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Living Nativity braves the elements

By Travis Gulbrandson Alexandria Echo Press

participants in and viewers of the Living Nativity held by First Lutheran Church in Alexandria withstood blowing snow and freezing wind to get the chance to see the Christmas story be retold.

The Nativity was held on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. as a drive-through only

First Lutheran is at 1655 18th Ave. E. in Alexandria. This was the second time it has had its Living Nativity at its new location after moving from downtown Alexandria.

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Photos by Travis Gulbrandson / Alexandria Echo Press

Live camels were among the animals that took part in the Living Nativity held by First Lutheran Church in Alexandria on Sunday.

Both actors and animals braved the wind and snow to take part in the Living Nativity on Sunday.





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TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING

Douglas Co. sets levy increase of 4.44%

It's 1.45% less than the initial amount

By Celeste Edenloff Alexandria Echo Press

Most property owners in Douglas County will see their property taxes go up by 4.44% for the 2021 tax year.

This is a lower rate -1.45% less – than the preliminary levy set by the commissioners back in September. After making cuts to the budget, the commissioners approved the lower levy amount, which was set at \$30.4 million instead of almost non-county employee in \$30.9 million.

Vicki Doehling, Douglas County auditor/trea-



Frisell surer, and Jill Frisell, finance director, provided a detailed presentation about the county's \$59.5 million budget and \$30.4 million levy during the annual Truth in Taxation

meeting Thursday, Dec. 2 questions were No questions were – the largest budget asked from the one increase.) The preattendance.

The county's levy increased by \$710,808,

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an increase of 2.5% from last year. Its budget increased by \$2,606,355, a 4.6%

increase. The net levy budgets were also set for the following depart-

► County attorney – \$1.16 million. This is an increase of \$58,832 (5.33%).

► County auditor/ treasurer – \$574,079. This is an increase of \$222,336 (63.21% vious net budget for this department was actually \$1.4 million because it also included the finance department. But in 2021, the two departments were separated and after that, the 2021 net budget for just the auditor/treasurer's department was \$351,743.

► County recorder - \$33,077. This is an increase of \$1,158

► County sheriff –

You Dunn good kid

Alexandria Civil Air Patrol presents prestigious Amelia **Earhart Award**

By Thalen Zimmerman Alexandria Echo Press

Harry Dunn, 15, of Sauk Center, received the Amelia Earhart Award and the Core Value of Respect Award at an Alexandria Civil Air Patrol award banquet for his sustained excellence in four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character.

place at New Life Christian Church on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

"It shows my hard one of my goals."



Contributed photo

Harry Dunn, accompanied by Lt. Col. Jill Holm, left, receives his Amelia Earhart Award from Col. Tom Theis, right.

work has paid off," said The banquet took Dunn. "It is a really big deal for me because it is one of the steps to get to Cadet Colonel, which is

Cadet Colonel is the highest rank in the CAP; only 1% of cadets earn the rank.

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Car wash being built near Holiday Inn

By Travis Gulbrandson Alexandria Echo Press

Passersby may be wondering about the new structure being erected near the Holiday Inn in

Alexandria. It's going to be a single-bay car wash with an area of 4,315 square feet, said Alexandria building official Lynn Timm.

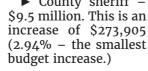
The permit to build the facility was issued June 29 to Zoey Properties LLC out of Alexandria.

The contractor of the project is Breitbach Construction of Elrosa, Minn. **Email reporter Travis Gulbrandson** at tgulbrandson@echopress.com



Travis Gulbrandson / Alexandria Echo Press A car wash is being constructed near the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, the permit for which was issued June 29.

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LAKES AREA FORECAST

The state of Minnesota was hit by two snowstorms over the weekend. The first one hit Saturday



Meteorologist

snow across northern Minnesota where 6 inches of Mark Anthony snow or more

fell. Much of

central and

west-central Minnesota picked up 1 to 4 inches of snow. A more powerful winter storm pushed across Minnesota on Sunday into Sunday night. An additional 12-18 inches of snow fell

in parts of northeastern

Minnesota. The other issue

was strong winds on Sunday

into Monday of 40-plus mph, which produced white-out conditions. Blizzard warnings and winter storm warnings were issued across North Dakota and parts of northern Minnesota.

On the backside of this secondary system, Arctic air spilled into the Upper Midwest. Overnight low temperatures by Monday morning tumbled anywhere from 5 to 10 below zero with wind chills of 10 to 20 below

We could see some additional light snow or flurries on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Highs should reach the 20s and 30s. We could even see some lower 40s by Sunday across the state.

Drive carefully as the roadways will continue to be slick at times.

WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1876, the term blizzard was first used. It was first used in a government publication called "Monthly Weather Review."

