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“The collaborative vision fueling this project creates an extraordinary opportunity ... unmatched preparation for students as they work toward productive careers.”

University of Minnesota President Joan Gabe



Ag and education could be on the verge of getting a major educational boost as the University of Minnesota, along with local and state partners, are looking to develop the Future of Advanced Agriculture Research in Minnesota program in Mower County. Herald file photo

## \$220M research complex hopes to find home in Mower

Public-private partnership envisions significant advancements and contributions to Minnesota’s \$112 billion annual economic impact in food and agriculture sector

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The University of Minnesota is exploring the development of an advanced agricultural research complex in Mower County, a vision for innovative research and workforce development in Minnesota to address an important market need helping farmers and industry meet this crucial moment in sustainable food production.

Through a collaborative public-private partnership, including the U of M, elected officials and leaders from the private sector, the Future of Advanced Agriculture Research in Min-

nesota (FAARM) would include world-class facilities, as well as several hundred acres of fields and land to further support FAARM’s mission.

“The collaborative vision fueling this project creates an extraordinary opportunity: unmatched preparation for students as they work toward productive careers, a platform for new world-class discovery and an engine that will drive strong economic outcomes for all Minnesotans,” said U of M President Joan Gabe in a press release Thursday. “The University of Minnesota has been a leader in ag-innovation since our first days over

170 years ago. We’re proud of that legacy but we know we must continue to invest in this work and deliver practical and visionary solutions. The Future of Advanced Agriculture Research in Minnesota project exemplifies exactly that.”

From farm to fork, this complex will serve as a state-of-the-art teaching and research hub that will propel vital discoveries and further establish Minnesota’s position as a global catalyst and leader in food and agriculture innovation.

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Food and agriculture in Minnesota carries with it a large impact across the state. The Future of Advanced Agriculture Research in Minnesota complex would help to reinforce that impact across a broad area.



**\$112** billion annual economic impact from Minnesota’s food and agricultural sector

**30%** of state’s workforce

**51%** of state’s land

**\$17** billion annual agricultural sales.

*State of Minnesota, Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor and Industry, Board of Water and Soil Resources*

Latino businesses ‘hanging in there’ despite pandemic and unrest

**By Vicki Adame**  
 MPR News/90.1 FM

Karla Castro owns and operates Autentica Centro Americana and, like many, faced challenges when the pandemic hit.

Her small Oakdale market sells food products from Central America, primarily from her native El Salvador. When the pandemic first began, sales were good because people were stocking up, she said.

But then sales dropped as people rarely left their homes, Castro said. Then came the supply chain issues.

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## Ice anglers returning to frozen East Side Lake

**Fishing for a Cure to raise funding Feb. 19 for cancer research**

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A global pandemic froze Fishing for a Cure for a year, but the popular ice-fishing contest that raised nearly \$25,000 for cancer research in 2020 is returning next week to Austin’s East Side Lake.

On Saturday, the Fishing for a Cure fishing contest will run from noon to 2 p.m. as part of the annual Paint the Town Pink initiative to raise funding for breast cancer research at The Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota in Austin.



Grab your gear and head out to East Side Lake today for Fishing for A Cure, another event raising money for Paint the Town Pink. Herald file photo

Registration starts at 11 a.m. at East Side Lake’s boat ramp on the eastern shoreline along Oakland Place Northeast. Portable fish houses are allowed on the lake, and Minnesota fishing regulations apply to all anglers.

“This is a fun event aimed for everyone – no matter if you’ve even tried ice fishing before,” Hayley Newman said. “We even drill the fishing holes and provide bait.”

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Chastity Brown and Rock Local are ready combining to head up a big weekend on Feb. 18-19. Photos provided

## Weekend of music coming to the Paramount

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The Paramount Theatre will host a pair of shows next weekend that are guaranteed to meet your music fix.

Find your new favorite local band at Rock Local, a southeast Minnesota music showcase, featuring City Mouse, Fires of Denmark and Amanda Grace at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18.

Then, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, a storyteller in the blues tradition, Chastity Brown will perform at the Paramount Theatre.

Beer and wine bar will be available both nights. Tickets are now on sale at austinarearts.org/paramount-events.

City Mouse performs a musical blend of originals, country, bluegrass, country-rock, and blues. Front man Billy Steiner has been inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. City Mouse is a member of the Minnesota Rock/Country Hall of Fame.

Fires of Denmark is a genre-bending dream synth performance with live looping of vintage synthesizers. Driven by hypnotic beats and pulsating bass lines, Fires of Denmark pairs the influence of Jonny Greenwood’s synthesizers and guitars with those LCD Soundsystem’s drum machines to create a unique, electrifying experience.

Amanda Grace’s music drifts between folk and rock. With roots as a pianist, her writing emphasizes on melody and warm vocals. She’s released 7 albums. Her newest album, “Please Dear Sun” has been nominated for “Blues + Roots Radio Album Of The Year 2021.”

“This is a new concept for the Paramount. We wanted to make sure local artists are getting stage time and connecting with audiences,” said Laura Helle, Austin Area Arts Executive Director.

Brown tells stories populated by marginalized characters to stake her own space as a queer Black woman and to speak to other experiences oftentimes ignored.

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~ Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 ~



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## Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group



The Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group is designed to provide educational, emotional & social assistance for caregivers with the support group meetings. The support will help caregivers develop techniques and skills to problem solve. The support group encourages caregivers to maintain their own individual, physical and emotional health, as well as ideas on caring for the person with dementia.

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The Cedars is excited to share we will be starting back up our Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group. With Facilitator Cathy Ehley 1st Tuesday of every month starting March 1st. 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. No sign up necessary. Parking at the Cedars front entrance and follow signage.

## Obituaries

### Janet M. Dunn

March 30, 1936 - January 14, 2022  
Janet Marie (Sollie) Dunn of San Rafael, California passed peacefully from this world after several recent health issues. In true Jan fashion, she battled those challenges gracefully and without complaint, relying as always on her inner strength and indomitable spirit. "It could be worse," she often said, quoting her Grandma Fuss.

Family meant everything to Jan. She leaves behind her beloved husband and friend of over 59 years, Dave. Jan was born to be a mother, always giving everything she had to Dan (Karen), Susan, Diane and David (Kara) in her unassuming, comforting way.

She was also a wonderful, loving Grandma and Janney to John, Abigail, Hannah, Emmy, Logan, Cade, Kellen and Maisy. Jan adored her grandchildren. They lit up her life. She was happiest whenever the gang was together (and even happier when that was in Maui). She always supported all of her kids' and grandkids' endeavors unconditionally, and maintained a sense of humor in her approach to life.

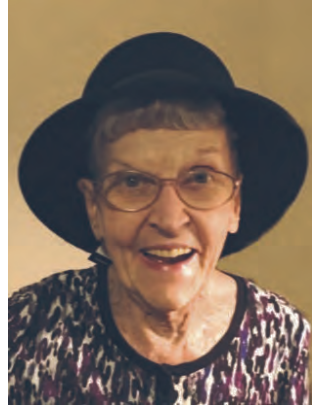
Jan was born in Winona, Minnesota, and raised in Austin, Minnesota. She graduated from Austin High School and attended Iowa State University before becoming a flight attendant for World Airways and Capitol Airlines. She and Dave met in the San Francisco office of Mutual of New York in 1961. After the "nice young chap" offered her a lift home, they embarked on an almost 60-year partnership of shared values: family, faith, love and laughter.

Jan and Dave traveled the world together. Maui, Switzerland, London and Calistoga were among her favorite destinations. She was a magnificent quilter and enjoyed the companionship of that hobby with family and friends and on sewing getaways. Jan maintained relationships throughout her life, including with her childhood friends from Austin. She also enjoyed cooking endless healthy and delicious meals, gardening, her spiritual studies, reading, meditating and clipping articles she thought others would enjoy.

Jan also leaves behind her big brother and sister-in-law Norm and Carol Sollie of Seattle, WA. Norm and his "Little Tyke" were two years apart, always very close, and even closer as the years passed. She is also survived by Judy and Paul Scannell of Millbrae, CA; Mary and Chris Hogan of Austin, MN; and Tina Sollie of Austin, MN. Jan was predeceased by her parents, Norman and Thelma Sollie; brothers Paul and Tom; and sister Judy. She was also predeceased by Joanne and Don Labbe.

Jan's loving presence made the world a kinder, gentler place. Her goodness and light will live on forever in our hearts and memories. There will be a celebration of Jan's well-lived life in the spring.

### Julie Ann Valenta



Funeral Services will be 11:30 a.m., Friday, February 18, 2022 at the Daniel Funeral Home Chapel in St. Cloud for Julie Ann Valenta, age 79 of Maple Plain and formerly of St. Cloud who passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022 at Haven Homes in Maple Plain. Deacon Steven Yanish will officiate. Burial will take place at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

Visitation will be after 9:30 a.m. until time of services on Friday at the funeral home in St. Cloud.

Julie was born May 1, 1942 in Austin, Minnesota to Rollo and Marguarite (Miller) Gunderson. She graduated from Austin High School. Julie married Gaylord "Sonny" Valenta, Jr. April 1, 1972 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple lived in California for 25 years, returning to Minnesota in 1977. She was a volunteer at the St. Cloud Public Library.

Julie is survived by her husband, Sonny; nephews; nieces; their families; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law, Clay.

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, and time with Julie, especially Sue and Bill.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to the American Cancer Society.

### Joshua J. Williams



Joshua James Williams died unexpectedly at home of natural causes on February 4th 2022 at the age of 40. He was born in Austin, Minnesota on March 29, 1981 to Dr. Michael and Sue (Wheeler) Williams. Josh grew up in Austin Minnesota enjoying hunting, fishing, and hiking, eventually moving to the West coast of Florida, where he met his bride Mara. Together they returned to Minnesota and married on July 3, 2012, and have been together ever since.

