroit Lakes, MN died February 6, 2022 at Ecumen — The Cottages in Detroit Lakes, under the care of their compassionate staff and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Ina Mae F. Johnson, the daughter of Hjalmer and Evelyn Nelson, was born on March 21, 1928. She grew up in Oslo, Minnesota where she attended country school and graduated from Oslo High School in 1946. Ina Mae went on to college and graduated from NDSU in Fargo, ND. On September 12, 1953 she married Russ Johnson. They lived in Long Prairie, Minnesota for a short time before moving to Detroit Lakes in 1954. Ina Mae taught home economics and children with learning disabilities until her retirement.

Ina Mae loved spending time with her granddaughters. She also enjoyed visiting with family and friends over a cup of coffee. Ina Mae thoroughly enjoyed regular social gatherings of her neighborhoods "Homemakers" group. She was involved in her church and was an active member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an educational sorority.

Ina Mae is survived by her son, David (Elizabeth) Johnson, of Helena, Montana and daughter, Lois (Robert) Wallace, of Rhinelander, Wisconsin; granddaughters, Carolyn (Matt) Nistler, Kristina Johnson, Lauren (Mitch) Cornelius and Megan (Josh) Helgeson, as well as seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russ; one sister, Mary Swenson; two brothers, Norman Nelson and Donald Nelson; brother in law, Paul Swenson; and her parents.

Funeral Services will be on Friday February 11, 2022; 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes, with visitation one hour prior to services. Interment will be in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Detroit Lakes. Arrangements have been entrusted to the West-Kjos Funeral Home.



## DEATHS

### Mark Moratis

Nov. 2, 1961 - Feb. 1, 2022  
DENT, Minn. - Mark Moratis, 60, Dent, Minn., died Tuesday, Feb. 1, in his home.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 11, at Schoeneberger Funeral and Cremation Service in Perham, Minn. Interment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Arrangements by Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service.

### Sylvia Fraki

Feb. 18, 1920 - Feb. 3, 2022  
PERHAM, Minn. - Sylvia Fraki, 101, Perham, Minn., died Thursday, Feb. 3, in Perham Living.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills, Minn. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in New York Mills.

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### Gerald Beach

Aug. 13, 1932 - Feb. 3, 2022  
SEBEKA, Minn. - Gerald Beach, 89, Sebeka, Minn., died Thursday, Feb. 3, in his home.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 14, at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena, Minn. Military honors will be provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922 in Wadena. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in New York Mills, Minn.

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# Perham teacher Cory Solberg shares his story to spread compassion about mental health and suicide

By Jared Rubado

The Detroit Lakes Tribune

Every year around Christmastime, Perham teacher Cory Solberg shows off his ugly sweater collection as he strolls through the halls of Perham High School, visiting and laughing with students and staff.

This past holiday season, for the first time in over two decades, the sweaters stayed in the closet.

In the spring of 2020, Solberg received a bladder cancer diagnosis. Even though it wasn't fatal, it took a toll on his mental health. Roughly a year and a half later, he attempted to take his own life. Luckily, Solberg was given a second chance, and he's found himself on a new path since the darkest time of his life.

"Everything was great," Solberg said. "I had a great job, colleagues, family, friends—everything was awesome. When I got the cancer diagnosis in the spring of 2020, it didn't have a grade or a level or anything like this. But it was superficial cancer cells."

Solberg started teaching in Perham in 1999. He and his wife raised three kids through the Perham schools. He also coaches girls golf during the spring seasons. In 2020, Solberg went to the doctor to check on some pain in his hip.

"I tried physical therapy, and that didn't work," Solberg said. "The doctor that read my MRI caught this little tiny blip in my bladder. It was very treatable at this stage, and everything was supposed to be going very well. You just have to continue to treat it... They put you on a six-week flush where you go in once a week where they fill you up with immunotherapy. They put it right into your bladder, and you keep it there for a couple of hours."

Solberg said his first treatment went well, and he was in good spirits. He then went in for check-ups every three months, which led to the doctor finding another spot in his bladder after

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CORY SOLBERG

about one year.

"It wasn't getting bigger or anything, but we finally said we needed to get a biopsy on it," Solberg said of the spot. "It's tough going three months between check-ups not knowing exactly what that spot is. We did the biopsy in August of 2021, and it was cancer again. It was more superficial cancer cells, which meant another six weeks of treatment."

One of the challenges for Solberg was overcoming his own expectations before the second biopsy.

"I thought it was going to come back clean. I thought it wasn't going to be a big deal," he said. "When it came back cancerous, it was pretty deflating for me because I knew I had to do another six weeks of this treatment. It was a lot more difficult than the first time. It felt like I was burning up inside, and you could tell that my face was flush."

While Solberg was going through his second stint of treatment in Fargo, his mental health took a turn for the worse. He was sent home from one of his trips after the doctors found too much blood in his urine.

I wasn't able to get treated that day, and that's really deflating," Solberg said. "You drive all the way up to Fargo, and they have to send you back. I think that was probably the beginning of some darkness starting to set in for me. It was then that I started isolating myself. I didn't feel like talking about it. I felt like it was just me against the world."

"Downward slide" Suicide is often boiled down to statistics, which can numb the harsh reality that some people only have the strength to end it all. A number the victims often fail to see is the number of people they have in their

corner.

Solberg believes he has thousands of supporters, starting with his family. His wife, Heidi, and his children have been by his side throughout this whole process. But cancer, as unfair as it seems, doesn't consider those people.

Solberg's "darkness" began to eclipse his happiness a little more each day. It started with him not wanting to talk about it and no longer seeking interaction with the people he holds close. From there, it was a slippery slope.

"The next couple of treatments just felt worse and worse," Solberg said. "I think that's when it was clear I was on a downward slide. My slide was pretty steep. After my third treatment, I felt like cancer had beaten me. It was like a true darkness. It was like I was watching myself from the outside, and the darkness had taken over. Unfortunately, I felt like that was it."

In the days leading up to his suicide attempt, Solberg felt like he was no longer in control of himself. The only thing he felt like he could determine for himself was life or death.

"That's when you get the dark thoughts," Solberg said. "Even though I was trying to do the right things in getting these treatments and I'm trying to eat right, exercise and do all of these things that are good for my body, none of it was working. It's hard to hear stories during that time from my wife, family and teachers that I taught with because they could see something was going on."

In the fall of 2021, Solberg sent what he thought would be a

final email to his wife. A friend of his found him shortly after with several injuries from self-inflicted cuts and rushed him to the hospital. His suicide attempt rocked the community while he was out for two weeks.

The other side

The relief of Solberg's survival was matched with a period of recognition. It was time for him to come to terms with where he was before the incident, starting with pulling in the ones closest to him.

"I can never say 'I'm sorry' enough," Solberg said. "I just wish that I could take it back. But I can't, and it becomes part of my life. It's this chapter that continues to go on. You have to understand what the people around you were doing. I had a difficult time understanding how painful that must have been for my family and closer friends. I had put them through a lot of pain."

Shortly after gaining consciousness, Solberg arrived at a mental crossroads.

"Since I survived, I came to a split in the road right away," Solberg said. "You have to decide if you want to take full advantage of this next chance you have in life, or are you going down that old path and give in to the dark thoughts? For me, I was so appreciative and so happy to still be here. I think I'm even more positive than I was before. I have a greater appreciation for family, friends and the community, which has just been so supportive."

The community wasted no time in showing support. On Dec. 1, students and faculty at Perham schools wore the ugliest holiday sweaters they could find to honor their ugliest-sweater-wearing friend. They called it "Sweaters for Solberg."

"It was such a great deal for me to see that," Solberg said. "I have had so many tears of joy throughout all of this. I spend 20-30 school



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Rian, Heidi, Aaron, Cory, Joe and Ana Solberg, left to right, celebrated the holiday together after Cory's return from the hospital following a suicide attempt. Solberg is now speaking out about his experience in hopes of spreading compassion and a positive message about mental health.

days wearing awful, ugly-looking sweaters. So the idea of our staff and students to do something to show their support made me very tearful and joyful."

Solberg plans to return to the classroom in the second week of February. His son, Rian, is a senior at Perham High School, and he's excited to be there for his last few months as a Yellow-jacket.

As for Solberg's cancer status, he finished his six treatments for the spot on his bladder. While he was in the hospital following his incident, doctors discovered a small tumor in his colon.

"Luckily for me, it was small and barely hurt. Things are really good now," Solberg said. "I go in for my first scope in early February, and we develop a new plan from there. I think we will start doing a maintenance treatment where it's one appointment every couple of months instead of waiting three months at a time. That will be regardless of what the scope shows."

Fighting the necessary fight Conquering mental health struggles isn't a battle. It's a war. Winning each day is a step towards the ultimate goal of living in control. Solberg would attest that once you lose control over yourself, you'd be lucky to get it back. So when mental health challenges present themselves, it's OK to get help.

"If somebody breaks

their arm, they go to the hospital to get help. If they start having bad thoughts, they tend to keep it to themselves," Solberg said. "There's a stigma that you're weak or not mentally stable if you ask for help. Sometimes, you just need a little bit of help. I think it could be a generational thing. I think younger generations are better at talking openly about their problems and getting that stuff out there."

Solberg is confident that he could recognize himself sliding down the path he was once on. While that's part of his fight, he's become a shoulder to lean on for other people. He joined Twitter to share his message of love and positivity.

"My wife and I have had 75 different people come to us telling us personal stories about themselves for a family member that has struggled," Solberg said. "I feel honored that they feel comfortable enough in sharing that. Even though it's not a fun subject to talk about, it's one of those things that when you start talking, things will get better."

"I don't think I'm going to be this great motivational speaker," Solberg said. "But if I see something in somebody where I can help or if people can see themselves in me during that dark time, then I think that's part of that next chapter for me."

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On the other side of the lake, Long Bridge will be the new ward line. "It's a good natural fit," Grimsley said. The current line is roughly between the east shore and south shore areas of Big Detroit Lake.

The change, if approved, will put south shore residents into Ward 2 instead of Ward 3.

Part of the reason that redistricting was more disruptive 10 years ago is that the city was planning ahead and accounting for the annexation of the Long Lake area. "They were planning for future growth that wasn't there yet," Grimsley said. "Now that area is fully annexed."

The whole city has grown, but notable growth on the north side of town left Ward 2 undersized. That meant adjusting the ward lines, since wards, like commissioner districts, must be roughly balanced by population.

Detroit Lake's proposed redistricting plan has not been officially

certified, but the city ran it past the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office and received encouraging feedback, Grimsley said.

So it looks like there will be "minimal impact to the county districts as they currently stand," he added.

Under the current timetable, the Minnesota Legislature must enact new legislative maps by Feb. 15, with new municipal maps due on March 29, according to an earlier Tribune story by Michael Achterling.

However, if the process drags on through litigation, the new municipal boundaries would need to be passed within 60 days of the new maps being enacted. Then Becker County would have an additional 20 days to complete its new commissioner district boundaries for the upcoming 2022 mid-term election.

Candidate filing for county offices such as commissioner and soil and water supervisor opens May 17 and closes at 5 p.m. May 31. The primary election is Aug. 9 and the general election is Nov. 8 this year.

**PARK**

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possibly including a link to nearby Richwood Road near Heron Street.

"(The Richwood Road connection) is something we would need to discuss," said Larry Remmen, community development director for Detroit Lakes, during the meeting. "It does provide another ingress into the industrial park off of Richwood Road, but it doesn't really service any of the lots that we have, so we could live without it, because there are accesses, there would be three accesses, Terry Street, Hawk Street and Cormorant Avenue."

He added that the Richwood Road connection adds \$250,000 to the project cost.

Remmen also said the expansion would complete the North Industrial Park in terms of available lots for purchase.

City staff are also looking to supplement the cost of the project by applying for a federal EDA grant through the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The city hopes to get an 80% project cost match from the grant and will fund the remainder, up to \$500,000, through the development authority's fund.

Remmen said the grant would come from outstanding American Rescue Plan Act funding and said he expects the project applications to be competitive for the federal funds.

The city would be responsible for the whole street and utility project cost up front, but would be able to recoup \$2.4 million through special assessments on the property purchasers as the lots are sold.

**Development Authority increases industrial park lot prices 20%**

Also, the Detroit Lakes



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Larry Remmen, center-left, community development director for Detroit Lakes, presents proposed plans for an expansion of the Detroit Lakes North Industrial Park on Cormorant Avenue during a meeting of the Detroit Lakes Development Authority on Feb. 1 at the City Administration Building.

Development Authority increased the lots prices for their industrial park lots by 20% during the Feb. 1 meeting.

The lot prices hadn't been adjusted since 2011, said Remmen, and new price increases would keep pace with the rising special assessment costs associated with hooking up water and sewer systems.

"If you look at the North Industrial Park property values and how they compare with the county's estimated market values, with the 20% increase we're pretty close on most of the lots," said Remmen.

The price on a 1.25-acre lot in the North Industrial Park on Cormorant Avenue will increase from \$40,162 to \$48,014. The price on a 2.25-acre parcel increased from \$56,250 to \$67,500.

In the Tower Road Industrial Park, the cost of a 2-acre lot increased from \$65,732 to \$78,878. Phil Hansen, chairman of Lakeview Township and member of the city's development authority, was the only member of the development authority to vote against the lot price increase.

"We are a development authority and we're trying to get development

in there, we don't want it to be so cost restrictive, but we do want to take care of our infrastructure costs with putting 10-ton roads in there and that all has cost," said Hansen, during the meeting. "I think pretty much everyone who has come in to buy a lot to build something, there has been some negotiation."

Remmen agreed with Hansen that the nature of acquiring the lots is to get the best deal possible and most of the time that requires negotiation.

"I don't think we're under on this stuff," said

Ron Zeman, alderman for Ward One. "We're probably getting it right with the costs of what's been happening the last couple years, along with the extra expense of infrastructure going in, I think we're in a good spot on it."

The new lot prices did not need to be approved by the full city council since the council previously delegated authority to the development authority to set their own prices on parcels the group controls.

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made a large jeep, while John Cooper sculpted a pizza slice; in 2019, Cooper and his partner Njoes came back to sculpt a giant muskie, and in 2020, Njoes made the trip to do some snow sculpting, which included a giant squid and more.

In previous years, all of the ice sculptures for Polar Fest used man-made, crystal-clear ice; this year, both teams will be using lake ice, with all of its inherent imperfections, which could result in some unique creations.

Though he will not be taking part in the

ice sculpting this year, Gilsdorf said he plans to be there to watch their work as much as possible.

"I've learned a lot from them (in previous visits)," he said. "They're all super talented ... it's fun to see all the different equipment and techniques they use."

Gilsdorf said the bulk of the work on the sculptures will be completed in time for Friday's grand lighting, but the artists could stay on through the weekend to add a few finishing touches.

He expects both sculptures to be lit from behind, while the palace itself will be lit from within.

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She was on her way to a better life, for both herself and her son.

This woman, who asked to remain anonymous due to ongoing safety concerns with her abuser, said her experience with homelessness isn't that unique, yet navigating life with limited funds and resources is a challenge that many people never consider. The homeless are commonly maligned, but the reality is that unfortunate circumstances can put virtually anyone into an impossible situation.

