

# 'STARRY NIGHT' AT PROM

See this Sunday's Tribune for more prom pictures; a special two-page section is planned.

Detroit Lakes High School celebrated prom this past Saturday. About 70 pairs of students walked in the Grand March under a 'Starry Night' theme, including Gabby Wang and Kobey Block, pictured here.

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## TRUCK CRASHES INTO LAKES INN

### 2 people seriously hurt; DL man arrested, faces multiple charges



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Police tape was still strung in front of the Lakes Inn on Monday following an accident on Saturday that resulted in serious injuries to two Detroit Lakes residents.

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Two Detroit Lakes residents were seriously injured on Saturday, May 7 when a pickup truck crashed into the Lakes Inn motel where they were staying, leaving them trapped in the debris.

Frank and Jacklyn Benninger, both 77 years old, were apparently resting in bed when the truck struck their motel room, the closest unit to the street in the 10-unit motel at 702 West Lake Drive in Detroit Lakes.

Reports also indicated a significant natural gas leak occurred due to the crash, according to a news release from Detroit Lakes Police Chief Steven Todd.

The Detroit Lakes Fire Department and Minnesota Energy took care of the natural gas leak. The crash investigation is ongoing.

Local police and firefighters, Becker County deputies, state troopers and medical personnel

from Essentia Health St. Mary's EMS all worked together to safely remove the Benningers from the debris. Both were transported to Essentia Health St. Mary's in Detroit Lakes, then transferred to hospitals in Fargo.

Official condition reports were not available Monday, but both were alive, according to Todd.

The pickup truck that hit the building drove off and left the scene, but witnesses gave police a description of the truck and the license plate number. While police units were responding to the crash, a Detroit Lakes police officer saw the suspect vehicle parked on Rossman Avenue at Reynolds Street. The officer immediately smelled the odor of alcohol coming from the driver, who appeared to be in a state of shock and confusion, according to Becker County District Court records.

**CRASH:** Page A9

## Catwalk draws a crowd to sold-out fashion show

**First-ever show was held downtown, at Norby Flats**

"This event's success is testament to DL's belief in supporting local businesses and also shows eagerness for fashion and shopping opportunities."

BARB ZAHASKY, MAINSTREAM BOUTIQUE OWNER

News Staff

An available suite in Norby Flats became the setting for the inaugural Lakes Chic Street fashion show on May 5, a downtown Detroit Lakes event spearheaded by four retail boutiques.

The shops that banded together last fall to launch the community's first "Pink Friday" shopping weekend joined forces again to develop Lakes Chic Street, a collaboration that the business owners say embodies community spirit.

Barb Zahasky, owner of Mainstream Boutique; Alicia Bowers and Carol Foltz, owners of Beautiful Junque; Taylor Jo "TJ" Roney, owner of JQ Clothing Company; and Tracy Erb, owner of Vintage & Vogue, enlisted the participation of an additional seven downtown

stores for the sold-out runway fashion show, bringing the total to 11 boutiques featuring four looks and models each.

Many of the looks centered around "lake life," with outfits designed to go from a day at the beach to a casual night on the town. From swimwear and flip flops to unique summer dresses and hats, the downtown stores featured fashion spanning all demographics and with a heavy emphasis on enjoying the summer months in style.

The wide array of outfits was intended to show guests the diversity of shopping options available in Detroit Lakes, while also including a brand new business, Drift Clothing Company, which opened its doors in Washington Square Mall

last week.

The show was held in a vacant 3,270-square-foot unit in Norby Flats, which is owned and operated by Jim Buus and Lori Ibach of JBC Commercial Real Estate. The two are long-term veterans of the lakes area real estate arena and are active community members.

JBC Commercial, founded in 2019, was the Lakes Chic Street Couture Sponsor and provided the event space, allowing guests to view the final suite in the re-developed Norby's building that housed the family-owned department store for 118 years before closing in 2018.

Designer-level sponsors of the fashion show included Dynamic Homes and Minnesota Title &



Contributed / Lakes Chic Street

Dawn Duncan, of Yellowbright, Inc, emceed the inaugural Lakes Chic Street fashion show, held Thursday at the Norby Flats building in downtown Detroit Lakes.

Closing Company.

Along with the organizers, the seven additional stores that participated in the show were Glik's, Drift Clothing Company, Lakeshirts Beach Shop, Maurice's, Skirting the

Rules, Northbound Girl, and Leela and Lavender.

The event brought in 150 guests to view new summer looks modeled by various community residents and business owners. Sapphire Sushi,

Hibachi, and American Cuisine provided heavy appetizers and a beer/wine cash bar, while LaBarista served desserts and coffee.

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## Frazer student's suicide stuns family

By Barbie Porter  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

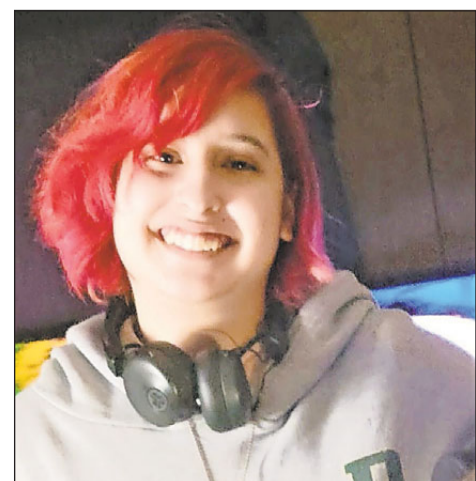
At 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, one heart stopped, and many others broke.

Izabella "Asher" Garcia ended her life at age 14.

Increasing responsibilities and expectations are heavy weights for any teen to lift, but the Frazer High School eighth grade student was also reportedly dealing with the added weights of past abuse and a transgender identity that made her a target of bullying.

Garcia, the daughter of Tracy Dutton and Angel Garcia, suffered sexual and physical abuse as a child, her parents said, and those repressed memories had been digging their way to the surface.

**SUICIDE:** Page A9



Contributed / Susan Hobbs

Izabella "Asher" Garcia recently died from suicide. Her family hopes her story will encourage others to speak out about their struggles.

# Minn. DNR releases regional lake fishing outlooks for 2022 season

**News Staff**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Another fishing season begins May 14 and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is encouraging anglers to check out the agency's regional lake fishing outlooks.

According to the northwest region's fishing outlook for 2022, most species of fish completed their spawning activity within the normal time frame this year. Anglers should use normal fishing techniques for best odds on small- to medium-sized lakes with darker water and higher water temperature, the northwest region's report said. Walleye should remain shallow and be found around

traditional Spottail Shiner runs.

In the north central zone, the bag limit is 10, all pike from 22 to 26 inches must be released, and no more than two pike over 26 inches can be kept.

Less abundant, trophy black crappie can be found in Shell and several other small lakes with-

in the White Earth Indian Reservation boundary, the report states.

Anglers should also note that sunfish regulations on Turtle and Island lakes (Becker County), as well as Sarah Lake (Polk County) have changed; the sunfish daily limit is now 10. A new sunfish regulation on Sand Lake (Becker County) is also in effect;

the daily sunfish allotment has been limited to five.

The catch and release angling season for largemouth and smallmouth bass begins on the May 14 opener, while the harvest season opens May 28.

Additionally, the report stated, Muskellunge have been introduced into Detroit and Many Point lakes. A trophy fishery has developed in Detroit Lake and has become very popular among muskie anglers. The Muskie population in Many Point Lake is excellent though not yet known as a destination for trophy sized fish, as stocking was only initiated in 2006, according to the report. The muskie

angling season begins the first Saturday in June.

Rainbow trout can be found in some lakes in the Detroit Lakes area, such as Bad Medicine Lake. Catchable-sized fish are stocked in spring and fall. Rainbow trout can also be found in Hanson Lake, located just east of Cotton Lake within the Hubbel Pond Wildlife Management Area. Catchable-sized rainbow trout have been stocked into Hanson Lake in the spring for the last three years, providing good angling opportunities in this small lake, the report said.

The season for stream trout in the lakes area runs from May 14 to October 31 and requires the purchase of a trout stamp.

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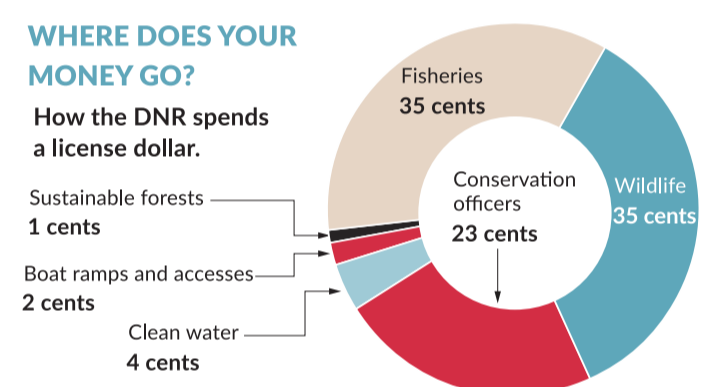
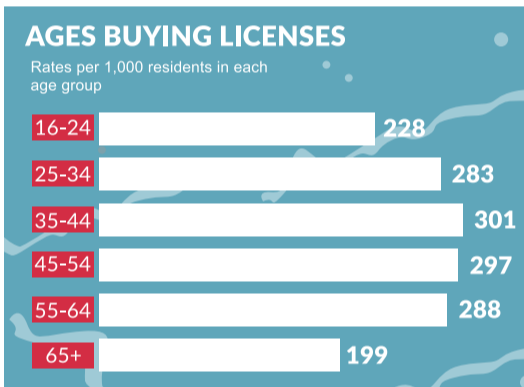
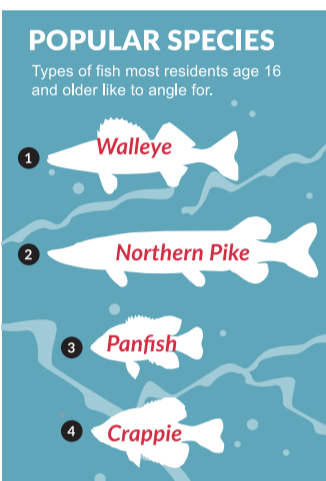
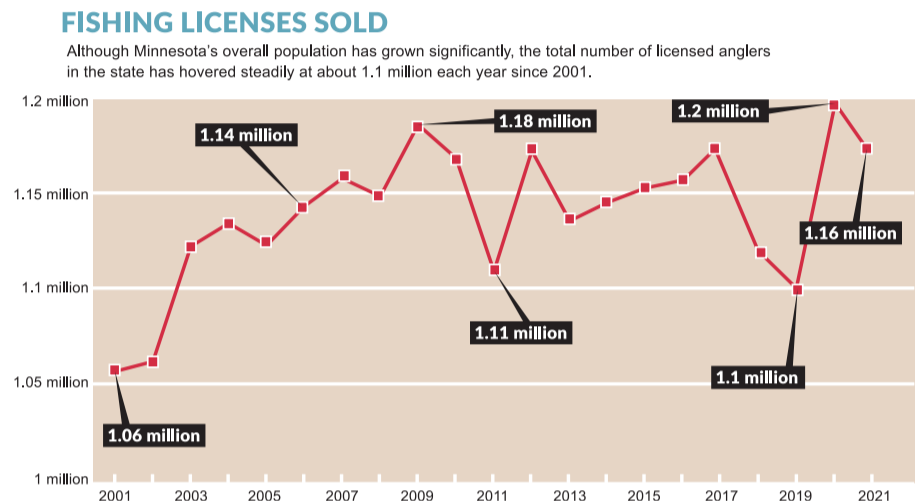
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**2022 MINNESOTA FISHING OPENER**

May 14, 2022

Fishing seasons open for walleye, bass, northern pike and lake trout. The event will occur a week later than usual - a Minnesota state statute requires the opener to occur two weeks before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.



### LAKE ICE OUTS

The definition of lake ice out can vary from lake to lake. Observers use consistent criteria from year to year when reporting lake ice out dates.

Lake	Year	Last 6 Ice Outs
OTTER TAIL	2016	March 29
	2017	April 2
	2018	May 5
	2019	April 27
	2020	April 20
	2021	April 3
RED	2016	April 19
	2017	April 14
	2018	May 8
	2019	April 29
	2020	April 29
	2021	April 3
MILLE LACS	2016	April 5
	2017	April 10
	2018	May 11
	2019	April 28
	2020	April 26
	2021	April 7
GREEN	2016	March 22
	2017	March 22
	2018	May 3
	2019	April 23
	2020	April 8
	2021	April 5
PEPIN	2016	March 14
	2017	March 7
	2018	April 20
	2019	March 28
	2020	March 20
	2021	March 20
WINNIE	2016	April 21
	2017	April 14
	2018	May 10
	2019	May 2
	2020	April 27
	2021	April 8

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Sources: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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## POLICE REPORTS

## Monday, May 2

▶ **12:15 a.m.**, Shoplifting reported at a business along Highway 10, Detroit Lakes.

▶ **3:21 a.m.**, Man knocking on a door on Loon Drive, Ogema. Police are investigating.

▶ **8:05 a.m.**, Individual parked at a gas pump for more than 40 minutes, but not getting gas. When police checked on the suspicious behavior, it was discovered the individual was talking with their boss.

▶ **9:09 a.m.**, Neighbors were arguing regarding a shared driveway along Snowshoe Beach Road, Lake Park. Officers advised parties to consider a restraining order.

▶ **12:11 p.m.**, Tools made to conduct burglaries were reported at a business along Highway 10, Detroit Lakes. Investigation is pending.

▶ **12:33 p.m.**, Vehicle left the roadway along County Highway 11, Audubon. Driver was the sole occupant and needed to be extricated. Before the driver was airlifted to Fargo, N.D. for treatment, the individual noted they may have fallen asleep.

▶ **2:06 p.m.**, Door at Long Lake Park, Detroit Lakes, was vandalized. It appeared someone tried to kick the door in.

▶ **3:25 p.m.**, Door open and window broken at a residence along Powwow Highway, Ponsford.

▶ **3:42 p.m.**, Door-to-door salesman reported for suspicious behavior along Broadway Avenue, Detroit Lakes.

▶ **4:58 p.m.**, Trespass warning given to an individual walking on railroad tracks.

▶ **6:17 p.m.**, Door-to-door sales company from Las Vegas, selling cleaner products, reported by a resident along Little Floyd Lake Road, Detroit Lakes, for suspicious behavior.

▶ **6:21 p.m.**, Male party arrived at a property along Borah Road, Detroit Lakes, and broke into a residence. The property owner notified police, then engaged in an aggressive verbal discussion with the

intruder, who was in the basement when police arrived. The intruder was arrested.

▶ **7:53 p.m.**, Fridge and stove reported missing from an apartment along East Main Avenue, Frazee. Gray paint was used to leave vulgar messages on the walls.

▶ **10:17 p.m.**, A loud person caused a disturbance in the emergency room along Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes, and was escorted to jail.

▶ **11:22 p.m.**, Female reported a sexual assault at a business along Highway 10, Detroit Lakes. The investigation is ongoing.

## Tuesday, May 3

▶ **6:59 a.m.**, Flames were seen coming from a boarded up window along Highway 113, Waubun. Arson is suspected and an investigation is ongoing.

▶ **8:29 a.m.**, Woman was blocking a school bus while taking pictures along County Road 121, Osage. Individual was informed that taking pictures was fine, but blocking traffic was not OK.

▶ **10:02 a.m.**, Man approached a juvenile at a convenience store on Lake Street, Frazee and solicited pictures of her feet. The encounter is under investigation.

▶ **12:09 p.m.**, Counterfeit \$100 bill reported at a business along State Highway 34, Detroit Lakes.

▶ **5:23 p.m.**, Shoplifting reported along Menard Drive, Detroit Lakes.

▶ **6 p.m.**, Resident along Richwood Road, Detroit Lakes, reported suspicious activity as people were going door-to-door selling items.

▶ **6:29 p.m.**, Caller saw a weapon in a vehicle that was traveling along Frazee Street, Detroit Lakes. Officer located the vehicle and it was determined the gun owner had proper permits for the gun.

▶ **6:35 p.m.**, Traffic stop along County Highway 34, Ogema, resulted in a stolen 2005 Honda Civic being found. Adult female arrested.

## Wednesday, May 4

▶ **8:51 a.m.**, An intox-

icated female initially refused to leave a residence in Ogema along County Highway 21. After police arrived the female opted to comply with the request to exit the premises.

▶ **2:16 p.m.**, Storage locker broken into along Highway 10, Detroit Lakes. The items in the unit were gone through, including papers with a social security number. Caller was directed to contact the social security office and notify them of what happened.

▶ **2:24 p.m.**, Smoke plumes reported along Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes. The fire was coming from a controlled burn conducted by the Department of Natural Resources north of town. The DNR notified proper authorities prior to the controlled burn date.

▶ **3 p.m.**, Car on fire near a shed along Moose Street in Ogema. The White Earth Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire.

▶ **3:15 p.m.**, Tree and grass were on fire along Highway 113, Waubun. The White Earth Fire Department put out the fire.

▶ **3:20 p.m.**, Frazee High School student was having suicidal thoughts. Parents were notified and brought their child to the ER.

▶ **8:15 p.m.**, Leaking fluid spotted coming from a train along Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes. Officer examined the fluid, noted it had no odor nor could determine the type of liquid. BNSF Railroad was notified.

▶ **8:47 p.m.**, Hygiene products and medications (non-narcotics) found in a U-Haul unit located along Highway 10, Detroit Lakes.

▶ **9:10 p.m.**, Male, 44, arrested for a DWI on Main Avenue, Callaway.

▶ **9:29 p.m.**, Male, 37, arrested for a DWI on County Highway 34, Ogema.

