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WEEKEND EDITION



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Madison Bartlett receives her diploma from Riverland Community College President Dr. Adenuga Atewologun Friday afternoon.

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Leo Augusta, Akkerman join forces

Center slated to open early June

By Eric Johnson
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In just about a months time, the Leo Augusta Children's Academy, in Blooming Prairie will open its doors with a soft opening.

However, prior to that the academy has struck an important partnership that administrators hope will be a sign of things to come.

Leo Augusta and Akkerman Inc. in Brownsdale recently entered into a three-year deal that will let Akkerman adopt the academy's STEAM room.

"We had great discussions of a mutually beneficial association," said Amy Hinzmann, academy president. "They will be adopting the STEAM room for a three-year period. There will be marketing toward Akkerman and they will display a bunch of stuff in the room."

With Akkerman showing interest in the STEAM room, it opens up an educational opportunity for the students that will soon be attending the academy.

"This is a great opportunity for Akkerman to market themselves and also be able to give our kids at the academy the opportunity to ask questions and get a better understanding of manufacturing," Hinzmann said. "That's our strong suit. It's a good opportunity."

It's also a model for other companies to possibly step up to offer the same opportunities throughout the school.

"We want other companies to come on board," Hinzmann said. "I would love an agriculture room so we can highlight agriculture."

Construction is currently in the final stages with a target for that soft opening set in the first part of June.

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Strength & Resilience

Riverland holds in-person commencement exercises

By Eric Johnson
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For the first time since 2019 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Riverland Community College held in-person commencement exercises Friday.

The school graduated 587 students among two separate ceremonies with 277 of those participating between the two ceremonies.

Throughout the afternoon ceremony there seemed to be an emphasis placed on the value of education Riverland provides that might otherwise be overlooked.

One of the afternoon's two student speakers, Gracie Svien,



One of two student speakers, Tanya Vanderpool, addresses graduates and audience members during the first of two commencement.

spoke directly to that very thing when relating how others were taken aback that she wasn't at-

tending a "real" college. "Real college is any college," she pointed out, later saying, "I

knew Riverland was the right decision."

Svien graduates with an Associate of Arts degree in psychology with aspirations of lending her skills to the mental health field.

Along the way, Svien told the audience that not only did she get her education while attending Riverland, she also learned about herself in the process.

"Being at Riverland taught me about myself, my goals and the world and people around me," she said. "I've seen so much strength and resilience during my time at Riverland."

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Rodeo for safety

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Hailey Hahn rides her bicycle as her mother looks on from behind during the Neveln Elementary Bike Rodeo Friday. The event taught students how to safely ride bicycles while holding a day of celebration. FAR LEFT: Charlie Bure rides his bicycle at the Bike Rodeo.

Mower United Way announces campaign results, impacts

Annual drive raises 1.14 million

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United Way of Mower County (UWMC) has concluded its annual Community Campaign having raised nearly \$1.14 million for local nonprofit organizations.

"Every day, Mower County residents depend on United Way and our funded partners to break down barriers and create opportunities for those who need us most. Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities - by bringing people and resources together to build a strong, healthy, and safe home for all," said Molly Lanke, executive director of UWMC in a press release Friday.

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Canoemobile returns to Cedar River

Free, guided canoe trips May 14 at Austin Mill Pond

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Canoemobile has returned to the Cedar River State Water Trail for a week of programming on the land and water for area students, ending with a free Community Day on Saturday.

Austin Mill Pond's southwest landing at the city pool parking lot will be the site for Canoemobile's Community Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. led by the nonprofit Wilderness Inquiry from Minneapolis. The event for all ages will feature free, guided canoe trips on the Cedar River above the downtown dam. Canoe trips last about 30 minutes.

"Canoemobile is a really great experience thanks to the



Neveln Elementary students come in for a landing after a Canoemobile trip on the Cedar River Thursday morning.

Eric Johnson/photodesk@austindailyherald.com

amazing crew from Wilderness Inquiry, who make canoeing fun, safe and accessible for everyone," said Tim Ruzek, CRWD outreach coordinator.

This week, starting on Monday, Wilderness Inquiry has teamed with the Cedar River Watershed

District to provide Canoemobile programming on the Cedar River at Ramsey Dam for students from all public and private schools in Mower County along with Blooming Prairie and Hayfield.

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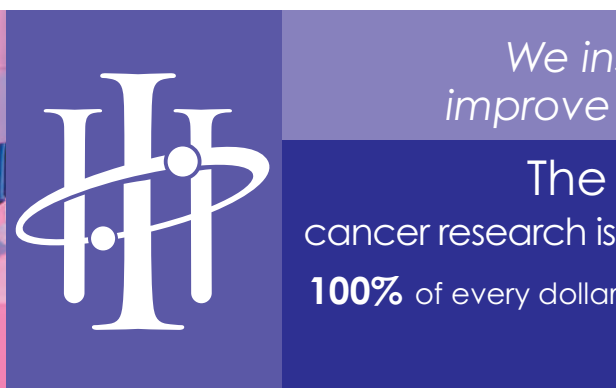
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Obituaries

Richard O. "Dick" Jahr



Richard O. "Dick" Jahr, age 84, died Thursday, May 12, 2022 at home.

Richard was born January 7, 1938 in Austin, to Orvis and Alice (Smith) Jahr. He grew up in Austin and graduated from St. Augustine High School (Pacelli High School.)

On May 16, 1959 he was united in marriage to JoAnne Swank at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. They were stationed in Germany where he served in the United States Army Intelligence Division. Upon returning to Austin in 1963, Richard was employed at the Milwaukee Railroad for many years, spent time as a real estate broker, and many additional years as a self-employed painter until he retired.

Richard was an active parishioner throughout his life at St. Augustine Catholic Church; school board, parish council, lay distributor, faith formation, finance council and parish trustee member. He enjoyed cookouts with family, watching his grandchildren's sporting events, reading, story-telling, and spending time in prayer. He was guided in all aspects of his life by his prayerfulness and deep faith in God.

He is survived by his wife JoAnne Jahr, Austin, MN; son, Gregory (Helen) Jahr, Austin, MN; daughter, Stephanie (Donald) Villata, Minneapolis, MN; daughter, Susan (James) Hebrink, Austin, MN; eleven grandchildren, Rachael, Anna, Gretchen, Christopher, Sophia, Seth, Nina, Tate, Elyse, Aleecia, and Cole; nine great grandchildren; a sister, Marlys (Kenneth) Haney, Austin, MN; two brothers, Jim (Becky) Jahr, Rochester, MN; Bob (Stephanie) Jahr; Sartell, MN.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill Jahr, and sister, Nancy Cummings.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 am on Monday, May 16, 2022 at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Father James Steffes officiating. Friends may call from 4-6 pm on Sunday at Mayer Funeral Home and also one hour before the mass at the church on Monday. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Condolences may be left online at www.mayerfh.com

Duane "Dude" K. Halverson

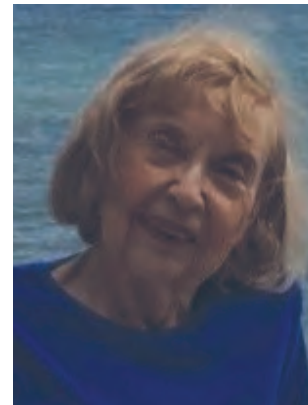


Duane "Dude" Kent Halverson, age 88, of Austin, Minnesota, passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester, Saint Marys Campus. Duane was born November 23, 1933, in Austin, Minnesota, to Orville and Bernice (Bjorgo) Halverson. Duane was an only child. He was baptized December 17, 1933 by Pastor Henry Noss and Confirmed on June 6, 1948 by Pastor Arthur Swenson at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Austin. He graduated in 1951 from Austin High School. Duane enlisted in the United States Army on November 11, 1953, serving in Japan with the 1st Cavalry Division, 5th Cavalry Regiment Honor Guard and as an Assistant to the Chaplain from April of 1954 until September of 1954. He was honorably discharged from the service on October 25, 1955. Prior to going into the Army, Duane attended the Austin Vo-Tech for machine shop and after his honorable discharge he attended the Austin Vo-Tech for carpentry and took accounting courses at the Austin Junior College. On May 4, 1957, he was united in marriage to Marilyn Tischer at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Austin. Their union was blessed with 3 children. Duane was employed at the Hormel Food Corporation for 43 years retiring March 31, 1994 as Supervisor of Medical Benefits. Duane spent his entire life growing up in Austin. In February 2001, the couple purchased their second home in Spring Run at The Brooks, Bonita Springs, Florida. This is where they spent the winter months enjoying warm winters, playing golf, bocce ball, neighborhood parties at the pool, and many activities at the Club House. Their summer months were spent in Austin. Duane enjoyed being a spectator of many kinds of auto racing, traveling to Indianapolis, Daytona and Knoxville, Iowa numerous times, plus local races for many years. He was an avid golfer, playing several times a week at the Austin Country Club and Spring Run Golf Course in Florida. Duane was a creative and talented "handy guy", a problem solver and a loyal friend. He was a charter member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 91, Elk's Club (Exalter Ruler 1974-1975), Austin Country Club, and Spring Run Golf Course in Florida.

Survivors include his wife (a week short of 65 years of marriage), Marilyn Halverson of Austin, MN; children, Joni (Tim Lerud) Halverson of Austin, MN; Kathy (Jerry) Stoeckigt of Summerfield, FL and Thomas (Dana) Halverson of Springboro, OH. Five grandchildren; Adam Stoeckigt of Woodstock, IL; Chelsea (Juan Rivera) Stoeckigt of Orlando, FL; Hanna (David) Geresy and great-granddaughter Liah Geresy of Westchester, OH; Emma Halverson of Springboro, OH; Luke Halverson of Springboro, OH; brother-in-law David Tischer of Austin, MN and many relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Bernice Halverson; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Norma and Orville Arends, Dale and Roberta Tischer, and Lois 'Darlene' and Ove Paulson, and Deanna Tischer.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Worlein Funeral Home Chapel in Austin. Visitation will take place from one hour prior to the service at 1:00 pm. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin. Memorials preferred to Our Saviors Lutheran Church or donor's choice. Worlein Funeral Home of Austin is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Nancy J. Barber



Nancy J. Barber, age 85, passed away Friday, May 6, 2022. Nancy was born April 21, 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Walter and Marie (nee Guenther) Parker.

Nancy graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and married her high school sweetheart James Barber. They spent 54 wonderful years together. Nancy and Jim moved to Austin, Minnesota where they raised three sons. She cherished her role as a wife and mother.

Nancy worked at the Austin Public Library for 19 years. She was also a member of Red Hat Society, Austin floral club, Beta Sigma Phi and the Women's Association of the Austin Symphony Orchestra. Nancy loved reading books and was a founding member of a book club that met regularly and Barnes & Noble. Nancy cherished her role as a mother and grandmother attending numerous sporting and other activities. She returned to Cleveland in 2017 and resided in Bay Village along the shores of Lake Erie.

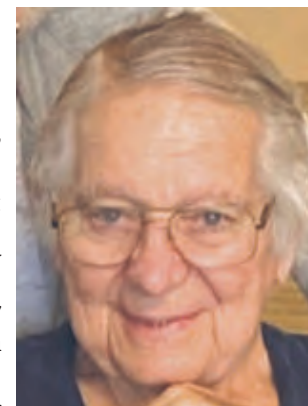
Nancy was preceded in death by her husband Jim Barber; son, Jeff Barber; and granddaughter Olivia Barber. Nancy is survived by sons, Scott Barber and Steve (Nancy) Barber; daughter-in-law, Colleen Barber; former daughter-in-law Sally; and grandchildren Max, Sydney, Stephanie, Allison, Amelia and Julia.

Spending time with family and making memories with loved ones was a significant part of Nancy's life. In lieu of flowers or a donation to a charity, her family encourages you to make lasting and special memories with those you love today and every day.