Hobbies included kayaking, snorkeling, cave spelunking, jewelry making, carving, mushroom hunting, Bonsai's and plants, intuitive connection with wild animals, and exploring nature. Josh loved his pets including his pet bird Squeaker, rescue dogs Tink, Tator, and Jo Jo. He worked as an upholsterer, roofer, welder, food processor, and most recently employed through International Paper Company.

Josh is survived by his parents Dr. Michael Williams (Jane Williams) and Cecelia Sue Wheeler; sister Kimbers Finnegan (Thomas Finnegan), and brother Benjamin Williams (Anita Perkins); step-brother Dane Booth and step-sister Elinor Cich; niece Michaela Finnegan and nephews Logan and Cole Finnegan, Andrew Williams, and Eli Eskola; many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins; Mara's parents Steven and Andrea Shaw and her sister Sandy Shaw. Josh was predeceased by his grandparents Jim and Phyllis Williams and Loren and Donna Wheeler.

Liked by everyone due to his impeccable character and unassuming manner, Josh will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, February 12th at the Clasen-Jordan Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Daryl Steinbrink officiating.

Visitation is will be from 1:00 pm to 2:00 prior to the service on Saturday. Flowers, donations and condolences may be offered at Clasen-Jordan Mortuary (clasenjordan.com). Memorials in Josh's memory may be directed to the family and will be used for a park memorial in his name.

### Guy A. Rockwell



Guy Alvin Rockwell, age 92, of Brownsdale, Minnesota, passed away on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at his home, on the farm where he was born. Guy was born August 6, 1929, to Paul and Gertrude (Dibble) Rockwell in Brownsdale, Minnesota. He attended School District #42 in Red Rock Township and finished his high school years at Austin High School. In October of 1950, Guy was united in marriage to Marcella Rose Weber at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Austin, Minnesota and together raised three children. Guy worked alongside his brother, Harry on the family farm near Brownsdale. He loved farming, raising cows, and doing carpentry work on the farm. Guy and Marcella drove semi as a team across all 48 states. He enjoyed garden work, dancing, and spending time with his family. One of his favorite pastimes was riding motorcycle all over the United States with Marcella. Guy will be remembered as faithful, honest, hardworking, and always putting his kids first. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Marcella Rockwell; children, Alvin (Sandy) Rockwell, Susan (David) Amick, and Merna (Richard) Thompson; 8 grandchildren, Shelley, Derek, Jonathan, Christopher, Kelly, Scott, Julie, and Corey; 10 great grandchildren; and his faithful companion, Jake. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Gertrude Rockwell; and siblings, Fay, Norrine, Paul, Ross, and Harry.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at the Brownsdale United Methodist Church in Brownsdale. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Glenville, Minnesota. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Brownsdale United Methodist Church, designated for missions. Worlein Funeral Home of Austin is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

### John A. Huber



John A. Huber, 96, of Rochester, MN (formerly of Austin, MN) passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, February 5, 2022 while under the loving care of his family and hospice.

John Anthony Huber was born January 22, 1926 in Austin, MN the son of Michael and Esther (Judd) Huber. He graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1944. He enlisted into the United States Navy and was stationed in Guam until he was honorably discharged. He returned to Austin and attended Austin Community College. John married Elizabeth "Betty" Weis on June 14, 1947 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Austin. He worked for the George A. Hormel company for 45 years. Betty passed away on September 1, 1993 and John moved to Rochester, MN in 2001 to be close to family.

He enjoyed golfing, pheasant hunting, square dancing and spending time at the cabin on Beaver Lake. He played on several bowling leagues and was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He was honored to be a recipient on the Honor Flight for WWII veterans on May 21, 2011. John's faith and church were important. He attended Queen of Angels, St. Augustine Catholic Church and Pax Christi Catholic Church. He sang as a cantor and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

John is survived by his five children, Kathryn Coffman of Sparks, NV; Craig (Vicky) Huber of Little River, SC; JoAllyn (Terry) Bernatz of Rochester, MN; Bryan (Nancy) Huber of Chaska, MN; Anthony Huber of Rochester, MN; 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

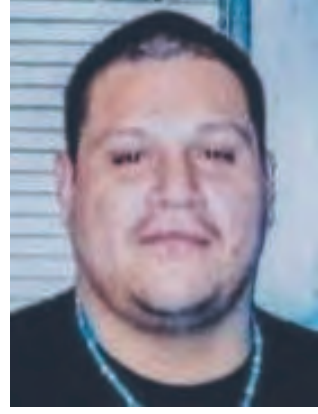
He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty Huber; brother, Gerald Huber; and sister, Vivian Dotzenrod.

A private funeral service was held at Pax Christi's prayer chapel on February 11th. A Celebration of Life and graveside service at Calvary Cemetery in Austin with military honors will be held at a later date.

Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Huber family; share a special memory or condolence at www.ranfranzandvinefh.com



### Michael J. Vasquez-Navarro



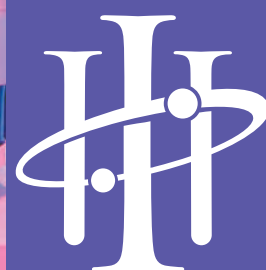
Michael Joseph Vasquez-Navarro, age 30, of Austin, Minnesota, passed away on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Michael was born May 15, 1991, in St. James, Minnesota to Richard and Elsa (Escobedo) Navarro. He attended Austin High School. Michael worked for a short time as a machine operator for Hormel Foods. He was a member of the International Word Fellowship Church in Austin and attended bible study with Raymond Tuck. Michael also loved teaching the bible to inmates. He enjoyed fishing, grilling out, listening to music, watching football, and going to Mexican dances. Michael loved being a dad and watching his daughter grow. He also enjoyed his time spent with his nieces and nephews, especially drawing with them. Michael will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.

Survivors include his mother, Elsa Escobedo; fiancé, Amanda "Mandy" Gilles; father figure, Francisco Luna; loved and raised by, Mario Escobedo; daughter, Katyana Mae Vasquez; siblings, Jose Luna, Francisco Luna, and Nidia Luna; and many extended family. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Josemaria Vasquez; and uncle, Luis "Tio Wicho" Almanza.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022, at Worlein Funeral Home Chapel in Austin. Visitation will take place from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, at Worlein Funeral Home in Austin and will continue for one hour prior to the service on Friday. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Austin. Memorials are preferred to the family. Worlein Funeral Home of Austin is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

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## Obituaries

## Dr. Robert Dahl



Dr. Robert Raymond Dahl, 90, of Austin Minnesota, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2022 surrounded by his family. Bob was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota to Robert and Dorothy Dahl. Growing up on the "Iron Range", he loved being both a 3-season athlete and scholar. Robert met Patricia Ann Trainer in grade school. They created an amazing friendship through the years.

On June 7th, 1952, Robert and Patricia were married at the Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. To this union, they created a beautiful life together and a 70-year journey. Dr. Dahl attended The University of Minnesota Dental School and was President of Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity. After graduation from Dental School, Dr. Dahl began his lifelong career practicing dentistry for 53 years in Austin, Minnesota. Dr. Dahl also served in the Army National Guard for 5 years. Bob and Patricia started a family, complete with Elizabeth Ann Morton (Dahl), Eric Trainer Dahl, and Kristin Lee Aakre (Dahl).

"Gompy" was a loving father, husband and grandfather. He enjoyed numerous hobbies with hunting, fishing, hockey, golf and tennis being at the top of the list. Bob was the best breakfast chef/bartender, not only at home but also on the Northern Minnesota Hockey Camp Trips and the many cabins rented over the years.

Dr. Dahl was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Austin MN. He also attended St. Augustine Catholic Church, Austin MN.

Bob is survived by his wife, Patricia, daughters Elizabeth and Kristin and son Eric. Children's spouses Tim Morton, Scott Aakre and Tammy Needham. 5 Grandchildren, Samantha Dahl, Evan Dahl, Zoie Morton, Noah Aakre and Jordyn Aakre. He was preceded in passing by his father Robert and mother Dorothy.

By all accounts, Bob led a blessed life.

There will be no funeral. A Private Family Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. Please send memorial donations to the Mower County Humane Society. Clasen-Jordan Mortuary is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared with the family at [clasenjordan.com](http://clasenjordan.com).

## Barbara A. Lewis



Barbara Ann Lewis, 85, of Austin, Minnesota, passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at St. Mark's Lutheran Home surrounded by her family.

Barb was born February 11, 1936 in Austin, Minnesota to Harry and Marquerite (Blowers) Burton. She graduated from Pacelli High School in 1954. In June of 1958, Barb married Ross Lewis and went on to start her family.

In 1981, she received her degree and began her career in nursing. She retired from St. Marys Hospital. Barb was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church. She enjoyed sewing, knitting making sweaters, mittens for family and spending time in the garden. Her biggest admiration was her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, James Baumgartner; daughter-in-law, Sonja Lewis and brothers, Harry, Jr., Richard, Robert, and LaVerne Burton.

Barb is survived by her children: Rodney Lewis of Hesperia, California, Rene (Walter) Baker of Sparks, Nevada, Riedell Lewis of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, Rachele (David) Root of Austin and Ross Lewis of Austin; grandchildren: Kasey (Karl), Mark, Joseph, Jennifer, Erin, Alysia, Laci, Ryan and Asia; great grandchildren: Kristopher (Hannah), Konner, Cassidy, Kaleb, Kezia, Kushla, and Kristen, Lexi, Marley; great-great grandchildren: Brayden and Caelynn; brother: Roger Burton(Sue); nieces and nephews.