Mackenzie Hamm, support ministries coordinator at First Lutheran Church, has been working to change the negative narrative around homelessness, and to directly help the homeless in the region. She offered support to the anonymous woman and her son during their time of need, and she's offered similar support to others who've reached out, as well.

"Out of all of the churches I had spoken to, First Lutheran was the most open," the woman said. "It didn't matter what your situation was, they were more than willing to help, with open arms... Mackenzie is so great. I feel like she's a God-send. She always has a smile and she will do anything for anybody."

Overnight sheltering at First Lutheran began a few months after the start of the COVID-19

pandemic, in response to an influx of people in homeless shelters. Members of First Lutheran developed a social justice committee made up of church parishioners who are dedicated to combating homelessness in the area. The committee meets monthly with Hamm; their efforts are supported by the church, along with financial contributions from other local churches and the Detroit Lakes community as a whole.

Since the start of their outreach efforts, 112 households have been positively affected. With the church's help, some of those households were able to acquire a home, some received travel fare to stay with family members, and others were placed in safe shelters. All were welcomed with open arms, and then connected with the resources they needed.

"I just really want to make sure they are connected to other agencies in town that are specific to their needs — if it's Becker County Human Services, or Mahube-Otwa, or the CareerForce," Hamm said. "I just want to make sure they are getting connected with actual agencies, because we're not case workers or social workers."

Hamm said getting back to a life of normalcy can be incredibly difficult for people who have been homeless. The requirements to rent an apartment or apply for a job can be nearly insurmountable, as rentals often require hefty security deposits, and getting a social security card or birth cer-

tificate takes money and resources that the homeless don't usually have.

"A lot of them don't have their driver's license or an I.D. on them," Hamm said. "Some of them, when they get to the stage of homelessness, they have lost everything."

Tracking down resources is another challenge, especially for people who are transient or on the run.

"Unless they have really good, healthy connections in the community, it's hard to navigate what help there is, or what help is not available," Hamm said. "So for those that maybe don't know anybody, or don't have family members that are able to help them in the area, it's really important that they get connected to the right resources."

It takes a lot of work for people to overcome homelessness, Hamm recognized, and she finds it fulfilling to help people through that process of becoming more independent.

"It's been very rewarding to see these people get jobs, have landlords and be able to pay their first month's rent," Hamm said. "The biggest thing is, they needed someone to believe in them and tell them they can do this, this is possible."

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# County adds adult drug court program

News Staff

The Minnesota Judicial Council has approved a new adult drug court program in Otter Tail County.

This will be the county's second treatment court program following the establishment of a DWI Court in 2008.

The adult drug court program is a 15-month program with five phases. The length of time a participant spends in the program depends on individual progress. Each phase consists of specified treatment objectives, therapeutic and rehabilitative activities, and specific requirements for advancement into the next phase, according to an Otter Tail County news release.

"The Otter Tail County Adult

Drug Court will target adult offenders in Otter Tail County who are charged with felony drug crimes and determined to have a substance use disorder," according to the Minnesota Judicial Branch.

Tria Mann will serve as the drug court coordinator and Judge Kevin Miller will preside over the program. The court will be Minnesota's 70th operational treatment court.

"Throughout Minnesota, we have seen countless examples of repeat drug offenders entering drug courts, getting the assistance and treatment they need from the drug court team, and graduating the program in recovery, employed, and ready to contribute to their community," remarked Miller. He has been working with

the Otter Tail County DWI Court since 2018.

The drug court program will have capacity for 25 participants and is expected to launch quickly.

"Receiving the grant from the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, takes a lot of planning and working together and I am grateful for all the partners both government and private that came together to train, build and now will implement the drug court program." Mann said. "It is this kind of collaboration that can make a real difference in the life of an individual and our community."

For more information, contact the Probation Department at 218-998-8500.

# Arvig upgrades system, enhancing connectivity and speed

Staff Report

Perham's Arvig has successfully upgraded its equipment for the latest generation of mobile connectivity.

This will help with signal strength in dense environments like airports and apartment buildings. The upgrade will also improve efficiency and extended battery life.

"This is a very important upgrade to the Arvig network for many reasons," said Shaun Carlson, Director of Research and Development and Continuous Innovation at Arvig, in a press release.

"Our network now carries new and improved wireless technology that will offer a much better user experience from end to end," Carlson added. "As the demand on Wi-Fi increases, this upgrade ensures that our wireless network can offer better speeds, greater range and improved reliability."

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# 'Betty Whiteout,' 'Ctrl Salt Delete' top winners in MnDOT Name-a-Snowplow contest

MPR News

A tribute to a Golden Girl will soon grace an orange truck clearing snow and ice from Minnesota highways.

"Betty Whiteout" is the runaway winner in this winter's Minnesota Department of Transportation Name-A-Snowplow contest.

The name honoring Hollywood icon Betty White, who died Dec. 31 at age 99, received 40,024 online votes in the results announced Thursday.

Coming in second with 21,372 votes was "Ctrl Salt Delete," followed by "The Big Lepowski" (17,478), "Plowasaurus Rex" (13,209) and "Scoop Dogg" (13,144).

"Blizzard of Oz" (12,742), "No More Mr. Ice Guy" (11,198) and "Edward Blizzardhands" (10,664) rounded out the top eight.

Later this month, those winning names will go on MnDOT plows serving each of the agency's eight districts around the state.

The "Betty Whiteout" name will go on a MnDOT plow serving District 8, covering parts of southwest and central Minnesota.

Alas, it won't be plowing highways in the Twin Cities — home to White's fictional character Sue Ann Nivens from the "Mary Tyler Moore Show." Or the roads near St. Olaf College or Otter Tail County's St. Olaf Township, which shared a name with the oft-mentioned hometown of White's "The Golden Girls" character Rose Nylund.

The destinations for the other winning names are:

▶ "Ctrl Salt Delete" — District 7 (southwest and south-central Minnesota)

▶ "The Big Lepowski" — District 4 (west-central Minnesota)

▶ "Plowasaurus Rex" — Metro District (Twin Cities)

▶ "Scoop Dogg" — District 3 (central Minnesota)

▶ "Blizzard of Oz" — District 2 (northwest Minnesota)

▶ "No More Mr. Ice Guy" — District 1 (northeast Minnesota)

▶ "Edward Blizzardhands" — District 6 (southeast Minnesota)

The eight winners are from a field of 50 finalists that went up for an online vote last month. Nearly 60,000 people cast votes, choosing up to eight names per ballot.

The 50 finalists were selected from more than 22,000 ideas submitted by the public in December.

It's the second win-

ter MnDOT has held its Name-a-Snowplow contest.

Last winter's winners were "Plowy McPlow-Face," "Ope, Just Gonna Plow Right Past Ya," "Duck Duck Orange Truck," "Plow Bunyan," "Snowbi Wan Kenobi," "F. Salt Fitzgerald," "Darth Blader" and "The Truck Formerly Known As Plow."

Two of this winter's winners — "Blizzard of Oz" and "Edward Blizzardhands" — had been among the names that fell short in voting last winter.

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**4**

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## DANCE TEAM



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Detroit Lakes head dance coach Britton Ramsey, left, and Tori LaFriniere cry tears of joys after finding out the Laker jazz team is headed to the state tournament for the first time since 2010. The Lakers took third at Sauk Rapids-High School on Feb. 5.

# 'IT FEELS LIKE A DREAM'

## Detroit Lakes jazz clinches first state berth since 2010

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

**Sauk Rapids**  
Detroit Lakes senior Tori LaFriniere barely let the public address announcer at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School pronounce a "D" before she burst into tears. It was the first time in 12 years since the Lakers had their name called at a section dance tournament.

With a third-place finish, the Detroit Lakes jazz team is headed to the Target Center as one of the three teams representing Section 4-2A.

"My heart dropped to my stomach as soon as I heard our name," LaFriniere said. "Tears just started rolling down my face. It's just the most exciting feeling, and we worked for it all year. We knew we had a better chance this year than any other year. We

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TORI LAFRINIERE, SENIOR CO-CAPTAIN

just really felt like this was our time."

The Lakers performed to Demi Lovato's "Anyone," with the goal of conveying a strong message surrounding mental health awareness. Many girls looked like they were on the verge of tears during their most important routine of the season.

"The girls were super emotional walking onto the floor," Detroit Lakes head coach Britton Ramsey said. "They had a classmate who took her life a few years ago. The song that the team danced to before us played at her funeral. They had to listen to that song because we were on deck. Everyone

was so emotional, but I told them that this is the message they're sending with their dance. They used that emotion to tell the story today."

After the song's final note played, Ramsey hugged her assistant coach Haley Brower. Even though the award show was more than two hours away, they felt like they had just punched their tickets to Minneapolis.

"We felt like that was everything we ever wanted from this group," Ramsey said. "They gave us everything we asked for, and I had a feeling that it was going to be enough to get there."



Detroit Lakes' Maddie Kukowski leaps during the Lakers' jazz routine at the Section 4-A meet at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School on Feb. 5.

Once we got in the hallways, we told them that we were so proud of them even if we took last place. They did everything we asked them to do, and they nailed it."

Despite finishing in the top three in almost every regular-season event, the Lakers saw their turning point come on Jan. 16 in Foley when they hit the highest score in program history. That's when they realized they had a real shot at making it to state.

"We knew we had to come in and try our hardest to beat a couple

**DANCE:** Page B2



Detroit Lakes senior Payton Eischens gets emotional after finding out the Detroit Lakes jazz team is headed to the state tournament for the first time since 2010. The Lakers took third place at the Section 4-2A tournament on Feb 5 at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School.

## HOCKEY ROUNUP

# Boys extend shutout streak, girls earn Section 8A fifth seed

By Jared Rubado and Jonah Bowe  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

**DETROIT LAKES** – The Detroit Lakes boys hockey team has gone 13 consecutive periods without allowing a goal following Saturday's win over Brainerd.

The Lakers (16-4) knocked off the Warriors (3-16-1) 2-0 behind second-period goals from Jordan Fields and Ben Hines. Fields buried a power-place chance with assists from Jacob Thomas and Aiden Kennedy two minutes into the frame. Hines scored with 32 seconds left in the period with assists from Spencer Bergman and Fields.

Detroit Lakes goaltender Elijah Blow stopped all 12 shots to earn the Lakers' fourth straight shutout. The last time the Lakers allowed a goal came on Jan. 27 in the second period in a 5-1 win over Wadena-Deer Creek (13-11).

Since the Lakers fell to War-

road (18-3-1) 3-0 on Jan. 8, they have outscored opponents 47-2 and are 7-0. Detroit Lakes is currently the ninth-ranked team in Class A, according to *Let's Play Hockey*.

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**DETROIT LAKES 0 2 0 - 2**  
**SCORING - SECOND PERIOD -** Detroit Lakes- Jordan Fields (Jacob Thomas, Aiden Kennedy) 2:01; Detroit Lakes- Ben Hines (Spencer Bergman, Fields) 16:28; **PENALTIES -** Detroit Lakes 10 minutes on 5 infractions; Brainerd 10 minutes on 5 infractions; **GOAL-TENDING -** Detroit Lakes- Elijah Blow, W, 12 saves, 0 goals allowed; Brainerd- Jed Klang, L, 29 saves, 2 goals allowed  
Lakers roll over WDC

Just nine days after Detroit Lakes beat Wadena-Deer Creek 5-1 at home, the Lakers team walked into Wadena on a cold Thursday night and walloped the Wolverines 10-0.

It took less than three minutes into the first period for Cooper Moore to put the Lakers up 1-0, after he smacked in a rebound that came off of Wolverine goaltender Gunner Olson. Fields picked up the assist on the play.

Seven minutes later, Thomas ripped what looked like a routine slapshot from the blue

line. However, sophomore Carter Bellefeuille tipped the shot in front of the net to put the Lakers up 2-0.

Cooper Moore followed that up with a beautiful one-timer from Fields to put Detroit Lakes up 3-0. Bergman picked up an assist on the play as well. The Lakers outshot WDC 14-4 in the first period.

Detroit Lakes came out in the second period and showed what type of beast they can turn into when they are truly clicking on all cylinders. The Lakers pummeled Olson with 31 shots in the frame. Hines, Cole Deraney, Fields, Bergman, and Bellefeuille all scored in the period to take a 9-0 lead.

Bergman would find the back of the net one more time with just over a minute left in the game to complete the hat trick. Cole Larson, and Bellefeuille picked up assists on the final goal. Elijah Blow was perfect in net for the Lakers, stopping all 14 shots he faced. Gunner

Olson finished with 41 saves on 51 shots.

"This is a good win, we've had some dog fights here in the past," Detroit Lakes assistant coach Tanner Lane said. "Our message tonight was to come out and play three strong periods, and we did that. We have a very deep team, and some huge games coming up down the stretch here. Tonight's win is a testament to our team, our depth."

The Lakers have now won 15 out of their last 17 and have scored 30 goals in their last three games.

"We're playing a good brand of hockey right now," Lane said. "This is right where we wanna be at this point in the season. We're making good things happen, and getting better each week. Glad to come out of tonight healthy as well."

**Girls gear up for sections**

The Detroit Lakes girls hockey team earned the fifth seed in

Section 8A.

The Lakers (4-20) dropped the final two games of the regular season against Morris-Benson Area (2-20-1) and East Grand Forks (6-13). Ella Larson had a pair of goals in Friday's make-up game against the Storm, while Madison Olson and Emma Coley each added a goal in the 8-4 loss.

On Thursday night, the Lakers fell to East Grand Forks 12-1. Addisyn Strand had the lone goal for Detroit Lakes.

This Thursday, Detroit Lakes travels to fourth-seeded Thief River Falls (5-16-2) for the first round of the Section 8A tournament. The winner will play Warroad (20-3-1) on Saturday, who earned the top seed. Crookston (14-7-1) is No. 2, and will play the winner of EGF and International Falls (0-20), the sixth seed.

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ALPINE SKIING

Bristlin wins first DL home meet

Editors note: There will be a full feature on the Detroit Lakes Alpine Skiing team in Sunday's issue of the Detroit Lakes Tribune and at www.dlonline.com later this week.



Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune Detroit Lakes' Tristin Bristlin clocked in the fastest time at 40.20 at Detroit Mountain at the Lakers' first home alpine skiing meet on Feb. 3.

Detroit Lakes, who took third with a team score of 30. Brainerd took first place (70), while Lakes Area Alpine finished second (41).

The Detroit Lakes girls took second place with a team score of 48. Marlo Schmitz was the fastest Laker with a time of 46.27, which was good

enough for fourth place. Kennedy Weyer took sixth (48.01), while Elsa Stigen (8th, 50.23) and Merida Jansen (10th, 50.85) both finished in the top 10. Kristina Heinlein (12th, 52.25) and Mia Voth (18th, 1:17.71) rounded out the group.

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BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Lakers handle Morris on the road

By Jared Rubado Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes boys swimming and diving team made a trip to Park Rapids on Saturday to swim against three conference and section opponents.

The Lakers took fourth place with a team score of 176. Park Rapids won with a total of 520, while Bemidji (456) and Perham-New York Mills (320) rounded out the podium.