Private burial of Nancy's urn will take place in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland.

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Richard H. Alger



Richard H. "Dick" Alger, age 89, of Austin went to heaven at Methodist Hospital in Rochester on Tuesday evening, January 25, 2022 following a 17 month battle with cancer.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 am on Friday, May 20, 2022 at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Father James Steffes officiating. Friends may call from 5-7 pm on Thursday at Mayer Funeral Home and also one hour before the mass at the church on Friday. Interment will be in St. Peter's Cemetery in Rose Creek. Military rites will be by American Legion Post #91 and VFW Post #1216.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to the Hormel Institute for Cancer Research in Dick's honor.

Condolences may be left online at www.mayerfh.com

Pending notices

Irene Noble

July 9, 1937 - May 12, 2022

ROCHESTER, Minn. - Irene Noble, 84, Austin, Minn., died Thursday, May 12, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Arrangements by Mayer Funeral Home.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

- **One Stop Spring Shoppe**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at IJ Holton Intermediate School. Crafts and products available from crafters and home-based businesses.
- **Mower County Electronic Recycling Event**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mower County Fairgrounds. For more information, call 1-507-437-9940.
- **Canoemobile Community Day**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mill Pond.
- **Author Visit: Eric Bergman**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sweet Reads Books and Candy.
- **Yes, You MAY! Date Night**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Put on by the Matchbox Children's Theatre. Sign kids up for spring-inspired activities while you go out for a night of relaxation.

MONDAY, MAY 16

- **Farmers Market Place**, 4-6 p.m. next to the Spam Museum. Take advantage of the market's new ability to accept EBT. Using their EBT card, people will receive \$10 in Market Bucks and \$10 in Produce Bucks.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

- **Austin Audubon Evening Bird Hikes**, 6:30 p.m. at the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

- **Austin Audubon Morning Bird Hikes**, 6:30 a.m. at the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center.
- **Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library Book Sale**, 4-7 p.m., members only preview (join at the door for \$5) All proceeds from the sale go towards programs and equipment for the library. The sale will take place in the Albert Lea City Center Garage, located near the Fountain Street entrance to City Center and Albert Lea Public Library.
- **Austin Farmer's Market**, 4-7 p.m. across from the Salvation Army in Austin.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

- **Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library Book Sale**, noon to 6 p.m., members only preview (join at the door for \$5) All proceeds from the sale go towards programs and equipment for the library. .

SATURDAY, MAY 21

- **SPAM Post 570 Armed Forces Day breakfast**, 9-11 a.m. at the Austin American Legion. Meal includes a variety of egg bakes, fresh fruits, muffins with juice, coffee and milk. Cost is \$10 per person. Children under 6 are free.

PAST & PRESENT

Today is Saturday, May 14, the 134th day of 2022. There are 231 days left in the year.

IN MINNESOTA HISTORY

ON THIS DAY IN 1852, after weeks of rain, a mudslide covers much of Stillwater, destroying barns, shops, homes, and three rafts of lumber but injuring no one. Two cows in a barn keep their feet during the slide, and afterwards they walk out of a second-story window. In all, the slide covers five acres of ground to a depth of one to twenty feet. Prior to the slide, this land had been low and boggy, selling for about \$1.25 an acre. After the slide the land is more useable, and its value rises to \$500 an acre. Most of the business area of present-day Stillwater is built on this location.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Photo-realist artist Richard Estes is 90. Actor Dame Sian Phillips is 89. Former Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is 80. Movie producer George Lucas is 78. Guitarist Gene Cornish is 78. Actor Meg Foster is 74. Movie director Robert Zemeckis is 71. Rock singer David Byrne is 70. Actor Tim Roth is 61. Rock singer Ian Astbury (The Cult) is 60. Rock musician C.C. (aka Cecil) DeVille is 60. Actor Danny Huston is 60. Rock musician Mike Inez (Alice In Chains) is 56. Fabrice Morvan (ex-Milli Vanilli) is 56. R&B singer Raphael Saadiq is 56. Actor Cate Blanchett is 53. Singer Danny Wood (New Kids on the Block) is 53.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On May 14, 1940, the Netherlands surrendered to invading German forces during World War II.

TODAY IN HISTORY:

In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age 4 upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Illinois.

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11th annual Foodie Throwdown fundraiser set for May 21

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Enjoy a flavorful night of food and kick off the summer, while supporting a local history museum, at the 11th annual Foodie Throwdown at the Hormel Historic Home.

This year's theme is Backyard BBQ and will feature six chef teams serving samples of main dishes and desserts.

"I'm so excited for this annual fundraiser, food is my passion and the Hormel Historic Home has become my mission; so the two go hand in hand with this event!" Hormel Historic Home Executive Director, Cindy Meany.

The majority of the event is planned for outdoors in the Peace Garden, but will move indoors depending on weather. Attendees are encour-



Information

Date: May 21, 2022
Event: Foodie Throwdown: Backyard BBQ
Time: Peace Garden gates open at 6:00pm
Location: Hormel Historic Home, 208 4th Ave. NW, Austin, MN 55912
Tickets: www.hormelhistorichome.org/calendartickets.html

For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/events/706484450628356

aged to wear their favorite Backyard BBQ attire. A silent auction during

the event is planned to raise additional funding for the HHH as they con-

tinue to make their way through the pandemic. Out of caution for the rising COVID-19 cases, the Hormel Historic Home has decided to reduce the number of tickets available, in order to reduce the total number of attendees.

Tickets are available on the Hormel Historic Home's website www.hormelhistorichome.org or by calling the Hormel Historic Home's office at 507-433-4243. Tickets include a main dish and dessert sample from each of our six chef teams; then each attendee will vote for their favorite of each.

Attendees will also hear music by Larry Erickson and be entertained by Emcee Comedian Michelle Lilly. Beverages will be available to purchase from a full cash bar.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Noon Kiwanis Student of the Month

Austin Noon Kiwanis has selected Ingrid Dolan Peterson, a senior at Austin High School, as their Student of the Month.

"My academic experience has been unique to say the least," Ingrid said regarding her academic experience at AHS. "The only normal years of high school have been my freshman and senior years. Due to COVID, my sophomore year was cut short, and my junior year was hybrid style. I was only in school on



Dolan Peterson

Thursdays and Fridays. COVID was a challenging time, but it did not stop me from meeting my academic goals. I discovered that I liked the freedom the hybrid schedule gave me, so I created my own hybrid schedule for this year which consists of online classes through Riverland and Austin High School classes. Because of the opportunity to take college classes while in high school, I feel very prepared for classes at NDSU in the fall."

School related activities Ingrid has been involved with include Austinaires, swimming, figure skating, Link Crew, Youth Leadership, Go Green Club and the Packer Pantry.

"I have learned about teamwork and how important it is to have people you can work and get along with," she said. "I have also learned that it is important for everyone to work together, not just one person

putting in 100%."

Regarding community related activities, Ingrid volunteered at the Mower County Senior Center during COVID-19, where she helped pack and distribute meals for people in the community. As part of the swim team, she has helped with the United Way's Day of Caring. She has also volunteered time helping with JV girls' and boys' swim meets, and teaching young skaters how to skate. She has accumulated 185.75 hours toward the Scarlet Cord program at AHS.

"I have learned how to give back to my community and how important it is to help one another in times of need," Ingrid said.

Regarding her post-secondary/career plans: "After high school I am attending North Dakota State University in Fargo to study dietetics and exercise science. NDSU has a five year Master's program I plan to complete to become a certified registered dietician. I hope to help individuals live healthier and happier lives. I envision myself working in a fitness center setting, eating disorder facility, or weight loss center."

Ingrid further shared: "Someone who has positively impacted me is my mom. She has always supported me whether it was school, sports, or anything else. She understands that I have high expectations for myself, and that I want to achieve all my goals. She also gets me as a person and knows when I need a pep talk, hug, or shoulder to cry on. I know she is proud of me and that she will always be there cheering me on."

Grace Lutheran to hold veteran's Service

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Grace Lutheran Church in Austin will hold its Veterans Appreciation Sunday Service at 9 a.m. on May 29.

This year's service marks the 19th year that Grace Lutheran has held the service. The speaker will be Eileen Chao, major, US Army, retired. Major Chao will share her story about her service as a woman in the Army.

The ideas for this service came from Richard and Lavona Johnson. Richard was a veteran of the Navy during World War II. For many veterans of the Vietnam conflict, this service has been the first time that

they have been thanked for their service.

During the service, each branch of the military has their flag displayed as the congregation sings that branch's song. The veterans of that branch come forward to be recognized.

"It is a very moving service," said Randy Mickelson, organizer of this year's service. "As a veteran, I take pride in standing with the other men and women that have honorably served our country."

Everyone is invited to attend. All veterans, their families and friends are encouraged to be here. A light lunch will be served following the service.

Area road work gets underway

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Motorists on westbound Interstate 90 will encounter a lane closure from Austin to Petran as concrete pavement repairs continue, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The work continues the concrete pavement repairs that began earlier this month on eastbound I-90 between Alden and Highway 13 at Albert Lea to repair damaged concrete or where joints have failed. Highway off- and on-ramps will remain open. The work is expected to last about two months.

Rumble strip installation on southeast Minnesota

Motorists will encoun-

ter minor traffic delays through May on various state highways in southeast Minnesota counties as crews install rumble strips, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Work began May 9. Delays should be minimal through the work zone. On two-lane roads, motorists will take turns using the single open lane while being directed by flaggers. On four-lane roads, there will be lane closures. Motorists should be alert for wet paint signs and pylons identifying where new striping has been placed after the rumble strips are done.

Work is occurring on stateroads in Goodhue, Winona, Houston, Fillmore and Mower counties, and is estimated to be complete

by the end of May, weather permitting.

Highways scheduled for work include:

- Highway 60, Highway 56 to Highway 52 (Kenyon to Zumbrota);
- Highway 63, 0.6 miles east of Highway 52 to 0.2 miles west of Olmsted County Road 33 (75th St. north of Rochester);
- Highway 248, Winona County Road 26 to Highway 61 (Altura to Minnesota City);
- Highway 14, 0.7 miles east of Winona County Road 23 to 1.1 miles west of Highway 61 (Stockton to Winona);
- Highway 14, Winona County Road 25 to 0.2 miles west of Winona County Road 23;
- Highway 43, 0.5 miles south of Winona County Road 27 to I-90 (North of

Rushford to I-90);

- Highway 16, 0.6 miles east of Houston County Road 13 to Walnut Street west of Highway 44 (Hokah);
- Highway 16, 0.2 miles north of Houston County Road 7 to 0.2 miles south of Highway 26 (Near Hokah to Highway 26);
- Highway 44, 0.2 miles north of Highway 76 to 0.9 miles south of Houston County Road 18 (Houston to Hokah);
- Highway 52, 0.2 miles north of Fillmore County Road 11 to 1.1 miles south of Fillmore County Road 5 (Fountain to Chatfield); and
- Highway 218, 0.5 miles north of Mower County Road 45 to 1.1 miles south of Highway 30 (Austin to Blooming Prairie).

Anita Clark joins KSMQ public television

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KSMQ Public Television is adding to its employee ranks in preparation for its move to downtown Austin later this year.

Anita Clark has been hired by the PBS broadcaster as projects coordinator.

Clark is a resident of

Austin where for the past decade she has been an active volunteer for the Austin Public Schools District. Prior to coming to Austin, she was an account manager at advertising agencies Martin Williams, and Bolin Marketing & Advertising,



Clark

both in Minneapolis. She also resided in Washington, D.C. where she served as an account representative at Martha Stewart Omnicom Media and Bernard Hodes Advertising, Inc. Clark grew up in Min-

neapolis and graduated from the University of St. Thomas. She completed post-graduate coursework at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

KSMQ Public Television broadcasts to over 700,000 viewers in southeastern Minnesota and northeastern Iowa.