Our little birdy decided to fly yesterday. She took off past the moon. There goes our sails and the wind that pushed us to our destination. Our world, our everything! The reason we are who we are and for everything we've become in this life. The strongest woman we all know! We're gonna be lost without you! You always were our confidant!!! Our right arm and your left to hold each other up. Send all your love and prayers to our Nana and our family. This is so very hard on all of us.

2 Samuel 7:19 And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

Clasen-Jordan Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Ione Johnson



Ione J. Johnson, 78, of Bemidji, MN died Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for June 4, 2022 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN. Visitation will be held from 5-7:00pm, Friday, February 18, 2022, at the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji. Private interment will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in Bemidji, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

Ione Jean Handeland was born February 7, 1943 to Ernest and Mable (Bidne) Handeland in Austin, Minnesota. She grew up in Austin and graduated from Austin High School in 1961. She obtained her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Bemidji State University in 1977. Ione was an Elementary Teacher in the Bemidji School District until her retirement in 2004. She held her Kindergartners to high standards because she loved them and believed in them. She lovingly sewed each student a "Cat in the Hat" hat and would showcase her students each spring in the infamous "Kindergarten Play."

Ione's hobbies included cooking, baking, attending concerts, plays and sporting events, playing piano and visiting family and friends over a sweet treat and coffee.

She spent time making blankets for children in need through the local chapter of the Linus Project. She lead her Bone Builders group, understanding the importance of staying fit and healthy, and spent many hours sewing items for the Bemidji Senior Center.

Ione loved gardening and could be found working in her colorful flower beds and bountiful vegetable garden. She loved to tend her raspberries, strawberries, grapes and most recently her apple trees. She would share her produce, strawberry and grape jelly, and delicious appesauce with family and friends. She helped many others start their own berry patches, with runners from hers.

Ione enjoyed many hours sewing. She could create, mend or re-create almost anything. Her most special projects included baby blankets and teddy bears made from "Grandpa Ernie's" shirts. Following in her mother's footsteps, she made many beautiful quilts. Taking the time to choose just the right color, pattern and theme for a lovingly created masterpiece. The most treasured being family gifts, given at milestones such as births, graduations and marriages.

Supporting hockey was a big part of Ione's life, starting with her sons and continuing on through all of her grandchildren. Even when games were played hours away, she often made the trip to show her support and enthusiastically cheer on her loved ones.

Ione appreciated a simple life and her love for others, especially family, is what brought her the greatest happiness.

Ione is survived by her sons, Gary (Vicky) Johnson and Mike (Sheila) Johnson, both of Bemidji, MN. Grandchildren, Ashley (John) Holmgren, Josie (Evan) Liebe, Michaela, Claire, Annika and Brooks Johnson, Great granddaughters Braelyn and Brynlee Holmgren, sisters Elaine (Dave) Macy, Cynthia (Bruce) Hannem, brother, Gordy (Donna) Handeland, numerous nieces and nephews and Significant Other Duane Lindsey. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Hazel Evans.

Condolences may be left at [ceasefuneralhome.com](http://ceasefuneralhome.com).

## James F. Judd



James "Jim" Judd, age 67, of Austin, died Wednesday January 26, 2022, peacefully at his home. Born October 30, 1954, to Keith and Dolores "Pete" Judd in Austin, MN. Jim was born 22 hours ahead of his twin sister, Jeanne, giving them different birthdays. He graduated from Pacelli High School in 1973. He attended Vocational training for carpentry and worked for Wagner Construction for many years. During that time Jim was part of the Steeple restoration at St. Augustine Church. Jim was a fourth-generation employee at Hormel Foods and retired after 35 years.

Starting at an early age Jim was an avid outdoorsman. Many weekends bird hunting and trout fishing across SE MN & Northern Iowa plus trips up north to Tim's cabin chasing walleye & grouse. He loved dogs, especially his Chocolate Lab, Martini "Marty". Jim enjoyed bowling for many years on a league with his buddies at Echo Lanes. Shortly after his dad died in 2007, Jim moved in with his mom, thus giving her the opportunity to remain in her home until she died in 2020.

Jim loved his family and friends and would do anything for them. He was never more than a call away. Jim enjoyed time with his family, vacations, holidays, putting on his famous fish fry's or just any family get together. Jim was a man of routine. Up at the crack of dawn, taking his morning drives around town and passed family and friends houses.

Jim was a natural comedian, always had a story to tell. His one liners and quick wit were "killer". Jim's laugh was contagious, his mannerisms quirky, he was one of a kind. Anyone who spent time or worked with Jim, would have a funny story to share. Jim, Jimmy, Big Daddy, J.J, Juddy, or however you knew him by he will be truly missed.

Preceded in death by his parents Keith and Dolores "Pete" Judd, Brother-in-law Richard Anderson, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins.

Those left to cherish his memories include his siblings, Cathy (Jim) Christopherson, Nancy Grunwaldt, Jeanne Anderson, Lisa (Tom) Dunlop, Brother-in-law Terry Grunwaldt. Nieces and nephews Molly Rathke, Erik (Claudia) Grunwaldt, Jenny (Scott) Marine, Kristin Grunwaldt, Matt Anderson (Partner Erin Mittag) Philip Anderson, Eric (Kris) Christopherson, Ann (Tom) Walchuk, Terri (Eric) Law, Jillian (Eric) Lundgren, Great-nieces and nephews Caden Rathke, Jaxon Marine, Sydney Marine, Keith Grunwaldt, Chase Christopherson, Payton Christopherson, Dylan Christopherson, Elina Walchuk, Nadia Walchuk, Hope Welch, Bryce Lundgren, Katy Lundgren, Grace Welch, Jacob Law and Alec Law. Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Alex Fiebelkorn, Anthony Davis, and Alisha Kaufman held a special place in Jim's heart. Jim had so many close friends who were like family to him.

Memorials are preferred to Austin High School Trap Team or Mower County Pheasants Forever Youth Hunt.

A Memorial Mass will be held 10 am on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at St. Augustine Catholic Church followed by burial and a Celebration of Life.

Condolences may be left online at [www.mayerfh.com](http://www.mayerfh.com)

## MOWER COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

## Monday

Blood Pressure Checks, 9 a.m.; SAIL- Balance and Strength, 9 a.m.; Blood Pressure Checks, 9 a.m.; Walking Club, 9 a.m.; Ping Pong, 9:30 a.m.; Tai Chi, 10 a.m.; Lunch available, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Cards(Bridge), 12:30 p.m.; Exercise w/Evies Friends, 1 p.m.

## Tuesday

Silver Sneakers, 8:15 p.m.; Exercise w/Evie's Friends, 9 a.m.; Arthritis Exercise, 10:15 a.m.; Lunch available (Mexican Beef and Rice), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Duplicate Bridge, 11:30 a.m.; 500, 12:30 p.m.

## Wednesday

Wood Carvers, 8:30 a.m.; Walking Club, 9 a.m.; Tai Chi, 10 a.m.; Lunch available (Spaghetti and Meatballs), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Bridge, 11:30 a.m.; Stitching Bees, 1 p.m.

## Thursday

Silver Sneakers, 8:15 p.m.; Exercise w/Evie's Friends, 9 a.m.; Arthritis Exercise, 10:15 a.m.; Caregivers Support Group, 10:30 a.m.; Lunch available (Chicken and Stuffing Hotdish), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Cards 500, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

## Friday

SAIL- Balance and Strength, 9 a.m.; Ping Pong, 9:30 a.m.; Lunch Available, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Cards 500, 12:30 p.m.

## Pacelli hosting vaccine clinic on Feb. 17

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Pacelli Catholic Schools, in conjunction with Mower County Health & Human Services, is offering a vaccine clinic from 2-6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17.

The clinic will be taking place at Pacelli.

Free COVID-19 vaccines will be available:

- Pfizer: 5 years old and above
- Moderna, 18 years old and above and boosters will be available.

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only be given to those with no insurance, MA/state insurance or American Indian.

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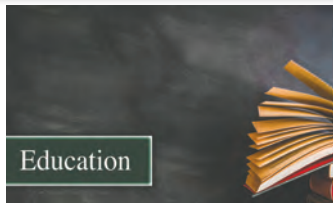
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## THURSDAY, FEB. 17

• **Sweet Reads Poet's Open Mic**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Open to all writers and lovers of poetry. For more information, call 1-507-396-8660.

## FRIDAY, FEB. 18

• **Rock Local with City Mouse**, Fires of Denmark and Amanda Grace, 7-10 p.m. at the Historic Paramount Theatre. Tickets are \$20. For more information, visit: [www.austinareaarts.org](http://www.austinareaarts.org).

## SATURDAY, FEB. 19

• **Bags Battle for Autism**, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hormel Historic Home. This first-ever benefit raises money for the HHH's summer autism camps. \$10 per person, \$5 knock out to take place before doubles tournament. \$40 for two-person teams. For more information, call 1-507-219-8414.

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## CALENDAR

**TODAY**  
• **Fishing for a Cure**, noon to 2 p.m. at East Side Lake. Another one of the mainstay fundraisers for Paint the Town Pink.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 13

• **Cedar River Archery Club-Super Bow Shoot**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cedar River Archery Club, east of Lansing. This annual winter 3D shoot it \$10 for members and \$15 for non members. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/456787029317147?ref=newsfeed>

## MONDAY, FEB. 14

• **History Happy Hour**, 5:30 p.m. at the Hormel Historic Home. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., presentation follows at 6 p.m. For more information, visit: [www.mowercountyhistory.org/](http://www.mowercountyhistory.org/)

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

• **Our Time One Act Play**, 7:30 p.m. at Pacelli Auditorium. Tickets can be



**Annie Lane**  
Dear Annie

## Hoarding addiction might bury me alive

**Dear Annie:** I am a single and retired homeowner. The problem is that I have a spending addiction where I nickel-and-dime myself to death. I literally cannot stop. My house is full of things I have bought, and while not stuffed from floor to ceiling, it puts me at risk physically. I am willing to admit I have a hoarding problem and have to clean out the house, but most services to help hoarders are too expensive. I am disabled and find myself overwhelmed at the thought of tackling these problems, so I do very little.