John Gulon brought home the lone first-place finish on Saturday in the 100-yard backstroke. He finished with a time of 57.67, while Micah Barberg took second with a time of 1:07.95. Barberg also took fifth place in the 200-yard freestyle (2:14.88) and anchored the fourth-place 400-yard relay (4:25.23) team with Gulon, Carson Jensen and Zane Roberts. Lane Yliniemi also took second among all divers with a score of 243.35.

Lakers pick up a win in Morris

On Thursday night, the Lakers took care of business against Morris Area with a 92-77 win. Detroit Lakes won 11-of-12 varsity events.

Ryan Erickson won the 200-yard IM (2:36.45) and the 100-yard freestyle

(58.57). Roberts also took first place in two individual events. He won the 500-yard freestyle race with a time of 6:16.95 and the 100-yard breaststroke with a 1:30.75. Luther Van Offelen, Yliniemi, Gulon and Barberg all swam in first-place events.

Detroit Lakes has a pair of home meets this week. The Lakers host Perham-New York Mills on Thursday at 6 p.m. before welcoming the Mid-State teams to the Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center on Saturday for the Conference championships.

PARK RAPIDS LAST CHANCE INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES- 1st- Park Rapids 520, 2nd- Bemidji 456, 3rd- Perham-New York Mills 320, 4th- Detroit Lakes 176

DETROIT LAKES TOP SIX FINISHES- DIVING- 2nd- Yliniemi 243.35; 200Y FREE- 5th Barberg 2:14.88; 200Y IM- 6th Wouters 2:56.31; 50Y FREE- 3rd Gulon 23.50, 500Y FREE- 6th- Roberts 6:11.15; 200Y FREE RELAY- 100Y BACK- 1st- Gulon 57.67, 2nd- Barberg 1:07.95; 100Y BREAST- 4th- Roberts 1:20.57; 400Y RELAY- 4th- Gulon, Jensen, Roberts, Barberg 4:25.23

DETROIT LAKES 92, MORRIS 77

DETROIT LAKES TOP THREE FINISHES- 200Y MEDLEY RELAY- 1st- Micah Barberg, Ryan Erickson, Zane Roberts, John Gulon 2:06.71; 3rd- Carson Jensen, Zariah Wouters, Luther Van Offelen, Brian Morrison 2:28.18; 200Y FREE- 1st- Barberg 2:15.17; 200Y IM- 1st- Erickson 2:36.45, 3rd- Wouters 2:56.36; 50Y FREE- 1st- Gulon 24.61, DIVING- 1st- Lane Yliniemi 176.85, 2nd- Gregory Simons 176.20, 3rd- Morrison 151.40; 100Y FLY- 1st Van Offelen 1:19.76; 100Y FREE- 1st- Erickson 58.57; 500Y FREE- 1st- Zane Roberts 6:16.95; 200Y FREE RELAY- 3rd- Van Offelen, Wouters, Tony McLeod, Morrison 2:06.76; 100Y BACK- 1st- Gulon 58.79, 2nd- barberg 1:09.22; 100Y BREAST- 1st- Roberts 1:30.75; 400Y FREE RELAY- 1st- Gulon, Erickson, Roberts, Barberg 4:00.33

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BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Laker boys win two on the road, girls knock of C-I

By Jared Rubado Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes boys basketball team picked up a pair of road wins to move to 6-9 on the season.

After a 70-60 win at Park Rapids (11-4) on Friday night, the Lakers dominated Staples-Motley (6-13) to the tune of a 37-point victory on Saturday afternoon. Senior Nate Cihak led the charge with 13 points and four assists. On the defensive end, he picked up five steals. Cihak was one of 12 Lakers to score points against the Cardinals.

Mason Carrier followed up

his 26-point performance on Friday night with 12 on Saturday. He also collected six rebounds and added three steals. Devon Berg came off the bench to score 11 points, while Oliver Quam grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Against 20th-ranked Park Rapids, according to MN Basketball News, the Lakers hit 12 threes in the 10-point victory. Mason Carrier hit four, while Chris Breeden made three. Breeden finished with 11 points, and Cihak had 13.

Detroit Lakes has two more road games at St. Cloud Tech (9-6) and Crosby-Ironton (15-2) on Monday and Tues-

day before hosting Pequot Lakes (13-3) on Thursday at 6 p.m. The Lakers are currently 3-0 in Mid-State Conference play. Crosby-Ironton is the 14th-ranked team in Class AA.

DETROIT LAKES 70, PARK RAPIDS 60

DETROIT LAKES INDIVIDUAL TOTALS- Mason Carrier 26 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals, 2 blocks; Nate Cihak 13 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals; Chris Breeden 11 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals; Christian Solberg 5 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal; Brandon marsh 2 points, 5 rebounds, 3 blocks; Ethan Carrier 3 points, 3 rebounds; Devon Berg 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals; Caeden Yliniemi 3 points, 2 rebounds; Oliver Quam 2 points, 4 rebounds

DETROIT LAKES 78, STAPLES-MOTLEY 41

DETROIT LAKES INDIVIDUAL TOTALS- Cihak 13 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals, 1 block; Berg 11 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals; Breeden 9 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 3 steals, 3 rebounds; Carrier 8 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 3 steals; Marsh 7 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, Reece Borgmann 5 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist; Quam 4 points, 8 rebounds; Solberg 4 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal; Hunter Korh 2 points; Nate Mohr 2 points; Yliniemi 1 point,

3 assists; Mason Omberg 2 rebound, 4 assists; Carson Rogstad 1 rebound 1 assist

Laker girls take care of business in Crosby

A 42-point second half was enough to erase a five-point halftime deficit for the Detroit Lakes girls basketball team on Thursday night.

The Lakers (6-10) beat Crosby-Ironton (11-7) 70-58 despite trailing 33-28 at the half. Juniors Jacee Hauser and Abby Larson had led the way for Detroit Lakes. Hauser had a game-high 25 points, while Larson had 17. Sophomore Grace Gunderson also had 13 points in the win.

Josie Schaefer led the Rangers with a team-high 17 points, with 11 of them coming in the first half.

They dropped a game on Saturday at home against Brainerd by a score of 55-28. They will host Moorhead (5-13) on Tuesday before welcoming Alexandria (8-10) to town on Thursday for an 8-3A matchup.

DETROIT LAKES 28 42 - 70

CROSBY-IRONTON- 33 25 - 58

DETROIT LAKES SCORING- Abby Larson 17, Helena Daggett 6, Ella Okeson 1, Elle Beltcher 4, Grace Gunderson 13, Ellie Lunde 4, Jacee Hauser 25

CROSBY-IRONTON SCORING- Kakki Papenfuss 2, Josie Schaefer 15, Bri Miller 5, Margaret Silgen 7, Ellen Sigen 8, Tori Oehrlin, Hannah Pakarinen 2

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WRESTLING

Lakers split home tri

By Jared Rubado Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES - The Detroit Lakes wrestling team split its home triangular on Thursday night.

The Lakers picked up a 48-30 win over Alexandria in the first match-up. Leroy LaCrosse got Detroit Lakes on the board with a fall victory over Brenden Bryce at 120-pounds in 3:33. Cole Weber (128) followed with a pin of his own over Grayson Timm before Bradly Swiers picked up a decision win over Blaze Nelson at 138-pounds.

Swiers started a streak of five straight wins for the Lakers. Tyson Ulyott (145) pinned Landon Arvidson before Cade Okeson (152) won by decision over Kelly Johnson. Cale Abraham beat Wyatt Marshall by fall in 3:28 at 160-pounds before Cade Jackson (17) pinned Dylan Gray in 0:26.

Connor Zamzo (195) won by fall over Jackson Staffert at 19-pounds before Jeffery Moen (285) put an exclamation point on the match by pinning David Rauscher.

Morris Area-Hancock Area-Chiko-Alberta got the better of the Lakers in the final match of the evening with a 35-28 win.

LaCross picked up his second win of the night at 120-pounds in a 7-3 decision over Jeremiah Schmiedell.

Okeson also won by decision (10-4) over Hunter Massner in his second match of the night before Abraham and Jackson picked up forfeit victories.

Charlie Zok pinned Connor Olson at 182-pounds before Moen cruised to a major decision win over Levi Kellenberger (10-2).

MAHACA 35, DETROIT LAKES 28

106: Tyce Anderson (MAHACA) over Talan Baker (DL) win by Fall 1:25; 113: Grayson Gibbons (MAHACA) over Jeremy Linn (DL) win by Fall 0:23; 120: Leroy LaCrosse (DL) over Jeremiah Schmiedell (MAHACA) win by Decision 7-3; 126: Dallas Walton (MAHACA) over Cole Weber (DL) win by Decision 12-5; 132: Andrew Marty (MAHACA) over Zach Ruhl (DL) win by Major Decision 10-2; 138: Davin Rose (MAHACA) over Bradly Swiers (DL) win by Major Decision 9-1; 145: Caden Rose (MAHACA) over Tyson Ulyott (DL) win by Decision 8-4; 152: Cade Okeson (DL) over Hunter Massner (MAHACA) win by Decision 10-4; 160: Cale Abraham (DL) win by Forfeit; 170: Cade Jackson (DL) win by Forfeit; 182: Charlie Zok (DL) over Connor Olson (MAHACA) win by Fall 3:51; 195: Hunter Gibbons (MAHACA) over Brock Billet (DL) win by Fall 0:22; 220: Brock Marty (MAHACA) over Connor Zamzo (DL) win by Decision 5-0; 285: Jeffrey Moen (DL) over Levi Kellenberger (MAHACA) win by Major Decision 10-2

DETROIT LAKES 48, ALEXANDRIA 106

Nolan Fanning (Alex) over Talan Baker (DL) win by Fall 1:04; 113: Mason Mcgrane (Alex) over Mason Mallory (DL) win by Fall 2:18; 120: Leroy LaCrosse (DL) over Brenden Bryce (Alex) win by Fall 3:33; 126: Cole Weber (DL) over Grayson Timm (Alex) win by Fall 3:12; 132: Issac Saffert (Alex) over Zach Ruhl (DL) win by Fall 1:46; 138: Bradly Swiers (DL) over Blaze Nelson (Alex) win by Decision 3-1; 145: Tyson Ulyott (DL) over Landon Arvidson (Alex) win by Fall 2:27; 152: Cade Okeson (DL) over Kelly Johnson (Alex) win by Decision 4-2; 160: Cale Abraham (DL) over Wyatt Marshall (Alex) win by Fall 3:28; 170: Cade Jackson (DL) over Dylan Gray (Alex) win by Fall 0:26; 182: Mason Teaser (Alex) over Brock Billet (DL) win by Fall 1:43; 195: Connor Zamzo (DL) over Jackson Staffert (Alex) win by Fall 2:53; 220: Luke Maanum (Alex) over Tynan Simpson (DL) win by Fall 1:31; 285: Jeffrey Moen (DL) over David Rauscher (Alex) win by Fall 0:38

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DANCE

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of teams we were neck-and-neck with," Lafriniere said. "We pulled it off. This is a really special group of girls."

The Lakers' heavy performance was enough to beat out Rocori. Detroit Lakes finished with a team score of 543 and a placement score of 16.5, which was better than the Spartans' 534 and 19. Becker took second, while Sauk Rapids-Rice took first. The Storm also won the high-kick competition, with Rocori and Becker rounding out the podium.

Many Lakers have attended the state dance tournament before but haven't stepped foot on the floor at the Target Center. That's where Brower provided her experience.

"I'm just so proud of these girls," Brower said. "We've been talking all year long about getting to state and what dancing on that state floor is like. Because I've been able to do that myself, I've been able to tell them how incredible it is, which

doesn't do it justice. You have to experience it for yourself. For these girls to get the chance to do that and spread their message is super important. For how hard they work and how important their message is, and to be able to reach more people, is huge."

Ramsey has coached the Lakers for 11 years, and each season has been a step towards this goal. She was elated to see several dance team alumni witness the Lakers clinch the first state berth since 2010.

"It's just a surreal feeling that hasn't hit me yet," Ramsey said. "As much as you hope and you plan for this to happen, it still doesn't hit you right away. It's been a long time coming. There's been a lot of work over many years from a lot of girls to make this happen. We had a lot of alumni here today. Each of those teams got us one step closer. This doesn't happen overnight. We've had some really good leaders, and the girls from this year have only known good leadership."

Postseason performances are all about peaking at the right

time. LaFriniere believes the Lakers put their best foot forward at the meet that matters most.

"This was our best one of the season," LaFriniere said. "We didn't know if that was going to be our last performance or not. We all broke down and talked about how thankful we are for each other. We've always gone down to watch state dance before, but we've never competed. Now we get to, and I can't explain what this feeling is like."

On Feb. 18, the Detroit Lakes jazz team will take the floor one last time. It's part of a series of moments Ramsey has envisioned for this program since she took over in 2011.

"It doesn't feel real. It feels like a dream," Ramsey said. "I've pictured this 100 times, and that doesn't compare to the real thing. It's just so surreal. These girls are so competitive. We've had some hard-working groups, but these kids are competitive, gritty and will do what it takes. They all kind of have that attitude. They have the attitude to show up and say, 'This is our year.'"