DNR: Fox kit tests positive for bird flu in Minnesota

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A baby fox has tested positive for the bird flu in Minnesota, the first confirmed case in a wild mammal in the state, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

The kit found in Anoka County died, as did two red fox kits in Ontario, Canada who tested positive for the avian flu last week, the first reported cases in a wild mammal in North America, according to the DNR.

The University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory alerted the DNR, which monitors the health of the state's wildlife. The National Veterinary Services Laboratory later confirmed the positive test earlier this week, state officials said.

The DNR routinely responds to reports of sick wildlife and conducts testing for many wildlife diseases. It will now add avian influenza to the routine screening process when

foxes with neurological symptoms are submitted to the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

This year's bird flu strain is more aggressive and has caused more deaths in domestic poultry and wild birds than the previous strain in 2015.

"Testing in Minnesota has confirmed HPAI in nearly 200 wild birds, including 19 species of birds, primarily waterfowl and raptors," said Michelle Carstensen, the DNR's wildlife health

program supervisor.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health officials have said the risk to the public remains low.

"The best advice we have for Minnesotans is to avoid contact with wildlife that appear sick or injured and contact your health care provider if you are bitten or have other close contact with wildlife," said Dr. Joni Scheffel, Minnesota Department of Health public health veterinarian.



Dandy Lion

Dandy Lion has been a resident at the Mower County Humane Society since 2010 when he came as a kitten with his siblings. The rest of the family has been adopted. We would LOVE to find a loving, indoor retirement home for Dandy Lion where he would be the only cat. He is a people lover! Adoption fee is \$50

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Duplicate Bridge

Spring is here, smiles are on all of our faces, and duplicate bridge players come together on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. each week. This week nine teams played on Tuesday (a team is two players) and winners were:

- First place, Jim Fisher and Dave Ring
- Second place, Barb and Orrin Roisen

- Third place (tie), Bill Momsen and Larry Crowe and Theresa Baldus and Harriet Oldenberg

- Fifth place, Edna Knobe and Loren Cleland

Above winners include people from Austin, Albert Lea and Rose Creek

On Wednesday, 11 teams played, who came from Mason City, Albert Lea and Austin. Winners were:

- First place, Gail Schmidt and Dave Ring,

- Austin
- Second place, Tom Flaherty and Stan Schultz, Mason City

- Third place, Barb and Orrin Roisen, Albert Lea
- Fourth place, Vandy Newman and Ron Peters, Austin

- Fifth Larry Crowe and Jim Fisher, Austin

Steven Fine is a member of Gamblers Anonymous (GA) and writes a column in the ACBL

magazine. He says that GA changed his life. The concepts of that organization made him a better bridge player. It taught him to be calm, the attribute necessary for a good player who can focus on each card and is a prerequisite for good play

Thank you goes out to all players who show up to play another day; may we live long and fruitful lives.



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Annie Lane
Dear Annie

Drowning in my dreams

Dear Annie: They say it's normal not to forget your first love. Is reaching out to them crossing a line?

Life for me was like a rom-com movie. I grew up as the girl next door in a gorgeous home. I was in love with the boy next door; let's call him "Ryan." We both went to different schools, but we made time to see each other daily. We had a pretend wedding when we were kids and always joked about being married to each other. His mom even saved the picture from our pretend wedding. I loved him very much. We were each other's first time.

My father's once-successful business went under, and our house sadly foreclosed. I moved away from Ryan but still lived in the same town. He wrote me a letter on a shoebox when I moved about how he would always be there for me, and for a while, that stood true. We still saw each other but on his terms. He was focused on being scouted for sports teams, so he was busy each season. The romance was on the back burner.

He started having commitment issues, and we both met different people. He went away to college, and we've both had a few different loves since then. One summer about 10 years ago, he struck me by surprise and reached out to me on social media, but it was a shorter conversation than I would have liked, as I was in a relationship. Fast forward to today and we are both married to different, lovely people, and he lives a few cities away.

I'm not one for infidelity. The thought of cheating makes me cringe. I always say I wouldn't cheat on my husband. However, I have always hoped I'd run into Ryan again. He played in a band, and I would try to talk myself into going to the venue he was playing at just to "run into" him again. I think about him every day and try to let it go! The problem is that I dream about him at least once a week, sometimes more. It's always exciting to dream about him but sad when I wake up. It's like we didn't lose touch or we somehow find a way back to each other again in my dreams. I've tried to log back into social media a few times to see if he will reach out again, but it hasn't worked out that way.

I miss him deeply and it's a constant ache in my soul. Is it too late to reach out and say hello, or should I let it go?

— *Focused on First Love*

Dear Focused: Our first love is often one of the most formative and profound relationships in our lives. That plus the storybook romance you and Ryan had as kids breeds an even more intense nostalgia for what once was.

But rose-colored glasses aside, he has not reciprocated your feelings. With you both in separate marriages and years of zero contact between you two, it seems you're living in your dreams — entertaining what could've been — instead of embracing your reality.

Consult a licensed therapist to work through your feelings for and history with Ryan once and for all. Make peace with where your lives are today, not where they were decades ago. He can hold a special place in your heart without holding you back.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

GUEST COMMENTARY

One person can make the difference to a foster child

All children need someone to be there for them, whether to kick a ball around, empathize over adolescent friendships, or provide support for mental health issues or other adversities. They need to know that at least one person will never give up on them — no matter what happens in their lives, no matter who they are, no matter what they do. They need someone who will always love, support, mentor and care for them.

When children cannot safely live with one or both of their parents, or with another relative, a foster parent can be that person.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, foster parents have kept children healthy while facing their own health scares. They've supported children and youth in accessing mental health services while dealing with their own fears and worries. They've toiled side-by-side with children during distance learning while working from home or coping with unemployment. And they've supported children to visit and maintain contact with their birth families while ensuring that they also feel accepted in their foster homes. Foster par-



Tikki Brown
Assistant Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services

ents deserve recognition and praise year-round for their dedication and compassion — and particularly now, during Foster Care Month.

In a recent conversation with some long-time foster parents, I learned more about the realities of what they do. It can be a challenge, no doubt. There are tough days, dealing not only with pandemic-related issues but also with meeting children's day-to-day physical, emotional and mental health needs. Any removal from a home is a traumatic event, and these children may not readily trust and bond with their foster families.

But the foster parents also shared the great rewards they experience, such as seeing children succeed by getting a good grade, earning a driver's license or graduating from high school. Most importantly, they make a lifelong difference in children's lives.

"They come in as a stranger," said one foster mother. "They will leave as family."

"When they come in, they may be broken, but when they leave ... they go away with the feeling of being loved," said a foster father.

We always need more foster parents. While the numbers of children entering foster care has declined during the pandemic, on an average day Minnesota still has about 7,700 children and young adults who need foster families and providers. To best meet children's individual needs, we need a pool of foster parents to choose from, particularly those who reflect the racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds of children in care.

We're looking for foster parents who will not only nurture and care for children but also guide, compromise, keep an open mind, listen to their stories, show patience and tolerance, preserve and make relationships, and enable children to be their true selves. And love. Of course, love.

People who become foster parents give a child not only a home but also a temporary family, as well as comfort, safety and welcome arms to return to over the years.

One youth formerly in foster care said it's understandable that some

may have concerns about becoming foster parents, but wisely noted that the human experience involves trauma and poor life choices as well as empathy, care and love. Foster parents can help foster children with additional positive human experiences.

As another former foster youth put it: "A lot of people in the world have good hearts, and not a lot of people get to see that part of people. ... A good place to start is showing kids you love them when they haven't had that before."

One person. One caring, supportive, nurturing adult. That's all it takes to make a difference in a foster child's life.

To learn more, contact your county or tribal social service agency, or visit the Minnesota Department of Human Services' website at mn.gov/dhs/foster-parents.

As assistant commissioner for children and family services at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Tikki Brown is responsible for services and policies that promote child care, child support, economic stability, child safety and permanency, and successful transitions for immigrants.

Workforce Development, the Future of Work

By Autumn Van Ravenhorst
Regional Outreach Coordinator

The war for talent has existed for some time, however, pre-pandemic trajectories on the widening skills gap and forecasted shortage of workers came much quicker than anticipated. In fact, the phrase "War for Talent" was coined in 1997 by Steven Hankin of McKinsey & Company referring to the increasingly fierce competition to attract and retain employees at a time when too few workers are available to replace populations departing the workforce. Current events have forced the reshaping of the labor market but brought already present issues to the forefront that are now increasingly challenging organizations today.

The 2022 Workforce Development Forum was held last month and brought a variety of in-

formational sessions regarding labor market updates, workforce development innovation and spotlights on this year's Best Places to Work award recipients. I had the opportunity to facilitate the Future of Work panel which included business leaders in our region to discuss these challenges and bring to light what is being done to recruit, retain and engage. The question was posed, as attitudes toward work fragment, how will organizations reorganize workflows, improve culture and cultivate a growth mindset that fosters loyalty among employees?

A focus has been placed on creating a people-focused culture which includes a multitude of actions and changes to traditional practices. Organizations are becoming increasingly flexible to promote a better work-

life balance because as Justin Anderson of McNeilus eloquently stated, "It is just the right thing to do." Phil Jacobson of Gemini, Inc. was part of the conversation who has adjusted outdated scheduling models and allowed employees to communicate what works best for them. Lane Powell with Harmony Enterprises presented the childcare facility that the company made a significant investment in to accommodate the need for childcare in their area. The facility sits adjacent and has allowed their team members to participate in family and holiday activities they may otherwise not have been able to attend. Philip Sayles of Viracon discussed hiring practices that promote diversity along with wellbeing by assisting with the housing needs of new hires.

It will be critical to know the community an

organization is located in to develop a pipeline of employees loyal to the organization. Emphasis needs to be placed on how recruiting a workforce will mean going beyond marketing techniques and more toward creating paths for individuals through internships, apprenticeships, on the job training and real connections. Employees and leadership will need to continue to make compromises that are mutually beneficial to reach the common goal.

WDI is a private, non-profit organization providing employment and training services for both career seekers and employers throughout southeast Minnesota. WDI has offices in each of the 10 counties in our region: Goodhue, Wabasha, Houston, Fillmore, Olmsted, Freeborn, Mower, Steele, Rice, and Dodge. Please connect with us: www.workforcedevelopmentinc.org.

The joy of food

I guess we all have favorite foods. My favorite is a beverage rather than a food item. If you know my family, you have probably guessed what it is. I LOVE COFFEE! It would be very difficult for me to live without it. As luck would have it, my brother owns a coffee house and it is one of my favorite places to be.

I do like many different kinds of food too.

My mom makes the best corned beef and cabbage. She invites my family over on Saint Patrick's Day so we can celebrate our Irish heritage together.

My mother-in-law makes the best potato salad. She starts making potato salad on Easter and then we enjoy it on several occasions throughout the summer.



Sarah Lysne
Herald Columnist

And now for the memories.

My grandpa Weber introduced me to banana ice cream. I remember sitting in grandpa's blue Chrysler on our way to Klage's Ice Cream, which used to be located on the east side of Austin. My siblings and I asked grandpa what kind of ice cream he was going to get and he said, "My favorite, banana." I didn't know that they made banana ice cream, but I decided I had to try it. Grandpa was right, it was delicious.



My grandma Weber was a good cook, but my favorite treat at grandpa and grandma's house was popcorn. Grandpa made popcorn on the stove, the old-fashioned way. But the best part was the real butter complemented with just the right amount of salt. If my family and I

were visiting my grandparents on a Saturday night, grandma always made popcorn. My siblings and I could hear it pop from the living room where we were watching the Saturday night lineup which included; "Bonanza," "Lawrence Welk" and my favorite, "The Carol Burnett Show." Grandma would bring us each a bowl of popcorn accompanied by Pepsi or strawberry pop.