WEATHER FACT

MN AT A GLANCE

Alexandria

A blizzard is a severe snowstorm with winds of 35 mph or greater, and visibility of less than 1/4 of a mile for more than three hours

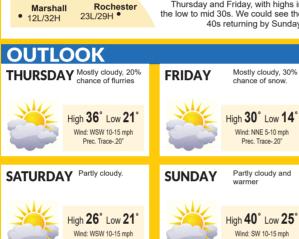
Sunrise: 7:50 a.m. Sunset: 4:36 p.m. Normal High: 24 Normal Low: 7 WEDNESDAY Cloudy, 20% Moorhead Duluth 6L/25H ● chance of flurries

late. Winds: SSE 10-15 mph Prec * * * Trace-.20 Some light snow will be possible for late Wednesday into Friday across

High 24°

Low **21**°

the region as a couple of weak systems push across Minnesota Temperatures will moderate for Thursday and Friday, with highs in the low to mid 30s. We could see the 40s returning by Sunday



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COVID-19 **CASE COUNT**

Total number of COVID-19 cases confirmed by the Minnesota Department of Health in Douglas County and the surrounding area as of Dec. 6 (cumulative):

Douglas County - 8,015 (101

deaths) Grant - 1,032 (10 deaths).

Otter Tail - 9,951 (130 deaths). Pope - 2,103 (10 deaths). Stearns - 34,249 (288 deaths). Stevens - 1,709 (11 deaths) Todd - 4,987 (44 deaths).

Statewide (cumulative) -

922,278 (9,654 deaths). Active cases in Douglas County - 304 (according to Horizon Public Health as of

People (16 and older) with at least one vaccine dose in Douglas County - 20,347 or 67.1% of the population (as of

USPS looking to fill openings in Alexandria

is seeking to hire entry-level carrier positions as well as many part-time weekend and holiday package delivery positions in Alexandria.

Applicants are encouraged to come to the Alexandria Main Post Office on 720 Fillmore St. on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

To assist potential applicants, USPS personnel will be on-site to provide detailed information about the positions and answer questions. Starting pay for rural carrier associates is \$19.06 per hour and for city carrier assistants is \$18.51, paid bi-weekly.

Applications are accepted online only at www.usps.com/careers. Laptops

The United States Postal Service will be on site for application assistance. Applicants must be 18 years of age and be able to pass drug screening and a criminal background investigation. Applicants must be available to work weekends and holidays. See the job posting for full details for duties, responsibilities, requirements and benefits information. Job postings are updated frequently, so check back often for additional opportunities.

The United States Postal Service is an equal opportunity employer offering a fast-paced, rewarding work environment with competitive compensation packages, on-the-job training and opportunities for advancement.

FOR THE RECORD

Pope/Douglas Solid Waste **Management Special Meeting** Thursday, Dec. 16

Location: 2115 Jefferson Street, Alexandria

- 8 a.m.
- Call to order
- The Pledge of Allegiance Approve agenda
- 18 meeting
- 5. Financial reports
- 7. Landfill and Metal Recov-

6. WTE Plant operations re-

- ery Operations report
- 8. MRF Operations report Plant maintenance report 10. SCORE programs update
- 11. Bills 12. Other business: a. Capi-4. Approve minutes of Nov. tal projects and b. Certificate of
 - Need Morrison County To join the meeting from

a computer, tablet, or smartphone, visit us02web.zoom. us/j/83800838807?pwd=-V200dEpsOFIOaEZreU1zW-WNPWjRzdz09.

You can also dial in using your phone. To dial in by phone, call 312-626-6799 and enter the meeting ID, 838 0083 8807, and access code 615700.

This agenda is as of Monday, Dec. 6 and is subject to change.

Head-on collision sends one to hospital

By Thalen Zimmerman Alexandria Echo Press

An Alexandria woman was sent to the hospital after a head-on collision on County Road 17, north of Villard, around 7:49 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2.

According to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Samantha Jacobs, 22, of Alexandria, was traveling southbound on County Road 17 in a Chevy S-10 with passenger Dylin Baker, 25, of Alexandria when a Ford Explorer, driven by Paul Carlsen, 66, of Forada, entered Jacobs' lane to avoid a stalled vehicle with a detached trailer, resulting in a head-on collision.

Baker and Carlsen were both treated on scene with no suspected injuries. According to the accident report, Jacobs was unconscious when the responders arrived. She was treated on scene by Forada First Responders and North Memorial Ambulance, and later transported to Alomere Health with serious injuries. Jacobs was later discharged in stable condition.

Responding agencies included Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Forada First Responders, Pope County Sheriff's Office, North Memorial Ambulance and the Minnesota State Patrol.

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Transfer locations extended.

Minnesota is seeing one of the nation's largest **COVID** hospitalization surge and it's impacting care here at home.



Because of the massive constraints on bed capacity and staff, hospitals across the state and region are working tirelessly to coordinate care and transfer patients amongst facilities.