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#### Qualifications:

- HS diploma or general education degree (GED) required; Bachelor's degree in Hospitality preferred
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2022 Notice to LAKE VIEW TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Becker County Courthouse. TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, 5 PM-8 PM at the Lake View Town Hall. 25933 130th St, Detroit Lakes, MN to elect one supervisor=3-year term, one clerk=2-year term. ANNUAL MEETING OF LAKE VIEW TOWNSHIP: Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 8:15 PM at the Lake View Town Hall. 25933 130th St, Detroit Lakes, MN. In case of inclement weather, election and meeting will be held March 15th, 2022. Dana Fagerlie-Lake View Township Clerk (Feb. 2 & 9, 2022) 28504

NOTICE TO SPRING CREEK RESIDENTS  
 The following offices are to be filled at the annual township election to be held March 8, 2022. Meeting and election will be held at the Spring Creek Town-hall( 17709 Co. Rd. 18) Ogema MN, 56569 at which time the voters will elect:  
 One SUPERVISOR for a three year term.  
 One CLERK for a two year term. Elections opens at 5pm and close at 8pm Annual meeting starts at 8pm to conduct all business In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March, 2022.  
 Mitch Ballard, Spring Creek Twp. Clerk (Feb. 9 & 16, 2022) 31099

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE  
 THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 26, 2006 MORTGAGOR: Richard Lee Owens and Shelly Marie Owens husband & wife as joint tenants. MORTGAGEE: Chase Bank USA, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded January 10, 2007

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Becker County Recorder, Document No. 544049.  
**ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:** Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2007-CH4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-CH4. Dated January 17, 2012 Recorded February 16, 2012, as Document No. 595159.  
**TRANSACTION AGENT:** NONE  
**TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE:** NONE  
**LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE:** Chase Bank USA, N.A.  
**RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER:** Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.  
**MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 14210 Leisure Lane, Lake Park, MN 56554  
**TAX PARCEL I.D.#:** 07.0310.000  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**  
 Lot 4, Block 2, Serenity Shores, according to the certified Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Becker County, Minnesota.  
**COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:** Becker  
**ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:** \$202,500.00  
**AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE:** \$229,432.75  
 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;  
**PURSUANT TO THE POWER OF SALE CONTAINED IN SAID MORTGAGE,** the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
**DATE AND TIME OF SALE:** March 31, 2022 at 1:00 PM  
**PLACE OF SALE:** Becker County Sheriff's Office Lobby, 925 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.  
**TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY:** If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.  
**MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:** None  
**"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGE PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."**  
 Dated: January 24, 2022  
 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee  
 Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888  
 38 - 22-001240 FC  
**IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**  
 (Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2 & 9, 2022) 28525  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 Estate of LESTER ROLLAND KERTSCHER, A/KIA LESTER R. KERTSCHER Decedent  
 Court File No. 03-PR-22-100  
**NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's will dated August 13, 2019, has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.  
 Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Megan Hensel and Ronald Kertscher, whose addresses are 4792 - 50th Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota 58104 and 29424 - 130th Street, Frazee, Minnesota 56544, respectively, as co-personal representatives 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 with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the co-personal representatives have full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letter, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.  
 Any objections to the probate of the will or appointment of the Co-Personal Representatives must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.  
 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 co-personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.  
 Dated: 1-27-2022  
 /s/ Gina DeVilbiss Hendry Registrar  
 Dated: 1-27-2022  
 Renelle Fenno Court Administrator  
 Attorney for Applicants:  
 Keven Jay Kercher Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.  
 444 Sheyenne Street, Suite 102 P.O. Box 458  
 West Fargo, ND 58078-0458  
 Attorney License No.: 0395972  
 Telephone: 701-282-3249  
 FAX: 701-282-0825  
 (Feb. 2 & 9, 2022) 28265  
**NOTICE TO PATRONS OF MAH-NOMEN FARMERS COOP GRAIN ASSOCIATION OF UNCLAIMED EQUITIES**  
 Please take notice of the following list of patrons of the Mahnomen Farmers Co-op Grain Association (MFCGA) who have equities on the MFCGA books of \$50.00 or more, but who the MFCGA has been unable to locate. If your name appears on this list, or if you are a surviving spouse or heir of a deceased patron whose name appears on this list, then contact the MFCGA at jhanson@arvig.net, or by calling (218) 935-2266. If you are a former member/patron of the MFCGA and if your name is not on this list, that means your equities have already been paid out, or are less than \$50.00 and no contact is necessary. Contact must be made within 60 days

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of this Notice or else your equity interest will be considered unclaimed property and distributed by the MFCGA to a tax exempt entity in accordance with Minn. Stat. §308A.711.  
 By: /s/ Leo Bettels  
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 By: /s/ Gordon "Bud" Klabunde  
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 (Feb. 2, 9 & 16, 2022) 27677  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER IN DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION**  
 Minn. Stat. § 524.3-502  
 Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801  
 Court File No. 03-PR-22-39  
 In Re: Estate of BYRON A. RITSCHKE, Deceased.  
**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**  
 Notice by publication is hereby given that on March 2, 2022, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in the above-named Court at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the above-named decedent dated July 22, 2016, and for the appointment of MICHAEL T. RITSCHKE whose address is 6 Green Hills Ct., Sugar Grove, IL 60554 as personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent in unsupervised administration. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, 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. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.  
 Notice is further given that **ALL CREDITORS** having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.  
 Dated: January 25, 2022  
 Referee Susan Solheim  
 Judge of District Court  
 (COURT SEAL)  
 Renelle Fenno Court Administrator  
 /s/ Sarah Schlauderer Deputy Court Administrator  
 The hearing will be held remotely via zoom. If you wish to participate, con-

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tact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date.  
 Elliot J. Stoll, #0402588  
**PEMBERTON LAW, P.L.L.P.**  
 Attorneys for Petitioner  
 903 Washington Ave  
 Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501  
 Telephone (218) 847-4858  
 Email e.stoll@pemlaw.com  
 (Feb. 9 & 16, 2022) 30929  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION**  
 Estate of: Thomas E. Muscatell a/k/a Thomas Eugene Muscatell, Decedent.  
 Court File No. 03-PR-22-241  
**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY**  
 A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's Last Will and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the person and entity entitled to the property. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.  
**IT IS ORDERED** and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on March 2, 2022, at 1:15 p.m., by this Court at 913 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.  
 1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-

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204.  
 2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.  
 Dated: February 3, 2022  
**BY THE COURT**  
 Susan Solheim, Referee of the District Court  
 Dated: February 3, 2022  
 Renelle Fenno, Court Administrator  
 By: Jennifer Hoban, Deputy Michael M. Thomas, MN ID #0163351  
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 406 Main Avenue, Suite 200  
 P.O. Box 2686  
 Fargo, ND 58108-2686  
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**ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER**  
 \*The hearing will be held remotely via zoom. If you wish to participate, contact Court Administration for the remote hearing prior to the hearing date.  
 (Feb. 9 & 16, 2022) 30742



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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

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

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- ACROSS**  
 1. Wooden nail  
 4. Palo \_\_\_\_\_, California  
 8. Is mistaken  
 12. The whole amount  
 13. Dog's bark  
 14. Bucket  
 15. Glide over snow  
 16. Housetop  
 17. Land amid water  
 18. Dolls and yo-yos, e.g.  
 20. Yearned  
 22. Be overly fond  
 24. Imprint firmly  
 26. Met musical  
 28. Female pronoun  
 29. Cooling device  
 32. Fuel guzzler  
 33. Beast of burden  
 35. Work by Shelley  
 36. Stallone's moniker  
 37. Smallest bill  
 38. City divisions  
 40. Great Barrier \_\_\_\_\_  
 42. Take a breather  
 43. Fiesta decor  
 47. Foot part  
 49. Stink  
 50. Galloped  
 52. Sailor's response  
 55. Bard  
 56. Tall, woody plant  
 57. Negative prefix
- DOWN**  
 1. Mas' mates  
 2. Lodge member  
 3. Sparkling  
 4. Cockeyed  
 5. At liberty  
 6. Moreover  
 7. Locomover  
 8. Saga  
 9. Poison-ivy result  
 10. Annoy  
 11. Husky's load  
 19. Above, in verse  
 21. Toss  
 22. Physicians, shortly  
 23. Milky jewel  
 25. Strikeout number  
 27. Cancel a space launch  
 29. Tennis stroke  
 30. Finds a total  
 31. Eagle's dwelling  
 34. Dig up  
 39. Part of a circle  
 41. Cuban Castro  
 43. Catholic leader  
 44. Worshiped object  
 45. Christmas  
 46. Music and literature, e.g.  
 48. Shortcoming  
 51. Mine rock  
 53. "Are My Sunshine"  
 54. Discontinue

**PUZZLE SOLUTION**

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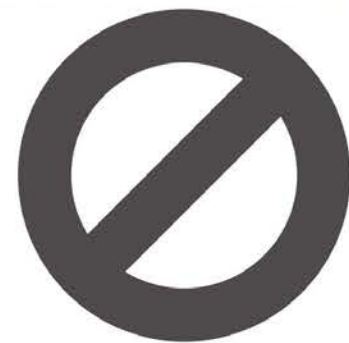
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## Truckers block border

### US-CANADA BORDER CROSSING SHUT DOWN BY PROTESTERS



By Anna Mehler Paperny and Ismail Shakil  
Reuters

**Ottawa**  
The busiest land crossing from the United States to Canada remained shut on Tuesday after Canadian truckers blocked lanes on Monday to protest their government's pandemic control measures.

While traffic in both directions was initially blocked, U.S.-bound lanes have since reopened, Windsor Police tweeted.

Drivers demanding an end to federal COVID-19 vaccine mandates for cross-border traffic began blocking the streets of Canada's capital, Ottawa, on Jan. 28. Since Sunday night, police have started slowly taking back control, seizing thousands of liters of fuel and removing an oil tanker truck.

Ottawa Deputy Police Chief Steve Bell told reporters on Tuesday that police have immobilized many of the heavy vehicles taking part in the blockade. He said about a quarter of the 418 protest trucks in the downtown have children in them, and police are concerned for their welfare in relation to cold, noise, carbon monoxide risks and access to sanitation.

Canada's Public Safety



Patrick Doyle / Reuters

People ride horses as truckers and their supporters continue to protest against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccine mandates Tuesday, in Ottawa, Ontario.

Minister Marco Mendicino told reporters that he had been in touch with the mayor of Windsor and local legislators about the blockade at the Ambassador Bridge, connecting Detroit, Michigan, with Windsor, Ontario.

"We will continue to work...so that we can keep the supply chains moving

across the Ambassador Bridge, as well as the wheels of our economy turning," he said.

Canada sends 75% of its exports to the United States, and the bridge usually handles around 8,000 trucks a day.

"It is clear these disruptions have broadened in scope beyond the

vaccine requirement implementation," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said. "We are of course in touch with our Canadian counterparts" on the blockade, Psaki added.

The owner of the bridge, the Detroit International Bridge Co, said international commerce on the bridge needed to resume as quickly

as possible in a manner that reflects mutual respect, the company's chairman, Matt Moroun, said in a statement.

The president of the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association called for an immediate end to the blockade, saying "persistent delays at the Ambassador Bridge risk disrupting automotive production that employs tens of thousands of Canadians."

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appeared in public on Monday for the first time in more than a week after being infected with COVID-19, saying the protest had to stop. Trudeau reiterated on Tuesday that "we're going to continue to follow the science" when interim Conservative leader Candice Bergen asked Trudeau in parliament whether he will follow the science and end the restrictions quickly.

Trudeau has denounced the demonstrators' tactics but one of his Liberal Party colleagues has broken rank on the government's hardline stance on vaccine mandates. Joel Lightbound called on the government to move away from divisive politics and present a clear roadmap for lifting of pandemic restrictions.

## US House approves \$50B relief bill for Postal Service

The Senate is also expected to approve the measure soon

By David Shepardson  
Reuters

WASHINGTON - The U.S. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday a bill to provide the Postal Service (USPS) with about \$50 billion in financial relief over a decade and requiring future retirees to enroll in a government health insurance plan.

The House voted 342-92 and it now goes to the Senate, where it is expected to be approved soon.

USPS has reported net losses of more than \$90 billion since 2007 and Tuesday reported a net loss of \$1.5 billion for the quarter end-



Mike Segar / Reuters File Photo

A United States Postal Service (USPS) mail carrier pushes his cart while delivering mail in the rain on Manhattan's Upper West Side during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in April 2020 in New York City.

ing Dec. 31.

One reason is 2006 legislation mandating it pre-fund

more than \$120 billion in retiree healthcare and pension liabilities.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy in March 2021 proposed cutting \$160 billion in predicted losses over the next decade, which included financial reforms in the House bill. USPS also adopted new delivery standards in October that slow some first-class mail deliveries. DeJoy called the legislation "vital to the United States Postal Service and the American People."

The bill eliminates requirements USPS pre-fund retiree health benefits for current and retired employees for 75 years, a requirement no business or other federal entity faces. USPS projects it would sharply reduce its pre-funding liability and save it roughly \$27 billion over 10 years.

It requires future retirees to enroll in Medicare.

About 25% of postal retirees do not enroll in Medicare even though they are eligible, which results in USPS paying higher premiums than other employers. USPS estimates the change could save it about \$22.6 billion over 10 years.

The White House and postal unions support the bill as does the Greeting Card Association Hallmark and Amazon.com.

The bill requires USPS to maintain six-day a week mail deliveries and develop an online weekly performance data dashboard by ZIP code, and expands special rates for local newspaper distribution.

USPS generally does not receive taxpayer funding but Congress gave it a \$10 billion loan in 2020 to address COVID-19 expenses that it opted to forgive.

## War-weary Ukrainian soldiers in trenches ready to 'make it or break it'



Maksim Levin / Reuters

A service member of the Ukrainian armed forces smokes in a trench at combat positions Tuesday near the line of separation from Russian-backed rebels outside the town of Svitlodarsk in the Donetsk region, Ukraine.

Reuters

LUHANSK REGION, Ukraine - A group of Ukrainian soldiers patrols the frontline in eastern Ukraine when they suddenly hear the noise of grenades going off in the distance. They crouch down and start running toward the safety of the trenches.

This is the contact line of Ukraine's eight-year war against Russian-backed forces that President Volodymyr Zelenskiy says has claimed 15,000 lives.

Russia has massed more than 100,000 troops near Ukraine's borders in recent weeks, ringing alarm bells in NATO member states who fear a new military offensive. Moscow denies any such plan.

The soldiers in the Luhansk region, which shares much

of its border with Russia, say they are fed up with uncertainty and want some kind of breakthrough in the conflict that has kept them in the trenches since 2014.

"We are sick of this never-ending war. Make it or break it, let them attack us or we should attack them to end this uncertainty. We are all tired of this," said Bohdan, a Ukrainian soldier who refused to give his surname for security reasons.

Bohdan, 27, a former miner and a student of aviation engineering in Pavlohrad, near Dnipro, has been stationed on the frontline for the past year.

Although the bigger guns have been silent for some time, mortar and rocket-propelled grenade explosions still break

the silence over the snow-covered fields.

Soldiers are doing what they can to cope with tension and fight boredom.

Bohdan spends time exercising with barbells and a skipping rope in a makeshift gym he has built in the trench that he has been posted at for the past several months.

Another soldier, Konstantin, 44, a former policeman from Lviv in active service since 2014, says training will be crucial if full-scale conflict breaks out.

"If something starts it is impossible to predict what's going to happen and to plan accordingly. One will have to rely on one's skills, habits and experience," he said.



## Parents could be charged in shooting

### Couple accused of purchasing weapon as gift for 15-year-old son

Reuters

A Michigan judge held a preliminary hearing on Tuesday to decide whether prosecutors had enough evidence to bring the parents of a teenager accused of killing four high school students to trial on involuntary manslaughter charges.

James and Jennifer Crumbley, who have pleaded not guilty, are accused of buying the weapon as a Christmas present for their 15-year-old son, Ethan, and ignoring warning signs as late as the day of the Nov. 30 shooting in Oxford, Michigan.

Before lunch, prosecutors had called three of 16 witnesses during the preliminary hearing in front of Rochester District Court Judge Julie Nicholson, who will determine if there is enough evidence for a trial.

The couple wore prison clothing as they sat in hand-



Kaytie Boomer / MLive.com

An "Oxford Strong" sign hangs on the wall during a boys basketball game in Reese.

cuffs at the defendant's desk in the courtroom. Andrew Smith, Jennifer Crumbley's supervisor at the real estate company where she worked, took the stand. He described his interactions with her the

day of the shooting.

"I need my job. Please don't judge me for what my son did," Jennifer wrote in a text to Smith after the shooting that he read on the stand. "I was surprised she was worried about her

job at that point. I thought she would be more concerned about what was going on."

The case appears to be the first time that parents of a teenage school shooter have been charged for involvement in their offspring's alleged crimes. While other parents have been charged for deaths resulting from unsecured guns, those cases have involved much younger children, experts said.