My favorite dish is beef stew with dumplings. When I was growing up I always requested this for my birthday supper. I also requested banana cream pie for dessert instead of cake. I think I was a little spoiled, but that's ok.

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A short, but uplifting tale

Many decades ago when I first lived in Tokyo—sometimes referred to as the dark side of the moon—a quarrel erupted. It seemed that bras were making the headlines.

One learned gentleman discovered that for a brassiere to fit properly, not one, but two measurements were needed. This genius was, as I said, a male; a male who knew nothing whatsoever about this contrivance. His discovery, nonetheless, begged the question of what had Japanese women been wearing before this breakthrough ... two rice bowls on a string?

Not everyone agreed with this scientific finding, however. An article written by the Kanto Foundation Industry Cooperative Union (whew!), stated that a correct brassiere size must be dictated only by the measurement of the under bust and not the top bust. (Bet you didn't know



Peggy Keener
Full Circle

there were two halves?) With that statement I knew for certain that everyone in the local bra industry (the Kanto Foundation Industry Cooperative Union—whew again!) was a man.

Furthermore I learned that a divide had appeared in the rigid mindsets of some of the KFCIU members, splitting them down the middle. A heated debate ensued over whether a woman should perhaps instead measure at the peak of her bosom rather than under the swell!

I could picture it ... Tomoko-with-multiple-donuts-around-her-middle having to buy a huge under-the-swell bra when indeed she had only wee twin nubbies above it.

On the other side of the debate was the Japan Brassiere and Girdle Association who insisted that the bra size should, yes, indeed!, be determined only by where the bust was fullest. Reasonable minds knew it took two agreeable theories to tango, but in this case it was obvious that neither knew how to dance.

At loggerheads, both groups unapologetically skirted around the issue of whether or not the bra might function better if it had two measurements. Was, perchance, an intervention needed?

You see, in all the preceding centuries leading up to these bones of contention, no one gave a hoot. Only now an unforeseen urgency over computing the correct brassiere size was suddenly of the essence.

This, being Japan, a committee was formed to mull over the two sides of this sticky quandary.

A vote of 16 to 7 was in favor of under the bust. But, the unrest lingered. What they needed was the representation of a true, honest-to-goodness, woman-on-the-street consumer.

A jury of folks from the Kanto Foundation Industry Cooperative Union and the Japan Brassiere and Girdle Association found one such woman. They drilled the poor soul for hours searching in vain for a concurring conclusion.

When it was all over and no agreement could be found, the woman was released. As she left the quarrelsome chamber, she was heard to mutter, "For the life of me, I don't know why they asked me. I've never worn a brassiere in my life!"

"The chief obstacle to the progress of the human race, is the human race."
Don Marquis

Report: Trump officials, meat companies knew workers at risk

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — During the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meat processing industry worked closely with political appointees in the Trump administration to stave off health restrictions and keep slaughterhouses open even as the virus spread rapidly among workers, according to a congressional report released Thursday.

The report by the House's Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis said meat companies pushed to keep their plants open even though they knew workers were at high risk of catching the coronavirus. The lobbying led to health and labor officials watering down their recommendations for the industry and culminated in an executive order President Donald Trump issued in spring 2020 designating meat plants as critical infrastructure that needed to remain open.

Democratic Rep. Jim Clyburn, who leads the subcommittee, said U.S. Department of Agriculture officials and the industry prioritized production and profits over the health of workers and communities as at least 59,000 workers caught the virus and 269 died.

"The shameful conduct of corporate executives pursuing profit at any cost during a crisis and government officials eager to do their bidding regardless of resulting harm to the public must never be repeated," Clyburn said.

Former Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, who now leads the University System of Georgia, declined to comment Thursday. A spokesman for the university system said Perdue is focused on "serving the students of Georgia."

The report is based on communications among industry executives, lobbyists and USDA officials and other documents the committee received from government agencies, Tyson Foods, Smithfield Foods, JBS, Cargill, National Beef, Hormel and other companies. Those firms control 85% of the beef market and 70% of pork production nationwide.

The North American Meat Institute trade group said the report distorts the truth and ignores the steps companies took as they spent billions to retool plants and purchase protective gear for workers.

"The House Select Committee has done the nation a disservice," the trade group's President and CEO Julie Anna Potts said. "The Committee could have tried to learn what the industry did to stop the spread of COVID among meat and poultry workers, reducing positive cases associated with the industry while cases

were surging across the country. Instead, the Committee uses 20/20 hindsight and cherry picks data to support a narrative that is completely unrepresentative of the early days of an unprecedented national emergency."

A major union that represents workers at the processing plants condemned the way the Trump administration helped the industry.

"We only wish that the Trump Administration cared as much about the lives of working people as it did about meat, pork and poultry products, when we wanted poultry plants to shut down for deep cleaning and to save workers' lives," said Stuart Appelbaum, president of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.

The report said meat companies were slow to take measures to protect workers from the virus and pushed to make government recommendations to require masks to be worn, install dividers between work stations and encourage social distancing in their plants optional.

But JBS spokeswoman Nikki Richardson said the company "did everything possible to ensure the safety of our people who kept our critical food supply chain running."

Tyson Foods spokesman Gary Mickelson echoed that sentiment and said Tyson has worked closely with both the Trump and Biden administrations, along with state and local officials, to respond to the pandemic's challenges.

Smithfield spokesman Jim Monroe said the industry reacted quickly, and Smithfield has spent more than \$900 million so far to protect workers. He said it was appropriate for meat companies to share their concerns with government officials as the pandemic unfolded.

But the report cited a message that a Koch Foods executive sent a lobbyist in the spring of 2020 that said the industry shouldn't do more than screen employees' temperatures at the door of plants. The lobbyist agreed and said, "Now to get rid of those pesky health departments!"

To that end, the report said USDA officials — at the behest of meat companies — tried to use Trump's executive order to stop state and local health officials from ordering plant shutdowns.

Even with those efforts, U.S. meat production fell to about 60% of normal during spring 2020 because a number of major plants were forced to temporarily close for deep cleaning, widespread testing and safety upgrades, or operated at slower speeds because of worker shortages. Companies closed plants in consultation with health officials after outbreaks were confirmed.



High Distinction Students and Honored Teachers. Photo by Kris Murley

Celebrating academic excellence at Austin HS

Some of the great events that happen at schools each year are opportunities to recognize students for academic excellence and achievement. At Austin High School we host many of these events in the spring.

One of our greatest traditions is recognizing students for high distinction. The history of recognizing students for high distinction goes back to a special school board meeting that was held in April of 1976. For the last 46 years Austin High School has recognized students for outstanding academic achievement. To be recognized, students must earn a 3.9 GPA or above and be a student of good standing. This year, we recognized 15 students: Kennedy Bell, Kamryn Berglund,



Andrea Malo
Austin High School Principal

Gretta Bergstrom, Mallory Brown, Ingrid Dolan Peterson, Aunica Groh, Zachary Lightly, Lucy Masara, Kaden Murley, Lauren Murphy, Meredith Murphy, Thyna Nguyen, Kate Oelfke, Reana Schmitt, and Kendyl Sunde.

At our academic celebration on Wednesday, May 4, each of these students were recognized and they were given the opportunity to recognize a teacher that made a significant or impactful difference in their life as a student. Teachers make a difference in the lives of students and

recognizing them and acknowledging their support of the students is a special moment for the student and teacher.

Each year, we also host an Academic Awards night. Students, along with their families, are invited to the event to be recognized. Some of the recognitions are for academic achievement including achievement in World Language Proficiency, Graphic Arts, and Academic Letter winners. We also recognize seniors who have earned local scholarships. We have many local agencies, community members, and foundations that support scholarships and the achievement of the students.

Many of our Austin students are also eligible for the Hormel Foundation

Austin Assurance Scholarship, which provides them with 2 years of tuition-free education at Riverland Community College, and each year's recipients are also recognized at the event. This has been one of the incredible opportunities for our students to continue their education post high school.

Students should be recognized for their accomplishments and hosting events like our awards night and High Distinction program are ways that we can highlight the accomplishments. We will celebrate all our graduates on Friday, June 3, showcasing academic efforts of all of our graduates as they earn their high school diploma and mark this milestone in their lives.

Minnesota lawmakers remain at odds over sports betting bill

ST. PAUL — Minnesota lawmakers remain at odds over sports betting legalization as the House pre-

pared to take up a proposal despite a lack of support in the Senate.

The House bill, authored by Democratic Rep. Zack Stephenson, of Coon Rapids, would put Minnesota's Native American tribes in

control by allowing in-person wagering at tribal casinos and allowing tribes to partner with mobile betting companies like FanDuel and DraftKings. A vote was expected Thursday evening.

Stephenson said he met

with the leaders of all 11 of Minnesota's Ojibwe and Dakota tribes before crafting the bill, in addition to mobile gambling companies, the state's professional sports teams and the University of Minnesota.

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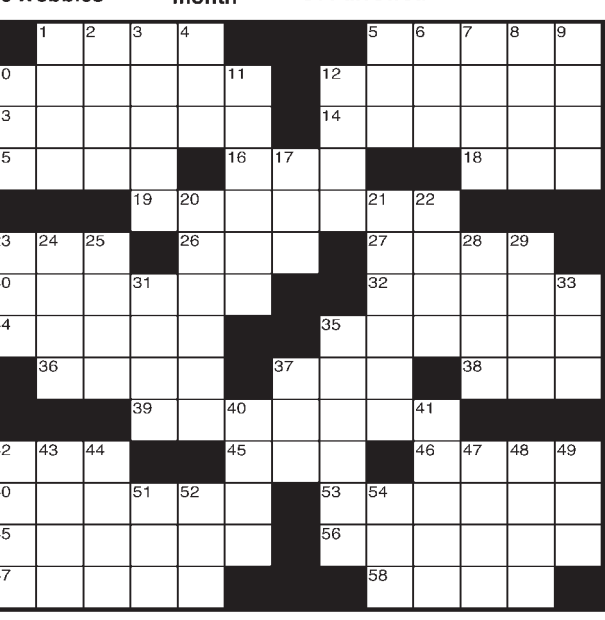
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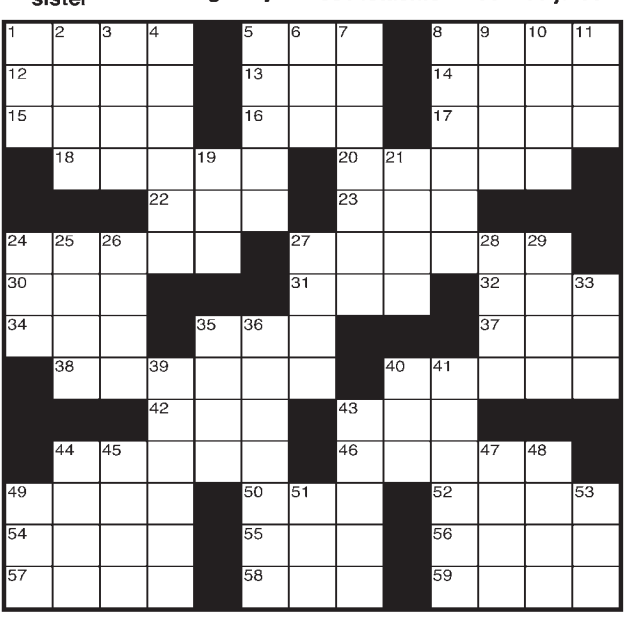