## Thursday, May 5

▶ **8:56 a.m.**, Fence at Detroit Lakes Airport along Highway 59 appeared to be cut.

▶ **9 a.m.**, Someone

broke into a residence along 336th Avenue, Ogema. Items missing included a blanket, dream catchers, a love seat, cushions, couch, recliner, pizza oven and pictures. Fingerprints were taken.

▶ **10:01 a.m.**, Customer at a bank on Highway 10, Detroit Lakes, made threats as they were disgruntled about bank fees.

▶ **10:23 a.m.**, A property owner along County Road 121, Osage, reported a female continuously parked in her driveway, blocking a school bus and creating a road hazard.

▶ **10:38 a.m.**, Caller on Highway 34 expressed a safety concern for a Minnesota Department of Transportation employee. The MnDOT employee was reportedly in the middle of the highway without lights or warning signage that work was being done.

▶ **11:24 a.m.**, Resident along Meadow View Lane, Detroit Lakes, reportedly went out to build a porch and his neighbor cranked up the stereo and then let dogs out, which proceeded to continuously bark. Officer learned the behavior is an ongoing issue between the two neighbors.

▶ **11:57 a.m.**, Drug paraphernalia found in a child's backpack at the White Earth Community Center during a pow wow event.

▶ **12:13 a.m.**, Detroit Lakes High School student caught with vape pen. Issue dealt with internally.

▶ **12:37 a.m.**, Unknown vehicles parked at a church along County Highway 32, Detroit Lakes. When the officer arrived one started to leave, but stopped when directed. It was determined no ill intent was done.

▶ **12:50 p.m.**, Ditch fire reported near the South Projects in Pine Point. Fire extinguished.

▶ **4:58 p.m.**, Three males were looking around at a business located on County Highway 17, Detroit Lakes. Business had wire stolen in the past, and suspected that is what the men were looking for. When the caller confronted the men, they scattered.

## Friday, May 6

▶ **10:12 a.m.**, Caller along County Road 127, Park Rapids, reported credit card fraud. Caller stated \$22,650 was used on their credit card, but they were not notified until the card went over the limit.

▶ **11:33p.m.**, People in Detroit Lakes City Park after closing hours. Individuals were made aware of park hours.

▶ **2:01 p.m.**, Gas drive-off at a business located along Highway 10, Detroit Lakes.

▶ **4:38 p.m.**, Brush fire reported on 295th Avenue, Waubun. Fire was extinguished.

▶ **6:05 p.m.**, Large grass fire reported along County Highway 29, Frazee. The fire was contained and extinguished before any structural damage occurred. Fire was started by a party with a burning permit.

▶ **9:47 p.m.**, Fire the size of a football field reported along County Highway 56, Frazee. The individual who started the fire stated they did not know they needed a permit and had lit brush on fire, which spread to the grass.

## Saturday, May 7

▶ **11:44 a.m.**, Theft of several items including a brown Ford F-150 reported from a residence along County Road 110, Callaway.

▶ **12:54 p.m.**, Grass fire reported from a downed power line on Maple Lane, Detroit Lakes. Fire was extinguished.

▶ **1:34 p.m.**, Child went missing on Kelcy Lane, Detroit Lakes, while mom was changing clothes. Child was found nearby several minutes later.

▶ **2:06 p.m.**, Four-wheeler rolled near Somdahl Road in Callaway. Four children were taken to the hospital in personal vehicles.

▶ **2:54 p.m.**, Fire destroyed an uninhabited trailer on Pike Lake Resort Road in Waubun. Fire spread to the grass

and was extinguished.

▶ **5:03 p.m.**, Noise complaint reported at a residence along East Main Avenue, Detroit Lakes.

▶ **5:40 pm.**, A loud explosion was reported by two callers along East Pearl Lake Road, Detroit Lakes. Officers made contact with a man who admitted he ignited a mortar firework in a pipe. The man apologized and said he would not do it again.

▶ **7:30 p.m.**, Vehicle that had been in the impound for the past two years was picked up. Upon inspection, the owner stated the catalytic converter had been removed.

▶ **8:37 p.m.**, A vehicle struck a building on West Lake Drive. Person was trapped in the building and two individuals with serious injuries were transported to the hospital. There was a gas leak reported. Minnesota Energy was contacted.

▶ **8:58 p.m.**, Male was arrested for an assault at a residence on Schoolhouse Road, Osage.

## Sunday, May 8

▶ **12:15 a.m.**, Noise complaint on East Main Street, Frazee. Loud music was reported from a residence. When notified, the person apologized and turned down the music.

▶ **9:01 a.m.**, Bullets were found in a yard on Oak Grove Avenue, Detroit Lakes. It was unknown how the bullets got there.

▶ **9:27 a.m.**, Roof was blown off a mobile home on West Toad Lake Drive. Owner was contacted and made aware of the damage.

▶ **11:21 p.m.**, Caller reported a male was yelling and causing a disturbance on Willow Street, Detroit Lakes. When officers arrived, all was quiet. Officers were informed that the caller had reported a man for petty things in the past. The caller was advised of problems with misusing the 9-1-1 system.

▶ **1:14 p.m.**, Disturbance at Veterans Memorial Parkway; verbal argument in public.

# Better late than never: Detroit Lake now officially ice-free

By Nathan Bowe  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

On May 6, after 160 long, cruel, ice-bound days, Detroit Lake shook off the last of its frozen chains and was again officially free of ice, according to longtime lake observer Dick Hecock of Detroit Lakes.

Pouring over 129 years of ice-out records for Detroit Lake, it becomes clear that May 6 is a bit more than two weeks later than the average (or mean) date of final ice for the season. It is, in fact, the ninth latest ice-out date on record.

But in truth, Hecock says, there is no "usual" or "normal" ice-out date, and he says that 130-year average isn't much help in generalizing about when ice-outs occur. It is crystal-clear, however, that 75% of the time the much-awaited ice-out has

happened within 10 days of April 20.

And this year's ice-out marks the 17th time the lake ice has overstayed its welcome by lingering into May.

In the last 30 years, ice has disappeared only five times in May, only once later than this year — that was May 12 of 2013.

This season's overall ice length, from ice-on to ice-off, is not remarkable, Hecock says, since over 30% of Detroit's ice-in/ice-out dates show seasons of that length or longer.



Vicki Gerdes / Tribune

The view from the Big Detroit Lake scenic overlook off the Highway 10 frontage road, as of Saturday.

However, in the last 30 years, he said, only 20% of the ice-cover periods have been longer, due to somewhat later freeze-over dates.

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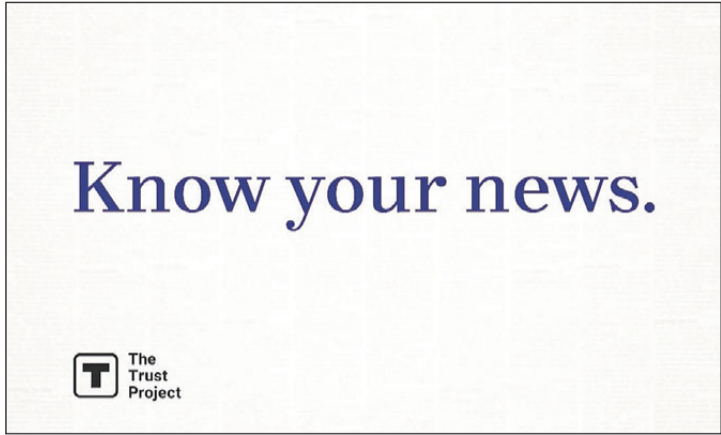
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### How's that Democratic Party working out for you?

To the Editor:

So how's that Democrat party working out for you?

There's no way to get around having to pay for the Democrat policies resulting in soaring inflation. Their war on oil and coal production in the U.S. was ramped up with Joe Biden's first moves shutting down the Keystone XL pipeline and oil drilling in many areas. This is the real cause of oil prices surging, which causes all prices to rise.

At the same time, Biden signed on to lift the stoppage of Russia's NordStream 2 pipeline, which made it quite clear whose side he's on. You wouldn't be seeing Ukraine devastated by Russia if Biden hadn't been put into office, because Putin knew that he couldn't push president Trump around as he does the Democrats.

Remember then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's "Reset" button she handed Russia? Didn't appease then, nor does it now, so food will continue with soaring prices.

Their solution is to force you to buy electric cars, and

subsidize wind and solar energy. Democrats don't care that their agenda to decarbonize Minnesota alone needs 4% of global copper production, 18% of global nickel production, and 16.4% of global cobalt production. By the way, most of that metal comes from China, because Democrats block mining in the U.S., too.

Gov. Walz' plan to force us into "green" energy is estimated to cost considerably above \$500 per family annually, but that's just the beginning. You can't imagine what food prices will do when farmers try harvesting with electric machinery that can't operate 24-7 like real combines and tractors do. If you think I'm kidding, a lot of people thought we were fools when warning of extremist environmentalists going after your SUVs several years ago.

I could go on about Democrats destroying women's athletics by promoting the policy of letting men compete with women because they pretend they are women.

Democrats are destroying progress made in becoming the colorblind society that Martin Luther King worked for with their pushing Crit-

ical Race Theory throughout our country. Don't forget the surge in crime in Democrat-controlled areas. Democrats never hesitated to excuse Antifa and Black Lives Matter rioters for burning down buildings and looting stores. According to their standards, these were peaceful protests. How's all of that working out for you?

-Tim Ranisate, Park Rapids

### It's time to show we care about our children

To the Editor:

I have a lot of questions.

We say we love our little children and care about their families, but when it comes down to more than just saying it, do we really?

If we love children, why don't we ensure they have safe, healthy, warm, nurturing environments – rather than just caring that a child care slot is available for them?

If we love children and need people to fill jobs, why don't we support and better compensate the mostly women who care for and educate our children day in and day out, so others can go to those jobs?

If we care about the fam-

ilies of little children, why don't we make sure that child care doesn't cost more than college or a mortgage?

If our early care and educator professionals are helping build brains, why don't we value them more by paying more?

If affordable, accessible child care allows other businesses to stay in business, why don't we compensate early care and educators in a manner that reflects that belief? Just because early care and educators love children, does that mean we don't have to compensate them well?

I think the answer is that it is easy to say we love little children and care about their families, but a heck of a lot harder to do what it takes to love, care for, and better support those who care for and educate our youngest children.

Call your legislators today and tell them to prioritize and support child care. Call your legislators and tell them your personal child care stories as a parent or child care professional.

Future generations will be forever grateful!

- Nancy Jost, Director of Early Childhood, West Central Initiative

# God's grace is for everyone

The concept of God's unending grace is a well and good concept ... right up until the point where you remember that

God's grace is extended to every, single, person. Everyone.

No exclusions, despite what I might think.

I have been reminded of this often recently as I have been traveling a

lot for work. So I've been through numerous airports, been on even more flights and endured the joyless roulette game that is air travel these days.

Worker shortages, pandemic implications, bad weather. The list of factors that is making air travel dicey nowadays is long and frustrating. Flights seem to vaporize out of nowhere. Rescheduling takes persistence and patience. And no one seems to be able (or possess the desire!) to assist you.

Then there's endless waiting. The lines in airports. Waiting on the tarmac for a potential technical issue. Waiting for a customer

service agent to call you back. Waiting, waiting, waiting.

All of this is leading to some extremely ugly behavior in the airports and on planes. There's a great many air travelers right now who have been pushed past their breaking point, and many don't seem to care about their behavior.

If you happen to be a fellow traveler, you sometimes are inevitably caught in the crossfire. There have been numerous times as of late in which the actions of another miserable traveler have affected me. And I'm ashamed to admit that my first reaction is to get my dander up!

Then, after a couple of deep breaths, my rational side gets the upper hand of my emotional side, and I think to myself: "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." (John 1:16)

Note to self: God's grace isn't just for you, Devlyn. ... It's for every single person. No exclusions!

Being the naturally selfish people we are, it's hard to accept that we are not the only benefactors of God's grace. Look around you, and every single person you see receives God's grace too.

That extremely rude person

I'm eyeing down in the airport customer service line right now is also receiving God's grace. How humbling, and how unfair! Right? ... Wrong, it's all fair because that's God's way: grace upon grace for everyone. No buts.

We're all frayed from two years of living with anxiety, worry, division, financial concerns, employment concerns, separation from our loved ones, death and illness. And making our way back from this tender place is going to take time and intention.

In other words, it's going to take us emulating God's

lead. Each of us giving each other grace upon grace. Over and over again until it sticks.

This means that the grumpy pastor standing in the airport customer service line, who just got cut off by another traveler, should remember to give the abundant grace he so cherishes from our creator. Amen.

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## OBITUARIES

### Wallace K. Ronning



Keith Ronning passed away peacefully at home with family by his side on February 28, 2022 at the age of 94. Keith was born April 11, 1927 the youngest of nine children of Ole and Sophie Ronning.

Through his youth, Keith's family relocated a number of times, starting from a farm in southwestern Minnesota to farms near Hendrum, Dilworth, and Wadena and eventually to a farm near Audubon, Minnesota. Keith attended country schools in Clay County and Wadena County and the Audubon Public School in Audubon. As a teen Keith helped on the family farm and on neighboring farms. He also took jobs picking potatoes near Sabin and working for the Addison-Miller Ice Company harvesting ice on Big Detroit Lake.

Keith was united in marriage to Elizabeth (Betty) Kohler on September 17, 1950. Keith continued to work on the family farm and worked for Hallett Construction before he and Betty purchased the family farm. They farmed there until 1997. After retirement, Keith enjoyed being outside working on projects. When he wasn't outside, his favorite pastime was reading. He often shared history through his oral accounts, not only of his life, but the lives and experiences of many others.

Keith is preceded in death by Elizabeth, an infant son Wendlin, his parents, all his siblings, a number of nieces and nephews, and dear friends.

He is survived by three sons, Randy, Greg and Jeff and one daughter Lori (Mike). Keith is also survived by four grandsons Nathan (Raimy), Steven (Julie), Eric (Angela), and Noah, and one granddaughter Morgan (Justin), and by six great-grandchildren Palmer, Jaysa, Max, Finn, Clara and Sophie, and by nieces and nephews.

The family expresses their gratitude to all who enriched Keith's life through the years. Our appreciation to Sue Mayfield with Homelinstead Senior Care for her dedicated care and friendship with our father. Thank you to the Perham Health team for their diligent efforts to help Keith during his recent health disorder.

In lieu of flowers or memorial donations, the family is honored by your presence, in person or in thought, at the memorial service.

Memorial Service for Keith will be Saturday May 14, 2022 at 2 pm at David-Donohewer Funeral home with a visitation one hour prior.

Services provided by David-Donohewer Funeral Home.

### Billie Moench

### Edward Snyder

Feb. 14, 1949 - April 15, 2022  
SEBEKA, Minn. - Billie Moench, 73, Sebeka, Minn., died Friday, April 15, in his home.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena, Minn. Interment will be in Wing River Cemetery in Sebeka.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Sept. 25, 1942 - May 6, 2022  
ST. PAUL, Minn. - Edward Snyder, 79, Henning, Minn., died Friday, May 6, in United Hospital.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 11, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Henning. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Henning Fire Department.

Arrangements by Belmont-Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Henning.

### Georgia Kahilainen Bentley

### Juanita Carlisle

June 26, 1925 - May 6, 2022  
NEW YORK MILLS, Minn. - Georgia Kahilainen Bentley, 96, New York Mills, Minn., died Friday, May 6, in Mills Manor Assisted Living.

Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Nov. 3, 1928 - Feb. 7, 2022  
EDINA, Minn. - Juanita Carlisle, 93, Edina, formerly Detroit Lakes, Minn., died Monday, Feb. 7, in Masonic Long Term Care Home.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Friday, May 13, at David-Donohewer Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes.

Arrangements by The David-Donohewer Funeral Home.

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### Thursday, May 12

#### Classic Movie Screening:

The Detroit Lakes Public Library will host a free screening of the classic 1946 film "My Darling Clementine," starting at 2 p.m. This film is rated Approved and has a run time of 97 minutes. Open to the public.

#### Her Crooked Heart in Concert:

Go to Detroit Lakes' Historic Holmes Theatre at 7:30 p.m. for a concert by Minnesota-based, all-female band Her Crooked Heart. Tickets available online at dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html, by phone at 218-847-7469, or in person at the Holmes Box Office, 806 Summit Ave., Detroit Lakes.

### Friday, May 13

#### Square Dancing:

The Park Rapids Friendly Squares will host a dance from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Century School, 501 Helton Ave., Park Rapids. Tom Allen will be calling; a potluck supper follows the dance. Spectators are welcome. For more information, contact Karen at 218-252-3853.

#### High Valley Concert:

Country bluegrass band High Valley will perform a free concert at Mahnomen's Shooting Star Casino, starting at 8 p.m. Must be age 18 or above to attend. Visit starcasino.com for more information.

### Saturday, May 14

**Coin Club:** Visit the Detroit Lakes Public Library at 2:30 p.m. for an exploratory meeting regarding the possibility of starting up a local coin club. Bring in any coins you have questions about. Have coins you would like to show off? Bring those along, too. Free and open to the public.

#### Letter Carriers Food Drive:

Local members of the National Association of Letter Carriers are banding together to host the 30th annual "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive" as part of their regular postal delivery routes. Leave a non-

perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox and your letter carrier will do the rest.

#### Northern Lights Dance Academy:

The Frazee-based Northern Lights Dance Academy presents its 2022 spring recital, "All in This Together," at Detroit Lakes' Historic Holmes Theatre, with two performances set for 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets available online at dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html, by phone at 218-847-7469, or in person at the Holmes Box Office, 806 Summit Ave., Detroit Lakes.