The shooter, Ethan Crumbley, was charged with first-degree murder in the deadliest U.S. school shooting of 2021. Four students were killed and six other students and a teacher were wounded at Oxford High School, 40 miles (65 km) north of Detroit. He has pleaded not guilty.

It was the latest in a decades-long string of deadly American school shootings.

Four days before the shooting, Ethan accompanied his

father to a gun shop, where James Crumbley bought a 9mm handgun, prosecutors said.

The next day his mother posted that the two of them were at a gun range "testing out his new Christmas present," Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald said.

Prosecutors have detailed a number of other warning signs that they said the parents failed to address, including Ethan Crumbley searching for ammunition on his phone.

Prosecutors said that on the morning of the shooting, a teacher discovered drawings by Ethan Crumbley that depicted a handgun, a bullet, and a bleeding figure.

School officials then summoned the Crumbleys. The parents resisted the idea of taking their son home and did not search his backpack nor ask him about the gun, according to McDonald.

## US to try house arrest for immigrants instead of detention

Reuters

WASHINGTON - The Biden administration will place hundreds of migrants caught at the U.S.-Mexico border on house arrest in the coming weeks as it seeks cheaper alternatives to immigration detention, according to a notice to lawmakers and a U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) official.

A 120-day pilot program will be launched in Houston and Baltimore, with 100-200 single adults enrolled in each location, according to the notice, which was sent by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-

ment (ICE) and reviewed by Reuters.

The so-called "home curfew" pilot will cost \$6-8 per day for each enrollee, far less than the \$142 daily cost of immigration detention.

The enrollees will generally be required to remain at home from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m., with exceptions for job schedules for those with work authorization or extraordinary circumstances.

Current alternatives to detention, such as ankle bracelets and phone monitoring, require enrollees to notify case managers if they are leaving the state or traveling, but do

not mandate home confinement, the DHS official said.

U.S. President Joe Biden, a Democrat, has pledged a more humane approach to immigration policy than his predecessor Republican Donald Trump. During Biden's presidential campaign he pledged to end for-profit immigration detention but has yet to deliver on that promise.

The home curfew program could face criticism from both immigration hardliners for being too lax and pro-immigrant advocates for being stricter than existing alternatives to detention. One immigrant advocate on Twitter

called the plan "mass e-carceration" after Axios first reported details of the pilot.

The plan comes as arrests at the U.S.-Mexico border are expected to reach record highs again this year and detention space has been limited by the coronavirus pandemic. Though most migrants caught at the border are being rapidly expelled from the United States under a COVID-related health order, thousands have been allowed into the country to pursue their immigration cases.

"We just don't have the capacity," the DHS official said. "We're not going to detain our

way out of the border crisis."

The Biden administration plans to ask Congress for funding to place as many as 400,000 migrants this year in alternatives to detention, which could include the home curfew initiative as well as existing programs, the DHS official said. The total number of migrants in such programs would be higher since only heads of households are enrolled.

About 164,000 are currently in alternative-to-detention programs, according to ICE, roughly double the total on Sept. 30, 2020, before Biden took office.

### BRIEFS

#### Vice president's husband ushered out of event after reported security threat

Doug Emhoff, the husband of U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, was ushered out of an event at a Washington, D.C., school by security forces after a security threat was reported on Tuesday.

Emhoff's staff informed reporters that the threat was reported by the school to secret service.

#### Colorado bill would criminalize threats against election officials

WASHINGTON - Colorado lawmakers are seeking stronger protections for election workers after an unprecedented year of terroristic threats inspired by former President Donald Trump's false voting-fraud claims, state officials said on Tuesday.

Colorado's "Election Official Protection Act" adds to a growing number of U.S. states considering similar legislation. The bill would expand on existing law to "make clear that it is a crime to intimidate, threaten, or coerce - or to attempt to intimidate, threaten or coerce - an election official while they are performing official duties," said Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold ahead of an expected Tuesday announcement on the legislation.

#### Senate's McConnell pushes back against Republican Party

WASHINGTON - Top U.S. Senate Republican Mitch McConnell on Tuesday criticized his party's censure of two prominent Republican critics of Donald Trump, joining an intra-party battle that could upend his efforts to project an image of party moderation in this year's midterm elections.

Last week, the Republican National Committee censured Representatives Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger, the only two Republicans serving on the House of Representatives select committee investigating the events of Jan. 6, 2021, when supporters of then-President Trump stormed the Capitol in a failed attempt to prevent Congress from certifying President

Joe Biden's 2020 election victory.

#### Ex-Pope Benedict acknowledges 'errors' but no blame in abuse handling, seeks forgiveness

VATICAN CITY - Former Pope Benedict on Tuesday acknowledged that errors occurred in handling sexual abuse cases when he was Archbishop of Munich and asked for forgiveness, as his lawyers argued he was not directly to blame.

The Vatican issued a letter by Benedict and a three-page addendum following a report released last month on abuse in the archdiocese from 1945 to 2019 which included the alleged failure by then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger to take action in four cases when he was Munich archbishop between 1977 and 1982.

#### Black Democratic lawmakers urge US act to protect voting rights

WASHINGTON - Dozens of U.S. Democratic lawmakers with the Congressional Black Caucus asked the Justice Department to do more to protect voting rights, accusing various states led by Republican governors of trying to restrict ballot access for voters of color.

"These unabashedly racist and partisan attacks on our nation's democratic principles must be forcefully condemned and expeditiously reversed," 44 members of the House of Representatives wrote in a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday.

#### Lawsuit accuses Harvard of ignoring sexual harassment by professor

BOSTON - Three female graduate students at Harvard University filed a lawsuit on Tuesday accusing the Ivy League school of ignoring for years the sexual harassment of students by a professor who they said threatened their academic careers if they reported him.

The students filed the lawsuit in federal court in Boston days after Harvard placed John Comaroff, an anthropology professor and expert on South Africa, on administrative leave following a university investigation into his conduct.

## 'Everything is gone' in wake of cyclone

### Madagascans face destitution as death toll in deadly storm rises to 29

By Christophe Van Der Perre and Alkis Konstantinidis  
Reuters

MANANJARY, Madagascar - The death toll from Madagascar's latest cyclone rose to 29 on Tuesday as residents of a devastated coastal town tried to fix their homes or build temporary shacks from wood and palm fronds scattered by the violent winds.

Cyclone Batsirai slammed into the Indian Ocean island late on Saturday, battering the southeastern coastline until it moved away late on Sunday, leaving 91,000 people with damaged or destroyed homes, according to the state disaster relief agency.

It was Madagascar's second destructive storm in two weeks, after Cyclone Ana killed 55 people and displaced 130,000 in a different area of the country, further north.

The island nation, which has a population of nearly 30 million, was already struggling with food shortages in the south, a consequence of a severe and prolonged drought. The World Food Programme said Batsirai had made the situation worse by destroying crops that were just two weeks from harvest.

In Mananjary, one of the worst affected towns, entire neighborhoods had been flattened, with planks of wood, palm fronds, clothing and household items strewn everywhere. A long sandy beach was covered in debris.

"Our TV, my CD player, all of our clothing, all the kitchenware, everything is gone," said resident Philibert Jean-Claude Razananoro, 49, surveying his collapsed home.

He and his family were staying in a school, designat-



Alkis Konstantinidis / Reuters

A man works on the destroyed house of Philibert Jean Claude Razananoro on Tuesday in the aftermath of Cyclone Batsirai in the town of Mananjary, Madagascar.

"Our TV, my CD player, all of our clothing, all the kitchenware, everything is gone"

PHILIBERT JEAN-CLAUDE RAZANANORO, 49, SURVEYING HIS COLLAPSED HOME

ed as an evacuation center by the government, but they had been told they would have to leave at the weekend for lessons to resume next week.

"We plan to build a small shack just here but we don't really have the means to do it," he said, appealing to the international community to help.

Many other residents were hammering at toppled wooden walls, seeking to separate out individual planks to start rebuilding, but the task was daunting. Drone footage filmed by Reuters showed vast areas where almost nothing was left standing.

Doctor Malek Danish Andrianarison, known locally as Dr

Gino, had to turn away a man with an injured leg for lack of medicines or clean bandages to treat him after the cyclone blew away the roof of his house, which also contained his medical practice.

"You see here I have no roof, the medicine is ruined," he said, gesturing helplessly at piles of damaged boxes of medication and soggy patient notes strewn on the ground. "You saw the man that was here, I couldn't do anything for him."

Dr Gino said he was relatively privileged and had enough to eat, but he felt desperately sorry for poorer people in the neighborhood who had been left destitute.

Lisa Mara Lang, head of supply chain for Madagascar at the World Food Programme, said humanitarian agencies were working alongside the Madagascar authorities to assess the extent of the damage and the needs of the population. She said it would likely take several days for a fuller picture to emerge.





Dreamstime / TNS

Already strained by the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals around the country are desperate to staff their facilities as the highly transmissible omicron variant spreads.

## Small hospitals left behind

### Bounties, bonuses stack the deck in staffing wars

By **Bram Sable-Smith**  
Kaiser Health News

A recent lawsuit filed by one Wisconsin health system that temporarily prevented seven workers from starting new jobs at a different health network raised eyebrows, including those of Brock Slabach, chief operations officer of the National Rural Health Association.

“To me, that signifies the desperation that hospital leaders are facing in trying to staff their hospitals,” said Slabach.

His concern is for the smaller facilities that lack the resources to compete.

Already strained by the covid-19 pandemic, hospitals around the country are desperate to staff their facilities as the highly transmissible omicron variant spreads. Governors in states such as Massachusetts and Wisconsin deployed the National Guard to help hospitals combat the surge. Six hospitals in Cleveland took out a full-page ad in the Sunday Plain Dealer with a singular plea to the community, “Help.” CoxHealth is among the medical systems in Missouri to ask its office staff to help out on the front lines.

With no end to the crisis in sight, hospitals have taken to enticing workers from other facilities to fulfill needs. In South Dakota, Monument Health offered signing bonuses up to \$40,000 for experienced nurses who would make a two-year commitment to the health system. Job listings for nurses in Maine and Virginia include \$20,000 signing bonuses. Montana is offering health care workers up to \$12,500 in moving expenses to relocate to the state.

The labor market squeeze is affecting more than just health care. People are being lured into teaching jobs and the military with \$20,000 signing bonuses, while construction and trucking companies are looking everywhere for workers, even within their competitors’ ranks.

But in the life-or-death field of medical care, these sorts of bounties have turned an already stressful situation into one that Slabach called “almost combustible.” Smaller facilities — particularly rural ones that have struggled for years to stay afloat — are finding it difficult, if not impossible, to compete for health care workers in this labor market. If a hospital is unable to maintain safe staffing levels, it could be forced to curtail services or possibly close, a devastating

“The question all these nurses are asking is: If they can pay these crisis wages right now, why couldn’t they pay us more to do the work we were doing?”

**SHANE JOHNSON,**  
TRAVEL NURSE

blow for both the patients and economies of those communities. Nineteen rural hospitals closed in 2020 alone.

In Pilot Knob, Missouri, Iron County Medical Center CEO Joshua Gilmore said staffing costs for his 15-bed rural hospital have jumped 15% to 20% during the pandemic after he gave raises across the board to nurses and nursing assistants. He’s also offering \$10,000 signing bonuses to fill three nursing positions.

Those are big expenses for such a small facility, particularly during a pandemic when spending on supplies like masks and other personal protective equipment has also increased. The hospital has received just under \$5 million in federal covid relief, without which it likely would have closed, Gilmore said.

Gilmore said he has lost nurses to travel nursing jobs that can pay \$10,000 per week. Typical pay for a nurse at Gilmore’s facility is about \$70,000 per year, he said. The hospital’s staffing costs could have risen even higher if he had hired more travel nurses. Not only is their pay rate too expensive, he said, but his hospital lacks an intensive care unit — the area most commonly staffed by temporary nurses.

Two hundred miles to the west in Springfield, Missouri, CoxHealth has invested in training and retaining health care workers for years, according to Andy Hedgpeth, its vice president of human resources. Those efforts included increasing the class size at the affiliated nursing school from 250 to 400 students per year. Even so, the health system spent \$25.5 million last year to give raises to 6,500 employees in an effort to retain workers.

“What we are seeing right now is the magnification of a critical shortage across the nation,” Hedgpeth said. “The way out of that is through workforce development and showing individuals they can have stable careers in their community.”

When hospitals do spend the money to hire travel nurses, it often ruffles the feathers of staff nurses, many of whom are already

fighting for better working conditions. Hospitals are also losing workers to the very agencies they depend on for help.

In La Crosse, Wisconsin, the travel nursing agency Dedicated Nursing Associates placed a billboard near a Gunderson Health System facility advertising the agency’s pay: \$91 an hour for registered nurses, \$69 for licensed practical nurses, and \$41 for certified nursing assistants. Neither Gunderson nor Dedicated Nursing Associates responded to requests for comment.

Shane Johnson took to travel nursing after he was laid off from MU Health Care in Columbia, Missouri, as part of pandemic cutbacks in May 2020. He said it’s hard to see himself going back to being on staff at a hospital given the better pay and flexibility that the temporary assignments afford him. A six-week contract in Chicago allowed him to earn as much in two days as he would have in two weeks at his previous job. A 15-week contract in Louisville, Kentucky, allowed him to be closer to family. His current work with the staffing platform CareRev allows him to choose his assignments on a shift-by-shift basis while still getting health insurance and retirement benefits.

“The question all these nurses are asking is: If they can pay these crisis wages right now, why couldn’t they pay us more to do the work we were doing?” Johnson said.

The travel nursing industry has caught the eye of lawmakers. Some states are considering legislation that would cap travel nurses’ pay. Federally, more than 200 members of Congress asked the White House Coronavirus Response Team coordinator to investigate possible “anticompetitive activity.”

Even in a hiring environment this competitive, the Wisconsin lawsuit filed on Jan. 20 is a new frontier in the staffing battles. ThedaCare, a regional health system in Wisconsin’s Fox Valley, filed a temporary injunction attempting to prevent three of its nurses and four of its technicians — all at-will employees — from leaving and joining competitor Ascension Wisconsin until ThedaCare could find replacement workers. A judge temporarily blocked those health care workers from starting their new jobs before deciding ThedaCare couldn’t force the employees to stay.

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## Security guards join push for unionization

**Seattle Art Museum staff latest to unionize in a growing movement**

By **Grace Gorenflo**  
The Seattle Times

Security workers at Seattle Art Museum have moved to join a union, part of a growing movement of museum employees across the nation seeking unionization to address concerns including wages, benefits and working conditions during the pandemic.

Last month, more than 70% of SAM’s 75 internal security workers submitted authorization cards to their employer signaling they would like to be represented by the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Local 116. The effort, which has been underway for more than six months, was prompted by concerns over an unsafe environment during the COVID-19 pandemic and a loss of retirement benefits.

But there’s a hitch: Now the security workers are dependent on SAM voluntarily recognizing IUPAT as the representative of its security workers — something SAM says it’s not willing to do.

Aside from voluntary recognition, workers can receive union representation through an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. If a majority of the workers vote in favor of a union, NLRB will certify the union as the representative of the workers.