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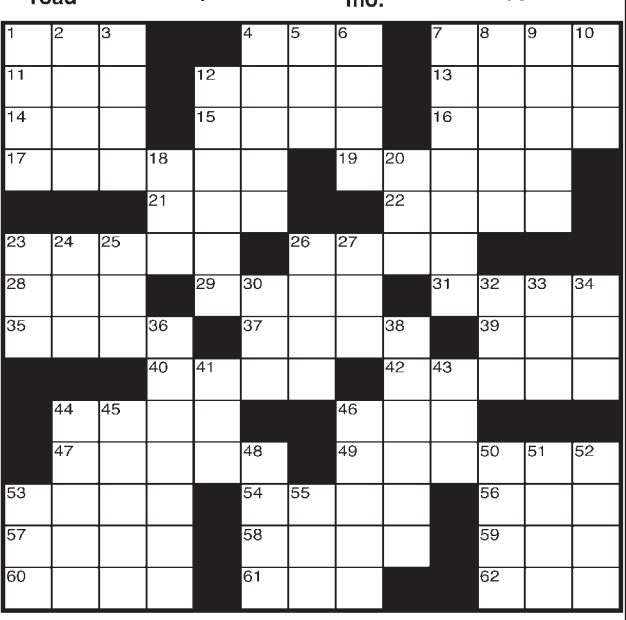


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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1 Big burger 4 LP spinners 7 Barcelona boy 11 Gleeful cry 12 Latin I verb 13 Speedy steed 14 Even so 15 Huge, in combos 16 Munro's pen name 17 Microscopic animal 19 " - Davis Eyes" 21 Plow into 22 Made a knot 23 Four-bagger 26 Cry of delight 28 Work unit 29 Actress Sedgwick 31 Tear to bits 35 Director - Ephron 37 Helper 39 Tofu base 40 Witches' brew ingredient 42 Hit the road 44 Boost in price 46 Psyche parts 47 Egg centers 49 Make the call 53 Give out sparingly 54 Osiris' sister 56 RSVP word 57 Tiny fly 58 Heavy-duty footwear 59 Santa - winds 60 Bulk 61 It may be tidy 62 Mammoth Cave loc. DOWN 1 Yucatan native 2 "Beg pardon!" 3 Noted Roman censor 4 Stargaze 5 Navy lawyer TV show 6 Wild guess 7 More spiteful 8 In a snit 9 Like a Renoir model 10 Kimono sash 12 Get started 18 Previous to 20 Hot time in Paris 23 Pullet 24 Conquistador's quest 25 Ball club VIP 26 Formal court order 27 Possessed 30 Go off course 32 That, in Acapulco 33 Autumn mo. 34 Do Easter eggs 36 Low socks 38 Firstborn 41 Cartoon shriek 43 PC bailout key 44 "Laughing" animal 45 Specks 46 Common expression 48 Sis and bro 50 Author Dinesen 51 Eat 52 Pizazz 53 Paramount rival 55 Old French coin

Answer to Previous Puzzle ETCH WEE OPAL HAIHA IRS RAGE SPIN DAI S GLUT EA GLE ABASE AYN YEN SHORE YEASTS AUG ODD OWN LEE TED EAU SERENA DIDNT OER VIM LASSO AMAZE REST LBS GEMS ANTE LIE ERMA HAIR SOS SOAP



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STR8TS No. 1756 Easy Previous solution - Tough. Grid with numbers and clues. Clue: Advances around the bases.

STR8TS No. 1757 Medium Previous solution - Easy. Grid with numbers and clues. Clue: Median statistics.

STR8TS No. 1758 Tough Previous solution - Medium. Grid with numbers and clues. Clue: Number of runs.

CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer! Solve the code to discover words related to baseball. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = E)

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to baseball. KSIERT

Guess Who? I am an entertainment sensation born in Nebraska on May 19, 2003. I began dancing before I was 5 years old and appeared on a Lifetime series about dance competitions.

ASTROLOGY ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 This week could be a strange time in regard to your finances, Aries. It might be a good idea to get all of your financial affairs in order to figure out where you stand. TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Check around the house for any areas that could benefit from a little improvement, Taurus. Some renovations could provide a whole new look and even outlook. GEMINI - May 22/June 21 Figure out a way to show support for a valued colleague, Gemini. Sometimes just a kind word can transform someone's day. Your kindness will be repaid. CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Excessive spending could come back to haunt you this week, Cancer. Spend wisely and avoid impulse purchases. A financial windfall could soon be in your future. LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, if you have been feeling bored and restless for the last several days, a change of scenery could be in order. A vacation can fit the bill, but even a day trip will prove effective. VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 Your ability to focus is high today, Virgo. This means you can learn many new skills and apply them how you see fit. Take advantage of this chance to better yourself. LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Give some thought to how you can increase your income, Libra. It can help to have a few extra dollars coming in each month. A part-time job may be the right fit for now. SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Setbacks at work may have you feeling a little nervous, Scorpio. However, everything goes through a natural cycle and soon all will be well again. Maintain the status quo. SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Information you glean from the news lately could change your perspective on certain situations, Sagittarius. Take it all in before making a final assessment. CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 A task that has been in the works for some time finally comes to fruition this week, Capricorn. You will have mixed feelings about getting things done and moving on to new projects. AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, a goal regarding your career will finally become a reality. At first you might not believe it, but it's certainly true. You've worked hard for this. PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, you tend to be your worst critic, but that pushes you to achieve as much as you can. It can be a blessing in disguise.

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Amir Locke cousin pleads guilty in killing that led to raid

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A teenage cousin of Amir Locke pleaded guilty Friday to a murder count in a case that led police to the Minneapolis apartment where a SWAT team officer fatally shot Locke while conducting a no-knock search warrant. Mekhi Camden Speed, now 18, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting one

count of second-degree unintentional murder while committing a felony — namely aggravated robbery, in connection with the Jan. 10 killing of Otis Elder, 38. In exchange, a count of intentional second-degree murder will be dismissed. Speed, who was 17 at the time, entered his plea via video from the Juvenile Detention Center. Ramsey County Judge Timothy Mulrooney found there

was factual basis to support the guilty plea, which will be finalized at sentencing. Speed told the court he had a handgun when he and others tried to rob Elder of drugs in St. Paul. Speed said he stood outside Elder's vehicle and another person got in Elder's passenger seat. Speed said there was a struggle and a shot was fired, but he has no memory of pulling the trigger. He said he doesn't

know if his accomplice was armed. "Everything happened fast," he said. Speed said he was using alcohol, Percocet and marijuana at the time of Otis' killing and he now is suffering from symptoms of PTSD. In pleading guilty, he agreed with his attorney, Paul Sellers, that by aiding and abetting the crime which resulted in Otis' death, he is still criminally liable.

SEMAC announces July 1 grant application deadline

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The Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council announces a call for proposals by Individual Artists. All proposed projects must begin no earlier than Sept. 1, and be completed within 12 months, culminating with a capstone event that is accessible and open to the public. Online applications will be available in late May with a July 1 submission deadline. The two-part application includes an LOI stage used as an initial screening. The LOI is due at least one week prior to the submission deadline. For information about the grant application process, eligibility, or assistance, contact the SEMAC office at 2778 D Commerce Dr NW, Rochester, MN 55901 or call 507-281-4848.

Information may also be found on our Web site at www.semac.org. With limited funding available each fiscal year, every SEMAC grant category is competitive. To encourage the development of entirely original artistic works, SEMAC offers two distinct grant categories for individual artists. Advancing Artist Grants recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding individual artists and provide some financial support to enable them to continue their work. The maximum amount for advancing artists is \$5,000. Emerging Artist Grants offer small but critical support for specific projects by developing artists from all disciplines who are committed to advancing their work. The maximum

amount for emerging artists is \$3,000. SEMAC encourages applications from individual artists who identify as members of a BIPOC, PWD, Veteran, Senior, and/or LGBTQIA2+ community. Proposals will be accepted from individual artists who are age 18 or older on the grant deadline, not currently enrolled in high school, and are full-time residents of the SEMAC region. No matching funds are required for individual artist grants. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund. SEMAC, a non-profit arts agency, is designated by the State of Minnesota

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CONVICTIONS: MAY 1-8

- **Zachary John Downey**, 41, Austin, was sentenced to one year supervised probation for gross misdemeanor DWI-refuse to submit to chemical test; breath or test refusal or failure. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$500 fine. Failure to do so could result in 180 days in jail.
- **Christopher Nathaniel Easley**, 31, Austin, was sentenced to five years supervised probation for felony burglary third degree. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$50 fine. Failure to do so could result in 21 months in prison. He was also sentenced to three years supervised probation (to run concurrently) for felony fifth degree-possession schedule 1,2,3,4-not small amount of marijuana. He must follow several conditions. Failure to do so could result in 17 months in prison.
- **Edwin Keen Emminger III**, 63, Austin, was sentenced to one year supervised probation for gross misdemeanor theft/use/transfer movable property-no consent. He must remain law-abiding. Failure to do so could result in 180 days in jail.
- **Selina Byranna Heilskov**, 40, Rochester, was sentenced to two years supervised probation for obstructing the legal process. He must pay a \$100 fine.
- **Austin Douglas Kinder**, 24, Rochester, was sentenced to five years supervised probation for felony third degree drugs-sale of narcotic. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$50 fine. He was given credit for 150 days served.
- **John Wesley Kraft**, 50, Lawler, Iowa, was sentence to five years supervised probation for felony third degree drugs, possess 10 grams or more of narcotic drug other than heroin. He must follow several conditions
- **Brian Robert Krebsbach**, 27, was sentenced to five years supervised probation on each of two counts of felony possess ammo/any firearm-conviction or adjudicated delinquent for crime of violence. He must follow several conditions. He was given credit for two days served. He was also sentenced to two years supervised probation (to run concurrent) on each of two counts of gross misdemeanor possess ammo/any firearm-user of controlled substance. He was also sentenced to two years probation for gross misdemeanor (to run concurrent) DWI refuse to submit to chemical test; breath or test refusal or failure.
- **James Collin Lewis**, 29, Austin, was sentenced to 25 years probation for felony criminal sexual conduct-second degree-victim under 13. He must follow several conditions. Failure to do so could result in 36 months in prison.
- **Dakota James Maly**, 23, Austin, was sentenced to on year unsupervised probation for gross misdemeanor financial transaction card fraud-use-no consent.
- **Jose Manuel Morales Ochoa**, 20, Austin, was sentenced to one year supervised probation for gross misdemeanor DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration .08 within two hours. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$500 fine.
- **Oo Reh**, 27, Austin, was sentenced to two years supervised probation for gross misdemeanor DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration .08 within two hours. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$500 fine. Failure to do so could result in 180 days in jail.
- **Jacob Michael Stortlie**, 32, St. Cloud, was sentenced to 21 months in prison for violate domestic abuse no contact order.
- **Jorge Antonio Angeles Contreras**, 28, Austin, was sentenced to two years probation for felony fourth degree assault-peace officer-demonstrable bodily harm. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$50 fine. Failure to do so could result in 12 months and one day in prison.
- **Ronald Paul Kirtz**, 54, Austin, was sentenced to three years supervised probation for felony fleeing a peace officer in motor vehicle. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$500 fine. Failure to do so could result in 12 months and one day in prison.
- **Kody Scott Larson**, 28, was sentenced to one year of supervised probation for fifth degree drugs-possession.
- **Stacey Marie Lunning**, 42, Lyle, was sentenced to three years supervised probation for fourth degree assault-transfer bodily fluids or feces onto peace officer. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$50 fine.
- **Dempsey Willard Mchan III**, 42, Brownsdale, was sentenced to felony first degree DWI-any amount schedule I/II drugs-felony. He must follow several conditions and pay a \$50 fine.. Failure to do so could result in 36 months in prison.
- **Olivia Katelyn Robertson**, 28, Austin, was sentenced to gross misdemeanor third degree DWI-alcohol concentration .08 within two hours. She must follow several conditions and pay a \$500 fine. Failure to do so could result in 177 days in jail. She was given credit for three days served.