#### Troubadour Concert:

Fargo-based country band Troubadour performs live at Zorbaz in Detroit Lakes at 9 p.m.

### Sunday, May 15

#### Color Guard Breakfast:

The Lake Region Veterans Color Guard will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser from 8 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Club, 810 West Lake Drive, Detroit Lakes. Suggested donation is \$8 for a meal including scrambled eggs, pancakes or French toast, sausage or bacon, and coffee or orange juice. All are welcome.

#### Tamarac Visitor Center Opening:

Opening day at the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge's Visitor Center. Stop by between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Check out the exhibits, the birdfeeders, watch a movie, take a short hike and shop in the Friends of Tamarac nature store. All are welcome.

#### Summit Dance:

Detroit Lakes' own Summit Dance will present its 2022 spring recital, "Better Together," at 2:30 p.m. inside the Historic Holmes Theatre, 806 Summit Ave., Detroit Lakes. Tickets available online at dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html,

### Monday, May 16

**Ask a 'Techspert':** Do you have a phone, tablet, laptop, iPad, Kindle or other device that you're struggling to use? Visit the Detroit Lakes Public Library, 1000 Washington Ave., at 4 p.m. to learn more about your device, plus learn how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks free of charge.

### Tuesday, May 17

#### Old-Time Variety Dance:

Albert Mikesh will provide the music for an Old-Time Variety Dance taking place from 1-4 p.m. in the Frazee Event Center. All are welcome; admission is \$5 per person.

#### Library Book Club:

Come to the Detroit Lakes Public Library at 3 p.m. for a discussion of the book, "Notes from a Young Black Chef: A Memoir by Kwame



Contributed / Historic Holmes Theatre

The Minnesota-based, all-female band Her Crooked Heart will be performing live at Detroit Lakes' Historic Holmes Theatre on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. The band will also be doing several "pop-up" concerts around town as part of the theater's arts outreach efforts in the community.

Onwuachi," which is about a young man pursuing his dreams despite experiencing difficulties. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book. Email the library with questions, at detroit@larl.org.

#### Macrame Class:

At the Holmes Art Cellar (806 Summit Ave., Detroit Lakes) at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make a macrame plant hanger. Learn the larks head knot, square knot and wrapping knot; class length approximately 2-3 hours. Intended for ages 14 and up; register online at dlccc.org/artcellar.html or call 218-844-7469.

#### Friends of the Library:

The Becker County Friends of the Library will hold their annual membership meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Detroit Lakes Public Library (1000 Washington Ave.). All are welcome.

#### Author Visit-Margaret Standafer:

Visit the Detroit Lakes Public Library at 7 p.m. for a presentation by author Margaret Standafer

("I Known an Old Lady"), who will be discussing how she overcame her reluctance and stubbornness — and then used that stubbornness — to become a best-selling, award-winning author.

### Wednesday, May 18

#### Celebrate Aging Expo:

Detroit Lakes' Holiday Inn will host a Celebrate Aging Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seminars, demonstrations, food samples, door prizes and more than 30 vendors will greet visitors, along with complimentary cookies, coffee and muffins. Free admission.

### Friday, May 20

#### Square Dancing:

The Country Twirlers will host a square dance from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the International Order of Odd Fellows Hall, 118 Holmes St. West, Detroit Lakes. Caller is Phil Miller. Cost for the dance is \$5 per person. For more information call 218-849-9317.

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# Dozens in 'derby' finest raise funds for Marshmallow Animal Shelter

By Michael Achterling  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The biggest bonnets, finest dresses and most charming bowties showed up in force on derby day to benefit Marshmallow Animal Shelter in Detroit Lakes on Saturday, May 7.

The Bonnets and Bowties fundraiser for the animal shelter, which doubled as a Kentucky Derby viewing party, brought more than 50 attendees and had a goal of raising \$10,000 during the event for the animal-focused nonprofit, said Cassi Ohman, shelter manager for Marshmallow Animal Shelter.

"This fundraiser is really, really important to make sure that we can keep doing what we're doing for the community," said Ohman. "We took in 14 animals just this week, four dogs and 10 cats."

The shelter also spayed or neutered 26 cats this week, she said, which translates to a \$3,000 bill for the animal shelter, reinforcing the shelter's need for continuous donations and fundraising.

"We also had 11 dogs get fixed back in April, so that's another big vet bill for us," said Ohman. "So, (the Bonnets and Bowties fundraiser) really helps all of that happen."

The event also included a photo contest for various prizes where owners could dress up their pets in bonnets or bowties and submit their photos online. Murphy and owner Kari Shamp won first place and will receive a professional pet photography session from Colorful Moments by Jenna Lynn. Second place was won by Shandy and her owner Susan Andersen, and they will receive a pet-themed gift basket. Peyton and owner Ashley Schmitz won third place and will receive an 8-inch canvas portrait.

"Our picture contest raised about \$1,200 for the shelter, so that's awesome and that's after expenses and everything," said Ohman. "We've only done this fundraiser three other times and I think it raised between \$5,000 to \$6,000, our goal this year is to get \$10,000, so hopefully we reach that."

Two of the biggest prizes raffled off were an outdoor fire ring and a WE Fest 2022 ticket and camping package worth an estimated \$700.

In a typical year the shelter takes in around 500 animals and each of them will get adopted, unless they have a "life threatening illness that just degrades their quality of life," which is rare, she said.

One of the attendees,



Photos by Michael Achterling / Detroit Lakes Tribune  
Erin Volden, a volunteer and board member of the Marshmallow Animal Shelter in Detroit Lakes, takes a photo of a group while wearing a jockey uniform during the Bonnets and Bowties fundraiser on Kentucky Derby Day at Holiday Inn Lakefront in Detroit Lakes on Saturday.



Shandy, the 2nd place photo contest winner, lays down during the Bonnets and Bowties fundraiser.

Laura Derke, said her life changed when she made an unexpected adoption from the shelter two years ago.

"Honestly, I had a dream about a dog and the next morning, I got up, and I never look on the sites, but I did, and there she was, my little Zoe," said Derke. "Her eyes just spoke to me, and we already had one dog ... but we met her, and we decided to have Zoe overnight and my husband said the next morning, 'She's not going back, she's ours now.'"

Derke said it took about a year for Zoe to get comfortable with her new surroundings, but



Event attendees view the auction and prize tables.

keeping her has been a "blessing."

"I don't know what powers-that-be made this happen, but it was right before COVID and

I was home off of work, and those girls are our life," she said. "Somebody just sent her."

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Cassi Ohman, shelter manager at Marshmallow Animal Shelter in Detroit Lakes, speaks to event attendees during the Bonnets and Bowties fundraiser.



Cassi Ohman, shelter manager at Marshmallow Animal Shelter in Detroit Lakes, announces a raffle ticket winner during the Bonnets and Bowties fundraiser at Holiday Inn Lakefront in Detroit Lakes on Saturday.

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# DL Jaycees need members, volunteers for this year's Water Carnival

By Michael Achterling  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

With less than two months until the 2022 Northwest Water Carnival kickoff, the Detroit Lakes Jaycees are pushing for volunteers to sign up and help create a memorable event for the city.

During their most recent meeting at Lakeside Tavern and Brewery in Detroit Lakes on Thursday, May 5, the Jaycees told members to start thinking about which event they would like to help with, as they laid out the schedule for this year's Water Carnival. New events will include a sailboat regatta on July 9 and strong-person competitions, including arm wrestling and pulling the trolley, added into the Tug-of-War event on July 12.

"It's the camaraderie, the teamwork that we put into (the Water Carnival), and then seeing the event fold out and run smoothly for the community," said Drew Lessin, co-admiral for the 2022 Northwest Water Carnival, of what he enjoys about the Jaycees' leading role in the event. "It's a huge, fun organization. A lot of the things we do go back to the community, which is a bonus for everything we do."

The 10-day summer annual culminates on July 16 and 17 with Bash on the Beach. This year, that two-day concert on the shore of Detroit Lake will feature the Fabulous Armadillos and Hairball on Saturday, and Troubadour and Eddie Montgomery on Sunday.

Lessin also said his favorite part of the Water Carnival is Family Day, which will be held in City Park on July 10 this year. Those family-focused events include a sidewalk chalk contest, turtle and frog races, ship building and racing, face painting, a sand castle building contest, and the four-legged fan favorite, the Puppy Plunge, featuring dock-leaping dogs flying more than 20 feet through the air.

One attendee of the meeting was a potential new addition to the Detroit Lakes Jaycees: April Asleson, who moved back to the lakes area recently from Las Vegas. She said she has fond memories of the summer event and was excited to volunteer to help out this year. She suggested a tie-dye event to be included during this year's festival, where anyone could bring a white shirt and the Jaycees could supervise and provide the dye. The details are still being worked out, but the group members in attendance seemed receptive to the idea.

"I needed an excuse to get out of the house," said Asleson. "I love volunteering and I've been



April Asleson speaks about why she wants to become more involved with the Detroit Lakes Jaycees during a membership meeting for the Detroit Lakes Jaycees at Lakeside Tavern and Brewery in Detroit Lakes on May 5, 2022.



The two co-admirals for the 2022 Detroit Lakes Northwest Water Carnival talk about the upcoming summer event during a membership meeting on May 5.

a part of another Jaycees (group) when I was a student at St. Cloud State."

Asleson said she saw a post about the Jaycees meeting on a friend's Facebook page, adding that she usually never goes on Facebook anymore, so she took it as a sign to join her friend at the meeting.

Kasey Fetzer, a co-admiral for the 2022 Northwest Water Carnival, said the summer festival has something for everybody, and you don't need to be a Jaycees member to volunteer to help out at your favorite event.

"If you have it centered on one person's shoulders, this Water Carnival event, you don't get as great of ideas, like the one April gave us, you don't get that new thing, that part of it that brings more to the event than I could bring," said Fetzer.

She moved to Detroit Lakes from Thief River Falls about seven years ago and didn't know anyone in town, she said, but now, after joining the Jaycees and becoming more involved over the years, she feels well-connected.

"I know like so many people, I'm like a townie now," she said.

Fetzer added her favorite Water Carnival event is the water fights, which will take place on Wednesday, July 13, with competitors manning water hoses to move a ball attached to a line across to the other team's side.

"Just seeing the excitement of the people participating and the audience, and you just never know who's going to win," she said. "Just watching the town all cheer on these people, it's literally like you are in a movie almost. It's an amazing small town love."

The Detroit Lakes Jaycees are a commu-

nity focused, volunteer, nonprofit group whose members are between the ages of 18 to 40. Membership dues for the Jaycees are \$45 for the first year and \$90 per year after that. The funds are used for event programming and any leftover funds are donated back into the community through various charitable groups.

Anyone who would like more information about the Detroit Lakes Jaycees should visit their Facebook page or website for details on how to become involved with the group.

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# DL's Holmes Theatre gears up for summer camps

By Vicki Gerdes  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Though the Historic Holmes Theatre's spring concert schedule comes to a close this month, the theater's staff is going to be plenty busy throughout the summer.

Three summer theater camps are planned, starting with the "Music Man Jr." summer musical. Auditions to be a part of this month-long camp for youth in grades 5-12 will be held inside the main theater on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to noon; and Monday, May 23, from 5-7 p.m. Sign up online at dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html, by phone at 218-847-7469, or in person at the Holmes Box Office, 806 Summit Ave., Detroit Lakes.

"Pre-registration is required," said the theater's marketing director, Rachel Hofstrand. "Once you've signed up, we'll contact you for audition times."

Rehearsals for the musical will be held every weekday, June 20-July 20, from 1-5 p.m., with live performances set for July 21-23. The directing team of Kendra Gilsdorf, Nick Larson and Hope Hansen will once again be leading the camp.

For those who aren't signed up to be a part of the camp, or would like to learn more acting tips and techniques, there will be some free theater workshops held, led by local actress Lorraine Bahr, who runs the theater's acting clubs for youth and adults.

Also being offered for free is a new event, Theatre Tech Camp, which is set for three days, June 21-23, from 9-11 a.m. each day. Join Grace Davidson-Thoof behind the scenes to learn the basics of theater lighting, sound, sets and costumes. This camp is intended for ages 13-18. Though there is no cost, pre-registration is required. See above for contact information.

Also returning this summer will be the traveling children's theater groups, Missoula and Prairie Fire.

Missoula Children's Theatre will be bringing its production of "The Emperor's New Clothes" to the Holmes June 13-18; this

camp is open for aspiring actors and actresses in grades 1-12. Prairie Fire Children's Theatre will be presenting "Tom Sawyer" on Aug. 15-20, also for grades 1-12. Pre-registration for both of these camps is required; contact the theater for details.

And that's not all: Young artists are also welcome to visit the Holmes Art Cellar for weekly art classes every Tuesday at 9 a.m. from June through August. This class is intended for ages 8-12, and there is a cost involved. Contact the theater for details.

## Music in the theater

There are still a couple more chances to experience live music inside the Holmes yet this spring.

The first is a concert by Minnesota's own Her Crooked Heart, set to take place this Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The all-female band is also doing a series of pop-up concerts in the community in the days leading up to the concert, as part of the theater's arts outreach programming. Look for them to turn up at the library, community center, Rossman Elementary School, and the local Boys & Girls Club, as well as a local Rotary Club meeting for some impromptu performances and songwriting workshops, all free to participants.

Then, on Saturday, May 21, another Minnesota-based band, Collective Unconscious, will be bringing its "Bridge Over Troubled Water" tribute to the music of Simon & Garfunkel to the theater's main stage for a 7:30 p.m. concert. The band will be performing all of the songs on the album — which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2020 — as close to the original arrangements as possible.

Tickets for both of these events are available on the theater's website, by phone or in person at the box office.

## Music in the park

The Holmes will again be bringing its outdoor concert series, Tuesdays in the Park, to the Detroit Lakes City Park Bandshell this



Contributed / Historic Holmes Theatre Auditions for the 2022 summer theater camp production, "The Music Man Jr.," are set to take place Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to noon; and Monday, May 23, from 5-7 p.m. Contact the theater for details.

summer.

Free concerts will be held every Tuesday at 7 p.m., June through August.

The local chapter of Fuller Center for Housing will be hosting Picnics in the Park every Tuesday before the concerts, starting at 5:30 p.m., with a free will offering being taken to support the Fuller Center's local community housing projects. Fresh-grilled burgers, brats and hot dogs will be served.

The music schedule will be as follows:

- ▶ June 7: Lakes Area Community Concert Band
- ▶ June 14: Eric Reitan
- ▶ June 21: Blu Kanu
- ▶ June 28: Jan Severson
- ▶ July 5: Mike Hokanson
- ▶ July 12: Doc & the Scrubs
- ▶ July 19: Generation Gap 2.0
- ▶ July 26: Tim Eggebraaten
- ▶ Aug. 2: Ulen Centennial Band
- ▶ Aug. 9: Doc & the Scrubs
- ▶ Aug. 16: DeMasi Brothers
- ▶ Aug. 23: Larry Swenson
- ▶ Aug. 30: Lakes Area Community Concert Band



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The remodeled exterior of Rossman School, outside the main office.

## Public invited to tour remodeled, upgraded schools

### News Staff

The Detroit Lakes School District will be hosting an open house of newly remodeled sites during four separate tours May 16-May 24. The tours will be provided by school board members and are open to the public.

### DATES FOR THE OPEN HOUSES ARE:

- ▶ Detroit Lakes Middle School – Monday, May 16 from 5- 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Roosevelt Elementary – Tuesday, May 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.
- ▶ Rossman Elementary – Wednesday, May 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.
- ▶ Detroit Lakes High School – Tuesday, May 24 from 5-7 p.m.

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# Mahube-Otwa seeks nominations for Outstanding Seniors

News Staff  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Nominations are open for the 2022 Becker County Outstanding Senior Citizen award to be presented during the Becker County Fair, which runs from July 27 to 30.

According to a Mahube-Otwa news release, the award honors a man and woman whose volunteerism and dedicated time and talents have made a positive impact on the community over the past year.

This year, however, according to the release,

there will not be a state-wide competition at the Minnesota State Fair, but each county has been encouraged to continue the senior awards tradition. The county winners will receive a Minnesota State Fair Outstanding Senior Citizen pin as well as two free tickets to the Minnesota State Fair.

"We've learned a lot over the last few years that things may change, but that doesn't mean they have to end," stated Lisa Stroschein, senior coordinator for Becker County with Mahube-Otwa, in the news release.

Many of our local organizations, groups and clubs would not be able to provide the level of service without the countless hours of volunteerism, the news release stated.

"If you know of an outstanding senior in the community that should be recognized, please consider nominating them," the news release stated. "Criteria for the nominations include that volunteer time must have taken place after someone turns 65 and the individual needs to be 70 years old by June 1."

Official nomination forms are available by contacting Lisa Stroschein at 218-841-1385 or by email at: lstroms@mahube.org.

The nominees and winners will be announced on Senior Day, July 28 at the Becker County Fair, under the big top tent. Additionally, all nominees, past winners, families, and spectators are invited to join for a fun-filled afternoon honoring the amazing volunteering spirit of our Senior Citizens, the news release stated.

# Bohmer wins Republican endorsement in Senate District 4, which includes DL

News Staff

Dan Bohmer of Moorhead has won the Republican endorsement for Minnesota Senate District 4. He was endorsed with 85% of the vote during the convention held Saturday, May 7 at the Garrick Theater in Hawley.

District 4 includes Detroit Lakes, Audubon and Lake Park, as well as 11 townships in western Becker County. It also includes Moorhead and most of Clay

County.