But that’s not an option for the SAM security workers if they want to join IUPAT. A statutory requirement in the National Labor Relations Act prohibits the National Labor Relations Board from certifying a union as the representative of security workers if it also represents nonsecurity workers, as IUPAT would.

This obstacle was pointed out by SAM last month in its response to the security workers’ request for union representation. IUPAT initially submitted a petition for election to the NLRB, but it was later withdrawn.

Ronald Hooks, regional director of the NLRB, said the statutory requirement exists to avoid a conflict of interest.

“Security guards have a different interest in the sense that they are charged, in some sense, with guarding the employer’s property,” he said. “There would potentially be mixed interests with regard to labor issues if you had security guards in the same unit as other production workers.”

Since this law only applies to certification by the NLRB, SAM is able to voluntarily recognize IUPAT as the representative of the security workers. SAM security worker Josh Davis cited multiple security contractors across the nation who are represented by Service Employees International Union, a “mixed guard” union like IUPAT Local 116 would be, and were voluntarily recognized. Security personnel at Allied Universal, which contracts with Amazon, and Securitas, which contracts with Ama-

zon and Microsoft, are part of SEIU.

Despite this precedent, SAM does not plan to provide voluntary recognition.

“An NLRB secret ballot election is the best way to determine whether a majority of eligible employees want to be represented. That eliminates any question about why employees might have signed authorization cards,” a statement from SAM said. “Also, voluntary recognition of this union would not address the conflict issues that the law is designed to prevent and that the union recognized by withdrawing its NLRB petition.”

Outside of voluntary recognition, other courses of action for the security workers are choosing another union to join, or becoming an independent union, neither of which Davis said they will pursue. After meeting with multiple other unions, Davis said the security workers chose IUPAT because they felt it would best allow them the freedom to design a contract suited to their specific needs. And, he said, forming an independent union would not allow them nearly as much bargaining power.

“We just have to push for voluntary recognition, which is what we’re doing right now, and just continuing to gather support, and hope that the museum will do the right thing for its employees,” Davis said.

The security workers would like to bargain for increased wages and benefits, but a primary concern is safety during the pandemic. Particularly, private events at the museum, where attendees do not always follow the COVID guidelines that visitors are expected to follow during regular museum hours, have caused the visitor service officers to feel unsafe, Davis said.

“We feel like we need to have stronger ability to, for example, kick someone out if someone is refusing to wear a mask in the galleries,” he said. “It gets especially complicated when these people are either high-up corporate people who are renting the museum or sometimes high-up donors to the museum.”

Davis said the security workers have not always had a break room where they could properly socially distance and at one point were moved to a smaller room without any notice. After a couple of weeks, they were moved again into a larger space, but he wishes he and his colleagues would have been consulted prior to the change.

Since the pandemic began, the security workers have also lost their 403(b) retirement match, according to Davis.

“The idea of a union and the idea of contractually locking in the benefits that we receive became really important because as it stands right now, we know that we have no guarantee of the continuation of our benefits,” Davis said.

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Seattle Art Museum security guards want to form a union. From left, Sandra Yao, Marcela Soto, Andrea Berkbigler, Julia Hayes-Siltzer, Aselya Keyes and Josh Davis.





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Benedict Cumberbatch in Jane Campion's "The Power of the Dog."

# HERE ARE THE 2022 OSCAR NOMINATIONS

'Power of the Dog' leads the pack with 12 nominations

By Michael Ordona  
Los Angeles Times

The nominations for the 2022 Academy Awards were announced Tuesday morning by actors Tracee Ellis Ross and Leslie Jordan.

The 94th Academy Awards will be held March 27 at the Dolby Theatre at Hollywood & Highland in Hollywood and televised live on ABC.

Here's the full list of nominees.

## Best picture

- "Belfast"
- "CODA"
- "Don't Look Up"
- "Drive My Car"
- "Dune"
- "King Richard"
- "Licorice Pizza"
- "Nightmare Alley"
- "The Power of the Dog"
- "West Side Story"

## Best director

- Paul Thomas Anderson ("Licorice Pizza")
- Kenneth Branagh ("Belfast")
- Jane Campion ("The Power of the Dog")
- Ryūsuke Hamaguchi ("Drive My Car")
- Steven Spielberg ("West Side Story")

## Lead actor

- Javier Bardem ("Being the Ricardos")
- Benedict Cumberbatch ("The Power of the Dog")
- Andrew Garfield ("Tick, Tick ... Boom!")
- Will Smith ("King Richard")
- Denzel Washington ("The Tragedy of Macbeth")

## Lead actress

- Jessica Chastain ("The Eyes of Tammy Faye")
- Olivia Colman ("The Lost Daughter")
- Penélope Cruz ("Parallel Mothers")
- Nicole Kidman ("Being the Ricardos")
- Kristen Stewart ("Spencer")

## Supporting actor

- Ciarán Hinds ("Belfast")
- Troy Kotsur ("CODA")
- Jesse Plemons ("The Power of the Dog")
- J.K. Simmons ("Being the Ricardos")
- Kodi Smit-McPhee ("The Power of the Dog")

## Supporting actress



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Ariana DeBose as Anita and David Alvarez as Bernardo in the film "West Side Story."

- Jesse Buckley ("The Lost Daughter")
- Ariana DeBose ("West Side Story")
- Judi Dench ("Belfast")
- Kirsten Dunst ("The Power of the Dog")
- Aunjanue Ellis ("King Richard")

## Adapted screenplay

- "CODA"
- "Drive My Car"
- "Dune"
- "The Lost Daughter"
- "The Power of the Dog"

## Original screenplay

- "Belfast"
- "Don't Look Up"
- "King Richard"
- "Licorice Pizza"
- "The Worst Person in the World"

## Animated feature

- "Encanto"
- "Flee"
- "Luca"
- "The Mitchells vs. the Machines"
- "Raya and the Last Dragon"

## International feature

- Japan, "Drive My Car"
- Denmark, "Flee"
- Italy, "The Hand of God"
- Bhutan, "Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom"
- Norway, "The Worst Person in the World"

## Cinematography

- "Dune"
- "Nightmare Alley"
- "The Power of the Dog"

- "The Tragedy of Macbeth"
- "West Side Story"

## Costume design

- "Cruella"
- "Cyrano"
- "Dune"
- "Nightmare Alley"
- "West Side Story"

## Documentary feature

- "Ascension"
- "Attica"
- "Flee"
- "Summer of Soul"
- "Writing With Fire"

## Documentary short subject

- "Audible"
- "Lead Me Home"
- "The Queen of Basketball"
- "Three Songs for Benazir"
- "When We Were Bullies"

## Editing

- "Don't Look Up"
- "Dune"
- "King Richard"
- "The Power of the Dog"
- "Tick, Tick ... Boom!"

## Makeup and hairstyling

- "Coming 2 America"
- "Cruella"
- "Dune"
- "The Eyes of Tammy Faye"
- "House of Gucci"

## Music (original score)

- "Don't Look Up"
- "Dune"
- "Encanto"
- "Parallel Mothers"
- "The Power of the Dog"

## Music (original song)

- "Be Alive" from "King Richard"
- "Dos Oruguitas" from "Encanto"
- "Down To Joy" from "Belfast"
- "No Time To Die" from "No Time to Die"
- "Somehow You Do" from "Four Good Days"

## Production design

- "Dune"
- "Nightmare Alley"
- "The Power of the Dog"
- "The Tragedy of Macbeth"
- "West Side Story"

## Short film (animated)

- "Affairs of the Art"
- "Bestia"
- "Boxballet"
- "Robin Robin"
- "The Windshield Wiper"

## Short film (live action)

- "Ala Kachuu - Take and Run"
- "The Dress"
- "The Long Goodbye"
- "On My Mind"
- "Please Hold"

## Sound

- "Belfast"
- "Dune"
- "No Time to Die"
- "The Power of the Dog"
- "West Side Story"

## Visual effects

- "Dune"
- "Free Guy"
- "No Time to Die"
- "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
- "Spider-Man: No Way Home"

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Zendaya and Timothée Chalamet in "Dune."



Yannis Drakoulidis / Netflix / TNS  
Olivia Colman in "The Lost Daughter."





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Retired Minneapolis Star Tribune Taste section editor Ann Burckhardt's classic tater tot hotdish, called Hot Dish Heaven.

# Minnesotans take Tater Tot Hot Dish personally

By Nicole Hvidsten  
Star Tribune

## Minneapolis

There are many things Minnesotans take personally:

pop vs. soda, an allegiance to the original Jucy Lucy and the correct way to prepare Tater Tot Hot Dish (not casserole).

To those thinking there is no correct way to prepare Tater Tot Hot Dish, look no further than a recent tweet by Gov. Tim Walz, who came under fire not only for the appearance of his hot dish, but for his choice of vegetables. People had very strong opinions, and they weren't all Minnesota Nice.

"Hot dish is a dangerous thing to play with," chef Gavin Kaysen, owner of Minneapolis restaurants Spoon and Stable and

Demi, told Food & Wine magazine in 2016.

A concept that began as farm wives' solution to an economical meal, the first hot dish recipe recorded was in 1930 in, not surprisingly, Minnesota. The "Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid Cookbook" from Mankato included a recipe that called for 2 pounds of hamburger, tomato soup, Creamette brand elbow macaroni and canned peas to be combined and baked.

The doors to hot dish possibilities swung wide open in 1934, when Campbell's introduced its line of creamed condensed soups. Cream of mushroom soup became a staple in many Midwestern pantries, and a key ingredient in potluck offerings.

But the culinary game changer came in 1953, when brothers F. Nephi Grigg and Golden Grigg,

the two farmers behind Ore-Ida, were looking for a way to use leftover potato slivers. They decided to slice them up, add some flour and seasoning, and push the mixture through holes to create a shredded potato mixture. The Tater Tot was born, and to nearly immediate success.

The popularity of tots hasn't waned, with many restaurants offering their own versions and the occasional Tater Tot Hot Dish-inspired menu items.

The popularity of Tater Tot Hot Dish hasn't waned, either. The culinary resource website What's Cooking America quipped that there are as many different ways of making Tater Tot Hot Dish as there are Minnesotans who make it. A Google search for recipes turned up

nearly 170,000 hits.

The blueprint is simple enough: brown a pound or two of ground beef, add vegetables, salt and pepper and chopped onion, if you're feeling fancy, and mix it all up with a can of cream of mushroom soup before heaping it into a 9- by 13-inch pan. Top with Tater Tots, stick it in the oven until the tots are nice and crispy and dig in.

Although the basic formula has remained the same — protein, vegetables, sauce and a topping of tots — recipes have diverged to show cooks' creativity and the changing demographics and palates of Minnesotans.

While ground beef is still the go-to protein, recipes now include ground turkey, pork and even seafood. Vegetables have gone from strictly canned

to frozen or fresh and include not just the staples of beans, peas and corn, but also carrots, cabbage and peppers. Cream of mushroom soup remains the sauce of choice, but cooks frequently make their own.

The progression of the once-humble dish is evident in author Patrice Johnson's "Land of 10,000 Plates," which includes four recipes for Tater Tot Hot Dish, from the standard to winning recipes from the annual Minnesota Congressional Hotdish Competition, which she judged in 2019. Among them: Rep. Betty McCollum's recipe for Hot Dish A-Hmong Friends and Rep. Ilhan Omar's Little Moga-Hot-Disu, both turning the notion that Tater Tot Hot Dish is a simplistic Midwestern

dish on its head.

"You learn a lot about a person when you eat their hot dish," Johnson writes in the 2020 book. "To sit down together at the table always symbolized an understanding and even a certain intimacy. The food we serve represents our culture and values, our likes and dislikes and our history. The heart of hot dish is its humble wisdom. Hot dish is not grandiose."

But it can be grandiose, which is part of its charm. For a quick weeknight dinner, simple may be best. When time and creativity converge, that's when it's time to think outside the box and incorporate new flavors, textures and, yes, vegetables.

"Minnesota is not a melting pot," Johnson writes. "We are a hot dish."

## SEAFOOD TATER TOT HOTDISH

Serves 8.

**Note:** I've had this recipe bookmarked for months. It's adapted from a Food & Wine recipe by Liz Mervosh, who created the recipe to channel the flavor and fun of a crab boil. I used a mix of crab and shrimp, but an all-crab hot dish or a lobster-crab-shrimp trio would make an equally indulgent meal. Frozen potato tots add crunch to the creaminess, making it a hearty and filling dinner.

- ▶ 3 cups frozen potato tots (about 60 tots)
- ▶ 1 3/4 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning, divided
- ▶ 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ▶ 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots, about 2 medium
- ▶ 1/3 cup finely chopped celery, 1 large stalk

- ▶ 2 tablespoons dry white wine or vermouth
- ▶ 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ▶ 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh chives, plus extra for garnish
- ▶ 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- ▶ 1/4 cup sour cream
- ▶ 1 teaspoon hot sauce, such as Sriracha
- ▶ 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ▶ 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest (from 1 lemon)
- ▶ 1/2 pound lump crabmeat, drained and picked over
- ▶ 1/2 pound cooked shrimp, chopped

### Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Arrange tots in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet lined with aluminum foil. Bake in

preheated oven until crisp, about 20 minutes. Transfer to a medium bowl; toss with 1/2 teaspoon of the Old Bay. Do not turn oven off.

While tots bake, melt butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add shallots and celery; cook, stirring often, until softened, 5 to 6 minutes. Add wine and cook, stirring constantly, until mostly evaporated, about 30 seconds. Remove from heat.

In a large bowl, stir together cream cheese, chives, mayonnaise, sour cream, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, lemon zest, and remaining 1 1/4 teaspoons Old Bay. Fold in seafood and shallot mixture. Spread mixture in a 1-quart gratin baking dish (an 8-by-8-inch pan also works). Top evenly with tots. Bake until seafood mixture bubbles around the edges, about 15 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes. Sprinkle with chives before serving.

## HOTDISH A-HMONG FRIENDS

Serves 14 to 16.

**Note:** Adapted from the recipe Rep. Betty McCollum entered — and won with — in the 2019 Minnesota Congressional Delegation Hot Dish Competition. It's easily halved. The original recipe calls for ground beef, which works equally well. Don't be tempted to skip the egg roll wrappers; it provides crucial crunch. Find umami seasoning at most major supermarkets, as well as Target and Trader Joe's. The recipe also was published in Patrice Johnson's "Land of 10,000 Plates" (Minnesota Historical Society, 2020).

- ▶ 1/2 (32-ounce) bag of Tater Tots
- ▶ 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- ▶ 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- ▶ 1 large onion, diced

- ▶ 2 cups grated carrots
- ▶ 1 small cabbage, quartered and sliced
- ▶ 2 pounds ground pork (see Note)
- ▶ 1/3 cup umami seasoning (see Note)
- ▶ 1 teaspoon salt
- ▶ 1 teaspoon pepper
- ▶ 5 Thai chiles, optional
- ▶ 1 (10.75-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- ▶ 1/2 cup milk
- ▶ 4 egg roll wraps, quartered

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat the bottom and sides of a 9- by 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spread tots on bottom of dish to cover.

Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add

garlic and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add onion and cook until translucent, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add carrots and cabbage and cook until vegetables soften, about 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer vegetable mixture to a plate and set aside.

In the same skillet, cook ground pork over medium heat until browned, about 10 minutes, breaking the meat apart as it cooks. Transfer the vegetables back to the pan. Add the umami seasoning, salt, pepper and chiles, if using. Continue stirring until well combined. Spread mixture over the Tater Tots.

In a large bowl, whisk together the milk and cream of mushroom soup. Evenly pour over the vegetable mix. Place in oven and bake for 30 minutes, or until bubbling.

While the hot dish is baking, heat remaining oil in the skillet over medium-high heat. Fry egg roll wrappers until browned, and place them on a paper-towel-lined baking sheet to cool. Crumble wraps and sprinkle over hot dish for the last 5 minutes of baking. Remove from oven and serve.

## TURKEY TROT TATER-TOT HOTDISH

Serves 4 to 6.

**Note:** Proving that Gov. Tim Walz knows his way around a hot dish, this recipe garnered him top prize in the 2014 Minnesota Congressional Delegation Hotdish Off. He's won the competition three times, and is the reigning champion.

- ▶ 1 pound ground turkey
- ▶ 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- ▶ 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- ▶ 1 egg
- ▶ 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- ▶ 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, plus more as needed
- ▶ 2 teaspoons salt, divided
- ▶ 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ▶ 1 pound fresh green beans, stems removed and chopped into bite-sized pieces

- ▶ 4 slices bacon
- ▶ 6 tablespoons butter, divided
- ▶ 1 1/2 cups chopped baby bella mushrooms
- ▶ 5 to 6 tablespoons flour
- ▶ 2 1/2 cups whole milk
- ▶ 1/2 cup half and half
- ▶ 1/4 cup chopped onions
- ▶ 3 c. shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
- ▶ 1 (32-ounce) package Tater Tots

### Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a medium bowl, combine turkey, garlic, sage, green onions, egg, pepper and 1 teaspoon salt. In a skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil and then brown the turkey mixture. Remove from stove and transfer mixture to a large bowl.

In a pot of boiling water, blanch green beans for 2 to 3 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, remove beans and plunge them into ice

water. Once cool, drain completely and add to turkey mix.

In a skillet over medium heat, fry bacon until crisp. Remove from pan, and cool bacon on paper towels. Chop bacon into 1/4-inch pieces and add to turkey mix. Gently combine turkey mix, beans and bacon and spread in an even layer in a 9- by 13-inch baking pan.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat 2 tablespoons butter. As soon as foam begins to subside, add mushrooms and cook, stirring continuously, until mushrooms are browned, about 4 to 6 minutes.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt remaining 4 tablespoons butter. Slowly and evenly sprinkle flour into the butter. Cook for 2 minutes, then slowly whisk in the milk and half and half. Cook for 2 more minutes, then add diced onions, remaining 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste. After 1 minute, stir in 2 1/2 cups cheese and cook, stirring, until melted. Pour cheese mixture evenly over casserole. Scatter Tater Tots over the top, then scatter remaining shredded cheese. Bake until golden brown, about 45 minutes. Remove from oven and serve.





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Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson (11) gestures after scoring a three pointer against the Oklahoma City Thunder during the second half Monday at Paycom Center in Oklahoma City. Golden State won 110-98.

## Klay Thompson is all the way back

By Dieter Kurtenbach  
Mercury News

The Warriors were choking the game away. What was once a 16-point lead had whittled down to 5.

The game was being played in the half-court for the Warriors and the full-court for their opponent, as they were creating turnovers and running against a Dubs team that wished it could do the same.

It seemed like Golden State was going to be overtaken just before the finish line.

But the Warriors were in Oklahoma City, and that's Klay Thompson's house.

A regular-season game in February is nothing like a Game 6 of the Western Conference Finals, but Thompson doesn't take games off against the Thunder.

Whatever it is in that arena — the energy, the sight-lines, the rims — Thompson can't help but hit clutch shots in OKC.

Monday night it was two big 3-pointers in the final 150 seconds to lift the Warriors to a 110-98 win over the Thunder.

Thompson might have missed two-and-a-half years thanks to two massive leg injuries, but he is rounding into his old — no, his new and improved form.

Monday was just the latest reassurance. The Thunder might be a shell of the team they once were, but Thompson — like riding a bike — can still bring lightning to the Plains.

And here comes the real fun part: Thompson has proven over the last month that his legs are under him. Offensively, he hasn't missed a beat. The minutes are just going to go up and up and up.

And the shots will keep going down.

Monday, Thompson played 29 minutes — a season-high.

It won't be long until he goes above 30 minutes. A total lack of minutes restriction won't be long after that.

"It's just to have him back. He looks great out there. He's moving great. It's fun to be able to play him 29 minutes — we'll bump that up," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said after the win. "I think it'll start to be a cleaner rotation from here on out. We won't have to think about it... More fluid, I



Troy Taormina / USA Today Sports

Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson (11) in action during the Jan. 31 game against the Houston Rockets at Toyota Center in Houston.

should call it."

Thompson might not be the dogged on-ball defender he once was — that part of his game is likely behind him for good. But the Warriors don't need that from him anymore. That's Andrew Wiggins' purview now.

But Thompson is a floor-spacer of the highest order and that could provide the Dubs one of the few things they have truly needed all season: a reliable second offensive option next to Steph Curry, patricianly in late-game situations.

It sure looked that way Monday, at least. When the Warriors needed a basket, Curry had the ball in his hands and attacked the defense with either a high screen or an isolation look that pulled defenders his way.

Both times, Curry's gravity left Thompson wide open at the top of the key. Both times he knocked down the shot.

With no slight to Jordan Poole or Wiggins, everyone expected those Thompson shots to fall. He's the greatest catch-and-shoot player of all time and he was getting perfect passes in perfect spots on the floor. To presume the Splash Brother's jumper would be wet is more than fair.

Wiggins and Poole were

on the floor for those clutch shots Monday. I wouldn't be surprised if that remains the case all the way through the playoffs. Spacing is everything in the modern game and those two players provide plenty.

But Thompson makes the most of that spacing in a way neither Poole nor Wiggins can.

Add in Thompson's amplified ability to put the ball on the floor post-absence and the Warriors have one dangerous closing four. It's just missing a Draymond Green.

But that's a conversation for down the line.

In the meantime, consider this a celebration for Warriors fans and a warning for the rest of the league.

Thompson might have lost some time, but he hasn't lost a step.

The Warriors didn't play a perfect game Monday. Far from it.

And for folks who want the Warriors to add another big to the fold in the coming weeks, the Warriors' performance against the Thunder will be surely cited as a reason why.

The Warriors were rocked on the glass Monday. Oklahoma City pulled down three times as many offensive rebounds as Golden

State — 18 to 6.

It was a huge reason why the game was close late.

With only one true center on the roster — Kevon Looney — the Warriors are going to give up size to nearly every team in the NBA.

But Kerr didn't blame the lack of inches, he blamed the lack of effort for the rebounding differential, saying that when teams play small they have to be proactive rather than reactive.

He thought the Warriors were reactive Monday.

I agree with him. The Warriors have more advantages than disadvantages by playing small. That'll be true for the rest of the season and beyond.

If the Warriors bring energy to the glass and are still getting worked, then a conversation is warranted. But I doubt such a day comes — rebounding has never been a matter of sheer physicality, it's a matter of want.

The Thunder were more aggressive on the glass Monday. I doubt the Warriors repeat their lackluster effort against the Jazz on Wednesday.

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## Bauer will not face criminal charges

Field Level Media

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer will not face criminal charges for sexual assault, multiple outlets reported Tuesday.

The investigation into Bauer by Major League Baseball remains open. Commissioner Rob Manfred can still suspend Bauer.

"MLB's investigation is ongoing and we will comment further at the appropriate time," the league office said in a statement Tuesday.

Bauer last pitched for the Dodgers on June 28, before a San Diego woman said he assaulted her during consensual sex — triggering

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an investigation by both MLB and police in Pasadena, Calif., where Bauer lives and the alleged assault took place.

THE LEAGUE OFFICE SAID IN A STATEMENT TUESDAY

On Aug. 27, the Pasadena Police Department turned the case over

to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to determine whether to press charges against the 30-year-old Bauer. He has denied all allegations.

The DA's office ultimately decided against charges after reviewing electronic messages between Bauer and the accuser, in addition to the police investigation and transcripts from the restraining order proceedings in August, per the reports. In the end, the DA determined there was not enough evidence to prove that Bauer committed a crime, per the reports.

In August, a judge in Los Angeles County Superior Court denied the request for a permanent restraining order against Bauer. Judge Dianna Gould-Saltman made the ruling on the fourth day of the hearing. Bauer did not take the stand.

The woman previously was granted a temporary order of protection in late June after telling Pasadena police that Bauer choked her until she was unconscious and punched her during the course of two consensual sexual encounters.

The woman testified she did not agree to physical acts beyond sex but the judge said she failed to communicate to Bauer that they weren't OK.

"When she set boundaries, (Bauer) respected them," the judge said following closing arguments, per the Los Angeles Times.

Bauer was placed on administrative leave July 2, and his leave was extended nine times until the end of the season.

Bauer broke his silence on the matter, responding to several people on Twitter on Jan. 18.

"There are two people who know what happened. One is a habitual liar, proven to have misled the court. The other hasn't spoken about it. NO ONE ELSE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED. Certainly not you, and certainly not the media," Bauer tweeted in one post.

Bauer, the 2020 National League Cy Young Award winner, signed a three-year, \$102 million contract with the Dodgers last offseason. Before his leave, he was 8-5 with a 2.59 ERA in 17 starts for Los Angeles.



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# Meet the players of Team USA men's hockey

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The 2022 Team USA men's hockey team will begin its pursuit of a gold medal at the Beijing Winter Olympics when it opens competition Thursday, Dec. 10, with a preliminary round game against China.

All Olympic hockey tournament games are available for streaming. For the full schedule and broadcasting schedule, visit USA Hockey's scheduling page.

Below are the biographies for U.S. men's hockey team members and a video highlighting USHL alumni playing for Team USA.

### Drew Helleson

- Education: Studying Business at Boston College
- Family: Father, Ryan. Mother, Kim.
- Club Name: Boston College
- Position / Style: Defense
- Hand: Right
- PLAYING CAREER: USA U17 and U18 National Team (2017-19); Boston College (2019-).

### David Warsofsky

- Education: Boston University
- Family: Father, Mark. Mother, Dawn.
- Club Name: Ingolstadt ERC
- Position / Style: Defense
- Hand: Left
- PLAYING CAREER: Boston University (2008-11); Providence Bruins (2011-15); Boston Bruins (2013-15); New Jersey Devils (2015-16); Pittsburgh Penguins (2015-16); Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (2015-17, 2019-20); Pittsburgh Penguins (2016-17); San Antonio Rampage (2017-18); Colorado Avalanche (2017-18); Colorado Eagles (2018-19); Chicago Wolves (2020-21); Ingolstadt ERC, GER (2021-).

### Nick Perbix

- Hobbies: Table tennis
- Education: Studies Finance at St. Cloud State University.
- Family: Father, Jay. Mother, Lisa. Younger brother, Jack.
- Club Name: St. Cloud State University
- Position / Style: Defense
- Hand: Right
- Sporting Relatives: Brother Jack Perbix (Ice hockey): Plays for the University of Minnesota. Father Jay Perbix (Ice hockey): Played at Gustavus Adolphus College.
- PLAYING CAREER: St. Cloud State University (2018-)

### Jake Sanderson

- Education: Studying Kinesiology at the University of North Dakota
- Family: Father, Geoff. Mother, Ellen. Brothers, Ben and Sawyer.
- Club Name: University of North Dakota
- Position / Style: Defense
- Hand: Left
- Sporting Relatives: Father Geoff Sanderson (Ice hockey) Played 18 years in the NHL with eight different clubs. Brother Ben Sanderson (Ice hockey): Plays at Colorado College. Uncle Guy Sanderson (Ice hockey): Played for Clarkson College. Cousin Wade Brookbank (Ice hockey): Played in the NHL off and on from 2003 to 2009. Cousin Sheldon Brookbank (Ice hockey): Played in the NHL from 2006 to 2014.
- PLAYING CAREER: US U17 and U18 National Team (2018-20); University of North Dakota (2020-).

### Matty Beniers

- Education: University of Michigan
- Family: Father, Robert. Mother, Christine. Brother, Bobby. Sister, Gianna.
- Club Name: University of Michigan
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left
- Sporting Relatives: Father Robert Beniers (American football): Played for Cornell. Brother Bobby Beniers (Ice hockey): Plays for Williams College.
- PLAYING CAREER: USA U17 and U18 national team (2018-20); University of Michigan (2020-).

### Kenny Agostino

- Education: Studied Political Science at Yale University
- Family: Father, Ken. Mother, Anne. Twin brothers, Trevor and Davis.
- Club Name: Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left



Jason Wachter / The Rink Live

North Dakota defenseman Jake Sanderson (26) skates with the puck in the second period Dec. 3, 2021, at Herb Brooks National Hockey Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

- PLAYING CAREER: Yale University (2010-14); Calgary Flames, CAN (2014, 2015-16); Adirondack Flames (2014-15); Stockton Heat (2015-16); Chicago Wolves (2016-17); St. Louis Blues (2016-17); Providence Bruins (2017-18); Boston Bruins (2017-18); New Jersey Devils (2018-19); Montreal Canadiens (2018-19); Laval Rocket, CAN (2018-19); Toronto Marlies, CAN (2019-21); Toronto Maple Leafs, CAN (2020-21); Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod, RUS (2021-).

### Sam Hentges

- Hobbies: Hunting, fishing
- Education: St. Cloud State University (2018-22)
- Family: Father, Mark Hentges. Mother, Sally Hentges.
- Club Name: St. Cloud State University (2018-22)
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Right
- Played junior hockey for the Des Moines Buccaneers and Tri-City Storm of the USHL in 2017-18

### Nathan Smith

- Education: Minnesota State University (2019-22)
- Club Name: Minnesota State University (2019-22), Cedar Rapids RoughRiders (USHL) (2017-19), Aberdeen Wings (NAHL) (2016-17)
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Right

### Brock Faber

- Education: University of Minnesota
- Family: Father, Jay. Mother, Karri. Brother, Payton. Sister, Paige.
- Club Name: University of Minnesota
- Position / Style: Defense
- Hand: Right
- PLAYING CAREER: US U17 and U18 National Team (2018-20); University of Minnesota (2020-).

### Nick Abruzzese

- Education: Harvard University
- Club Name: Harvard University
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left
- PLAYING CAREER: Chicago Steel (2017-19); Harvard University (2019-).

### Brendan Brisson

- Education: Studying Sports Management at the University of Michigan
- Family: Father, Patrice. Mother, Kim. Brother, Jordan.
- Club Name: University of Michigan
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left
- Sporting Relatives: Father Patrice "Pat" Brisson (Ice hockey): Played in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League from 1981 to 1986.
- PLAYING CAREER: Green Bay Gamblers (2018-19); Chicago Steel (2019-20); University of Michigan (2020-).