Learn to fly with EAA

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The EAA Vintage Chapter 13 will host a Flying Start informational program on learning to fly at Albert Lea Airport. The program will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, at Albert Lea Airport. Anyone with an aviation interest is invited to attend. Register online at www.flyingstart.org?380. EAA's Flying Start program introduces interested individuals to the endless opportunities and fun that result in earning a pilot's certificate. The event will cover the steps and requirements in learning to fly, provide tips on how to make it economical, and will culminate in a free introductory flight. EAA Vintage Chapter 13, a local organization that is part of the national Experimental Aircraft Association, is dedicated to growing participation in aviation by sharing the ways people can get started in this fun and fulfilling recreation. EAA has approximately 900 chapters around the world, which provide activities for local aviation enthusiasts with a mission of growing participation in aviation. Chapter activities range from monthly meetings to airport open houses, fly-ins, educational programs, and pancake breakfasts that share aviation with the community and build a stronger bond between local aviation and the public. For more information about this Flying Start session, contact Chuck Sandager at 507-377-9405 or 507-402-7494.

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Canoes: Canoemobile highlights the underutilized resource

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All Austin fourth-graders are invited to participate; the other schools send students from either fourth, fifth or sixth grade.

Canoemobile now has done programming in Austin on the Cedar River four times since May 2018. Due to the pandemic prohibiting two regular sessions in May 2020 and May 2021, CRWD and Wilderness Inquiry worked with area schools to provide a special, makeup session last September at Ramsey Dam in which about 1,100 students paddled the river in one week.

State funding given annually to Mower County for aquatic invasive species (AIS) awareness and prevention is used to fund the annual program at the request of CRWD/Mower Soil & Water Conservation District. Mower County's Board of Commissioners



It was a pleasant day on the Cedar River as Neveln Elementary students got a chance to canoe on the river thanks to the Canoemobile Thursday morning. Eric Johnson/photodesk@austindailyherald.com

approves the proposed AIS budget each year and supports the Canoemobile program.

On Saturday, free pad-

dling trips in a 24-foot, wooden canoe will be offered, with a "boat captain" provided by Wilderness Inquiry for each

canoe along with paddles and life jackets. The smallest life jacket can fit a child weighing 30 pounds; waiver liability forms also

need to be signed before canoeing. Children under age 18 need to have a parent or guardian.

Rain ponchos will be

available, if needed, on Saturday but canoe trips could be canceled or delayed in the event of heavy rain, lightning or thunder.

Annual state funding for aquatic invasive species awareness and prevention efforts in Mower County makes the Canoemobile possible for area students.

CRWD-SWCD uses Ramsey Mill Pond — the largest water body in Mower County at about 53 water acres — for the Canoemobile program to highlight an underused and beautiful part of the Cedar River Watershed. Ramsey Dam, on the Cedar River next to the Old Mill Restaurant creates, Ramsey Mill Pond, which is surrounded by wooded golf course property and nearly 400 acres of state wildlife management land. Paddlers also will flow under a historic, abandoned railroad bridge over the river that was built in 1911.

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Center: Leo Augusta hopes to meet a need

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Hinzmann said she hopes that all construction is finished by the end of this month, however, staff are already on site and preparing for the year ahead.

At its full capacity, Leo Augusta hopes to have 144 kids on site, though Hinzmann recognizes that's probably not go-

ing to be the case for the next three years, something those involved with the academy have been aware of since the beginning.

"Projects like this takes time for people to want to make a change and decide to do it," Hinzmann said. "We're not expecting maximum capacity for another three years. We're only going to have one class-

room for each age group to stand point."

Leo Augusta was originally conceived in a hope to meet a need for child daycare shortages.

In particular, the academy has come to realize that several businesses in the area have been struggling to fulfill an adequate workforce, with some parents choosing to stay home rather than work

because of adequate child care options.

"We know we have a need," Hinzmann said, noting the results of a survey taken in 2021. "Draw a circle around Blooming Prairie of 20 miles and there are 660 children looking for adequate child care."

"We think we have the solution to take on 144 children," she added.



The numbers will correspond with a day of the week. A Bing-Oh prize can not be claimed until that day. Prizes may only be claimed in person during regular Austin Daily Herald business hours; Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon.

All regular Bing-Oh's have been claimed. We are now playing for cover-all.

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United Way: A reflection of community caring

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"United Way represents the ideal way to maximize charitable giving and community impact," Lanke continued. "Through sustainable programs and solutions that lift our neighbors in need, United Way delivers real results on bold goals and is truly making a difference thanks to the supporters who invest in this work."

Financial contributions from those supporters — nearly 2,500 individuals, businesses, foundations, and service groups — have been strategically allocated to local nonprofit programs through UWMC's annual Community Investment process. UWMC partners with 23 organizations coordinating 38 programs

that engage Mower County residents across all demographics in a variety of settings.

As with every year, UWMC's 2022 Community Campaign is a testament to the incredible generosity of community members and businesses, the strength of cross-sector partnerships and collaborations, the talent and dedication of our team and volunteers, and, most importantly, the power of collective impact.

Learn about the reason behind the work of United Way of Mower County, the empowered individuals who make it all possible, and the impact on UWMC funded partners, programs, and participants at www.uwmower.org celebrate.

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Baby formula shortage fueling spike in milk bank interest

Associated Press

The U.S. baby formula shortage has sparked a surge of interest at milk banks around the U.S. with some mothers offering to donate breast milk and desperate parents calling to see if it's a solution to keep their babies fed.

It's a pathway that won't work for every formula-fed baby, especially those with special dietary needs, and it comes with challenges because the country's dozens of nonprofit milk banks prioritize feeding medically fragile infants. The organizations collect milk from mothers and process it, including through pasteurization, then work with hospitals to distribute it.

The shortage stemmed from a safety recall and supply disruptions and has captured national attention with panicked

parents looking to swap and buy formula online and President Joe Biden urging manufacturers to increase production and discussing with retailers how they could restock shelves to meet regional disparities. Biden's administration also said Friday that formula maker Abbott Laboratories committed to give rebates through August for a food stamp-like program that helps women, infants and children called WIC.

At the Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast, based in Newton, Massachusetts, interest in donating and receiving milk because of the shortage has spiked. Typically, the milk bank gets about 30-50 calls a month from people looking to donate. On Thursday alone, 35 calls came in from potential donors, said Deborah Youngblood, the bank's executive director.

"It's interesting the first sort of response that we got was from potential donors — so people responding to the formula shortage with sort of an amazing, compassionate response of how can I be part of the solution?" she said.

Youngblood was talking about people like Kayla Gillespie, a 38-year-old mother of three from Hays, Kansas. Gillespie first donated to the Mothers' Milk Bank in Denver six years ago, giving 18 gallons (68 liters) after the birth of her first child, and wasn't planning to do it again.

"I thought 18 gallons was sufficient for one person," she said. "If I hadn't heard of the shortage, I wouldn't be going through the process again, just because I have three kids and it's a little chaotic around here."

She has pledged at least 150 ounces of her milk, but said she expects to give

much more than that.

"I'm very blessed with being able to produce milk, so I just felt I needed to do something," she said.

She said in the past she has shipped her frozen milk in special containers to Denver, but this time, her local hospital is taking the donations and she can just drop them off.

It's not just donors, though. Parents desperately seeking nutrition for their babies are pursuing milk banks as well.

At the Massachusetts milk bank, about 30 people called looking for milk because they couldn't find their baby's usual formula, Youngblood said. That's up from nearly no calls at all, since the milk bank typically serves hospitals.

The Human Milk Banking Association of North America, an accrediting organization for nonprofit milk banks, is seeing a

"major increase" in demand, according to Lindsay Groff, the group's executive director. She estimates inquiries from parents seeking to fill the formula gap are up 20% in recent days.

Groff called the shortage a "crisis" and said it's not as simple as parents just supplementing with donated human milk, because the vast majority of those supplies are earmarked for babies with medical conditions.

"If people can donate, now would be the time be-

cause when we have more of an inventory we can look beyond the medically fragile," she said.

Parents are also turning to online breastmilk-swapping forums to meet their babies' needs.

Amanda Kastelein, a mother of three from Middlebury, Connecticut, has been supplementing the special formula she needs for 10-month-old Emerson with breast milk from a mom she found on a peer-to-peer Facebook page called Human Milk 4 Human Babies.



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Russia takes losses in failed river crossing, officials say

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces suffered heavy losses in a Ukrainian attack that destroyed a pontoon bridge they were using to try to cross a river in the east, Ukrainian and British officials said in another sign of Moscow's struggle to salvage a war gone awry.

Ukrainian authorities, meanwhile, opened the first war crimes trial of the conflict Friday. The defen-

dant, a captured Russian soldier, stands accused of shooting to death a 62-year-old civilian in the early days of the war.

The trial got underway as Russia's offensive in the Donbas, Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland, seemed to turn increasingly into a grinding war of attrition.

Ukraine's airborne command released photos and video of what it said was a damaged Russian pontoon bridge over

the Siversky Donets River and several destroyed or damaged Russian military vehicles nearby. The command said its troops "drowned the Russian occupiers."

Britain's Defense Ministry said Russia lost "significant armored maneuver elements" of at least one battalion tactical group in the attack earlier this week. A Russian battalion tactical group consists of about 1,000 troops.



Ava Boverhuis looks back toward the audience after procesional during the afternoon commencement for Riverland Community College Friday.
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RCC: 'We will keep learning ...'

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A little bit closer to home, the day's other student speaker spoke of the journey and how much goals mean. It also encompasses the notion of relishing the feelings of gaining a higher education.

"Think of a reason to pursue a higher education and hold onto it," said Tanya Vanderpool, who lives in Hayfield and who graduated with her Licensed Practical Nursing diploma. "Riverland has given me the opportunity to explore moments and meet people."

"We will keep learning whether it's at Riverland

or not," she added.

Before the two students spoke, Riverland's keynote speaker addressed those in attendance. Jacinth Smiley, a Hormel Foods executive and who is originally from Jamaica, traced a similar route she took to her education that Riverland students have taken.

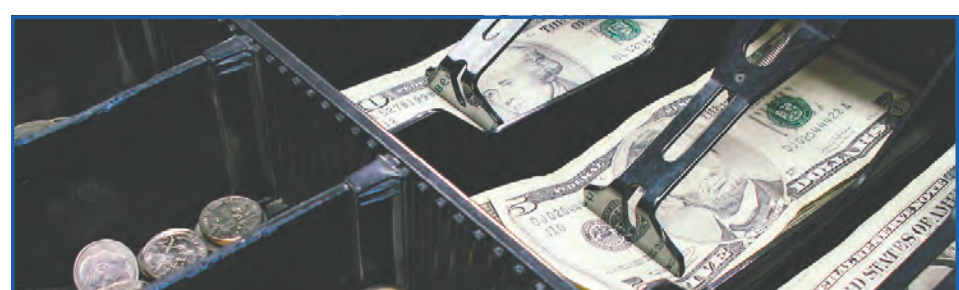
"I think we have a lot in common," she said. "My path ... in many ways was unfathomable."

Yet, Smiley's journey took her from flipping burgers at McDonalds to the board rooms of Hormel, with her advanced education likewise starting at the community college level.

She urged the students to remember where they came from and to always be open to receiving help from others.

"I encourage you to be exceedingly open to support and pay it forward," Smith said. "I share my story just to say we all have a story."

Graduates in Friday's ceremonies come from the fall, spring and summer semesters and attend Austin, Albert Lea and Owatonna campuses. Around 58% of students received an associates degree while the other 42% earned degrees, certificates and diplomas from various Riverland career programs.