I know I have to do something, but none of the things I have tried so far have worked. I am afraid that I will die one day, be discovered buried under stuff, and leave a mess for my friends. HELP!!!

— *Stuff Addict*

**Dear Stuff Addict:** The first step to solving a problem is recognizing there is one. Not only have you done that and expressed you want to change but you recognize that the way you're living now is putting you in harm's way. It's time to take action.

A simple internet search for junk pickup services will show what's available in your local community for free. Anything that is broken beyond repair or simply garbage has to go. Items that are fully functional but no longer serve you are just waiting to be of service to someone else. Consider dropping off donations at your local Goodwill store or scheduling a Purple Heart pickup from your home. Consult their websites for information on what makes for an acceptable donation first.

This will help with the state of your home, but you must also tackle the state of your mind. Work with a therapist to uncover the root of your hoarding compulsions and strategies on how best to discard them, too.

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**Dear Annie:** I read your answer to "Speed Bump in My Speech," who debated whether or not to include she has a speech impediment in her online dating profile after doing so for years and attracting the wrong matches. I'd like to add to your suggestion.

I am a 47-year-old woman and have walked with a limp since birth. Many years ago, when I was looking to settle down, my parents suggested I not mention the limp during the initial phone call days. To them, I am a very well-educated, intelligent, charming woman who guys will find hard to say no to, especially after great initial conversations. I followed it for almost six months and realized when guys found the limp off-putting, I was severely depressed for the first time in my life.

That's when my best friend mentioned that written words have immense power and suggested writing down the qualities of the man I am seeking in my diary. With that clarity and a few months' time later, I was lucky enough to fall in love with and marry the first person with whom I decided to go on a date. I told him about my limp within 15 minutes of our first conversation. He matched the exact qualities I was looking for in a life partner. We have been married for over 21 years now and have two beautiful daughters.

I wish all the best for "Speed Bump" to find her love.

— *Quite Required Love*

**Dear Required Love:** Thank you for your letter; I love a happy ending.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

### OUR OPINION



## Be smart this Sunday

It's Super Bowl weekend and just as the L.A. Rams and Cincinnati Bengals prepare for the big game, people all across the nation will be preparing watch parties for Super Bowl LVI.

These gatherings will include friends and family with plenty of food and drink at the center of activities.

However, as we prepare for how our parties will lay out, we hope you will also plan for what happens afterward, most notably how you might get home after the party.

With many of these get-togethers, alcohol will play a prominent part of each party. Please do so responsibly.

Remember to either limit your drink or make plans to either ride

with a sober driver or call a taxi to get you home. And if you are keen to help others, offer to be the sober driver for the night.

We want the game to be exciting for everybody to watch, but we also want the Monday morning quarterbacking limited to the game, not to what you should have done before something awful happens.

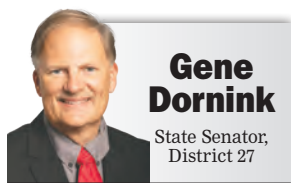
## First weeks of session busy

Friends and neighbors, We are officially underway with the 2022 legislative session and are moving full steam ahead. In the first two weeks of the 2022 legislative session, we are working hard to get Minnesotans on the right track to safer communities and affording life in the face of growing inflation.

Last week, the Minnesota Senate rolled out a \$65 million C.O.P.S. Program, which stands for "Creating Opportunities in Public Safety." The proposals focus on recruitment to address the peace officer shortage affecting the entire state. It includes six different bills to help people get their degree in law enforcement, encourage mid-career people to consider a career change, fund a marketing campaign, and education reim-

bursements for those who have recently entered the field. Local control and input are incredibly important, especially when we're addressing public safety. Accordingly, I have spoken to and continue to work with our local law enforcement.

The C.O.P.S. program will help recruit and train future officers, which is necessary to ensure we have brave men and women from our communities keeping us safe. This is just the first step we are taking to address the growing crime problems and the availability of qualified candidates to serve as peace officers. With record ear-



**Gene Dornink**  
State Senator, District 27

ly retirements and people leaving the force faster than departments can fill the vacancies, we will be offering a plan to help retain the officers we still have. Law enforcement is an honorable career path that deserves our respect and admiration. The complete disregard for the service and sacrifice made by our law enforcement needs to end.

Earlier this week, the Minnesota Senate announced a plan to pay off the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund debt owed to the federal government. The \$2.73 billion in appropriations would pay back the debt we owe to the federal government and replenish the UI fund for the future. Minnesota is currently paying approximately \$50,000 a day on interest charges to the federal government for our loan.

Our small businesses did everything they could to keep their doors open and employees on the payroll while trying to navigate through unforeseen lockdowns, restrictions, and mandates. I have heard from dozens of our community businesses and if the State doesn't pay off this debt, our small business community will be stuck paying the bill. Thousands of Minnesotans relied on the UI Trust Fund while laid off. Keeping this fund available for the future is crucial to keeping our economy moving.

We are only two weeks into this legislative session. Still, I am focused and committed to making Minnesota a better place for all to live with safe communities and making life more affordable. It is my honor to serve you.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Public encouraged to attend Township Day

All township residents have a direct voice and a direct vote with their local government. On Tuesday, March 8, townships will hold their annual meetings on "Township Day." Make sure to attend to make your voice heard!

The tradition of a town meeting has roots in colonial America. New England town meetings gave citizens a way to exercise local authority. Those meetings were especially important in the development of democracy because it emphasized problem-solving through group efforts.

Growing from this historic background, we are still effective as "grassroots govern-

ment." Residents participate in discussion and a direct vote on the tax levy, and many townships will be electing new officers.

We encourage every township resident to attend your annual meeting — together we'll shape the future. Mark your calendar for March 8, and find the location and time by checking your local newspaper or contacting your township clerk and invite your neighbors to the annual meeting on Township Day.

**Jeff Krueger**  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Association of Townships  
St. Michael, Minnesota

## US inflation highest in 40 years, with no letup in sight

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Inflation soared over the past year at its highest rate in four decades, hammering American consumers, wiping out pay raises and reinforcing the Federal Reserve's decision to begin raising borrowing rates across the economy. The Labor Department said Thursday that consumer prices jumped 7.5% last month compared with a year earlier, the steepest year-over-year increase since February 1982.

When measured from December to January, inflation was 0.6%, the same as the previous month and more than economists had expected. Prices rose 0.7% from October to November and 0.9% from September to October.

Shortages of supplies and workers, heavy doses of federal aid, ultra-low interest rates and robust

consumer spending combined to send inflation leaping in the past year. And there are few signs that it will slow significantly anytime soon.

Wages are rising at the fastest pace in at least 20 years, which can pressure companies to raise prices to cover higher labor costs. Ports and warehouses are overwhelmed, with hundreds of workers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the nation's busiest, out sick last month. Many products and parts remain in short supply as a result.

The latest inflation data suggested to some economists that the Fed could raise its key rate in March by one-half a percentage point, rather than its typical quarter-point hike.

James Bullard, the president of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, told Bloomberg News that he supported a sharp increase of a full percentage point in the benchmark short-term interest rate by July.

Over time, higher rates will raise the costs for a wide range of borrowing, from mortgages and credit cards to auto and business loans. That could cool spending and inflation, but for the Fed, the decision to steadily tighten credit could also trigger another recession.

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# Early Childhood Education at the Community Learning Center

By Jen Lawhead  
Director of Community Education



You know the famous saying, "Everything I need to know I learned in kindergarten?" The same could be said of the Community Learning Center: "Everything you need to know about Early Childhood, you can find at the CLC."

Want to know how to help your toddler brush their teeth and get to bed on time? Our Early Childhood Parent Educator can help you.

Have concerns that your child is not meeting their developmental milestones? Our Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Screening teams can support you in finding answers to your questions and access to resources.

Want to know how to

engage your children in meaningful play that will prepare them to learn to read? Our licensed teachers do this all day long.

The Community Learning Center at Austin Public Schools is home to Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Screening, Early Childhood Special Education.

In addition, we offer a four-star Parent Aware rated 3- and 4-year-old pre-school program, and our classes are taught by teach-

ers licensed by the state of Minnesota. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be available on March 23. Since 2017, Austin Public Schools has been fortunate to receive funding from the state for Voluntary Prekindergarten programming. In addition, our program has access to state funding for Pathways scholarships for qualifying families.

Along with having access to financial supports for preschool tuition, our program has a collaborative model to support students with special education needs. Our general education and special education teams work in tandem to meet the needs of each student in our classrooms. We also have a school social worker, psychologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist and speech/

language pathologists on our team to support the varied needs of children in our programs. We have two success coaches at the CLC that support families who speak languages other than English.

Minnesota state law requires that every child have an early childhood screening prior to entering kindergarten. We offer this service to families one Friday a month at the CLC. This screener is not a "test" to see if your child can go to kindergarten but is a tool to review basic motor, academic, and social skills while providing access to support.

We welcome you to reach out to the CLC to learn more about Early Childhood education in Austin as we are here to serve our community by nurturing our littlest learners.

# Volunteers are needed to help with the 27th annual Rose Sale

By Jamey Helgeson  
LIFE Mower County



The 27th annual Rose Sale will be held from Feb. 15 - March 22, with the delivery and pick-up date scheduled for Tuesday, April 5.

All proceeds from LIFE Mower County's Rose Sale provide critical funding for programs and services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

We need your help. Any level of support is appreciated. Here are a few suggestions:

**At your work:** Coordinate a rose sale where you work. Email your co-workers and encourage them to order. Call the LIFE office with a group rose order and the roses can be delivered to your office!