### Steven Kampfer

- Education: Studied Political Science at the University of Michigan.
- Family: Wife, Tara.
- Club Name: Kazan Ak-Bars
- Position / Style: Defense
- Hand: Right
- PLAYING CAREER: University of Michigan (2006-10); Providence Bruins (2010-11, 2018-20); Boston Bruins (2010-12, 2018-21); Minnesota Wild (2011-12); Houston Aeros (2011-13); Iowa Wild (2013-14); San Antonio Rampage (2014-15); Florida Panthers (2014-17); Hartford Wolf Pack (2016-17); New York Rangers (2016-18); Kazan Ak-Bars, RUS (2021-).



Tyler Schank / Duluth News Tribune

St. Cloud State defenseman Nick Perbix (25) reacts as he skates to forward Veeti Miettinen (29) to celebrate Miettinen's goal on Denver on Dec. 20, 2020, in Omaha.

### Brian Cooper

- Education: Studied Chemistry and Nursing at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.
- Family: Father, Jeff. Mother, Cindy. Brother, Erik.
- Position / Style: Defense
- Hand: Left
- PLAYING CAREER: Fargo Force (USHL) 2009-12, University of Nebraska-Omaha (2012-16); San Diego Gulls (2015-18); Utah Grizzlies (2017); Atlanta Gladiators (2018-19); Milwaukee Admirals (2018-19); IF Bjorkloeven and AIK, SWE (2018-20); IK Oskarshamn, SWE (2020-).

### Marc McLaughlin

- Education: Studies Business at Boston College
- Family: Father, Walter. Mother, Jill. Brother, Sean. Sister, Kristine.
- Club Name: Boston College
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Right
- PLAYING CAREER: Cedar Rapids RoughRiders (2016-18); Boston College (2018-).

### Sean Farrell

- Education: Harvard University
- Club Name: Harvard University
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left
- PLAYING CAREER: USA U17 and U18 National Team (2017-19); Chicago Steel (2019-20); Harvard University (2021-).

### Noah Cates

- Education: Studying Business at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.
- Family: Father, Jeff. Mother, Jenny. Brother, Jackson.
- Club Name: University of Minnesota-Duluth
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left
- Sporting Relatives: Father Jeff Cates (Ice hockey): Played at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Brother Jackson Cates (Ice hockey): Played in the NHL and AHL after a college career at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.
- PLAYING CAREER: Omaha Lancers, USHL (2015-18); University of Minnesota-Duluth (2018-)

### Drew Comness

- Education: Studies at Boston University
- Club Name: Boston University
- Position / Style: Goalkeeper
- Hand: Left
- PLAYING CAREER: US U17 and U18 National Team (2018-20); Boston University (2020-).

### Strauss Mann

- Education: Studied Business Administration at the University of Michigan.
- Family: Father, Anthony. Mother, Sally.
- Club Name: Skelleftea AIK
- Position / Style: Goalkeeper
- Hand: Left
- PLAYING CAREER: Fargo Force (2017-18); University of Michigan (2018-21); Skelleftea AIK, SWE (2021-).

### Pat Nagle

- Education: Studied Marketing at Ferris State University
- Family: Wife, Monica. Son, Bryson. Father, Lyle. Mother, June.
- Club Name: Lehigh Valley Phantoms/Reading Royals
- Position / Style: Goalkeeper
- Hand: Left
- PLAYING CAREER: Ferris State University (2007-11); Norfolk Admirals (2010-12); Florida Everblades (2011-13); Syracuse Crunch (2012-13); Texas

Stars (2013-14); Idaho Steelheads (2013-14); Fort Wayne Komets (2014-17); Lake Erie Monsters/Rochester Americans/Utica Comets (2014-15); Grand Rapids Griffins (2014-16, 2017-21); Stockton Heat (2015-16); Toledo Walleye (2017-20); Lehigh Valley Phantoms (2021-); Reading Royals (2021-).

### Ben Meyers

- Education: University of Minnesota
- Family: Father, Steve. Mother, Traci. Brother, Nate.
- Club Name: University of Minnesota
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left
- Sporting Relatives: Father Steve Meyers (Ice hockey): Played for the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Brother Nate Meyers (Baseball): Plays for Minnesota State University.
- PLAYING CAREER: Fargo Force (2016-19); University of Minnesota (2019-).

### Aaron Ness

- Education: Studied Business and Marketing at the University of Minnesota
- Family: Father, Jay. Mother, Kristi.
- Club Name: Providence Bruins
- Position / Style: Defense
- Hand: Left
- Sporting Relatives: Father Jay Ness (Ice hockey): Played collegiately for the University of North Dakota from 1982 to 1985 and was drafted in the seventh round of the 1982 draft by the Chicago Blackhawks.
- PLAYING CAREER: University of Minnesota (2008-11); New York Islanders (2011-12, 2013-14); Bridgeport Sound Tigers (2011-15); Washington Capitals (2015-18); Hershey Bears (2015-19); Arizona Coyotes (2019-21); Providence Bruins (2021-).

### Andy Miele

- Education: Majored in American Studies with a minor in Coaching at Miami University
- Family: Wife, Hilary. Daughter, Bonnie. Father, Jim. Mother, Sue.
- Club Name: Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left
- PLAYING CAREER: Miami University (2008-11); Portland Pirates (2011-14); Phoenix Coyotes (2011-14); Grand Rapids Griffins (2014-16); Lehigh Valley Phantoms (2016-17); Malmoe Redhawks/Vaexjoe Lakers HC, SWE (2017-18); Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod, RUS (2018-19, 2020-21); Tucson Roadrunners (2019-20).

### Matt Knies

- Education: University of Minnesota
- Family: Father, Miro. Mother, Michaela. Brother, Phil.
- Club Name: University of Minnesota
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Left
- Sporting Relatives: Brother Phil Knies (Ice hockey): Played at Bentley University and at Miami University (Ohio).
- Leagues: Big Ten Conference
- PLAYING CAREER: Tri-City Storm (2018-21); University of Minnesota (2021-).

### Nick Shore

- Education: University of Denver
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Right
- PLAYING CAREER: USA Hockey National Team Development Program (2009-10); University of Denver (2010-13); Manchester Monarchs, AHL (2013-15); Los Angeles Kings, Ottawa Senators and Calgary Flames, NHL (2014-18); Metallurg Mangitogorsk, KHL (2018-19); Toronto Maple Leafs and Winnipeg Jets, NHL (2019-20); HK Dukla Trencin, Slovakia, and EV Zug, NL (2020-21); Sibir Novosibirsk, KHL (2021-).

### Brian O'Neill

- Education: Majored in Political Science at Yale University
- Position / Style: Forward
- Hand: Right
- PLAYING CAREER: Chicago Steel, USHL (2007-08); Yale University (2008-12); Manchester Monarchs, AHL (2011-15); New Jersey Devils, NHL and Albany Devils, AHL (2015-16); Jokerit, KHL (2016-).



## DIGGINS MAKES MORE HISTORY

### Minnesotan skis to freestyle sprint bronze

By Rachel Blount  
Star Tribune

Zhangjiakou, China

When she pushed her ski over the finish line, Jessie Diggins wasn't sure she had won a medal. She glanced up at the video screen and saw her name in third place, but she still wasn't ready to believe it.

Diggins had wrung every last ounce of energy out of her body in Tuesday's freestyle sprint, her second race of the Beijing Olympics. A little disoriented — and a little afraid to celebrate just yet — she kept looking at the results board, seeking confirmation that she really was an Olympic bronze medalist.

"Then I saw our whole team along the finish line, right along the boards," Diggins said. "And that's when I was like, 'Oh, my gosh. We got a medal.'"

Diggins has made a habit of making history, and Tuesday's bronze just added to her long list of breakthroughs. The Afton, Minn., native became the first U.S. woman to win an Olympic medal in an individual cross-country skiing event, finishing behind Sweden's Jonna Sundling and Maja Dahlqvist.

Sundling, the reigning world champion in the sprint, ran away with the race. She dominated every phase — from qualifying through quarterfinals, semis and finals — and won her first Olympic gold medal by nearly three seconds. Sundling finished the 1.5-kilometer race in three minutes, 9.68 seconds, with her teammate Dahlqvist second in 3:12.56.

Brennan finished fourth, marking the first time two American women made the final in an Olympic cross-country sprint.

Though Diggins' accomplishment was historically significant because of its solo nature, she wasn't looking at it that way. No matter what it says in the results or the record book, she considers Tuesday's medal a group achievement.

After she won her first Olympic medal — a gold in the 2018 team sprint, the first-ever cross-country gold for the U.S. — Diggins said it belonged to everyone who helped her win it. She felt the same way about Tuesday's bronze. Particularly in the age of COVID-19, when her Olympic quest required even more sacrifices and support, Diggins wanted to share the credit.

Right after the race, she called her parents, Deb and Clay, and fiancé Wade Poplawski. Though they couldn't be there because of China's travel restrictions, Diggins' teammates made sure she got plenty of hugs.

"It was so cool to talk to my parents and Wade after the race and share this with them," Diggins said. "This year, there have been a lot of sacrifices to stay healthy, and battling the ups and downs of being gone all the time. They've just been there with unconditional love and support and belief, and that means everything."

"I really, truly believe this medal belongs to so many people who have helped me and pushed me, and supported me in training and racing and being on the road. It's just so special to share that."

Her parents, who watched the race at their Afton home, were still looking after her during their long-distance celebration.

"After our happy congratulations, I



Danielle Parhizkaran / USA Today Sports

Jessie Diggins of the USA celebrates winning the bronze medal in the Women's Cross-Country Skiing Freestyle Sprint during the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games on Tuesday at Zhangjiakou Cross-Country Centre.

reminded her to be sure to get enough to eat and drink, and to stay warm," Deb Diggins said. "Mostly, it was just great to be able to say how proud we are of her, today and always."

Only one American, Bill Koch, ever had won an Olympic medal in an individual cross-country event. His 1976 silver in the 30k was the lone U.S. medal in Winter Games cross-country racing until 2018, when Diggins and teammate Kikkan Randall ended that long drought with the team sprint gold.

Sundling controlled the final from the start. Diggins was in a tight four-woman race most of the way, and coming out of the final turn, she powered past Swiss skier Nadine Faehndrich and set her sights on the two Swedish pacesetters. She could not catch them, falling about a ski length short of the silver medal.

Deb Diggins said she was nervous during the

race; in the fast and furious sprints, athletes can bump and tangle and fall. That turned to elation when she saw her daughter wrapped in an American flag, tears mixing with the glitter on her cheeks.

"We were so happy to see how excited Jessie was to win this medal," Deb said. "It meant a lot to her to secure another medal for the team at this Olympics."

To Jessie, it was the best possible way to repay everyone who helped her get here.

"It's just really emotional for me, because this really belongs to the whole team," she said. "It's taken so many years to get here, to have a U.S. woman have an individual medal. That's something that doesn't happen alone. It's been a lot of people working really hard for a long time."

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Jessie Diggins of the United States celebrates after winning bronze in the Women's Cross-Country Skiing Freestyle Sprint during the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games on Tuesday at Zhangjiakou Cross-Country Centre.

## US wins shot battle against Canada, but drops prelim round game 4-2

By David Wharton  
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — If nothing else, the U.S. women's hockey team learned a valuable lesson from Tuesday's tough loss to rival Canada.

Quantity does not necessarily mean quality.

The Americans controlled the play for much of the game and continually peppered the Canadian goal with shots but could not generate enough strong chances in a 4-2 defeat at Wukesong Sports Centre.

"Shots don't win games, goals do," U.S. coach Joel Johnson said. "When we shoot the puck and it gets blocked, it takes away some offensive momentum and actually creates momentum for them."

These teams are unquestionably the superpowers of their sport, taking turns winning every world championship and Olympic gold medal over the last three decades. Their shared history includes a long list of close games and overtime thrillers.

It didn't seem to matter that Tuesday was merely the final day of group play at the Beijing Games, with both teams assured of advancing.

Anytime they meet, Canadian forward Sarah Nurse said, there is "a lot of pride on the line. And definitely a lot of hostility out there."

From the start, the U.S. began piling up time in the offensive zone, prompting all those chances on the way to a



Brian Snyder / Reuters

Jamie Lee Rattray of Canada celebrates scoring their third goal with teammate Natalie Spooner during their preliminary round game of the 2022 Beijing Olympics on Tuesday at Wukesong Sports Centre in Beijing, China.

whopping 53-27 advantage in shots for the day.

Though Canada took a 1-0 lead into the locker room after the first period, the U.S. kept pressuring and answered in the second. Dani Cameranesi scored off her own rebound and Alex Carpenter followed soon after with a backhand for a 2-1 lead.

"You just have to keep going," forward Amanda Kessel said. "That sometimes happens."

But scoring bursts go both ways, and Canada's subsequent three goals proved to be the decisive point in the game. Brienne Jenner and Jamie Lee Rattray started things off with a pair of quick goals. Then the U.S. gave up a short-handed breakaway, committed a desperation penalty and watched Marie-Philip Poulin score on a penalty shot.

In the space of less than six minutes, Canada (4-0) had

### OLYMPIC MEDAL TABLE

As of Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022

Country	G	S	B	T
ROC	2	3	4	9
Netherlands	3	3	1	7
Norway	3	0	4	7
Austria	2	3	2	7
Sweden	4	1	1	6
Italy	1	4	1	6
Canada	1	1	4	6
Slovenia	2	1	2	5
China	3	2	0	5

France	1	4	0	5
USA	0	4	1	5
Japan	1	1	2	4
Germany	2	1	0	3
Switzerland	1	0	2	3
Australia	1	0	1	2
Hungary	0	0	2	2
New Zealand	1	0	0	1
Czech Rep.	1	0	0	1
Belarus	0	1	0	1
Finland	0	0	1	1
Poland	0	0	0	1
South Korea	0	0	1	1

not only retaken the lead but opened up a 4-2 cushion.

"You never want to give up that many goals," U.S. goalie Maddie Rooney said. "Obviously it was a tough stretch. We had a little bit of a defensive breakdown and they capitalized on it."

The third period settled into a familiar pattern, with the U.S. too often firing shots from the perimeter against a defense that packed around the goal. Time and again, Canadian defender Jocelyne Larocque and her teammates threw themselves in front of the puck.

"As a goalie you can appreciate it because you know how much those shots can hurt," Canadian goalie Ann-Renee Desbiens said. "And, trust me, they have a few bruises on them."

Even when the Americans did break loose for open attempts, Desbiens found an answer, sprawling, stretching, finishing with 51 saves. Power plays came and went

with the U.S. unable to take advantage.

"Obviously our goalie came up big for us," Canadian forward Natalie Spooner said. "And our [penalty-killing] was stellar."

Afterward, Johnson talked about getting back to work with his team, watching video to identify defensive miscues and find new angles for the offensive attack. The U.S. (3-1) needs to shore up its penalty killing, which has given up too many goals.

Quarterfinal play begins Friday and, if three decades of history is any indication, these teams are likely to meet again over the next week or so.

"I don't think we really get too frustrated," Carpenter said. "I think we're just going to take a look at it and, you know, work on those finer details."

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