"I'm incredibly grateful to have the support of the local party, and look forward to earning the public's vote in November," Bohmer said in a news release. "I want to thank Joe Brannon for also stepping up to run and wish him well — it's vitally important we all come together to win this fall. Flipping this seat and keeping the Senate Republicans in the majority is the best path to address the cost of rising inflation, tackle rising crime, and keep our businesses competitive."

Bohmer is a former Moorhead City Council member (2006-2010) and has spent the past 16 years operating and managing a nuclear pharmacy in Moorhead.

He retired in 2020 after a nearly four-decade military career. His service included time in the Minnesota Army National Guard, where he served as the commander of the 134th Brigade Support Battalion and the deputy state surgeon.

Bohmer is seeking the seat in Senate District 4 held by Sen. Kent Eken, who has announced his retirement.

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# CRASH

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Two people were trapped and seriously injured after a pickup truck struck the Lakes Inn motel on West Lake Drive in Detroit Lakes on Saturday.

using it on the day of the crash. The criminal complaint had his spleen removed, had

half a dozen broken ribs and had three broken vertebrae in his back. Jacklyn Benninger had a severed spinal cord and confirmed paralysis from the waist down. She also had a punctured lung, a punctured liver, and numerous fractured ribs.

The Benningers had been staying at the motel on a monthly basis since last autumn while waiting for an apartment unit to open up, said Lakes Inn owner Tim Westbrook.

When the pickup truck left West Lake Drive and crashed into the building, it hit that unit in the worst possible place, he said. "That was the worst spot they could have been in the whole room," he said.

Westbrook didn't see the crash, but he heard it, and heard another crash when the

pickup truck backed up into a tree and took off. "He (the driver) was there for just a few seconds," said Westbrook, who smelled the strong odor of natural gas right after the crash.

Fortunately, "it was a quick shut-off," he said.

The gas line shut-off valve was below the gas meter and the line ruptured above the meter. The hot water boiler system also narrowly escaped serious damage, he said.

The motel remains open, except for the seriously-damaged unit closest to the lake.

He praised emergency responders for doing a great job.

"It went as smooth as it could go," he said, adding that his insurance agent was right on the scene. "He helped us secure it."

# SUICIDE

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"At first, she thought it (the abuse) was from a bad dream," Dutton recalled, adding that when her daughter came forward about what had happened, the reality hit the girl hard: "She really started to decline; withdraw."

When Dutton learned that the abuse came at the hands of someone close to her daughter, she sought therapy for her. Garcia was scheduled to work with a child psychologist at Sanford in Detroit Lakes.

While trying to grapple with dark memories that returned in the form of daytime terrors, Garcia was also dealing with a growing feeling in her heart that her self-image was more akin to a boy. She chose what her name would be as a male — Asher — and asked those close to her to use it.

Coming to terms with being transgender caused a cascade of unkind commentary from peers — at least that is what Dutton has heard from other parents in recent weeks.

Garcia's aunt, Susan Hobbs, noted that her niece was beautifully unique. She was also a typical pre-teen in some ways, Hobbs said, and had a competitive streak and a 'lead foot' when driving a go-cart.

"She was also a person who, when she cared, she cared deeply," she added. "She always looked out for the people she loved."

Outwardly, Garcia appeared to be handling her trials, her mom said; but she must have been internalizing her pain.

"She was a happy girl who cared about others," said Dutton, adding with a quiver in her voice that, "I guess she didn't want to worry others with her troubles."

Garcia's family is left with a wound that will never fully heal, and

with questions that will never be answered.

"It's so hard. It's so hard to go through," Dutton said.

She added that the family is appreciative of the "love and support" they have received from the community.

"It has helped us a lot," she said. "We need prayers and the chance to experience healing; everyone is hurting."

The family set up a GoFundMe page to help pay for funeral expenses, and at press time Monday they were nearing their goal, with 90 donors so far. Visit Garcia's fundraiser by clicking here.

Hobbs reminds all parents to check in with their children, and asks kids to find the courage and confidence to express themselves.

"Find someone to talk to," she said. "If people don't seem like they care, try again. Your life is more important than anything. Find help somewhere, someone will listen."

Frazee-Vergas Schools Superintendent Terry Karger said the district's counseling staff and additional support services are available for all students.

"Teaching and support staff are also provided with resources on how to talk to grieving students and are encouraged to monitor all students closely," Karger said. "I extend my deepest sympathy to Izabella's family, friends and community. We are doing our best to make sure that students are aware of support services available to them to help process their grief."

Karger said addressing all forms of bullying in the school district is a continuous work in progress.

"We regularly work with students to understand the importance of these policies and what to do if they feel they are being mistreated by another student," Karger said. "When we receive

"When she cared, she cared deeply... She always looked out for the people she loved."

SUSAN HOBBS, GARCIA'S AUNT

complaints, we promptly investigate them and respond appropriately."

## 'Communication is always key'

Taressa Strand, clinical nurse manager at Sanford of Detroit Lakes, said the local Sanford has two child psychologists on staff. Child psychologists have specialized training to help children feel safe in sharing and addressing their trauma and struggles.

The first step, she said, is often for a child, teen or young adult to feel confident in leaning on someone for help — whether that be a peer, parent, school counselor or other trusted person.

"Communication is always key," she said, adding that a child's primary care provider can recommend therapy with a psychologist.

"We also have psychiatry here," she added, noting that the differences between the two involve the depth of a patient's mental health history as well as whether their treatment is likely to require medication. "Psychologists are more long-term treatment."

Strand said there's been an uptick in cases of teen depression due to the isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic

and time lost in activities and athletics.

"I also think a lot of it has to do with social media," she said. "We see complaints about bullying and how social media changes attitudes, at times with negativity."

## DL senior shines light on student mental health

Recent research completed by Detroit Lakes High School senior Emma Wahl shows many local teens have experienced suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety and other mental health illnesses over the past year.

Wahl, the daughter of Ronico and Shiloh Wahl, emailed an anonymous survey to 870 of her peers in grades 9-12 as part of her senior Capstone Project on student mental health.

"What I found, I didn't expect," she said.

Wahl pulled the statistics from her report up onto her laptop. Of the 140 students that responded, she said, "87.9% experienced depression and anxiety; almost 50% had suicidal thoughts; 68.6% had severe mood swings; 80% experienced loneliness; and 16.4% said they abused drugs or alcohol in the last year."

Wahl said the high rate of students who admitted to suicidal thoughts was the most "eye opening" statistic for her.

She chose to focus her project on student mental health after experiencing anxiety and other



Barbie Porter / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes High School senior Emma Wahl completed her Capstone Project on the mental health of her peers in grades 9-12.

mental health issues struggle alone. Be kind. herself. You never know what kind of a day a person has had or what they are dealing with."

"Everyone is fighting their own battles," she said. "No one should

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Lindsey Cooksey models beachwear from Lakeshirts Beach Shop.

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A team of volunteers assisted guests throughout the evening and sound, lighting, staging, and music was provided by Kevin Mitchell of Fundamental Technologies. Local hair and makeup artists, a local photographer and local greenhouse were also integral parts of the show.

“This event’s success is testament to DL’s belief in supporting local businesses and also shows eagerness for fashion and shopping opportunities,” said Barb Zahasky, who has owned her store, Mainstream Boutique, since opening in 2014.

She added that the shopping scene in the “small but strong” city continues to build and grow more vibrant with each passing season: “DL is ready for more, and it shows in the number of new businesses that are opening right now. We are



Contributed / Lakes Chic Street

Dawn Duncan, of Yellowbright, Inc, emceed the inaugural Lakes Chic Street fashion show, held Thursday at the Norby Flats building in downtown Detroit Lakes.

thrilled to all come together and show the town what we offer, but also to give people a reason to congregate and have fun,” she said in a news release.

The team behind Lakes Chic Street is already working on future events, including some charitable

endeavors.

Alicia Bowers of Beautiful Junque concluded, “We’re excited to keep this momentum going! We are grateful to have this chance to share our love of fashion and Detroit Lakes with those who have continued to support us. We’re anxious to give back.”

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## BOYS TENNIS ROUNDUP

## GIRLS TRACK

# Detroit Lakes wins six events on its way to home invite victory

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

**DETROIT LAKES** – The Detroit Lakes girls track and field team took home six first-place finishes on Thursday night at the Craig Fredrickson Memorial Invite at Detroit Lakes High School.

Julia Steffl won the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:48.32. She also ran in the 4x400-meter relay with Sadie Johnson, Lila Kallstrom and Marin Johnson to a fifth-place finish with a time of 4:39.12.

The team of Ella Paulson, Jerzie Horner, Haydon King and Abby Larson won the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 51.98. Horner also won the pole vault at 9-feet, with Jordan Ehnert (8-feet) and Skylar Nelson (8-feet) behind her in fourth and fifth.

Annie Paulson Paced the 300-meter hurdles to a time of 48.32. Lily Anderson wasn't far behind in eighth at 55.83. Anie Paulson and Anderson also competed in the triple jump. Anderson took second at 33-feet, 5.5-inches, while Paulson came in sixth (31-feet, 4.5-inches). Sasha Sekundiak took fourth in the triple jump at 32-feet, 9.5-inches.

The Lakers continued to dominate the throwing events. Brenna Skadsem won the shot put at 33-feet, 10-inches. Jacee Hauser took second (32-feet, 8-inches), followed by Elle Bettcher (29-feet, 11-inches, 5th), Fallon Lowell (28-feet, 4-inches, 6th), Madi Gerdes (27-feet, 11-inches, 7th) and Jady Wimmer (27-feet, 9-inches, 8th).

Hauser (105-feet, 1-inch) and Bettcher (100-feet, 10-inches) took the top two discus spots, with Lowell (88-feet, 5-inches), Skadsem (87-feet) and Madi Gerdes (79-feet, 11-inches) in fourth, fifth and eighth.

Mallory Fischer took second in the long jump at 15-feet, 3.5-inches. Ella Paulson followed in sixth at 14-feet, 3.5-inches. King took seventh place at 14-feet, 0.25-inches.

Detroit Lakes rolled to a first-place finish with a team score of 155. Frazee (116.5) and Park Rapids (103.5) rounded out the top three.

**CRAIG FREDRICKSON MEMORIAL INVITE GIRLS TEAM SCORES:** 1- Detroit Lakes 155, 2- Frazee 116.5, 3- Park Rapids 103.5, 4- Thief River Falls 91, 5- Fergus Falls 66, 6- Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 15

**DETROIT LAKES GIRLS TOP EIGHT FINISHERS:** 100M- 1st- Kendra Metrkens (TRF) 12.62, 8th- Hailey Thielen 13.88

200M- 1st- Mehrkens (TRF) 27.29, 3rd- Ella Paulson 27.75, 5th- Molly Fischer 28.57

400M- 1st- Brynn Larson (Frazee) 1:06.43, 6th- Alex Bettcher 1:17.76

800M- 1st- Addison Lauwagie (Park Rapids) 2:29.61, 3rd- Sasha Sekundiak 2:34.77, Helena Daggett 2:36.28, Sadie Johnson 2:39.24, 8th- Lila Kallstrom 2:53.07

1600M- 1st- Julia Steffl (Detroit Lakes) 5:48.32, 6th- Lily Baethke 6:17.91, 8th- Marin Johnson 6:21.65

300M HURDLES- 1st- Annie Paulson (Detroit Lakes) 48.32, 8th- Lily Anderson (55.83)

4x100M RELAY- 1st- E. Paulson, Jerzie Horner, Haydon King, Abby Larson 51.98 (Detroit Lakes)

4x200M RELAY- 1st- TRF 1:51.96, 6th- Addison Lowell, Cora Martin, Mikayla Frenness, Brooklyn Markuson 2:04.09

4x400M RELAY- 1st- Park Rapids 4:13.09, 5th- Sadie Johnson, Kallstrom, M. Johnson, Steffl 4:39.12

HIGH JUMP- 1st- Ansley Hansen (Fergus Falls) 5'7", 2nd- Grace Gunderson 5'2", 5th- Rylee Johnson 5'0", 8th- Lily Anderson 4'8"

POLE VAULT- 1st- Horner (Detroit Lakes) 9'0", 4th- Jordan Ehnert 8'0", 5th- Skylar Nelson 8'0"

LONG JUMP- 1st- Ella Starzl (Fergus Falls) 16'0", 2nd- M. Fischer 15'3.5", 6th- E. Paulson 14'3.5", 7th- King 14'0.25"

TRIPLE JUMP- 1st- Rylee Moore (Frazee) 36'1.5", 2nd- L. Anderson 33'5.5, 4th- Sekundiak 32'9.5", 6th- A. Paulson 31'4.5"

SHOT PUT- 1st- Brenna Skadsem (Detroit Lakes) 33'10", 2nd- Jacee Hauser 32'8", 5th- Elle Bettcher 29'11", 6th- Fallon Lowell 28'4", 7th- Madi Gerdes 27'11", 8th- Jady Wimmer 27'9"

SHOT PUT- 1st- Hauser (Detroit Lakes) 105'1", 2nd- E. Bettcher 100'10", 4th- F. Lowell 88'5", 5th- Skadsem 87'0", 8th- M. Gerdes 79'11"

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Detroit Lakes' Gavin Smith, right, serves in a No. 1 doubles win on May 5 at Perham. The Lakers beat the Yellowjackets 5-2 and swept all three doubles matches.

# A VETERAN APPROACH

## Lakers begin to hit their stride behind experienced group

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

### Perham

The Detroit Lakes boys tennis team cruised through Perham and picked up its second win of the season. This came as no surprise to head coach Zach Biggar, who leads an experienced group on the court with high expectations for themselves.

The Lakers beat Perham 5-2, surrendering only Nos. 1 and 3 singles matchups. After dropping the first two of the season, Detroit Lakes is on a roll and looking to get back into shape after a delayed start.

"Match readiness is a big thing," Biggar said. "I think you could tell on Tuesday and last Thursday that the other teams we played against had played a lot of matches (this season), and we hadn't. I think that's going to make us better throughout the year when we get our legs under us. A lot of the guys on Tuesday were saying how tired they were. The more chances we get to practice and the more matches we have, that stuff will kind of clear itself."

The Lakers went to Sartell for a triangular against the Sabres and Willmar. After a tough 4-3 loss in the first match, Detroit Lakes has won 12 of its last 14 head-to-heads with a sweep of the Cardinals and a convincing Performance in Perham.

Reed Henderson beat Michael Schwantz 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. Cole Deraney took care of business at No. 4 singles with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Brekken

Wokasch.

Perham's Josh Peterson swept Nate Cihak 6-0, 6-0 before Jack Birkeland pulled out a 6-4, 6-2 win over Jordan fields for the Yellowjackets' lone wins.

"Jordan and Reed had two tough matches on Tuesday (against Sartell) as well," Biggar said. "That was something we took as a learning experience. Whether they should have or shouldn't have won, it doesn't matter. I think both of them understand that every match is going to be a battle. Reed has been playing since eighth grade, and Jordan has played three or four years on varsity. It's tough that Jordan ended up losing against a tough player today. Hopefully, he uses it as a positive instead of a negative."

Detroit Lakes swept all three doubles matches. The No. 1 team of Connor Zamzo and Gavin Smith beat Hudson Hackel and Avery Halvorson 6-1, 6-1. Gabriel Reller and Breck Winter beat Soren Anderson and Mason Happel 6-0, 6-4, while Elijah Blow and Cooper Moore took down Michael Anderson and Reece Willprech 6-0, 6-3 at No. 3 doubles.

"We like to coach strong doubles teams because it makes it easier on the singles guys," Biggar said. "When you can sweep doubles, you only need one singles match to win. Luckily, we believe we have four good singles players as well. We have the most complete team we've had in many years."

One thing Detroit Lakes has that many others lack is experience. Its senior-heavy

lineup has veterans in six of the seven spots on the court, which makes up for some of the hinderings the weather provided this spring.

"If you look at the record we have as a varsity squad individually, we have probably three, four, five times the amount of experience over the other teams we play," Biggar said. "I think it shows when they get in tight matches. They've been there before. They know how to pull through a match compared to a first or second-year player."

While seniority is a strength, it can also be a setback. Biggar hopes it doesn't create a sense of comfortability.

"We've had this group for a while now, and they've been playing together for a lot of years," Biggar said. "It can be a blessing and a curse. I think they have too much brotherly love sometimes. It's a growing process. They're high school boys, at the end of the day. I think we're just getting started in terms of how much this team can do this season."

The Lakers have set high expectations for themselves. They want to make a run at the Section 8-2A crown. However, the defending champs are in the way.

"Bemidji is the clear favorite," Biggar said. "They did lose a few guys, and we only lost one. We played them tough last year. I know Nate is going to have a tough match at (No. 1 singles). It's going to be tough matches

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The Detroit Lakes girls 800-meter athletes run the first lap on May 5 at Detroit Lakes High School in the Lakers' home track and field meet.

## BOYS TRACK

# Ethan Carrier wins three events, Lakers take third in home invite

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

**DETROIT LAKES** – Ethan Carrier had himself quite the day at the Craig Fredrickson Memorial invite in Detroit Lakes.

The junior runner took first place in three events. After taking the top spot in the 100-meter dash at 11.50 seconds, he won the 200-meter with a time of 23.68. He also anchored the 4x100-meter relay with Cameron Marxen, Mason Carrier and Hunter Zempel to a time of 44.64.

The Lakers won six events on their way to a third-place finish in their home invite. Detroit Lakes finished behind Park Rapids (166.5)

and Fergus Falls (149) with a team score of 125.