**In your school:** School groups can sell individual roses to support their peers that attend activities at LIFE.

**In your neighborhood:** ask your neighbors, friends and family to order roses.

**Brighten someone's day:** order roses to give to your customers or employees to show how much you appreciate them.

**Volunteer:** Rose Sale coordinators are needed throughout Austin and the surrounding communities to coordinate rose sales at local churches, businesses, etc. You can stop into the LIFE Mower County office, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or we can deliver the posters and order forms to you anytime. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering to help sell roses, please call 507-433-8994 or email [info@lifemowercounty.org](mailto:info@lifemowercounty.org).

Ways you can help sell roses include:

- Hang up posters with order forms at your work, church, schools, gas stations, restaurants, local businesses, etc.
- You can sell roses by emailing your co-workers and encouraging them to order. Call the LIFE office

with a group rose order and the roses can be delivered to your office!

- Ask your friends, neighbors and family to order roses.

Turn in your orders and money by March 22, 2022.

Volunteers are also needed to help with pick-up and delivery day on April 5, 2022. Register to volunteer [www.lifemowercounty.org/rose-sale](http://www.lifemowercounty.org/rose-sale).

## Mark your calendars for 2022 Disability Advocacy Day

Please join us for Disability Advocacy Day on Tuesday, Feb. 22. The event will be online again this year. But even though we can't go to the Capitol, it is still critical for disability advocates to show that we are better together by fighting for equity, access, and belonging in community. A virtual poster gallery will be from 10-11 a.m. The virtual rally will be from 11-11:45 a.m. Then we will have an in-depth policy Lunch & Learn from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Register at <https://tiffanyurl.com/disabilityadvocacyday> in advance. Keep the email that you get after you register. You will need that to log-in to the event.

## Upcoming Events

**Monday:** People First Aktion Club, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Sweetheart Dance, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Special Olympics Bowling, 4 p.m.

**Thursday:** Cooking for Comfort, 6 p.m.

**Friday:** Open Center, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 22:** Pizza Party and Games, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 23:** Special Olympics Bowling, 4 p.m.

**Feb. 24:** Adaptive Yoga In A Chair, 4 p.m.

**Feb. 25:** Movie and Munchies, 6 p.m.

**Feb. 26:** Date Night, 3:30 p.m.

# Don't miss some good hoops

Have you recently been to a men's college basketball game to watch the No. 2 ranked team in the country play?

Wednesday night, I attended the game at Riverland Community College where they played Rochester Community College. Riverland is ranked number 2 with a record of 22-1. This is in the NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball ranking. The No. 1-ranked college is Dallas College North Lake Campus in Irving, Texas, with an enrollment of over 5,000 students.

The game got off to a slow start but by halftime Riverland was leading by 17 points. This second-ranked team has a couple players that scored double digit points but what is so amazing is that it is entirely a team effort. What is so surprising is that all of the team contributed to the win, which ended up Riverland winning by a score of 80-39. Rochester is no softy as it was a game between two nationally ranked Division III teams with Rochester Community College being ranked number seven.

The NJCAA has more than 450 junior colleges with basketball programs across the country, making it the largest junior college athletics association in the United States. One



Roger Boughton

hundred and five colleges participate at the Division III level, which finds Riverland participating. Coach Derek Hahn is in his seventh season as the Riverland's coach. He has taken a group of 23 young men from across the country and melded them into a team that executes outstandingly well on the basketball court. This is not his first successful year as the coach. In 2018-19 Coach Hahn was recognized as MCAC Southern Division Coach of the Year and during the 2019-20 year the college compiled a historic year finishing with a record of 24 wins and 5 losses.

The players come from as far away as Miami, Florida to the south to Vancouver, British Columbia to the west and San Juan, Puerto Rico in the Caribbean. They have become in four short months a power house on the court and it would be my prediction that they will soon be ranked number one in the Country in the NJCAA Division III ranking. The National Championship is scheduled to be played March 9-12, at Rock Valley



The Riverland Blue Devils come together before a December game. Herald file photo

College in Rockford, Illinois.

However, you won't want to miss Riverland's next home game which takes place at 7:30 p.m. this coming Wednesday evening, Feb. 16. They will be playing Western

Technical College from La Crosse, Wisconsin. No cost to attend the game but wear a mask and bring your favorite candy bar and pop corn as the concession stand is closed due to COVID-19 and see history being made.

# CDC proposes softer guidance on opioid prescriptions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation's top public health agency on Thursday proposed changing — and in some instances, softening — guidelines for U.S. doctors prescribing oxycodone and other opioid painkillers.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's previous guidance,

issued six years ago, helped slow the kind of prescribing that ignited the worst overdose epidemic in U.S. history. But it also caused some doctors to become too quick to cut off patients taking prescription painkillers and too strict in keeping the drugs from patients who might benefit, CDC officials said.

"We began to hear how

the guidelines were being misused and misapplied" said the CDC's Christopher Jones, a co-author of the draft guidance.

The proposed changes, contained in a 229-page draft update in the Federal Register, would roll back some suggested limits on the drugs. Their publication opens a 60-day public comment period. The CDC will con-

sider comments before finalizing the updated guidance.

The general intent is to foster individualized patient care, Jones said. It also offers more options for treating the kind of short-term, acute pain that follows surgeries or injuries.

One expert expressed initial wariness about a proposed revision.

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# Travel show coming on Feb. 25 at Senior Center

February has traditionally been the month that we sponsor a Travel Show.

The show will be 2-4 p.m. on Feb. 25, in the main dining hall at the Mower County Senior Center, 400 3rd Ave. NE. A calendar and information will be available and is open to the public.

During this time we will sign up for travel in



Evie Mohrfeld  
Mower County Senior Travel

2022-2023. We hope you are ready to be on the road again. There will be more next week.

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ACROSS 1 Iota, 4 Cook's meas., 8 Porker's plaint, 12 Stone or Ice, 13 Ph.D. exam, 14 Defend's answer, 15 Buddhist practice, 16 Jesse James' fame, 18 Piquant, 20 Triumph, 21 Purpose, 23 Pants feature, 26 Poet's black, 29 Dorm room item, 32 Slow pitch, 34 Easy gait, 35 German pronoun, 36 Bullfight yell, 37 Chomped, 38 -Magnon, 39 Annoying insect, 40 "Rope-a-dope" boxer, 41 Daze, 42 Mean person, 43 Flat-bottomed boat, 45 That, in Acapulco, 47 Yes, in Tokyo, 49 - - costs, 53 Growth, 58 Notch's shape, 59 Confirm, 60 Pretentious, 61 Those in office, 62 Ready to pick, 63 Green Hornet's aide, 64 Insect killer, 6 Grabbed a chair, 7 Break ground, 8 Conjecture, 9 Ait, on the Seine, 10 Mesh, 11 Jay successor, 17 Gamble, 19 Adjust a piano, 22 Royal decree, 24 Next to, 25 Wisdom tooth, 26 Corsica neighbor, 27 Fixes potatoes, 28 Of the eye, 30 Neutral color, 31 Shed light, 33 - noire, 39 Tin can eater, 41 White bird, 44 Windy City airport, 46 Panasonic subsidiary, 48 Ms. Dinesen, 50 Eager, 51 Advance, 52 In case, 53 Cereal plant spike, 54 IV squared, 55 Vigor, 56 Levin or Gershwin, 57 Slugger Mel -

Grid for NEA Crossword Puzzle 2-10. Includes clues and grid layout.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1 Serving of butter, 4 Before, in combos, 7 Make illegal, 10 Wood ash product, 11 Court ritual, 13 Wide-spread, 14 Still, 15 Issue a summons, 16 Largest continent, 17 Worldly, 19 Wine or harbor, 20 Chi follower, 21 Salty liquid, 23 Doll's cry, 26 Snooped (around), 28 Veld grazer, 29 Army off., 30 Fragrant compound, 34 Half diameters, 36 Koppel or Knight, 38 Sorority letter, 39 Eggs' partner, 41 Roll, 42 Sweet liqueur, 44 Floor measurement, 46 Linoleum measurement, 47 Give credit, 51 Salve, 52 Place, 53 Dwarf, 55 LAX guesses, 56 TV genie, 57 Brewer's product, 58 Gore- eater, 59 MS readers, 60 Essential, 9 Uncluttered, 12 Cumin and mint, 13 Rafter's challenge, 18 IRS form expert, 22 Cattail, 23 Exec, 24 Literary collection, 25 Flood residue, 27 Dog in "Beetle Bailey", 29 Where Anna met a king, 31 Prefix for cycle, 32 Codgers' queries, 33 "Non-sense!", 35 Steel girders (hyph.), 37 Passed, as a bill, 40 Come to an end, 41 Luau keepsake, 42 Box, 43 Unwind, 45 Nest builders, 46 Help go wrong, 48 Agree with, 49 Bird's bill, 50 She, to Marie, 54 Tina of "30 Rock"

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1 Sign one's name to, 4 Cause a blister, 7 Tempest, 11 Spring month in Paris, 12 Icy crystals, 13 Mighty steed, 14 Cherry seed, 15 Hoopie expletive, 16 Smooth-tongued, 17 Percolate, 19 Operatic prince, 20 Camper's berth, 21 Rank above maj., 22 "Good-bye!", 25 XC, 28 Pentagon VIP, 29 Urban map, 31 Fish roe, 33 Switch position, 34 New Age singer, 36 Say "I do", 37 "Anyone home?" (hyph.), 40 Thickly settled, 42 Caramel-colored, 43 California's Big -, 44 They accompany "aahs", 46 Pack animal, 49 Cover with asphalt, 50 Skip past, 52 Word of disgust, 54 Sonny's ex, 55 Orbit segments, 56 Hire a lawyer, 57 Lies on the beach, 58 - upon this quiet life!, 59 Maxim or proverb, 7 Flock, 8 Guthrie of folk music, 9 Fox's abode, 10 Wane, 12 Get back, 18 Expert, 19 Solar wind component, 21 Metro area, 22 Historian's word, 23 Refuse to obey, 24 The lowdown, 25 Metric prefix, 26 Settlement, 27 First name in fashion, 30 Ponce de -, 32 Fruity drink, 35 Former teens, 38 Not us, 39 Bought, 41 Baseball stat., 43 Cut the cake, 44 Kauai neighbor, 45 Kiln, 47 Rumble, 48 Water, in Baja, 49 HP or Dell wares, 50 Big galoot, 51 Hosp. scanner, 53 Wild an ax

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# Hormel Historic Home's Harris Music Contest registration deadline is Feb. 15

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The deadline to register for the annual Harris Music Contest is Feb. 15.