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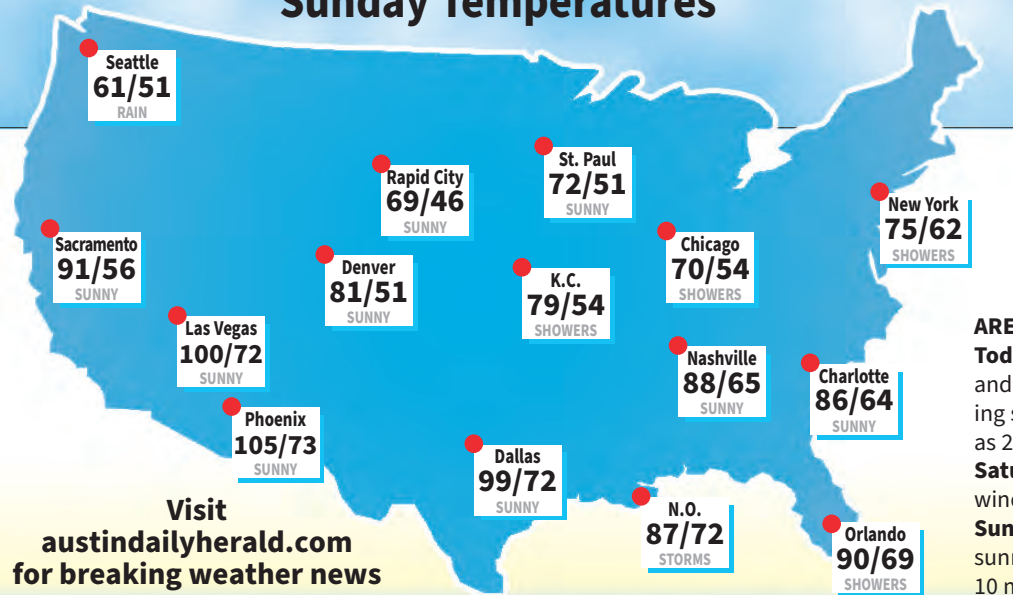
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Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Light southwest wind becoming west 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

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Wet spring slows planting for many Minnesota farmers

By Dan Gunderson
MPR News/90.1 FM

Jared Nordick has been spending more time than usual the past few weeks double and triple checking the equipment he will use for planting, and monitoring the condition of his muddy fields.

Nordick grows corn and soybeans in Wilkin County about 45 minutes south of Moorhead.

The fields are still yank-your-boots-off muddy.

"It's kind of like anybody playing in their garden. You know when it's fit and when it's not," said Nordick. "If your fingers are wet and muddy, you're gonna go back in the house and you pick something different [to do]."

On a recent drive around his property, Nordick stopped along a ditch where water gushed from a pipe. Pumps are pulling about 700 gallons a minute from drain tiles buried three feet below the surface of a soggy field.

The soil is saturated from consistent heavy rains.

"I've always said it's kind of like a sponge on the back of Grandma's sink," said Nordick. "If the sponge is dry, I can hold an inch of



Jared Nordick checks the level of a creek that flows through his property in Wilkin County on May 10. Dan Gunderson/MPR News

moisture without pumping any. But when we're this wet, we're removing just about most of it right now. I mean, it's a lot of water."

Nordick thinks it will be late next week at the earliest before his fields are dry enough to plant.

Wet conditions are affecting farms across much of the state, said state statistician Dan Lofthus with the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

"You know, sometimes we'll have a real wet spring in a certain part of the state where the rest of the state is not experiencing those conditions," said Lofthus. "This year, it's pretty general across the state, I would say, and even beyond Minnesota. So we're not alone."

Planting is delayed across much of the Midwest.

Last year at this time, topsoil in Minnesota farm

fields was 44 percent short or very short of moisture. This year that number is five percent.

The dry conditions last spring helped planting go forward without a hitch across much of Minnesota.

But the planting delays this year in Minnesota aren't unheard of.

"The comparison of this year to last year looks drastic," said Lofthus. "To put that in a little context

though, we have had other similar years. We've had years like 2011, 2013 and 2014, 2018 and 2019. All had very similar planting progress, at least as of this time period in the calendar."

Delayed planting can reduce yields at harvest, but the right weather conditions throughout the growing seasons can overcome a late start.

"This does feel late and a difficult spring for farmers, although we've tackled years like this in the past," said Lofthus.

Final planting dates to qualify for full crop insurance coverage are coming up in late May and early June for most Minnesota crops. Planting after those dates would reduce the coverage for any crop failure.

If there's a stretch of dry weather, Nordick can finish his planting in about a week of long days.

Catching up on spring planting is more challenging for small vegetable farms, said David Van Eeckhout, farm program director at the St. Paul-based food hub The Good Acre.

Eeckhout works with about 100 small specialty crop farms.

Minnesota GOP seeks victory as convention opens in Rochester

Associated Press

ROCHESTER— All eyes were on the governor's race as Minnesota Republicans convened Friday to endorse a candidate to challenge Democratic incumbent Gov. Tim Walz in the November election.

Dr. Scott Jensen, a vaccine skeptic and former state senator; former Senate Majority Leader Gazelka; and outsider Kendall Qualls were among the top candidates heading into the convention, where the 2,200 delegates must complete their work by a 6 p.m. Saturday deadline for vacating the Rochester Mayo Civic Center.

All the gubernatorial candidates at the convention have pledged to honor the party's endorsement and forego the right to run in the Aug. 9 GOP primary, assuming there's no deadlock. While there was plenty of merchandise on sale in the lobby declaring loyalty for Donald Trump, the former president has not endorsed anyone in the Minnesota races.

Also on the convention agenda were contested races for the endorsements to take on Democratic Attorney General Keith Ellison and Secretary of State Steve Simon. Delegates made their first endorsement Friday when they backed Ryan Wilson, who was unopposed in his bid to take on State Auditor Julie Blaha.

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Alia Retterath turns back toward third base to get the force out against Faribault Thursday night at Todd Park.

Photos by Eric Johnson/photodesk@austindailyherald.com

Packer softball team suffers a rough late inning in home loss

By Rocky Hulne
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A week after they scored their first win of the season, the Packer softball team was in prime position to grab another win. But things went south in the final inning as Austin fell short to Faribault by a score of 12-6 in Todd Park Thursday.

The Packers were within a run after six innings, but the Falcons (5-11 overall) tagged on six runs in the top of the seventh inning.

"I'm hoping it's going to be a learning opportunity for the girls to figure out that just because you have one win, it doesn't mean that they're just going to start coming. We still need to keep working and we need to keep trying," Austin head coach Lisa Lage said. "I get that it's been hot all week, but the



Austin's Ava Denzer pitches against Faribault.

other team is playing in the same weather. We have to learn how to push through and compete no

matter who we're playing." Austin (1-11 overall) led 5-4 after three innings as Kate Holtz

doubled in two runs and Lucy Lagervall hit a two-run homer, but that was the last offense the Packers could produce.

"We did have some great things and we forced some three up, three down innings," Lage said. "I think with this game going over two hours that the mental part of it drained on us towards the end. It got to be a longer game and I think that caused us to pull our heads from the game a little bit."

Faribault	103	200	6	-	12	14
Austin	122	000	1	-	6	6

Austin pitching: Abby VanPelt, 3 IP, 5 H, 1 BB, 4 R, 2 K; Ava Denzer (L) 3 IP, 9 H, 4 BB, 8 R, 7 ER, 2 K

Austin hitting: Kate Holtz, 1-for-3, double, 2 RBIs, R; Avery Wempner, 1-for-4, R; Madi Herrick, 1-for-3, BB; Alia Retterath, 0-for-4; Peyton Squier, 0-for-3, RBI, R; Lucy Lagervall, 1-for-4, HR, 2 RBIs, R; Katie Van Pelt, 2-for-3, triple, R; Ava Denzer, 0-for-3; Kathryn Crouch, 0-for-1, R, BB; Madi Kirby, 0-for-1



Austin's Peyton Ransom tags out a Winona runner in Seltz Field Tuesday. Rocky Hulne/sports@austindailyherald.com

Miscues catch up to Packer baseball team

By Rocky Hulne
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The Packer baseball team was plagued by miscues throughout the night as it dropped both games of a doubleheader to Winona by scores of 5-4 and 9-5 in five innings in Seltz Field Tuesday.

The Packers overcame a rough second inning in the first game, which Austin played as the road team in, but Austin wasn't able to finish things off as the Winhawks had a late response.

Winona took a 5-4 lead when Jonathan Heftman dribbled a grounder through the left side of the infield for a two-out RBI single in the bottom of the sixth.

That hit came right after the Packers had tied the game up at 4-4 in the top of the sixth when Isaac Stromlund singled to right field for a one out RBI.

Austin pulled to within 4-2 when Dakota Retterath dropped a two-out RBI single up the middle in the top of the third inning. Retterath, a sophomore, was three-for-six with two RBIs on the day for Austin.

"We just had some bad innings today," Retterath

said. "We hit the ball well in the first game, but we just couldn't get enough runs in. We just have to keep our heads up and stay positive in the dugout."

The Winhawks loaded the bases with just one out in the bottom of the third, but Austin pitcher Nick Robertson came up with a strikeout and forced a pop out to escape the threat unscathed.

The Winhawks took advantage of several Austin miscues to put up four runs in the bottom of the second inning. Winona's first two batters of the inning walked and the Winhawks scored a run off an Austin error, another on a miscommunication on a fielder's choice and a third run on a balk.

The Packers (4-7 overall) registered a hit in four out of their first seven at bats of the game, but they had zero hits over the next two innings.

The Winhawks (5-5 overall) scored nine runs before they even had a hit in the game.

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SUBMITTED

Just For Kix competes at national event

The Just For Kix Program, from Austin, recently competed at the Together We Dance Nationals Competition in Rochester. The event was held at the Mayo Civic Center on May 5-8.

Teams from Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska and South Dakota traveled to compete over the weekend with their team and individual routines.

The weekend kicked off with the Solo, Duet and Small Group competitions on Thursday and Friday. A total of 555 dancers competed in 395 routines over the two days.

The ninth annual Senior Showcase was also on Friday. This is a competition for Kick and Hip Hop teams with an average grade of 7.5-12th. The teams are broken into divisions based on the size of their program.

Friday through Sunday 99 Just For Kix pro-



Members of the Austin JFK team recently competed in the Dance Nationals in Rochester. Photo provided

grams brought their grade 2-12 dancers to compete with their teams in one or more of these categories: Kick, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop and Pom. A total of 5,947 dancers competed in 1,042 routines on three floors at the Civic Center.

"I have to admit that I had some emotional moments over the weekend," said Cindy Clough, the Executive Director of Just For Kix. "This event has grown so large and it is amazing to see how far it has come," Clough

said. "One of the greatest parts of my job is seeing these young kids in awe of the magnitude of the event. Many kids would never have an opportunity to participate in an event this large, without being in Just For Kix. We estimate that we hit over 15,000 spectators."

Just For Kix has 170 Youth Dance Programs in 11 states and enrolls over 26,000 dancers annually. For more information please visit www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/austin_mn.

Austin 13AA All Stars hold tourney

The Austin All Stars held their 2022 Home Tournament earlier this month and we thought the community might enjoy hearing about it. The tournament was held after a couple of years off.

Austin's 13AA team placed second. Head coach is Jason Denzer and assistant coaches are Jesse Duholm, Tony Rollie, Cody Klein.

Teams from Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota traveled as far



Photo provided

as three hours to play in the tournament.

The tournament wouldn't have been possible without the players, coaches, and the support of families,

the community, and volunteers.

Austin All Stars 14AA will host a tournament on June 10-12 at Riverland Community College.

BRIEFS

Monday

Baseball: Austin at Rochester Century, 5 p.m.; Lyle-Pacelli at Saint Clair, 4:30 p.m.; Southland at Glenville-Emmons/Alden-Conger, 4:30 p.m.; Mabel-Canton at Hayfield, 5 p.m.

Softball: Southland at Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons, 4:30 p.m.; Hayfield at Mabel-Canton, 4:30 p.m.

Golf: Austin girls home quad, 1:30 p.m.; Austin boys at The Jewel Golf Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday

Baseball: Lyle-Pacelli at Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons, 4:30 p.m.; Southland at Houston, 4:30 p.m.; Hayfield at Ashby, 6 p.m.