Brandton Marsh won the triple jump at 42-feet, while Alexander Fletcher took the high jump title at 6-feet. Marsh also competed in the high jump (5-feet, 6-inches, 8th) and the 200-meter (24.02, 3rd). Fletcher took first in the 110-meter hurdles (16.51) and fourth in the pole vault at 10-feet, 6-inches.

The Lakers' relay team of Ethan Lundberg, Charlie Kalina, Hunter Zempel and Jamus Walz took second place with a time of 138.08. Jack Pace, Joe Skinner, Zach Olson and Marxen also took second in the 4x400-meter relay (3:46.11). Olson was

right behind Alexander in the 110-meter hurdles with a second-place time of 16.91.

In the shot put, Marson Carrier took fourth place at 43-feet. Jacob Ehnert was two feet behind in seventh place. Lawson Greene placed fifth in the discus at 119-feet, 4-inches. Charlie Zok took seventh at 109-feet, 8-inches.

**CRAIG FREDRICKSON MEMORIAL INVITE BOYS TEAM SCORES:** 1- Park Rapids 166.5, 2- Fergus Falls 149, 3- Detroit Lakes 125, 4- Frazee 57, 5- Thief River Falls 33, 6- Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 24.5

**DETROIT LAKES BOYS TOP EIGHT FINISHERS:** 100M- 1st- Ethan Carrier (Detroit Lakes) 11.50, 3rd- Jack Pace 12.01, 8th- Charlie Zok 12.34

200M- 1st- E. Carrier 23.68, 3rd- Brandton Marsh 24.02, 5th- Cameron Marxen 24.48, 7th- Caden Strand 24.75

400M- 1st- William MacLean (TRF) 53.40, 5th- Evan Thomas 57.02

3200M- 1st- Jaden Miller (Fergus Falls)

10:53.02, 5th- Micah Barberg 11:52.74

110M HURDLES- 1st- Alexander Fletcher (Detroit Lakes) 16.51, 2nd- Zach Olson 16.91, 8th- Brady Wirtz 20.53

300M HURDLES- 1st- Pierce Deblieck (Park Rapids) 45.14, 2nd- Anthony Reading 45.81, 3rd- Marsh 47.08

4x100M RELAY- 1st- Cameron Marxen, Mason Carrier, Hunter Zempel, Ethan Carrier (Detroit Lakes) 44.64

4x200M RELAY- 1st- Park Rapids 1:37.37, 2nd- Ethan Lundberg, Charles Kalina, Hunter Zempel, Jamus Walz 1:38.08

4x400M RELAY- 1st- Park Rapids 3:40.31, 2nd- Jack Pace, Cameron Marxen, Joe Skinner, Zach Olson 3:46.11

HIGH JUMP- 1st- Fletcher 6'0", 8th- Marsh 5'6"

POLE VAULT- 1st- Jordan Lee (Fergus Falls) 14'1", 7th- Fletcher 10'6", 8th- Coye Braten 8'6"

LONG JUMP- 1st- Luke Newman (Fergus Falls) 19'2.5", 7th- KaDan Smith 17'7.25", 8th- Reading 17'6.5"

TRIPLE JUMP- 1st- Marsh (Detroit Lakes) 42'0", 8th- Thomas 36'11.75"

SHOT PUT- 1st- Alexander Jensen (Fergus Falls) 53'5", 4th- M. Carrier 43'0", 7th- Jacob Ehnert 41'0"

DISCUS- 1st- Triston Hill (Park Rapids) 139'7", 5th- Lawson Greene 119'4", 7th- Charlie Zok 109'8"

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Detroit Lakes' Braydon Sjoblom takes 13th in the discus at 100-feet, 8-inches on May 5 at Detroit Lakes High School in the Lakers' home track and field meet.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# Detroit Lakes bounces back from first loss with doubleheader sweep

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES – The Detroit Lakes baseball team bounced back from its first loss of the season with a doubleheader sweep over Park Rapids on Friday.

After an 11-0 win in game one, the Lakers held on to win game two 7-2, thanks to a Jordan Tucker grand slam in the bottom of the third inning. He finished the game 1-for3 at the plate and also threw all seven innings on the mound. He allowed two runs on four hits and struck out six batters.

The Lakers added another run in the bottom of the fourth on a Carson Rogstad single. The Lakers tacked on two more runs with an error and a fielder's choice to make it 7-0 in the fifth inning.

The Panthers scored twice on a fielder's choice in the sixth and seventh innings to cut the lead to five but couldn't muster a comeback. The Lakers scored seven runs on six hits.

A big first inning propelled Detroit Lakes to a shutout win in five innings in game one.

Noah Rieber crossed home plate on a passed ball before Hunter Korth singled in a run to make



Madelyn Haasken / Bemidji Pioneer

xDetroit Lakes' Jacob Thomas (11) hits a single in the fourth inning against Bemidji on May 5 at the BSU baseball field.

it 2-0. After the Lakers added two more runs, Markus Lyman put a charge into a three-run home run to take a 7-0 lead.

Detroit Lakes added three runs in the third and one in the fourth before winning via the mercy rule in the top of the fifth. Rieber pitched a four-hit shutout and struck out five batters.

On Thursday, the Lakers lost their first game

of the season at Bemidji. The Lumberjacks rolled to a 9-1 win behind Will Zellman's three-run home run. Jordan Tucker drove in Detroit Lakes' lone run with an RBI single.

**Bemidji 9, Detroit Lakes 1**  
DL 000 010 0 — 1-7-1  
BHS 003 150 X — 9-8-3  
WP: Clusiau (4 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 3 K)  
LP: Jackson (4.2 IP, 8 H, 9 R, 8 ER, 1 BB, 2 K)  
**GAME ONE**  
PARK RAPIDS 000 00X X - 0  
DETROIT LAKES 703 1XX X - 11  
DETROIT LAKES PITCHING- Noah Rieber (W) 5IP, 4H, 0R, 0ER, 5K, 2BB  
DETROIT LAKES HITTING- Brady Swi-

ers 1-3, 2RBI, K; Carson Rogstad 0-1; Rieber 1-3, R, RBI; Jordan Tucker 2-3, R; Christian Solberg 2R; Jacob Thomas 1-2, R; Cade Jackson 0-1; Hunter Korth 1-2, R, RBI; Landen Mousseau 0-1, Kyle Johnston 1-3, R, RBI; Grady Kirchner 0-1, BB; Mason Omberg 2R, 3BB; Markus Lyman 1-1, 2R, 3RBI, BB; Brock Okeson 1-1, RBI  
**GAME TWO**  
PARK RAPIDS 000 001 1 - 2  
DETROIT LAKES 004 120 X - 7  
DETROIT LAKES PITCHING- Jordan Tucker (W) 7IP, 4H, 2R, 2ER, 6K, 2BB  
DETROIT LAKES HITTING- Brady Swiers 2-3, R; Noah Rieber 0-1, R, BB; Cade Jackson 0-1, K; Tucker 1-3, 2R, 4RBI, 2K; Grady Kirchner 0-1; Kyle Johnston 1-3; Brock Okeson 0-3; Mason Omberg 0-1, R; Landen Mousseau 0-1, Carson Rogstad 1-3, RBI, K; Markus Lyman 0-1, R; Christian Solberg 0-1, K; Hunter Korth R

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GOLF ROUNDUP

# Knoop, Mallow runners-up at Minnewaska, boys finish seventh at Fargo North

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

GLENWOOD – McKenna Mallow and Hannah Knoop had an impressive day at the Minnewaska-BBE Home Invitational on Friday.

Mallow and Knoop tied for second place with scores of 78 to lead the Lakers to a second-place finish.

After shooting four-over-par on the front nine, Mallow sunk a pair of birdies on Nos. 10 and 14 to finish six-over-par for the round. She also made pars on eight holes, including five on the front nine.

Knoop birdied No. 1 before roping off a four-hole par streak. She finished the front nine one-over-par. Her five birdies on the back nine kept her in the top 10 of the individual standings.

Laura Syltie finished 27th with

a score of 93. Maddie McDougall was a stroke behind in 29th. Sydney Miller (99) and Jaycie Sliper (108) rounded out the day for the Lakers.

Alexandria took first place with a team score of 323 behind Cora Larson's medalist round of 77. Fergus Falls and Detroit Lakes tied for second at 343, with Edina and Minnewaska in third.

## Boys finish seventh at in Fargo

On Saturday, the Detroit Lakes boys golf team sent one group to compete at the North Fargo Invitational.

Noah Meyer paced the Lakers with a two-round score of 163 (80, 83). Eighth-grader Brock Burhans (80, 86) was right behind him at 166. Both Meyer and Burhans shot an 80 in their first rounds.

Lawsen Justesen put together an 82 and an 87 for a total of 169. Connor Nelson came in with the low-round at 79 before shooting a 92 for a total of 171. Tyler Stensgard also shot a 171, while Logan Schons shot a 174.

Grand Forks Red River won the meet with a score of 632. West Fargo Sheyenne (637), Fargo Davies (642), Fargo North (646) and Roseau (649) rounded out the top five. Detroit Lakes finished in seventh at 662.

MINNEWASKA-BBE HOME INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES- 1- Alexandria 323, T2- Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes 343, 4- Edina 347, 5- Minnewaska 352, 6- Pequot Lakes 355, 7-STMA 367, 8- Moorhead 388, 9- Rogers 390  
FARGO NORTH INVITATIONAL BOYS TEAM SCORES- 1- Grand Forks Red River 632, 2- West Fargo Sheyenne 637, 3- Fargo Davies 642, 4- Fargo North 646, 5- Roseau 649, 6- Moorhead 650, 7- Detroit Lakes 662, 8- Fargo Shanley 663, 9- West Fargo 675, 10- Grand Forks Central 697, 11- Fargo South 719, 12- Fargo North (2) 719, 13- Valley City 802, 14- Wahpeton 840, Horace 640

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all around. If we can get our legs under us and get ready to go, I think it's going to be a battle... Our seeding took a little bit of a hit on Tuesday in losing to Sartell. I told them I don't care what our seed is. We're going to have to play the best teams eventually. We have a team that can beat anybody in the section."

Lakers split in Moorhead  
One day after the Lakers traveled to Perham, they beated to Moorhead for a triangular against the Spuds and Thief River Falls. Detroit Lakes split with a 7-0 win over the host school and a 6-1 loss against the Prowlers.

Moore got the Lakers' only win against Thief River Falls at No. 4 singles. He beat Spencer Hempel 2-6, 7-6, 10-5. Blow and Moore lost a close two-set match at No. 3 doubles against Isaiah Villarreal and Lucas Rantanen 6-4, 6-4.

Against Moorhead, Cihak swept Oscar Bergeson 6-0, 6-0. Zamzo also picked up



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Detroit Lakes' Jordan Fields returns a shot in a 6-4, 6-2 loss at No. 3 singles against Jack Birkeland on May 5 at Perham.

a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 4 singles against Kinn Lee.

Henderson and Fields won their singles matches in two sets. Winter and Moore teamed up for a three-set win at No. 2 doubles, while Blow and Deraney took care of business against Caden Filipi and Elliot Lien at No. 3 doubles.

DETROIT LAKES 5, PERHAM 2  
SINGLES- No. 1- Josh Peterson (P) def. Nate Cihak 6-0, 6-0, No. 2- Reed Henderson (D) def. Michael Schwartz 6-4, 6-2; No. 3- Jack Birkeland (P) def. Jordan Fields 6-4, 6-2; No. 4- Cole Deraney (D) def. Brekken Wokasch 6-3, 6-1  
DOUBLES- No. 1- Connor Zamzo-Gavin Smith (D) def. Hudson Hackel-Avery Halvorson 6-1, 6-1; No. 2- Gabriel Reller-Breck Winter (D) def. Soren Anderson-Mason Happel 6-0, 6-4; No. 3- Elijah Blow-Cooper Moore (D) def. Michael Anderson-Reece Willprecht 6-0, 6-3  
THIEF RIVER FALLS 6, DETROIT LAKES 1  
SINGLES- No. 1 Jack Onkka (T) def. Nate Cihak 6-1, 6-2; No. 2- Reece Janisch (T) def. Reed Henderson 6-1, 6-4; No. 3- Geran Gonsorowski (T) def. Cole Deraney 6-3, 6-4; No. 4- Cooper Moore (D) def. Spencer Hempel 2-6, 7-6, 10-5  
DOUBLES- No. 1- Dylan Hahn-Jett Crnelius (T) def. Connor Zamzo-Gavin Smith

6-4, 6-0; No. 2- Rhett Janisch-JJ Cornelius (F) def. Jordan Fields-Gabriel Reller 6-1, 7-5; No. 3- Isaiah Villarreal-Lucas Rantanen (T) def. Breck Winter-Elijah Blow 6-4, 6-4  
DETROIT LAKES 7, MOORHEAD 0  
SINGLES- No. 1- Nate Cihak (D) def. Oscar Bergeson 6-0, 6-0; No. 2- Reed Henderson (D) def. Henry Skatudd 6-0, 6-2; No. 3- Jordan Fields (D) def. Isidro Lopez 6-2, 6-1; No. 4- Connor Zamzo (D) def. Kinn Lee 6-0, 6-0  
DOUBLES- No. 1- Gavin Smith-Gabe Reller (D) def. Adam Retlys 6-1, 6-3, No. 2- Breck Winter-Cooper Moore (D) def. Fikjos-Brody Hansen 6-1, 4-6, 10-6; No. 3- Elijah Blow-Cole Deraney (D) def. Caden Filipi-Ellio Lien 6-2, 6-4

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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:  
 DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 15, 2017  
 MORTGAGOR: Joseph L. Johnson and Amanda M G Johnson, as husband and wife.  
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation, its successors and assigns.  
 DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded February 16, 2017  
 Becker County Recorder, Document No. 640265.  
 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation. Dated February 14, 2022 Recorded February 14, 2022, as Document No. 687421.  
 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 101106900019346287  
 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation  
 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
 MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 304 West Main Avenue, Frazee, MN 56544  
 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 500373000  
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), Block Fourteen (14), Original Township of Frazee, Minnesota, 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: \$122,200.00  
 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$125,378.66  
 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:  
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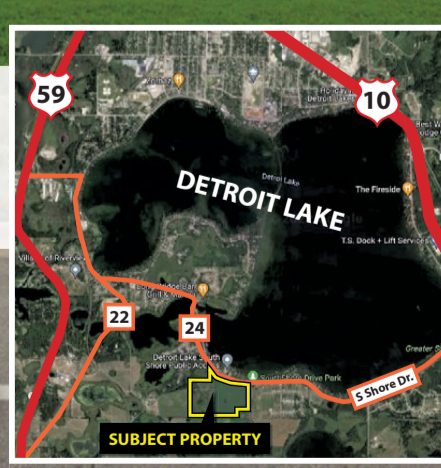
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REGISTRATION: RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGEE: None "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

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BID DATE AND LOCATION: Sealed Bids will be received at the Elementary School Office, at 601 4th Street, Audubon MN, 56511 Audubon, then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 2:00 PM local time on May 12th, Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, NO EXCEPTIONS.

START DATE: Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is May 24th, 2022. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than September 2022.

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 03-PR-22-771 In Re: Estate of Lowell Douglas Nererson, Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated August 30, 2021. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Nancy W. Nererson to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

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. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

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estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: 5-2-2022 /s/ Registrar Dated: 5-2-2022 /s/ Renelle Fenno Court Administrator F. John Williams III (#0352676) Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. 51 Broadway, Suite 400 Fargo, North Dakota 58102-4991 Telephone: (701) 237-8200 Facsimile: (701) 237-8220 fwilliams@fredlaw.com ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (May 11 & 18, 2022) 62027

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 1, 2014 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$73,150.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Mark J Markey, a single man MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100146410003678517 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 2, 2014, Becker County Recorded, as Document Number 619995, Thereafter modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on September 27, 2017 as Document Number 645516 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Dated: November 18, 2015 filed: November 30, 2015, recorded as document number 629540; thereafter assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC; Dated: May 11, 2020 filed: May 11, 2020, recorded as document number 667635 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

That part of Lot One (1), Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred Thirty-eight (138) North of Range Forty-one (41) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Becker County, Minnesota, described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point on the East side of the County Highway formerly known as U.S. Highway No. 59, 878 feet South of the Point of the Intersection of the (old) Highway No. 59 and the North line of Lot 1 with the said (old) highway; thence South along the East line of said (old) highway 248 feet; thence East to the East line of Government Lot 1; thence North 248 feet; thence West to the Place of Beginning, excepting therefrom the following: 1. The south 150 feet thereof, and 2. All of the said premises above described that are East of the Westerly boundary line of the now presently existing U.S. Highway No. 59. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 11833 County Highway 17, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 19.0509.000 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Becker THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$81,324.12 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 2, 2022, 1:00PM PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Lobby of Law Enforcement Center, 925 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

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 December 2, 2022, or the next business day if December 2, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"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 MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: April 7, 2022 Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Assignee of Mortgage LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP B

Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070 Attorneys for Mortgagee LOGS Legal Group LLP 1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210 Eagan, MN 55121 (952) 831-4060 THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR (April 13, 20, & 27; Ma 4, 11 & 18, 2022) 51855

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 03-PR-22-806 In re the Estate of: THOMAS RONALD PACHUCKI, Decedent, NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INT EST ACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 22 2022 at 1:15 pm, a hearing will be held in this Court, Becker County Courthouse, 913 1: 15 Lake pm A venue, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, Minnesota for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Rosalie A. Pachucki whose address is 1552 Malta Avenue, Chula Vista, California 91911 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or, raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: May 5, 2022

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Referee Susan Solheim Probate Division Court Administrator Dated: May 5, 2022 By: /s/ Sarah Schlauderaff Deputy Court Administrator Gregory D. Larson Attorney at Law P.O. Box 591 Park Rapids, MN 56470 218-237-5075 The hearing will be held remotely via Zoom. If you wish to participate, contact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date. (May 11 & 18, 2022) 62047