The Harris Music Contest is open to any non-professional young musician living or studying in the Minnesota counties of Freeborn, Mower, Steele counties or the Iowa counties of Mitchell or Worth.

The contest is open to those who play pia-

no, strings, wood winds, brass, and mallet percussion

Age Divisions, on day of contest:

- Beginners: age 6-8
- Intermediate: age 9-11
- Junior: age 12-14
- Senior: age 15-18

The competition will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 5. Time frame is subject to change due to the number of participants.

The total prize pool potential is \$3,200.

Rules and entry forms available at [www.hormel-historichome.org](http://www.hormel-historichome.org)

An questions can be directed to 1-507-433-4243 or [piano@hormelhistorichome.org](mailto:piano@hormelhistorichome.org)

People can also visit the Hormel Historic Home at 208 4th Ave. NW in Austin.

This contest and all musical programming at the Hormel Historic Home is made possible through the support of MarySue Hormel Harris.



Registration for the Harris music contest is now open. Photo provided

## Adams area residents to partner with the U of M Extension for Community Development Planning

**Austin Daily Herald**  
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The City of Adams and area residents have engaged the University of Minnesota Extension to facilitate the design of a community economic development plan for the Adams area.

The steering committee, which includes city staff and local residents, will be hosting a public meeting for interested community members to share their insights and ideas related to community economic development in Adams. This meeting will include sharing of community vitality data from the University of Minnesota Extension, documenting the area's current assets, discussing its ideal future, and brainstorming activities to move toward that ideal future.

The steering committee, with support from Extension staff, will then synthesize the input from the community forum and create a road map for activating key priorities and immediate next steps.

The community development forum will be from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Southland Public Schools, located at 200 Water Street, Adams. This is a change in location from previous publications.

Area residents are encouraged to attend and add their input to the growth and vitality of the Adams area. For more information, contact Angela Himebaugh, 507-438-1566 (cell), [angela.himebaugh@gmail.com](mailto:angela.himebaugh@gmail.com); Lynnette Offen Gerber, 612-619-0660, [lmoffen@hotmail.com](mailto:lmoffen@hotmail.com); or Jake Goodale, (507) 582-3601, [jgoodale@adamsmn.com](mailto:jgoodale@adamsmn.com).

Follow the University of Minnesota Extension's Center for Community Vitality on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

The University of Minnesota Extension works to enhance skills, grow knowledge, and create vibrant communities throughout Minnesota.

## Ruby's Pantry this Thursday

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After a weather related cancellation of the January distribution, the February Ruby's Pantry will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Mower County Fairgrounds.

Distribution starts at 4 p.m., or when the pantry is set up. It will go through 5:30 p.m. or until all the items are gone. Each bundle donation is \$22 exact cash with a two bundle per vehicle limit, subject to change depending on how many guests we have.

Ruby's Pantry is currently seeking more volunteers. Anyone interested in helping can arrive at the fairgrounds, starting at around 3 p.m. Distribution usually takes about two to two and a hours to set up, distribute and clean up at each distribution.

Ruby's Pantry wants to thank all of their volunteers and our monthly partners: Andy's Logging, Thompson Sanitation, KAUS AM/FM, the Austin Daily Herald, KAAL TV, The Mower County Fair Board and staff, Mower County Emergency Management and International Paper.

The next Pantry will be March 17, at the fairgrounds

Anybody with questions can call Grace Lutheran at 1-507-433-3445.

## Barn and milk shed lost in Wednesday morning fire

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An early morning fire has claimed a barn and milking shed at a rural Rose Creek farm.

According to a release from Mower County Sheriff Steve Sandvik, 911 dispatch received a call at around 4:48 a.m. Wednesday morning,



reporting a large structure fire involving a barn and milking shed

in the 18100 block of 610 Avenue, near Rose Creek.

Mower County Sheriff's deputies, along with Rose Creek and Austin Fire Departments, along with Mayo Ambulance responded.

The barn and shed were a total loss, however, there is no damage estimate at this time and the cause of the blaze is still being investigated.

No one was injured and according to the release, no animals were lost.

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### Valentine's Sweepstakes prize claimed

Jenica Thorpe, Austin, is the winner of the Austin Daily Herald's Valentine's Sweepstakes.

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# FAARM: Creating a modern advanced agricultural complex driven by health

From Page 1A

The vision is to create a modern advanced agriculture complex driven by a “one health” approach that studies every aspect of cattle, swine and poultry – from the crops used to feed them, to the intersection of human and animal health, and to the interactions of animals on soil health, water quality and climate.

“Now more than ever, our farmers and industry are operating in an increasingly fast-paced world with rapidly advancing technology,” said Brian Buhr, dean of the University of Min-

nesota’s College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. “The challenges to feed a growing population while reducing the environmental footprint of farming are critical as our climate continues to change and we pursue scientific solutions to adapt. This complex will allow us to be at the forefront of emerging food and agriculture education and research that will transform how we produce food and protect the environment at every step of the supply chain.”

The total project is estimated at about \$220 million, with facility development occurring over the

next five years. To support this effort, the University is asking for \$60 million through a state capital request for planning, land acquisition, predesign and design of the initial phase. Additionally, the U of M anticipates funding from a variety of public and private sources, including a pledged cornerstone commitment of \$60 million already made by The Hormel Foundation.

“The Hormel Foundation is excited to be partnering with the University of Minnesota in its quest to build a new agriculture research and education center in the Austin area,” said Jeff Et-

tinger, chair of The Hormel Foundation Board.

FAARM will deliver practical solutions for today and forward-looking ideas for tomorrow with the help of cutting-edge technology and tools, including predictive analytics, big data, robotics and artificial intelligence. Educating students on these modern approaches to agriculture will ensure a continued talent pipeline is prepared to become Minnesota’s next generation of tech-savvy food and agriculture professionals.

Through a collaboration with Riverland Community College, in Austin, Minn., FAARM also envi-

sions providing a range of educational offerings for learners of all ages — K-12, post-secondary technical and associate degrees, baccalaureate and graduate degrees, and outreach education to the broader public. This collaboration will foster job development opportunities for the food and agriculture sector in need of increased training for its future workforce, as well as nurture entrepreneurs who will play a key role in market innovation.

“Agriculture is an important cornerstone of the economy in south central Minnesota,” said Dr. Ade-nuga Atewologun, presi-

dent of Riverland Community College. “Riverland serves a key role preparing the region’s farmers to be successful, and I look forward to partnering with the University of Minnesota for the future benefit of the citizens and farmers of our region.”

This funding proposal is part of the University’s state legislative request for the 2022 legislative session. Each program and project in the request aims to accelerate and strengthen the University of Minnesota’s unique ability to address the most pressing challenges facing Minnesotans, today and into the future.

# Fish: Fishing for a Cure has raised more than \$162,000 to date

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Since its inception, Fishing for a Cure has raised more than \$162,000 for The Hormel Institute’s cancer research, said Hayley Newman, who leads the event with her father, Glenn Newman. Organizers typically drill 200 to 250 holes in East Side Lake but can drill more, if needed, she said.

Holes usually all are flagged and participants can pick any available hole on the lake; anglers also can bring their auger to create their own holes.

Each \$20 entry fee for Fishing for a Cure – whose motto is “Continuing in the fight against cancer” – includes drilled holes, bait

from Runnings, a button number entered for a \$100 drawing along with door prizes and a meal at the post-contest event at the Austin Eagles Club, 107 11th St. N.E. A silent auction also will be featured at the Eagles.

Top anglers — who are determined by the weight of their fish pulled up from East Side Lake – will win \$300 for first place; \$200 for second; and \$100 for third. Most years, anywhere from three to 30 fish – typically pan fish – are caught overall by the contest’s anglers, Newman said.

During the last Fishing for a Cure in January 2020 – which raised \$24,594 – the long-running

contest saw its biggest fish ever caught: a 2-pound, 5-ounce largemouth bass. The fish was reeled in by Landen and Levi Lentz (at the time, ages 7 and 4) of Rochester. In comparison, the second-place fish that year weighed just 6 ounces.

In 2020, Fishing for a Cure raised \$24,594 for The Hormel Institute’s cancer research.

This year’s event also has for the first time an online-donation option set up through the University of Minnesota to enhance the fundraising for Fishing for a Cure. The web-link is: [crowdfund.umn.edu/campaign/Fishing-for-a-Cure](http://crowdfund.umn.edu/campaign/Fishing-for-a-Cure)

“We get a tremendous

amount of support from many businesses and all the anglers — we couldn’t do this without them,”

Hayley said. “Together, we can make a difference in the fight against cancer.”

For more information,

email [austinfishingforacure@gmail.com](mailto:austinfishingforacure@gmail.com) or call Hayley at 507-440-8167 or Glenn at 507-438-0313.

# Latino Business: Keeping stock

From Page 1A

“It was difficult to get the products to stock my business. The product is mainly Central American, specifically from El Salvador, [and it] became scarce when the borders closed,” Castro said.