Softball: Rochester Century at Austin, 4:30 p.m.; Lyle-Pacelli at Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons, 4:30 p.m.; Southland at Houston, 4:30 p.m.; Blooming Prairie at Cannon Falls, 5 p.m.; Hayfield at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: Austin Invite, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis: Austin in Section 1A Tournament, TBA

Golf: Austin boys at Rochester, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Softball: NRHEG at Blooming Prairie, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday

Baseball: Albert Lea at Austin, 5 p.m. GMLOK at Lyle-Pacelli, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: Austin at Albert Lea, 5 p.m.; GMLOK at Lyle-Pacelli, 4:30 p.m.; Blooming Prairie at Kenyon-Wanamingo, 4:30 p.m.; Medford at Hayfield, 4:30 p.m.

Friday

Baseball: Southland at New Richland-HEG, 4:30 p.m.; Blooming Prairie at Maple River, 4:30 p.m.; Kenyon-Wanamingo at Hayfield, 6:30 p.m.

Softball: Kasson-Mantorville at Austin, 5 p.m.; Lyle-Pacelli at Faribault Bethlehem Academy, 4 p.m.; New Richland-HEG at Southland, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: Lyle-Pacelli at Triton, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

Baseball: Hayfield at Austin, 11 a.m.; Blooming Prairie at Waseca, 2 p.m.

Golf: Austin girls at Mankato, 11:30 a.m.

BRIEFS

Meadow Greens-Ramsey Ladies Golf Club

The Play of the Day for the Meadow Greens-Ramsey Ladies Golf Club on Wednesday was Perfect Golf.

Penalty points were given for every shot in the water, every sand shot, every shot out-of-bounds, every putt over two per hole, and every whiff. Winners on the front nine were Sue Erickson and Judy McGuire with only one point each. On the back nine there were nine players with only two points each. Joyce Anderson and Doris Hagen were declared the winners using handicap holes to break the tie. Birdies were made by Karen Baier on holes No. 12 and No. 16, Dianne Barnett on hole No. 7, Sandy Davis on hole No. 4, and Patty Shatek on hole No. 2. Chip-ins were made by Doris Hagen on hole No. 2, and Patty Shatek on hole No. 2.

The Club is welcoming new members. If interested, call Meadow Greens at (507) 433-4878 and leave a message. A Club Member will contact you.

Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike not running in Preakness

Rich Strike will not run in the Preakness after his major upset to win the Kentucky Derby, keeping horse racing from having a Triple Crown winner for a fourth consecutive year.

Owner Rich Dawson made the stunning announcement Thursday, 10 days before the race in Maryland.

Dawson said he and trainer Eric Reed agreed to stick with the initial plan for Rich Strike and rest him for five weeks. Rich Strike, at 80-1, was the biggest long shot to win the Derby in more than a century. Only Donerail in 1913 paid more to win.

The plan now is to have Rich Strike ready to run in the Belmont Stakes in New York on June 11. Dawson said it was wise for the colt to get extra rest and not face a short, two-week turnaround at Pimlico.

"It's very, very tempting to alter our course and run in the Preakness at Pimlico, which would be a great honor for all our group," Dawson said in a news release. "However, after much discussion and consideration... we are going to stay with our plan of what's best for Ritchie."

"We thank the wonderful Preakness and Pimlico folks that have reached out and very much appreciate the invite." Reed did not immediately respond to a message from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Rich Strike was not expected to be the morning-line favorite for the Preakness, with Derby runner-up Epicenter and Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Oath set to be part of the field. He could have been the first Derby winner not to go off as the Preakness favorite at post time since 2012 when I'll Have Another won the first two legs of the Triple Crown.

With Rich Strike's surprise withdrawal, the Preakness will go on without the official Derby champion for the second time in four years. Country House and disqualified winner Maximum Security skipped the race in 2019.

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Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Assumed Name Amendment to Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

Assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted: Brookside Campground Principal place of Business: 52482 320th Street Blooming Prairie City MN 55917 Name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name: M&M Kraft, Inc. 52482 320th Street Blooming Prairie MN 55917 This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 886757200038 Originally filed on: 5/18/2016 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.

Marshall Kraft President
4/25/2022

Work Item 1311802800034
Original File Number 886757200038

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED 05/02/2022 11:59 PM

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Austin Daily Herald:
May 14 and 18, 2022
ASSUMED NAME

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MOWER THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 50-PR-22-713 Estate of: Todd Allen Newkirk, a/k/a Todd A. Newkirk, a/k/a Todd Newkirk, Decedent.
Amended Notice and Order of Hearing on Petition for Summary Assignment or Distribution Exempt Estate.

Notice is given that a petition has been filed requesting that the Estate assets be summarily assigned.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and if no objections or claims are filed or raised, the Court may issue a decree distributing or assigning the Estate's Asset.

It is Ordered and Notice is now given that the Petition will be heard on June 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. by this Court at Mower County Justice Center, 201 2nd Ave, NE, Austin Minnesota by zoom. There will be no in person appearances.

By the Court 5/10/2022
/s/ Kevin Siefken Judge of District Court
Kristine M. Bartness
Court Administrator

Austin Daily Herald:
May 14 and 21, 2022
EST/NEWKIRK, T.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #492 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of ISD #492 will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm. in the Austin High School Annex Recital Hall, 205 4th St NW, Austin, MN to consider a tax abatement request from Austin HRA pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995. The request is to abate 100% of the School District's portion of real estate taxes related to the building improvements on the subject property for a period of 5 years.

The project address is 901 24th Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912. The legal description is as follows: Lot 4, Block 1, North Pointe, PIN # 34.509.0040. The total estimated abatement amount is on \$300,000-\$325,000 of estimated property value.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Those unable to attend are invited to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to Andrew Adams, Austin Public Schools, 401 3rd Avenue NW, Austin, MN 55912.

Austin Daily Herald:
May 14, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 21, 2003
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$43,645.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Cammi



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The Steve Brick family would like to express our gratitude for your prayers and concern during Steve's illness. Thank you to "The Cedars" staff, aides and hospice for taking such good care of Steve during this time.
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VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER

Freeborn County (Albert Lea, MN) is accepting applications for a fulltime Veteran Services Officer. This service oriented person assists veterans and their dependents in learning how to apply for programs and benefits available to them, as well as perfecting appeals on decisions that would deny them the benefits they are seeking. This person also supervises a Veteran Services Benefits Specialist. Requirements: Must be a Veteran who has served 181 consecutive days on active duty or by reason of disability incurred while serving on active duty. Prefer bachelor's degree, one to two years related experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination. Must have a passion for serving as a veteran's advocate.

Please go to the Freeborn County website for the full job description and qualifications required. Interested applicants must apply through the online application process available on the Freeborn County website:
<http://www.co.freeborn.mn.us>

Completed applications along with cover letter and resume are due by 12:00 PM Friday, May 20th, 2022.

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The Austin location has a new position open for a DSP III. This person will help develop and structure the services offered in our Visions Program. They will take a lead role in scheduling and ensuring the delivery of consumer supports per their Coordinated Service and Support Plan. Will model and provide guidance and support to other DSP's working in the program, and communicate effectively with consumer team members. Will also assist in the further development of Cedar Valley's Day Support Services, to help consumers develop or maintain life skills to assist them in accessing and participating in community activities. Will be responsible for completing consumer and program documentation. Must be able to provide the following: personal cares; dietary support; ambulation and transfer assistance; medication administration (will train); implement behavior management support; and transportation. Position is Monday through Friday. High school diploma/GED required, experience preferred. Requires valid MN driver's license, current insurance card with acceptable driving record, and State background check.

Send resume or application to:
hnewman@cedarvalleyservices.org

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Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative is seeking applications for an **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST**

To view the posting & application procedures, please go to:
www.fmec.coop/careers

DEADLINE: Friday, May 20th, 2022

MOWER COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mower County Board of Commissioners will hold public hearings on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, lower level of the Mower County Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, Austin, MN, to consider a tax abatement requests from the following named applicants pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995. The requests are to abate 100% of the Mower County portion of real estate taxes related to the building improvements on the subject properties for a period of 5 years.

Applicant	Property Descriptions	Estimated property value to be abated
Dustin & Jessica Wiste	Parkview Acres Subd Lot 10, Block 1 SubdivisionCD 01040, Adams Twp, MN (01.040.0100)	\$500,000
Tracy & Angie Smith	Original Village of Taopi Block 2, Lots14, 15 & 16 SubdivisionCd 32001.70 AC Taopi, MN (32.001.0150)	350,000
Bigelow & Lennon Construction	Block 2, Lot 7 Nature Ridge 2nd, Austin, MN (34.467.0120)	350,000
Austin HRA	Block 1, Lot 4 North Pointe, Austin, MN (34.509.0040)	325,000
Ann Bode	Block 1, Lot 1 Wildwood Estates, Austin Twp, MN (02.890.0010)	600,000

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Those unable to attend are invited to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to Trish Harren, County Administrator, 201 1st Street NE, Suite 9, Austin, MN 55912.

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 a Special Primary Election will be held for the U.S. Representative District 1 - to fill vacancy in term expiring January 3, 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. The polling places are designated as follows:

FIRST WARD
First Election Precinct Voting Place: City Hall Council Chambers
Second Election Precinct Voting Place: Austin High School, Hastings Gym
Third Election Precinct Voting Place: Austin High School, Hastings Gym

SECOND WARD
First Election Precinct Voting Place: Southgate School
Second Election Precinct Voting Place: Banfield School

THIRD WARD
First Election Precinct Voting Place: Mower County Senior Citizen Center
Second Election Precinct Voting Place: Ellis School

Dated this 4th day of May, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
/s/ Ann M. Kasel
City Clerk



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MAY 15-21

Chief



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Todd A. Clennon

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Ryan G. Leif



Samuel L. Schuweiler

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- Dustin J. Hicks
- Derek J. Ellis

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- Kim J. Lenz
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- Ernesto Cantu
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- Nick R. Zago

Administrative Assistant

- Kari Haarstad

How to support local police

Local and national law enforcement officers across various disciplines put their lives on the line to keep others safe. Police make many sacrifices, often putting their physical and mental well-being on the line to protect and serve.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund says there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States. Since the first recorded police death in 1786, more than 21,000 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty. A Statistics Canada study released in 2010 found that, with the exception of taxi drivers, police are the most likely Canadians to die on the job.

Unfortunately, hateful and



violent crimes against police continue to make the news. In recent years, a California University student painted cops as pigs for an art project, while an Atlanta gym and a Brooklyn doughnut shop refused to serve

police. As recently as January of 2020, anti-cop protesters vandalized New York City subways and elsewhere to bring attention to supposed over-policing.

Communities can turn the tides and help the world focus

on all the ways individuals can support and thank law enforcement. Here are some ways to give back.

- Stand outside a local police department or courthouse and say "Thank you" or "I appreciate your work" to any law enforcement agents you come across.
- Wear blue in solidarity with police.
- Campaign for local commemoration of Tuesday Blue's Day, which encourages people to wear blue on Tuesdays in support of police officers.
- Become a citizen volunteer to help supplement and support officers in many ways, such as clerical tasks, assisting with search and rescue, writing parking citations, and providing ad-

ditional patrol and visibility to neighborhoods.

- Serve on a citizen advisory board to help implement effective crime reduction strategies, advises the International Association of Chiefs of Police.
 - Assemble gift baskets (with school children, if desired) and deliver them to your local police department. Items to include are gift cards to nearby coffee shops, gyms, restaurants, and more.
 - Local businesses can be supportive of law enforcement by offering a daily discount with proof of ID or setting aside a day of the week for a police discount.
- Police can use community support and gratitude to help them feel appreciated as they work one of the toughest jobs around.

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