Notice of Hearing Notice is hereby given that the Detroit Lakes Planning Commission will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building, 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 5:30pm to hold a public hearing to consider the following items: A. Public hearing to give consideration to a conditional use permit to allow a short term rental of an entire two bedroom home at 1210 Lake Avenue (CMP Properties, LLC) B. Public hearing to give consideration to a conditional use permit to allow a short term rental of an entire three bedroom home at 1139 Summit Avenue (James Belden) C. Public hearing to give consideration to a conditional use permit to allow the operation of a State licensed substance use disorder treatment facility serving up to 28 individuals including a 2,200 square foot building addition at 921 8th Street SE (The Refuge of Detroit Lakes) The Planning Commission will proceed on these matters pursuant to the Zoning Regulations & Subdivision Regulations of the City of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. All persons who desire to be heard regarding the above listed items will be heard at this meeting. DATED AT Detroit Lakes, Minnesota this 11th day of May 2022. Larry Remmen, AICP Community Development Director (May 11, 2022) 60951

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NOTICE Richwood Township is now accepting quotes for grading/plowing for July 2022- June 2024. Please send your quote to the Clerk of Richwood Township at 24270 260th St, Detroit Lakes, 56501 by May 18, 2022. Each quote must include a breakdown of all costs, including any possible fuel surcharges. Elizabeth Molacek Clerk (May 4 & 11, 2022) 59027

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333 The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. ASSUMED NAME: Lakes Country Cutting & Engraving PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 34436 Co Rd 150 Frazee MN 56544 USA NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: Travis E Olson Address: 34436 Co Rd 150 Frazee MN 56544 USA By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath. SIGNED BY: Travis E Olson MAILING ADDRESS: 34436 Co Rd 150 Frazee MN 56544 EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: teo22.olson@hotmail.com (May 8 & 11, 2022) 61138

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER IN DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Minn. Stat. § 524.4-204(2) Court File No. 03-PR-22-721 In Re: Estate of ROBERT E. PREUSSE, Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS: FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ACTING IN MINNESOTA Notice is hereby given that KATHRYN A. PREUSSE, residing at 301 2nd Street East, #406, City of Williston, State of North Dakota, and RACHAEL L. PREUSSE, residing at 1603 East Divide Avenue, Apt. C, City of Bismarck, State of North Dakota, are the domiciliary foreign Co-Personal Representatives ("Co-Personal Representatives") for the Estate of ROBERT E. PREUSSE, a resident of the State of North Dakota. On March 30, 2022, the Co-Personal Representatives filed with the Court a document stating an intention to exercise, as to assets in Minnesota, all powers of a local Personal Representative and to maintain actions and proceedings in Minnesota in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 524.4-205. Notice is also given that any Minnesota creditor who objects to the Co-Personal Representatives' exercise of power over assets in Minnesota must file a written objection within 60 days from the Co-Personal Representatives' filing. If no objections are filed, the representatives may, after the expiration of the 60-day period, exercise all powers of a local Personal Representative. Dated: May 5, 2022 /s/ Sarah Schlauderaff Deputy Court Administrator Elliot J. Stoll, #0402588 PEMBERTON LAW, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Co-Personal Representatives 110 North Mill Street Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537 Telephone: (218) 736-5493 E-mail: e.stoll@pmlaw.com (May 11 & 18, 2022) 62021

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# WAR MOMENTUM SHIFTS

## UKRAINE PUSHES BACK RUSSIAN TROOPS IN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE NEAR KHARKIV

By Jonathan Landay  
Reuters

**U**kraine said on Tuesday its forces had recaptured villages from Russian troops north and northeast of Kharkiv, pressing a counter-offensive that could signal a shift in the war's momentum and jeopardize Russia's main advance.

Ukrainian troops in recent days recaptured the settlements of Cherkaski Tyshky, Ruski Tyshki, Borshchova and Slobozhanske, north of Ukraine's second-largest city, said Tetiana Apatchenko, a press officer with the main Ukrainian force in the area.

Defense Ministry adviser Yuriy Saks said the Ukrainian successes were pushing Russian forces out of range of Kharkiv, located in the northeast, which has been under perpetual bombardment since the war began.

"The military operations of the Ukrainian armed forces around Kharkiv, especially north and northeast of Kharkiv, are sort of a success story," Saks told Reuters. "The Ukrainian army was able to push these war criminals to a line beyond the reach of their artillery."

In Washington, top U.S. intelligence officials said the war was at a stalemate. President Vladimir Putin appeared to be preparing for a long conflict, and a Russian victory in the Ukraine's eastern Donbas region might not end the war, Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines said.

But the counterattack near Kharkiv could signal a new phase, with Ukraine now going on the offensive after weeks in which Russia

mounted a massive assault without making a breakthrough.

By pushing back Russian forces who had occupied the outskirts of Kharkiv since the start of the invasion, the Ukrainians are moving into striking distance of the rear supply lines sustaining the main Russian attack force further south.

"Ukrainians are getting close to the Russian border. So all the gains that the Russians made in the early days in the northeast of Ukraine are increasingly slipping away," said Neil Melvin of the RUSI think-tank in London.

### Challenges

During a Red Square military parade on Monday marking the end of World War Two, Putin exhorted Russians to keep fighting but gave no indication of his further strategy.

Since Russia was forced to abandon an assault on the capital Kyiv at the end of March, its main force has been trying to encircle Ukrainian troops in the Donbas, using the city of Izyum south of Kharkiv as a base. Ukrainian troops have so far mostly held out against assaults from three directions.

But by pushing back near Kharkiv, Ukraine could now force Moscow to switch to trying to defend its own long supply lines to Izyum. Western military analysts said there were signs the counter-attack was already sapping Russia's advance.

"Our assessment is that they're (Russians) having to pull some forces away from the axes leading to the control of the Donbas region because of what has happened in Kharkiv, and it just underscores



Jorge Silva / Reuters

A portrait of Russian President Vladimir Putin in a cross depicting his tomb is seen Tuesday at a checkpoint outside Dnipro amid Russia's invasion in Ukraine.

the challenges they have," said retired U.S. General Jack Keane, now chairman of the Institute for the Study of War think tank.

In the south, Russian forces were again pummeling the Azovstal steelworks in Mariupol, trying to capture the last bastion of Ukrainian resistance in the ruined city where Ukraine says tens of thousands of people have died under two months of Russian siege.

Scores of civilians have been evacuated from the steelworks in recent days, but an aide to Mariupol's mayor, Petro Andryushchenko, said at least 100 still remained inside.

Ukraine's Azov Regiment, holding out in Azovstal, said in a social media post that in the past 24 hours, 34 Russian aircraft had flown over the plant including eight sorties by strategic bombers.

It said the plant had come under fire from the Russian navy and from tanks, artillery and rockets. Reuters was unable to verify the situation.

In Odesa, firefighters battled blazes until the early hours of Tuesday after seven Russian missiles hit a shopping center and depot on Monday. One person was killed and five people were injured, Ukraine's armed forces said. The missile strikes interrupted talks between European Council President Charles Michel and Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal.

Ukraine said its armed forces in the Donbas on Tuesday destroyed 12 Russian tanks and 19 armored vehicles and shot down three aircraft. Pavlo Kyrylenko, regional governor for the Donbas' Donetsk region, said three

residents were killed and three others injured on Tuesday.

### 'Bit of a stalemate'

The number of Ukrainians who have fled their country since Russia's invasion on Feb. 24 was approaching 6 million, according to the United Nations, which says the refugee crisis is the fastest growing since World War Two.

Germany's Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock visited Ukraine on Tuesday and toured Bucha, the suburb north of Kyiv where Russian forces left behind hundreds of corpses of civilians when they withdrew at the start of April. She said the killers must be punished.

"That is what we owe to the victims," she said. "And these victims, you can feel that here very intensely, these victims could have been us."

Western countries have placed sweeping sanctions on Moscow and are taking steps to ban or phase out the use of Russian energy.

Ukraine, which has remained a major route for Russian gas to Europe even after the invasion, said on Tuesday it would suspend use of a transit point for some Russian gas headed to Europe, blaming Moscow for the move. It will redirect the gas from that transit point, which is in an area occupied by Russian forces, to another in a Ukraine-controlled area.

The United States and Europe have promised to keep supplying Kyiv with arms and humanitarian aid. U.S. lawmakers were expected to vote Tuesday on a \$40 billion Ukraine aid proposal, including a massive new weapons package.

## China prepares military for Taiwan invasion

### US intelligence reports China would prefer peaceful takeover



Ann Wang / Reuters

Taiwanese activist Li Ming-che and his wife Li Ching-yu speak to the media for the first time on Tuesday after he was released from jail in China after serving five years on a sedition charge in Taipei, Taiwan.

**Reuters**  
WASHINGTON — China would prefer to take over neighboring Taiwan without military action but is working to get to a position where its military could prevail even if the United States intervenes, U.S. intelligence chiefs said on Tuesday.

China views Taiwan, a democratically governed island, as its "sacred" territory and has never renounced the possible use of force to ensure eventual unification.

The United States, like most countries, has no formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan but is its most important inter-

national supporter and arms supplier, making it a constant source of tension between Beijing and Washington.

"It's our view that they (the Chinese) are working hard to effectively put themselves into a position in which their military is capable of taking Taiwan over our intervention," Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Haines and Lieutenant General Scott Berrier, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, testifying on worldwide threats to U.S. national security, discussed the

lessons China may be taking from the war in Ukraine and the international response to it.

Haines said she did not believe the war was likely to accelerate China's plans on Taiwan. Berrier said using the military to achieve its objective was not Beijing's top choice.

"I believe the PRC (People's Republic of China) would rather not do it by force. I think they would rather do this peacefully over time," Berrier said.

China was learning "some very interesting lessons" from the Ukraine conflict including the importance of leadership and small

unit tactics, as well as effective training with the right weapons systems and a strong non-commissioned officer force, Berrier said.

U.S. officials needed to work with their partners in the Indo-Pacific and Taiwan's leadership, Berrier said, "to help them understand what this conflict has been, about what lessons they can learn and where they should be focusing their dollars on defense and their training."

"They have a largely conscript force. I don't believe it is where it should be," Berrier said of Taiwan.



# Escaped inmate planned police shootout

By Brendan O'Brien  
Reuters

A murder suspect who escaped from an Alabama jail with the help of a female corrections officer was heavily armed and prepared for a shootout as authorities moved in to apprehend the couple in Indiana, a local sheriff said on Tuesday.

But law enforcement officers on Monday rammed their vehicles into the Cadillac driven by the couple and pushed it into a ditch before fugi-

tive Casey White could open fire, Sheriff Dave Wedding of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, said during a news conference.

"We later found out that had they not done that, the fugitive was going to engage in a shootout with law enforcement," he said.

The capture began when a police officer noticed the Cadillac that Casey White, 38, and Vicky White, the 56-year-old assistant corrections director, were thought to be driving parked outside an Evansville hotel.

Authorities set up surveillance on the hotel, where the couple, who were not related, had been staying for a week, and soon spotted the couple as they were leaving. A car chase ensued through the parking lot and a grassy field, Wedding said.

The quick thinking and actions of law enforcement personnel may have saved lives, Wedding said.

Authorities recovered at least four guns and an AR-15 rifle along with \$29,000 in cash from the vehicle the cou-

ple were driving, Wedding said.

Vicky White, who suffered an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound, was taken to a hospital and later died, authorities said.

Officials said arrangements have been made for Casey White to be transported back to Alabama to be arraigned on new charges.

Casey White, who was previously accused of a September 2020 stabbing death and was serving time for crimes committed in 2015, will now also

face an escape charge, Sheriff Rick Singleton, of Lauderdale County, Alabama, said. Vicky White, a 17-year corrections veteran, was near retirement.

Casey White was seen handcuffed and shackled in the custody of Vicky White leaving the jail in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, about 65 miles west of Huntsville, in late April. At the time, the corrections officer was believed to be transporting him to the courthouse for a mental evaluation.

# 1.5M lives at risk in China

## Dropping zero-COVID policy could bring dizzying death toll

By David Stanway and Jennifer Rigby  
Reuters

SHANGHAI/LONDON — China risks just over 1.5 million COVID deaths if it drops its tough zero-COVID policy without any safeguards such as ramping up vaccination and access to treatments, according to new modeling by scientists in China and the United States.

The warning follows several recently published reports from senior health advisers in China who said the zero-COVID approach remains essential to defeating the pandemic and buying time for mitigating measures.

China has stuck with its zero-COVID strategy even as most other countries that once championed the policy shifted towards living with the virus in order to reopen their economies and restore personal freedoms.

Under zero-COVID, authorities lock down large population areas to stamp out viral spread in response to any coronavirus outbreak, even if just a small number of people test positive.

Shanghai, a city of 25 million people, has been locked down for nearly six weeks as it battles China's biggest coronavirus outbreak yet, with anger among residents

and economic pressure mounting.

But the new research published in Nature Medicine suggests that while dropping "zero-COVID" completely could be risky for public health, the impact could be greatly mitigated by focusing on other interventions like vaccinating the elderly.

"The level of immunity induced by the March 2022 vaccination campaign would be insufficient to prevent an Omicron wave," the authors wrote.

They forecast that peak demand on intensive care would be more than 15 times capacity, causing roughly 1.5 million deaths, based on worldwide data gathered about the variant's severity.

However, the researchers said the death toll could be much reduced if there was a focus on vaccination - only about 50% of over-80s in China are vaccinated - as well as providing antivirals while maintaining some restrictions.

The lead authors of the paper are from Fudan University in China, backed up by researchers at the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

"The availability of vaccines and antiviral drugs offer an opportunity to move away from



Aly Song / Reuters

A resident and a child look out through gaps in the barriers at a closed residential area during lockdown Tuesday, amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, in Shanghai, China.

zero-COVID. I can't think what there is now to wait for," said Ben Cowling, an epidemiologist at Hong Kong University familiar with the study.

He cautioned that the transition must be gradual.

But government health advisers in China are sticking to zero-COVID for now.

In correspondence published by the

peer-reviewed medical journal the Lancet last Friday, a team of Shanghai medical experts said the city's vital role in the national Chinese economy made lockdown there unavoidable.

"The spill-out of virus to other places... could have unimaginably severe consequences," said the team, which includes Zhang Wenhong, an adviser to authorities in Shanghai on treatment for

COVID-19.

Shanghai's "dynamic" zero-COVID policies would "overcome weak links in the immunological barrier in populations across the country," they said, pointing out that around 49 million Chinese aged 60 and over remained unvaccinated.

Zero-COVID was still required to prevent a "run" on China's health resources, according to a separate commen-

tary published in the official journal of China's Disease Prevention and Control Center and co-written by senior government health adviser Liang Wannian.

"The dynamic COVID-zero strategies adopted by China have won a precious time window for the future," it said, adding that the country must "seize the opportunity" to develop more drugs and vaccines.

# Mexico, Brazil may snub Biden's Americas summit

By Kylie Madry and Lisandra Paraguassu  
Reuters

MEXICO CITY/SAO PAULO — Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Tuesday he would not attend the U.S.-hosted Summit of the Americas next month if all countries in the region were not invited, while Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro is also likely to skip the meeting, sources told Reuters.

The absence of the leaders of Latin America's two biggest economies would be a blow

for the get-together of regional heads of state, which is expected to tackle issues from migration to the environment but also showcase democracy in the hemisphere.

Mexico's leader, a leftist, has said he wants all the countries in the region to be invited. It is unclear whether the United States will invite Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, who are governed by authoritarian socialist administrations that have been at odds with Washington.

"If they're excluded, if not all are invited, a representative

from the Mexican government would go, but I wouldn't," Lopez Obrador said during his regular news conference on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Bolsonaro - a far-right leader who is an admirer of U.S. President Joe Biden's predecessor Donald Trump and who has not yet spoken to Biden - has told his aides he won't be going, but gave no reason why, two people familiar with the matter said.

U.S. State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters the White House, as

summit host, would determine who would be invited and the official invitations had not yet been issued.

"I expect those will go out soon," he said. Price described the summit as "an opportunity for countries throughout the hemisphere to come together to speak to our shared values."

White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters on Tuesday a final decision on who would be invited had not yet been made.

A person in Washington familiar with the matter told Reuters last week that Nicara-

gua had been informed that it would not be invited.

Lopez Obrador emphasized his wish for Cuba to be invited while visiting the country Sunday, saying also he would continue to push for the United States to lift its embargo against the Communist-run island.

The Mexican president has criticized the United States for not investing enough in Central America, which he argues is central to addressing the issue of mass migration from the region.

## BRIEFS

### Czech Republic elected to replace Russia on UN rights council

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations General Assembly elected the Czech Republic to the Geneva-based Human Rights Council on Tuesday to replace Russia, which was suspended last month over its invasion of Ukraine and then immediately quit the 47-member body.

Russia had been in its second year of a three-year term. The Czech Republic will complete that term on the council, which cannot make legally binding decisions. Its decisions carry political weight,

however, and it can authorize investigations.

### Pharmacy chains should pay \$878M for opioid epidemic role, Ohio counties say

CLEVELAND — A lawyer for two Ohio counties said on Monday that CVS Health Corp, Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. and Walmart Inc. should fund an \$878 million plan to address the opioid crisis there, as a first-of-its-kind trial got underway to determine the pharmacy chains' contribution.

A federal jury decided in November that the compa-

nies created a public nuisance by flooding Ohio's Lake and Trumbull counties with addictive prescription pain pills that wound up on the black market, in the first trial the pharmacy chains faced over the crisis.