She considered closing her business.

A report by Hispan-

ic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research and the University of Minnesota Extension released in December 2020 showed that 28 percent of Latino-owned businesses faced a reduction in available supplies.

In addition, Latino business owners often didn’t get the help made avail-

able by the government. And Castro was one of those business owners. She said she didn’t make an effort to apply, basing her decision on what she had heard.

“I didn’t look for the appropriate help or go to an organization and ask. I think that is our problem — we don’t seek advice,” she said.

# Music: Paramount requires masks

From Page 1A

Dubbed by critics “a rocking, rolling encyclopedia of roots music,” Brown’s most recent release, “Silhouette of Sirens,” was chosen as an NPR “First Listen” and she’s often featured on MPR The Current. She’s been featured on NPR’s “Favorite Sessions,” CMT, American Songwriter, the London Times, Paste Magazine and others. Chastity has toured the U.S. and abroad, appearing on the U.K.’s Later...with Jools Holland.

Brown was selected to perform the Austin Art-Works Festival Schindler Celebration in 2021 and was subsequently unable to perform on that date. Austin Area Arts is thrilled to bring this talented performer to the Paramount stage.

Because the community spread level of COVID-19 is high, Austin Area Arts requires masks for all guests—without regard to vaccination status—at

the Paramount Theatre. More information can be found at [austinareaarts.org/covid-safety-at-paramount](http://austinareaarts.org/covid-safety-at-paramount).



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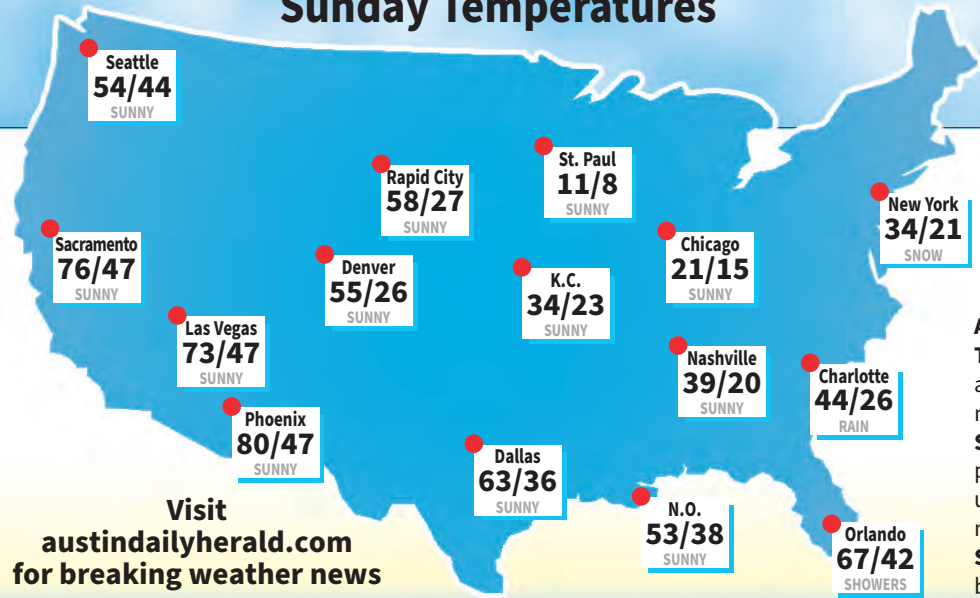
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**Saturday night:** A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around -3. Wind chill values as low as -13. Calm wind becoming north around 6 mph after midnight.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 10. North wind around 6 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

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High	55° in 1990
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### Austin Area Foundation gives to Backpack Program

Members of the St. Olaf Lutheran Church Backpack Program Pam Loock, David and Brenda Raffelson, are shown receiving a \$1,000 check from Steve Barrett, executive director of the Austin Area Foundation. Our thanks for their generous donation! Photo provided

## Valentines for Our House Residents

Blue Caterpillar students at Woodson Kindergarten were hard at work this week making valentines for seniors at Our House Senior Living. Photos courtesy of Ryan Mayers/Austin Public Schools

**Duplicate Bridge**

The Austin Duplicate Club meets twice a week at the Mower County Senior Center. We welcome everyone who enjoys a competitive game of cards and vie for placement and prize money on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. The early start is to accommodate players who come from a distance to get home before dark and also because the Senior Center closes at 4 p.m. Many players come early and eat lunch at the Center before the game starts.

The Senior Center is updating their guest procedure. We no longer sign a guest register, but identify ourselves by recording our phone number on the

screen.

Tuesday winners came out of 10 teams: First place, Gail Schmidt and Jim Fisher; second place, Edna Knobbe and Loren Cleland; third place, Lorraine Quinlivan and Barb Rofshus; fourth place, John Liesen and Rick Stroup.

On Wednesdays, 11 teams played and winners were: First place, Bonnie Fritz and Loren Cleland; second place, Barbara Rofshus and Paul Hanson; third place, Larry Crowe and Jim Fisher; fourth place, Joyce Crowe and Millie Siever; fifth place, Dave Ring and Rick Stroup

Players come from Mason City, Iowa, Rose Creek, Albert Lea and Austin. We share the Senior Center

with many groups who meet there, such as the Wood Carvers, Weight Watchers, Stitching Bees, and Caregivers Support

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# SPORTS & CLASSIFIEDS



Austin's Darren Plunkett defends the net against Faribault in Riverside Arena Thursday. Rocky Hulne/sports@austindailyherald.com

## Falcons ice Packers 7-0

By Rocky Hulne  
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A couple of rough spots slowed down the Austin boys hockey team as it lost to Faribault 7-0 in Riverside Arena Thursday.

The Falcons (9-12 overall) scored two goals in a 30-second stretch in the first period to go up 2-0 and added five goals over eight minutes to ice the game in the second period.

"They skated harder than we did and they won the 50-50 battles for the puck," Austin head coach Troy Schaeffer said. "You don't win too many games like that."

The Packers turned to freshman goalie Darren Plunkett in the second period and he gained some experience in relief. Freshman Grady Carney gave the team a push on offense as well.

Carney has three goals on the season for the Packers (1-16 over-



Austin's Isaac Stromlund defends against Faribault's Owen Nesburg.

all) as he and a few other freshmen have had to adjust to the speed of varsity hockey without the benefit of Austin having a JV team.

"The first game was pretty rough and it took a little bit, but we've adapted pretty well,"

Carney said. "I think we need positivity in the locker room and that keeps us going. We feed off of each other with our captains and they give us energy."

Schaeffer said he likes the potential of his young players.

"Darren has the potential to be a very good goalie and we're just trying to throw him in there every once in a while to see what happens," Schaeffer said. "Grady's played pretty well for us as of late. Hopefully we can progress and get something done in the playoffs."

### SCORING SUMMARY

Faribault 2 5 0 — 7  
Austin 0 0 0 — 0

### First period

(F) Thomas Kunze (Jackson Kath, Oliver Linne-  
mann) 3:47  
(F) Brody Redding (Logan Peroutka, Jax Bokman)  
4:13

### Second period

(F) Jackson Kath (Kunze, Bokman) 1:28  
(F) Redding (Braydon Larson) 2:31  
(F) Keaton Ginter (Linne-  
mann, Owen Amelkovich)  
3:46  
(F) Larson (Redding, Nathan Menard) 4:17  
(F) Menard (Ben Stoessel, Linneman) 9:01

### Third period

No scoring

Shots: Austin — 23; Faribault — 49  
Power plays: Austin — 0-for-2; Faribault  
— 0-for-3

## Packers struggle from the line in home loss

By Rocky Hulne  
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The Austin boys basketball team struggled from the charity stripe down the stretch as it fell to Rochester Century 65-61 in Packer Gym Tuesday.

Austin missed eight free throws in the second half and went 5-for-15 on free throws in the loss to the Panthers, who have now swept the season series.

"We missed free throws and that didn't help us," Austin head coach Kris Fadness said. "We got to the line and we didn't make enough and it's sad because we've been a good free throw shooting team."

Century (9-9 overall) took the lead for good when Jaden Wysocki scored on a put-back to make it 63-61 with 1:46 left. Austin had a chance to tie the game with 37.5 seconds left when Victor Idris, who had 15 points, six rebounds, two steals and two blocks, missed the front end of a one-and-one at the line. Austin had a chance to get within one point when Jack Lang missed a three with 25 seconds left.



A'tiel Terry fires a three-pointer for the Packers Tuesday. Rocky Hulne/sports@austindailyherald.com

The Packers (9-10 overall) committed 14 turnovers in the loss and were out-rebounded 36-24. Fadness felt his team may have grown tired down the stretch.

"I've got to figure out who to play off the bench right now. I've got to figure out minutes because I think I ran our starting five into the ground tonight," Fadness said. "If we're going to play this style, we need to play a bench, but at the same time we've got to play better. It

all comes down to me and I've gotta get these guys to play harder and take better shots. I liked our work ethic in the second half."

Gage Manahan had five points and six assists for Austin and Cham Okey had 16 points, four rebounds and four assists.

Century 33 32 — 65  
Austin 31 30 — 61

Austin scoring: Cham Okey, 16; Victor Idris, 15; Jack Lang, 9; A'tiel Terry, 7; Gage Manahan, 5; Manny Guy, 4; Jared Lillemon, 3; Kaden Murley, 2

### SCOREBOARD

## Lyle-Pacelli boys beat Schaeffer Academy; Grand Meadow girls take down Mabel-Academy

### Southland boys hold off Blooming Prairie

Austin Daily Herald  
sports@austindailyherald.com

The Lyle-Pacelli boys basketball team beat Schaeffer Academy (7-11 overall) 62-50 in Rochester Thursday.

Buay Koak put up 19 points and nine rebounds for the Athletics (17-3 overall).

L-P scoring: Buay Koak, 19; Jake Truckenmiller, 14; Trey Anderson, 8; David Christianson, 8; Mac Nelson, 7; Hunter Bauer, 4; Landon Meyer, 2

### Southland 70, Blooming Prairie 69

The Southland boys basketball team edged out Blooming Prairie 70-69 in BP Thursday.

Eli Wolff had 25 points for the Rebels (14-4 overall) and Drew Kittelson had 22 points and 18 rebounds for BP (4-16 overall).

Southland scoring: Eli Wolff, 25; Harrison Hanna, 22; Brendan Kennedy, 14; Gavin Nelsen, 6; Andrew Timm, 2; Cale Wehrenberg, 1

BP scoring: Drew Kittelson, 22; Zach Hein, 21; Colin Jordison, 8; Payton Fristedt, 6; David Kartes, 4; Bradley Simon, 3; Brady Kittelson, 3; Garret Farr, 2

### GIRLS BASKETBALL Grand Meadow 51, Mabel-Canton 39

The Grand Meadow girls basketball team beat Mabel-Canton (6-16 overall) 51-39 on the road Thursday.

McKenna Hendrickson had 14 points for the Superlarks (16-6 overall) while Lexy Foster chipped in 11 points.

GM scoring: McKenna Hendrickson, 14; Lexy Foster, 11; Sydney Cotten, 8; Lauren Queensland, 7; Kendyl Queensland, 7; River Landers, 4



LeRoy-Ostrander's Chase Johnson breaks off a touchdown run against Fertile-Beltrami in the Nine Man Prep Bowl. Herald file photo

## LO's Johnson commits to William Penn

By Rocky Hulne  
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LeRoy-Ostrander senior Chase Johnson is going to see a lot of changes on the football field next season, but he still plans on making some big plays.

Johnson, who led the Cardinals to their first ever state nine man football championship this past fall, will be moving up to the world of college football next season. Johnson has committed to William Penn University, where he'll likely move from quarterback to a slot receiver and running back.

"They used to be a triple option team, but they're making the switch to the spread offense this year," Johnson said. "I would be a gadget player for them. I went to a couple of summer camps as a wide receiver and I've been watching a lot of YouTube videos of slot players. I really look up to (Chiefs wide receiver) Tyreke Hill. He's not the biggest guy out there, but he's fast."

Johnson will receive an athletic scholarship and he officially signed with William Penn at L-O High School on Friday.

William Penn is an NAIA school that is located in Oskaloosa, Iowa, which is located near Des Moines and is about a four hour drive from LeRoy.

Johnson was looking to play college football next year from the start and he was impressed with the attention the school showed him.

"They really wanted me to come there and it made me feel wanted," Johnson said. "I like the facilities that they have and once I met the football team I knew I had to go there. Those kids are awesome. I'm excited. Not a lot of kids get this opportunity."

While undersized, Johnson created countless big plays for the Cardinals this past season as he ran for 2,871 yards (11.1 per carry) and 36 TDs, while throwing for 1,554 yards and 23 TDs.

Johnson is the third member of L-O's state championship team to commit to a college as Tanner Olson is headed to Minnesota State University in Mankato and Gavin Sweeney will play at Upper Iowa University.

The Statesmen went 3-8 overall last season.

### SCHEDULE

#### Monday

Boys basketball: Lyle-Pacelli at Glenville-Emmons, 7:15 p.m.; Southland at Spring Grove, 7:15 p.m.; LeRoy-Ostrander at Kingsland, 7:15 p.m.  
Girls basketball: Spring Grove at Southland, 7:15 p.m.; Faribault Bethlehem Academy at Blooming Prairie, 7:15 p.m.; LeRoy-Ostrander at Houston, 7:15 p.m.  
Girls hockey: Winona at Austin, 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Boys basketball: Rochester Century at Austin, 7:30 p.m.; Fillmore Central at Southland, 7:15 p.m.; Blooming Prairie at Randolph, 7:15 p.m.; Lewiston-Altura at Grand Meadow, 7:30 p.m.; Hayfield at Kenyon-Wanamingo, 6:30 p.m.  
Girls basketball: Austin at Rochester Century, 7:30 p.m.; LeRoy-Ostrander at Lyle-Pacelli in Lyle, 7:15 p.m.; Randolph at Blooming Prairie, 7:15 p.m.; Grand Meadow at Lewiston-Altura, 7:30 p.m.; Hayfield at Kenyon-Wanamingo, 8 p.m.  
Boys hockey: Rochester John Marshall at Austin, 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday

College basketball: RCTC at Riverland, women at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday

Boys basketball: Lyle-Pacelli at Schaeffer Academy, 7:15 p.m.; Southland at Blooming Prairie, 7:15 p.m.; Triston at LeRoy-Ostrander, 7:15 p.m.  
Girls basketball: Schaeffer Academy at Lyle-Pacelli, 6 p.m.; Grand Meadow at Mabel-Canton, 7:15 p.m.  
Boys hockey: Faribault at Austin, 7 p.m.  
Wrestling: Austin at Faribault, 5:30 p.m.; GMLOS Invite, 5 p.m.

#### Friday

Boys basketball: Albert Lea at Austin, 7:30 p.m.; Houston at Lyle-Pacelli in Pacelli, 7:15 p.m.; New Richland-HEG at Blooming Prairie, 7:15 p.m.; Grand Meadow at Lanesboro, 7:15 p.m.; Spring Grove at LeRoy-Ostrander, 7:15 p.m.; United South Central at Hayfield, 7:15 p.m.  
Girls basketball: Austin at Albert Lea, 7:30 p.m.; Lyle-Pacelli at Houston, 7:15 p.m.; Dover-Eyota at Southland, 7:15 p.m.; Blooming Prairie at New Richland-HEG, 7:15 p.m.; Lanesboro at Grand Meadow, 7:15 p.m.; LeRoy-Ostrander at Spring Grove, 7:15 p.m.; Hayfield at United South Central, 7:15 p.m.  
NAHL hockey: St. Cloud at Austin Bruins, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday

Boys basketball: Grand Meadow at Chatfield, 1:30 p.m.  
Girls basketball: Lanesboro at LeRoy-Ostrander, 2:15 p.m.  
Boys hockey: Austin at Albert Lea, 7:15 p.m.  
Dance: Austin at Section meet in Winona, TBA  
Boys swimming and diving: Austin at Big Nine meet in Rochester, 9:30 a.m.  
Gymnastics: Austin at Section 1A meet in Winona, 11 a.m.  
NAHL hockey: St. Cloud at Austin Bruins, 7 p.m.  
College basketball: Riverland at Ridgewater, women at 1 p.m., men at 3 p.m.

### BRIEFS

#### Riverland men steamroll RCTC

The Riverland men's basketball team crushed Rochester Community and Technical College 79-39 in Riverland Gym Thursday. Cleveland Bedgood put up 17 points and seven rebounds for RCC (22-1 overall).

RCC scoring: Cleveland Bedgood, 17; Malik Cooper, 15; Lajarrion Spinks, 12; Joe Burgos, 9; Boomer Jock, 8; Dominik Bangu, 6; Ethan Clavero, 5; Jamari Magee, 2; Donavan, 2; Trayvon Smith, 2; Ryan Burgess, 1

#### RCTC drops Riverland women

The Riverland women's basketball team lost to RCTC 68-56 in Riverland Gym Thursday. Elyse Hebrink finished with eight points, five rebounds, 10 assists and four steals for the Blue Devils (15-4 overall).

Lyle grad Olivia Christianson had 15 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and four steals for the Yellowjackets.

RCC scoring: Imani Colon, 15; Camryn McQuery, 15; Cayli Miles, 13; Elyse Hebrink, 8; Savannah Longhoma, 3; Turena Schultz, 2

#### Packers QB Aaron Rodgers earns 4th MVP award, 2nd in a row

LOS ANGELES — A four-time MVP, three Super Bowl players and the beginning of a brother act.

The Associated Press 2021 NFL awards had a bit of everything, starting with Aaron Rodgers becoming the fifth player to repeat as Most Valuable Player. "It is kind of surreal sitting here," Rodgers said. "Being a four-time MVP is crazy."

"They're all different. They've all unique in their own ways and this one feels the sweetest."

Despite the turmoil of training camp and the headlines created by the Green Bay quarterback when he misled the public on his COVID-19 vaccination, Rodgers' play on the field was superb. So much so that he earned 39 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL. Not even one of Tom Brady's best performances — in his final season — came close in the MVP race, with the Buccaneers quarterback getting 10 votes.

Only Peyton Manning with five MVP awards is ahead of Rodgers, who said no announcement on his future in the NFL is imminent.

"There was something to how I felt walking off the field," he said. "I had great conversations with the Packers before I left town. There have been changes to the staff. Just comes down to weighing where I am at mentally and what the commitment is."

— Associated Press

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Sunday Afternoon

February 13, 2022

Table with 12 columns (12 PM to 5:30 PM) and 25 rows of TV listings for Sunday Afternoon, February 13, 2022.

Wednesday Evening

February 16, 2022

Table with 12 columns (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and 25 rows of TV listings for Wednesday Evening, February 16, 2022.

Sunday Evening

February 13, 2022

Table with 12 columns (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and 25 rows of TV listings for Sunday Evening, February 13, 2022.

Thursday Evening

February 17, 2022

Table with 12 columns (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and 25 rows of TV listings for Thursday Evening, February 17, 2022.

Monday Evening

February 14, 2022

Table with 12 columns (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and 25 rows of TV listings for Monday Evening, February 14, 2022.

Friday Evening

February 18, 2022

Table with 12 columns (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and 25 rows of TV listings for Friday Evening, February 18, 2022.