### Musk says he would reverse Twitter ban on Donald Trump

Billionaire Elon Musk said Tuesday he would reverse Twitter's ban on former President Donald Trump when he buys the social media platform, the clearest signal of Musk's intention to cut moderation of the site.

Musk, the world's rich-

est person and chief executive of Tesla Inc, has inked a \$44-billion deal to buy Twitter. He has called himself a "free speech absolutist" but given few specific details of his plans.

### Amazon.com wins dismissal of NY AG lawsuit over worker safety

NEW YORK — A New York state appeals court on Tuesday dismissed state Attorney General Letitia James' lawsuit accusing Amazon.com Inc of failing to adequately protect thousands of workers at two New York City facilities

against COVID-19.

The Appellate Division in Manhattan said federal law preempted James' claims that Amazon violated state labor law by retaliating against two employees, Christian Smalls and Derrick Palmer, who protested against working conditions.

It said issuing a ruling could also pose a "substantial risk of interference" with the National Labor Relations Board, which is considering essentially the same allegations of retaliation against Amazon, the second-largest U.S. private employer.

Reuters





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The fact that many people may have anxiety or uncertainty about going back to an office shows how much we settled into a world that we never could have imagined before.

## FEELING ANXIOUS ABOUT RETURNING TO THE OFFICE? READ THESE TIPS

By **Michelle Baruchman**  
The Seattle Times

**R**eturning to an office setting and all that comes with it — bumper-to-bumper commute traffic, frustrating coworkers, left-behind family members at home — is understandably stressful for many whose pandemic-era routines are changing this spring.

Some may be concerned about safety and coronavirus restrictions as offices reopen. Others may be dreading change, after developing systems at home that helped create a more balanced life.

Many jobs have required in-person work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. For other people who have been working remotely, returning to an office environment can bring a range of emotions.

“There’s some anger because people have proven over the last couple years that remote working is something that works,” said Andrew Rogers, a licensed mental health counselor based in Seattle and Tacoma. “They can be responsible and get their work done while still working from home, which gives them the opportunity to do things in their life that they didn’t have enough time for otherwise.”

On the other hand, some may be thrilled about seeing coworkers in person, maybe for the first time. Or excited to have a quiet working space away from a house full of people.

The fact that many people may have anxiety or uncertainty about going back to an office shows how much we settled into a world that we never could have imagined before, said Julia Bonnheim, a licensed mental health counselor in Seattle.

“Use the resiliency from the last two years as motivation to keep going, and trust that the next challenge that we face we can get through as well,” Bonnheim said.

The Seattle Times spoke with mental health counselors to get tips on how those of us experiencing anxiety around returning to an in-person office environment can manage stress.

“If you’re having really strong anxiety, seek the help of a professional,” said John Buscher, a licensed mental health counselor in Seattle.

### Treat yourself kindly

Practice giving yourself grace and compassion as you re-integrate into a new routine, Rogers said. Recognize that major transitions are hard, and we deserve to be kind to ourselves. In doing so, you can also acknowledge and grieve the loss of your previous routine that you may have created in the last two years.

It can take time to adjust, Bonnheim said. If you start to feel anxious thoughts, ask yourself where they might be coming from and why they’re getting you stirred up.

You can say to yourself: “Hey, I’m not sure these anxious thoughts are serving me, so I want to explore what’s going on.”

Do you have a fear of getting sick? Are you afraid of giving an illness to a loved one? Are you nervous about routine changes? Is it something bigger?

“Anxiety is often trying to tell ourselves something,” Bonnheim said. “The more we can welcome those parts of ourselves with curiosity and gentleness, the more that we can soothe ourselves.”

Extend that compassion to others, who may be in a different place emotionally than you, Buscher said: “Other people might not be as comfortable as you are with socializing or not wearing a mask. Do what makes you feel comfortable, be OK with what makes other people comfortable,

and don’t take anything personally.”

### Focus on what could go right

We often fixate on fears of the unknown and predict the worst possible outcome. We tell ourselves we do this to prepare if the worst happens. But when we ruminate on these problems, we unconsciously tell ourselves that a negative outcome is the only possible option.

The antidote is focusing on what we do have — the benefits of our situation. Rogers recommends his clients use a gratitude journal to train their brain to start seeing positives and focus on things that are going well.

“Doing this practice over and over begins to train our brain and strengthen new neural pathways so it becomes more of our default setting over time,” he said.

For example, isolation had a big impact on our lives, so we may have forgotten how much we enjoy being around people and having a random conversation with a coworker, said DeHeavalyn Pullium, a licensed marriage and family therapist.

She encourages clients to savor their wins. “When something good happens, pause and let yourself think about how good it felt to do really well at that meeting you led or really rock that presentation.”

As an exercise, try asking yourself why you shouldn’t worry, John said. “We make up a narrative about why we should worry. We also need to feed the counter narrative of that.”

Try to remember times when you were new to a job. Maybe it was awkward in the beginning, but you eventually found friends and things got better.

### Create predictability

Establish some grounding before your first day by finding a routine that works for

you, Rogers said. Think about how you want your day to look from the time you wake up to the time you get to work. By setting up rituals, you can help eliminate uncertainty.

Try building in some physical activity to get your body moving and carve out some reflection time for meditation or setting intention for the day.

Before the week, plan out your schedule, pack your lunch and figure out what you’re going to wear every day, Buscher said. He also suggested drinking less coffee, which has a strong effect on anxiety levels, or switching to tea.

You can even practice conversations. If you’re nervous about how to answer “how have you been?” write down an answer and rehearse it until you feel comfortable.

Give yourself patience if it takes some time to settle into a routine or something you had hoped to incorporate doesn’t quite fit.

### Set boundaries

You might find your energy drained upon returning to an office space. To help avoid burnout, take small breaks throughout the day, Rogers said.

“I’d recommend (breaks) at the top of every hour,” Rogers said. “Get up and move your body in some way or do something that allows your mind to take a brief rest.”

That could be exercise, chatting with a coworker about your weekend, doing a quick puzzle, or eating a healthy snack.

It’s also important to set personal and professional boundaries that protect your mental health, Pullium said. Some people have been hesitant to return to in-person work because of sexism, racism and other workplace harassment.

Organizations should look at their mission statements to ensure they are actually incorporating diversity and inclusion and not creating a culture where

people feel tokenized, she said.

As individuals, it’s about self care and finding your community that will validate you, help you feel seen, and give advice. “Having safe spaces to be with other Black colleagues or professionals was really beneficial for me,” Pullium said.

Some people worry that working remotely will cause them to miss out on opportunities, professional or social, by not being visible.

Pullium recommends managers promote social events or professional opportunities through multiple channels, like Slack and email, so that remote employees don’t miss hearing about them.

If you’re concerned about socializing, remind yourself that you can choose to decline an invitation to an after-work event because you need time to decompress, Bonnheim said. You can also plan ahead for how you want to handle greeting people or approaching a masked or mask-free environment.

“It can be helpful to have a plan in your pocket so that if you’re in an uncomfortable situation, you can take a minute, compose yourself and take a walk outside so you don’t have to be coming up with everything on the fly,” she said.

### Advocate for your needs

There can be risk in disclosing a mental illness diagnosis with an employer, but it’s important to remember you cannot be fired for doing so.

“If a person is really struggling, they owe it to themselves” to tell their employer, Rogers said. “It’s a form of compassion to advocate for their needs.”

If you bring up your concerns to your boss, treat these conversations the way you might ask for a raise or promotion: Frame it in the context of how

doing your best work serves the company, Pullium recommends. Come up with your own solutions and be open to brainstorming.

For example, you might say: “I know that I’ll be able to give you my best work if I can create this structure for my family. Is there any way that can flex my hours or time so that I can still accommodate this need and be more present for the work that I’m doing here?”

If you’re having trouble focusing with people walking around, you might ask if you can move to an office or other workspace where you’re more separated from peers. Or you might ask to work in a hybrid schedule, with a few days in the office and a few days at home, or stay fully remote.

“If you don’t feel comfortable advocating for what you need, you can have a health care professional help,” Buscher said. He wrote a letter for a client saying that moving to California to work for a company he’s already been working for remotely would be too unsettling.

Managers need to be able to listen to their employees and validate their experiences, Bonnheim said. Something like, “I know it has been really hard. What can I do to help better support you in this situation?”

If employees have high mental health needs, managers should refer them to mental health resources available within the company such as an Employee Assistance Program that offers therapy sessions.

Managers can also encourage people to utilize their paid time off or sick time for mental health days.

“Just asking if someone is doing okay, being able to provide that social connection to someone, is really important,” Bonnheim added.



Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times / TNS

A view of Bilgewater Brew, an onsite coffee shop themed after Bilgewater, a region in Runeterra where League of Legends takes place and features complimentary beverages and pastries for employees at Riot Games, a video game developer and esports tournament organizer on April 11 in Los Angeles. The company's expanding its real estate footprint in West Los Angeles.

## COOLER THAN WHERE YOU WORK

Look inside 'League of Legends' creator Riot Games' LA home

By Roger Vincent  
Los Angeles Times

**A** pleasantly arresting aroma of coffee and bourbon envelops visitors long before they walk into Bilgewater Brew.

The coffeehouse has cheery baristas and a pastry chef who prepares java-friendly snacks such as vegan, keto and gluten-free muffins. The theme is pirate nautical, complete with dripping water sound effects.

Coffee quaffers settle into tall booths assembled from old bourbon barrels still wafting their tangy caramel scent, adding smell to the sensory re-creation of Bilgewater, a dangerous port city in the mythical universe of video game "League of Legends."

The game is an online juggernaut, played around the clock and around the globe by millions of fans since 2009 while spinning off popular related properties including esports tournaments and a television show for its creator, Riot Games.

But, like Bilgewater's murky streets, the coffee shop isn't a place you can drop by in real life because it exists inside the newly expanded Riot Games headquarters as a no-money-required perk for employees and guests.

The Los Angeles company has quietly grown into one of the region's largest office tenants at nearly 1 million square feet, with more on the way as the video game industry evolves into a major economic player in Southern California. At the same time, Riot Games and the rest of the industry have been roiled by competition, a nascent labor movement and allegations of sexual harassment and discrimination.

Landlords eager to rent blocks of office space are courting nearly 150 gaming companies in the region including giants Riot Games and Activision Blizzard, maker of "Call of Duty" and "World of Warcraft."

Los Angeles and Orange counties make up one of the dominant hubs of gaming content creation and esports, inhabiting 3.1 million square feet of offices in 2020. That total reflected growth of nearly 70% in five years, real estate brokerage CBRE said in a September report that estimated Riot Games annual revenue at \$1.7 billion. Riot Games is a private company and does not disclose revenue.

Riot Games headquarters

on Olympic Boulevard in West L.A. is nearly invisible to passersby, much of it a discreetly walled-off campus where security is tight to safeguard work that can mushroom far beyond gaming into the riches promised by TV and film.

The Times got a rare look inside Riot Games' home base, which gives off distinct movie studio vibes; among its showbiz elements are three theaters, two of which were previously used by legendary movie directors James Cameron and George Lucas.

There's also a dining commissary called Noms that includes one of the biggest commercial kitchens on the Westside, serving a wide range of fare that changes daily and is provided free to the company's 3,100 employees, as are the drinks and snacks at Bilgewater and a smoothie bar. Also there for the taking are cereals, coffee, packaged snacks and other prepared fare at small food stations scattered throughout the sprawling campus.

A spot that does open to the public is a spacious auditorium built for esports competition, where audiences watch professional teams of gamers clash on the virtual fields of "League of Legends." Championship banners for such winners as Evil Geniuses and powerhouse Team SoloMid adorn the walls.

Their competitions are broadcast internationally. More than 10 million players in China compete at "League of Legends" daily and the game is so popular in South Korea that it produces many of the world's best professionals in the esports.

In tribute, the Riot Games campus includes a re-creation of a Korean gaming hall called PC Bang, where employees can play multiplayer computer games such as "League of Legends" for an hourly fee. Rioters, as company employees are known, can get a feel of how their games are experienced by many Asian fans. Sit-down Mario Kart games are there to hop on just for the heck of it, and there's an old-fashioned arcade around the corner.

Rioters can also play video games going back to the dawn of the industry in a library with decades of titles famous and obscure that may hold useful inspirations for elements of new games. The game library includes fat, old-technology televisions to play them on, which is sometimes

necessary with titles such as 1984's popular shooter "Duck Hunt" that interact with their cathode-ray tubes.

Another room has a custom-built table for playing "Dungeons & Dragons" and other tabletop games. Giant statues of Annie and Tibbers, characters from "League of Legends," guard the main lobby and statues of other well-known characters pop up elsewhere. Rooms have been set aside for meditation and yoga.

"The campus is sort of a balance between fun and productivity," Riot Games President Dylan Jadeja said. "You're trying to make sure people are able to get the most out of their time while they are here" without feeling like the company is trying to squeeze the most work out of them that it can.

"We need it to be organic.

That's the nature of our product," he said. "It has to happen from the people."

Other employee perks include indoor and outdoor gyms, a track and a basketball court that is now occupied by tented seating to increase outdoor dining capacity during the pandemic. Food-snatching pigeons are kept intimidated and at bay by swooping hawks Melvin, Maya and Mowgli managed by a falconer. The humane bird abatement method is also employed at the new Academy Museum of Motion Pictures.

For bike commuters and surfers who catch waves before work, there are lockers, showers and bike storage with repair facilities. For mothers, there are spacious lactation rooms.

New hires eventually stumble across the secret "library," a lounge behind a hidden door with plush leather furniture and a faux fireplace. It can be used for relaxation or meetings, including gatherings of the beer club or the scotch guild, whose members gather for tastings and camaraderie.

Although the campus might strike workers who toil in conventional offices as unconscionably cool, Jadeja insists the features are appropriate for a successful tech company that wants to attract good talent.

It's important that the office environment is a source of pride for Rioters, he said. "The flip side is, you also don't want it to be a place that goes over the top, where there's slides and swimming pools. We never went 'massage parlor in every corner' and all that

stuff because we felt like that wasn't authentic to who we are.

"We're sort of still a well-funded startup," he said of Riot Games, which is owned by Chinese technology and entertainment conglomerate Tencent. "Our aspirations are still sort of impossible," he said. The engaging campus "helps us collaborate."

As office campuses go, it's a big one with 900,000 square feet spread among multiple buildings owned by different commercial landlords. The first buildings were identified with the letters on the keyboard used to play "League of Legends": Q, W, E, R, D, and F.

The company spent \$100 million improving its rented spaces to create an environment that conjures pleasant aspects of college, he said, "the nostalgic elements of walking across the campus at any school and running into friends and stopping."

There are also 240 conference rooms that can be reserved electronically with names referencing Riot Games fantasy properties including "Valorant," a first-person shooter game launched in 2020 with more than 15 million monthly players.

"Valorant" competitions will include events for women and other marginalized genders, the company said in a February announcement.

Riot Games has labored in recent years to address allegations of a sexist "bro culture" at its headquarters that included women being passed over for promotions, unwanted sexual advances and men questioning women about the legitimacy of their video game fandom.

The company agreed in December to pay \$100 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed in 2018 alleging pay disparity, gender discrimination and sexual harassment.

In a statement at the time, Riot said the company "was at the heart of what became a reckoning in our industry" and it "hadn't always lived up to our values."

According to 2020 statistics in the company's last diversity and inclusion report, 24% of employees are women and 29% of the executive team are women after new hiring practices were put in place.

Diversity and inclusion "is not meant to be a crisis function, but rather a business strategy, and we have to constantly be present

and active in bringing it to the forefront of everything we do," Chief Diversity Officer Angela Roseboro said in a statement.

One uncommon expense Riot Games took on building out its offices was laying power and data cables under the floor in large expanses of open offices. Portable walls and full-sized heavy desks with monitors are mounted on wheels and can be quickly rolled into clusters for team projects nearby or across the campus.

The setup costs as much as 15% more than a typical office and first seemed like an extravagant expense, Jadeja said, but the fluidity allows teams to rapidly huddle and work on urgent issues such as a glitch in a game that is frustrating players.

Video game companies have needs beyond those of typical office tenants, said Greg Lovett of real estate brokerage Cresa, who represents gaming industry tenants.

Among their needs are lots and lots of power, with enough circuits to prevent work-halting overloads and backup generators if they're operating live games. Riot Games' headquarters is a global broadcasting hub and has a backup generator for its backup generators, the company said.

Gaming tenants need to be able to operate heating and air conditioning around the clock, Lovett said, and have enough privacy to protect the secrecy of their projects, which can climb in value well beyond their gaming applications.

Fantasy worlds created for games have enormous fan bases that movie and television producers have grown eager to capitalize on, Lovett said.

Netflix streams the animated series "Arcane," a spinoff of "League of Legends" with a 100% rating from Rotten Tomatoes and a second season in the works. Another recent hit for Netflix was "The Witcher," a fantasy series based on a role-playing video game "Halo," a military science fiction television series streaming on Paramount+, is based on the popular "Halo" video game franchise created by Bungie.

"The big hit is when you take your original intellectual property and do multiple things with it," Lovett said.

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# WHEN LIFE HANDS YOU LEMONS, COOK!

CELEBRATE THE YELLOW FRUIT WITH 4 DELICIOUS RECIPES



Lemon Shaker Tart.

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Lemon-Boiled Shrimp.



Lemon Lamb Chops.

**By Daniel Neman**  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Lemons get a bad rap.

When we buy a car that doesn't run, we call it a lemon. When life gives you lemons, we say you should make lemonade, as if lemons were something merely to be endured.

It's not fair.

Lemons are bright and sunshiny, brisk and invigorating. They add a delicious splash of life to food, they sprinkle it with the essence of spring.

I say, when life gives you lemons, you should celebrate. Yay, lemons!

It's time we elevate the humble lemon to the pantheon of culinary flavors. And so I decided to cook four dishes that take full advantage of this most versatile of citrus fruits.

I made dishes that are sweet and savory, main courses and a dessert. How many other ingredients are equally at home inside a pie as well as saddling up to a piece of grilled meat?

I started with shrimp. Lemon is a natural accompaniment to all crustaceans; I don't think I've ever cooked lobster, crab or shrimp without using at least a healthy squeeze or two of lemon.

In order to highlight and focus on the taste of the lemon, I decided to make the shrimp the easiest way I know how: I boiled it.

Usually, when I boil shrimp I use beer or a mixture of beer and water and a bountiful amount of Old Bay seasoning. But this time, I decided to mix lemon juice with water.

In my first attempt, I used Old Bay, too. It tasted great, but it tasted like Old Bay with just a hint of lemon.

So I tried the water and lemon juice alone. It was still good, but not lemony enough.

So I tried water and more lemon juice. It was better, but still not lemony enough.

So I tried a proportion of nearly equal amounts of lemon juice and water, and the result was everything I could hope for — bright and lemony, without overpowering the shrimp.

You can serve the shrimp hot or cold. I decided to forego the traditional cocktail sauce, because I wanted to savor the flavor of lemon. But if you think shrimp are indecently naked without cocktail sauce, by all means go ahead and serve it.

I next decided to take advantage of a classic combination of flavors that is often overlooked: lamb with lemon. The tang of the lemon plays a soaring counterpoint to what many people (not me) think of as the gaminess of lamb.

I used tender and flavorful lamb chops, and created a marinade of things that go particularly well with lamb — olive oil, garlic, shallots, Dijon mustard,

thyme (or rosemary) and lemon juice, plus salt and pepper. I covered the meat with the marinade for one hour before cooking it.

Usually, I grill my lamb, but not everyone has a grill. So I decided to cook mine on the stove. You don't get any of the flavor of the fire that way, which is especially desirable with lamb, but you do get more caramelization across the surface of the meat as a trade-off.

It was quicker and easier than using the grill, and the results were marvelous. The lemon was a high note singing clearly and steadily over the earthbound meatiness of the lamb.

When I thought about how to make a lemon chicken, I had a brilliant idea: Why not use the exact same marinade that I had used for the lamb? After all, olive oil, garlic, shallots, Dijon mustard, thyme (or rosemary), lemon juice and salt and pepper all go particularly well with chicken, too.

Usually I grill my chicken, but not everyone has a grill. So I decided to cook mine in the oven. You don't get any of the flavor of the fire that way, which is especially desirable with chicken, but it is easier to cook, and less fussy.

The chicken tasted great, it was a wonderful roast chicken. But to be honest, it wasn't lemony enough to be lemon chicken. So I doubled the amount of lemon juice in the marinade and tried again.

The result was subtle, but remarkably pleasant. Not too lemony at all.

For dessert, I had thought to make lemon meringue pie, but I decided that was too commonplace. So I made a lemon Shaker tart.

Reputedly based on a recipe from the Shakers, this tart uses every part of the lemon, skin and all. Well, not the seeds. But it uses the whole lemon, minus the seeds.

I made cookbook author Alison Roman's recipe, which uses a simple shortbread crust. It's ridiculously delicious, a buttery, crisp base for the lemon custard to go on top.

The custard is also easy, but it requires some waiting time. You slice a lemon very thin, removing any seeds, and let the slices sit in a mixture of lemon juice and sugar for at least one hour and up to a full day. Then you mix in a lot of egg yolks and whole eggs, along with a bit of flour and a dash of salt, and bake it until you can't stand how good your house smells.

The tart is an absolute delight, and it is not too sweet as many lemon desserts can be.

Maybe that's why it's called a tart.

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## LEMON SHAKER TART

**Yield:** 8 servings

### Ingredients

- For the crust  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
2/3 cup powdered sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
12 tablespoons (11/2 sticks) melted unsalted butter
- For the filling  
1 Meyer lemon or 1 regular lemon, very thinly sliced, seeds removed (see notes)  
1 cup granulated sugar  
3/4 cup Meyer lemon juice or regular lemon juice  
3 large egg yolks  
2 large eggs  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Notes: Use a sharp or serrated knife to cut the lemons; do not use a mandoline. — Crust can be baked 2 days ahead, tart can be baked 1 day ahead.

### Directions

1. Make the crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine the flour, powdered sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Drizzle in the melted butter and mix until it's well combined (it will have a sort of Play-Doh-type texture). Press this into the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch tart pan or 9-inch springform pan. Use a measuring cup to flatten it and make sure it's all even.
3. Bake the tart shell until it's a pale golden brown on the edges and baked through on the bottom (it will lose that greasy shine), about 20 minutes.
4. Make the filling: Toss the lemon slices,

granulated sugar and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Let this sit out at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours to soften the peels.

5. Whisk the egg yolks, eggs, flour and salt in a medium bowl, making sure zero lumps remain (if there are stubborn bits of flour, then strain the mixture; otherwise they'll float to the top and won't disappear when baked), and add the mixture to the bowl with the lemon slices. Toss everything to combine, then transfer to the crust.

6. Bake the tart until the edges are set and the center just barely jiggles, about 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool completely before slicing.

Per serving: 327 calories; 21 g fat; 12 g saturated fat; 162 mg cholesterol; 6 g protein; 58 g carbohydrate; 36 g sugar; 1 g fiber; 533 mg sodium; 28 mg calcium

**Adapted from "Dining In" by Alison Roman**

## LEMON CHICKEN

**Yield:** 3 to 4 servings

### Ingredients

- 1 (3 1/2 to 4-pound) chicken  
1/2 cup lemon juice  
1 garlic clove  
1 tablespoon roughly chopped shallot  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary leaves  
1/4 cup olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste  
2 tablespoons oil (not olive oil) if cooking on stove

### Directions

1. Place chicken in a large bowl. Put lemon juice, garlic, shallots, mustard, thyme or rosemary, olive oil and salt and pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour marinade over and around chicken and let sit at room temperature for 1 hour.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 425 degrees.

2. Place chicken on a rack in a roasting pan (if you don't have a rack, place it on top of potatoes, carrots, celery or a combination). For the best appearance, truss the legs and wings. Roast in oven until done, about 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours, depending on the size of the chicken; if it is getting too brown on top, cover with aluminum foil. The chicken

will be done when the legs move freely in their joints.

3. Tent with aluminum foil and wait at least 5 to 10 minutes before carving.

Per serving (based on 4): 565 calories; 41 g fat; 9 g saturated fat; 217 mg cholesterol; 44 g protein; 3 g carbohydrate; 1 g sugar; 1g fiber; 814 mg sodium; 21 mg calcium

**Recipe by Daniel Neman**

## LEMON LAMB CHOPS

**Yield:** 3 to 4 servings

### Ingredients

- 2 pounds lamb chops  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1 garlic clove  
1 tablespoon roughly chopped shallots  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary leaves

1/4 cup olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste  
2 tablespoons oil (not olive oil), if cooking on stove

### Directions

1. Place lamb chops in a flat dish. Put lemon juice, garlic, shallots, mustard, thyme or rosemary, olive oil and salt and pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour marinade over both sides of lamb and let sit at room temperature for 1 hour, turning once or twice.

2. Set up grill for direct heat or place a large, heavy skillet over high heat and add 2 tablespoons oil. Cook meat, turning once or twice, until desired doneness (about 5 minutes total for medium rare for 3/4-inch chops).

Per serving (based on 4): 413 calories; 25 g fat; 5 g saturated fat; 150 mg cholesterol; 48 g protein; 2 g carbohydrate; 5 g sugar; 2 g fiber; 217 mg sodium; 28 mg calcium

**Recipe by Daniel Neman**

## LEMON-BOILED SHRIMP

**Yield:** 4 servings

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice  
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons water  
1 pound shrimp, with or

without shells  
For optional cocktail sauce:  
3/4 cup chili sauce  
1/3 cup ketchup  
1 or 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish  
1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
Juice from 1 or 2 wedges of lemon

### Directions

1. In a large pot, bring lemon juice and water to a boil. Add shrimp and boil until shrimp are pink and curled; the time will vary depending on the size of the shrimp. Serve hot or cold.
2. If making a cocktail sauce, combine chili sauce, ketchup,

horseradish, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice in a bowl. Serve with shrimp.

Per serving: 183 calories; 1 g fat; 1 g saturated fat; 183 mg cholesterol; 24 g protein; 21 g carbohydrate; 14 g sugar; 2 g fiber; 1,072 mg sodium; 91 mg calcium

**Recipe by Daniel Neman**

## 'WE ARE NOT CIRCUS ANIMALS'

### Chris Paul fan incident at Mavericks game crossed the line

By Mac Engel

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

NBA, NFL, MLB and NHL games continue to devolve into a visit to your local zoo.

About the only difference is patrons attending a sporting event don't actually try to feed the attraction.

Fans point, and talk at, players much the same way a youngster may point at the alligator, elephant or adorable red deer.

What would any of us do if the alligator understood what we are saying, and decided to come out of his pool for a quick chat because you said he was ugly, dumb, fat and bad at his job?

At least the little kid who points, and makes fun of the alligator, is innocent; the average fan at a sporting event has no such excuse. Drunk doesn't count.

Too many fans behave at games as if they are typing on a social media app, hiding behind its infinite veil of protection knowing they'll never face that person.

"We are not some circus animals to where we get stuff thrown at us, and get talked down upon, and we have sit and tuck our tails and walk away," former NBA All-Star Mike Bibby said on Monday morning in a phone interview.

Bibby is currently in the area coaching college players at the NTX International Basketball Combine in Frisco.

Bibby was the second overall pick in the 1998 NBA Draft and played in the league until 2012.

"We are men first before this basketball," he said. "The guys who are coming at players and stuff have to realize there may be consequences for doing that."

On Sunday afternoon at American Airlines Center in Dallas, a fan reportedly touched the mother of Phoenix Suns All-Star point guard Chris Paul during the Suns/Mavericks playoff game in such a manner that it wasn't a benign bump.

On Monday afternoon, the Mavericks issued the following statement:



Jerome Miron / USA Today Sports

Phoenix Suns guard Chris Paul (3) reacts to receiving his sixth foul call and fouling out of the game against the Dallas Mavericks during the fourth quarter of Game 4 of the second round of the 2022 NBA playoffs Sunday at American Airlines Center in Dallas.

"American Airlines Center and Dallas Mavericks security and executives have concluded the investigation into the incident involving the Paul family.

"Two unruly fans attempted to give unwanted hugs and have conversations with members of the Paul family on the public concourse of American Airlines Center. AAC security responded immediately once notified by the family and the fans were swiftly ejected from the game. The fans involved in the incident will not be allowed to return to the arena until 2023."

A viral video circulating caught Paul saying to the young fan, "I'll see you later." Paul was held back by members of the Suns' staff as he said it.

Paul was not inviting the

young man for two scoops of ice cream.

According to a report by ESPN, Paul's mother and his wife along with the couple's two children attended the game and sat near the Suns bench. On Mother's Day, no less.

Per ESPN, his mother had "hands put on her and his wife was pushed, a source familiar with the situation told ESPN, and Paul's kids were there to witness it."

Bibby brought up one point about this incident that should not be overlooked.

"I doubt somebody would have done this to Chris Paul's dad, or Chris Paul's brother," he said.

Nope. "Being women (the fan) felt that women wouldn't do anything back, and they can kinda bully them a little bit,"

Bibby said.

It's not right, and Bibby is 45 million percent correct.

Stupid, or drunk, behavior by fans at sporting events is not new. Our ability to see clips of all of the behavior in real time is relatively new.

Trash talking and degrading opposing players is part of the fabric of attending a sporting event. There is a line, and all too often fans cross it for no reason because we forget there is a person under that uniform, and often superhuman frame.

Or fans forget because they paid a lot of money for their ticket, and they think it enables them to say things they should not.

Or, they're just stupid people. The world is loaded with them.

All players, from every generation, know before they

play a game they are going to "hear it" in certain buildings. Some more than others.

The Boston Garden. Allen Fieldhouse. Cameron Indoor Stadium. Arrowhead Stadium. Madison Square Garden. A Saturday night NHL game in Edmonton.

And the playoffs bring a heightened sense of ... well, everything.

Those are all an important, often wonderful, part of sports.

An NBA game, or any sporting event, should never be confused for a trip to the zoo.

The players aren't alligators.

Yell at 'em. Boo 'em. There is a line. Just stand behind it.

And keep your hands to yourself.

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## Who's up, who's down after unforgettable Kentucky Derby

By Mark Story

Lexington Herald-Leader

Who is up and who is down after Rich Strike's epic victory in the 148th Kentucky Derby on Saturday at Churchill Downs:

— **UP:** The story of Rich Strike. The 2022 Kentucky Derby produced the modern-day version of "Seabiscuit."

Bred by regal Calumet Farm, Rich Strike had begun his racing career so inauspiciously that, on the day he won the most prestigious horse race in North America, he would have been eligible for a non-winners-of-two race.

Acquired for \$30,000 on Sept. 17, 2021, out of a claiming race at Churchill Downs by current owner Richard Dawson's Red TR-Racing, Rich Strike is now the only horse so obtained ever to win the Kentucky Derby.

On the day jockey Sonny Leon would produce one of the masterful rides in Kentucky Derby history aboard an 80-1 long shot, he entered the race having failed to win his prior 11 races while riding far from horse racing's bright lights at Cincinnati's Belterra Park (the former River Downs).

Before Rich Strike became viewed as a possible Kentucky Derby entrant in April, his Central Kentucky-based trainer, Eric Reed, had been so low-profile that his name had not appeared in the Lexington Herald-Leader since 2016. That was in a story about how the horse racing



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Rich Strike, with Sonny Leon up, wins the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

community was rallying to Reed's aid after a devastating barn fire at the trainer's Mercury Equine Center on Russell Cave Road.

On the day that Dawson, a semi-retired Oklahoma oil man, saw Rich Strike win the Run for the Roses, he was watching the only active racehorse he currently owns compete.

In all my days as a sports-writer, I have never been in a post-event news conference with more feel-good vibes than the one that followed Rich Strike's improbable Derby conquest.

Given the recent history of the Kentucky Derby, please, please, please, don't let anything subsequently come out that tarnishes one of the golden moments in our state's sports history.

— **DOWN:** Steve Asmussen.

Before the race, it appeared that Epicenter was the horse who would finally end the trainer's oh-for-Kentucky Derby lifetime status. It certainly looked that way when Epicenter, the Louisiana Derby champion, seized the lead at the top of the Churchill Downs stretch.

But instead of Asmussen's first Kentucky Derby win, Rich Strike's stirring stretch run left Epicenter in second and the trainer — who has 9,743 career wins overall — now 0-for-24 in the Derby.

"I can't believe it after Epicenter's effort," Asmussen said afterward. "And, the scenario in which I went 0-for-24, you couldn't make up. I got beat by the horse that just got in (on the Friday before the Kentucky Derby as an also-eligible entrant)."

— **UP:** D. Wayne Lukas. At

age 86, we should all get to experience the kind of visibility that Lukas enjoyed at Churchill Downs over Derby weekend.

On Friday, the Lukas-trained filly Secret Oath won the Kentucky Oaks. It gave "The Coach" a record-tying fifth win in the Oaks — but his first since 1990.

Meanwhile, it was Lukas scratching his Kentucky Derby long shot, Ethereal Road, that allowed Rich Strike to run into history.

— **DOWN:** Bob Baffert. For average sports fans, the silver-maned trainer is the face of the Kentucky Derby.

So the Churchill Downs move to suspend Baffert for two years from competing at the track following the failed drug test by erstwhile 2021 Derby winner and Baffert-trained Medina Spirit carried risk.

Alas, the Baffert-free 2022 Kentucky Derby yielded a wonderful Cinderella story.

Meanwhile, Baffert's former trainees, Taiba and Messier, ran 12th and 15th, respectively, in the Kentucky Derby for trainer Tim Yakteen.

— **UP:** Stretch runners. Before Rich Strike's stunning final kick, it seemed the Kentucky Derby was turning into an equine version of Formula One auto racing — not nearly enough passing for the lead.

Of the eight previous horses before 2022 who finished first in the Derby on the track (not taking into account designated winners elevated by bureaucratic discretion or by

failed drug tests), none was ever deeper in the field than third at any race call.

The three horses that crossed the finish line first in the Kentucky Derby immediately prior to Rich Strike — Maximum Security (2019); Authentic (2020) and Medina Spirit (2021) — each led the race at every quarter mile.

Conversely, Rich Strike was 17th out of 20 horses after a quarter mile; 18th at both the half-mile and after three-quarters of a mile poles; and was still 15th 1 mile into the race.

When trainer Eric Reed said his horse "passed 'em all," he wasn't much exaggerating.

— **DOWN:** Japan. Japanese horses have been creating a stir internationally. Over the past year, horses from Japan won two Breeders' Cup races at Del Mar; won four of six graded stakes on the Saudi Cup card in Saudi Arabia; and took five of nine Dubai World Cup races.

Alas, Crown Pride, the Japanese bred, could not keep the momentum going in the Kentucky Derby, finishing 13th after getting caught up in a withering, early speed duel (which helped create the opening for a stretch runner).

All-time, four horses from Japan have now tried the Kentucky Derby. Sixth by Master Fencer in 2019 remains the best finish by a horse from Japan.

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