Alomere Health is exceeding capacity. This means we are postponing elective surgeries and redeploying staff around the organization to assist with critical care demands.

During this emergency, many Alomere patients have been-and continue to betransfered to care facilities further away, many in different states. Getting care far from home makes it difficult for patients and their loved ones. Just like the beginning of this crisis, we are now asking for the community's support.

"Our entire care team remains on high alert for almost 2 years now. We are exhausted. Our critical staffing needs remain paramount to the amount of care we are able to provide to those we serve."

-Carl Vaagenes, Alomere Health CEO

Alomere Health continues to urge the public to get vaccinated and to thoughtfully consider the many care providers who are working tirelessly to care for our community through this difficult time.





Travis Gulbrandson / Alexandria Echo Press

This is one of the many holiday floats that lit up the night for the Osakis Holiday Light Parade, which took place on Friday, Dec. 3.

Lighting up the night with holiday spirit

By Travis Gulbrandson Alexandria Echo Press

On Friday, Dec. 3, the Osakis Chamber of Commerce hosted the Osakis Holiday Light Parade, which featured many brightly-lit floats decorated for the holiday season.

This is the second

place.

Osakis The Area Chamber of Commerce Board came up with the festive idea last year because it wanted some sort of event that would meet the guidelines for the pandemic but still provide excitement for

year the event has taken the holidays, according to Cory Abers, Chamber president.

"We just really want people to come out, enjoy the holidays and show their support for local businesses," Abers said.

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A merry mall

Viking Plaza is ready for the holidays

By Thalen Zimmerman Alexandria Echo Press

The Viking Plaza Mall is showing its Christ-mas spirit with trees, wreaths, lights, Christmas-themed vendors and a chance to meet Santa Claus throughout

If you decide to do any shopping at the mall center of the mall in the this holiday season, be old Hallmark location on

prepared to see decorated Christmas trees located in various locations throughout the facility, colorful lights strung about over shops, and vendors lining the halls selling Christmas-themed gifts.

Santa will also be at the mall multiple times over December, offering a chance for children to get their photos taken while telling him all the presents they hope to receive this holiday sea-

The jolly old Saint Nick will be located near the

the following dates:

► Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

► Sunday, Dec. 5, from

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. ► Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and 5 p.m. ▶ Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

► Saturday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

► Sunday, Dec. 19, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The mall will be open on Christmas eve from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed on Christmas Day.

Email reporter Thalen Zimmerman



Thalen Zimmerman / Alexandria Echo Press Vendors located in the center of the mall's corridors sell Christmas-themed gifts.

Affinity Credit Union collecting loose change for food bank

Staff report

Alexandria Echo Press

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union will collect loose change this week at locations throughout the state, includ- over to Second Harvest Heart- from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., donors

to raise money for Minnesotans who are hungry.

Starting Monday, Dec. 6

through Thursday, Dec. 9, it will match donations up to change during normal busi-\$25,000 and turn the funds ness hours. On Friday, Dec. 10, statewide event.

ing its branch in Alexandria, land or to the local food bank. will be able to drive up and provides three meals to Mindonate. The first 50 donors nesotans experiencing hunger. will receive a holiday gift bag The credit union said it will accept donations of loose from Affinity Plus and Fox 9, which is also hosting the

Affinity Plus said that \$1 dria.

For more information, visit

www.affinityplus.org/coins. Affinity Plus is at 418 3rd Ave. E., Unit 108, in Alexan-

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she makes her stops at 40 area businesses in the Echo Press

Wednesday, Dec. 15. \$100 in Chamber Bucks to be awarded

to one lucky winner.



A GUEST EDITORIAL

Letters to the editor among last bastions of conversation for those who disagree

et's face it: We don't often talk to people we disagree with. Really talk, as in mix it up, with a forceful statement of what we believe and a forceful effort to knock down the opposing view.

But that still happens every day in our letters to the editor section. It's a venue for strangers to meet to hash out the issues of the day.

Letters to the editor are a time-honored way to give a soapbox to the ordinary person. They range from thoughtful capsule essays to the peevish rambles of cranks. Some letter writers are motivated to inform, others to persuade, and not a few seek simply to vent.

Although letters to the editor are a musty tradition, they've taken on added importance in a digitized era when many of us have retreated to our comfortable information silos. People look for views that confirm their own and are less likely than before to mix with those who hold contrary opinions. Letters to the editor are a

form of public dialogue, a true marketplace of ideas, where people of diverse viewpoints bump into each other as they plead their case.

Newspapers print letters as a public service and also because they can uniquely engage readers. But sometimes editors are accused of bias or censorship in selecting which letters to run.

A recent example involved a letter submission to The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead by Doug Goehring complaining about employers who require their employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Was this the same Doug Goehring who is the North Dakota agriculture commissioner?

The editor who handles the letter submissions emailed to ask, since it would be germane to point out to readers that Goehring is a public official. But Goehring never replied, so the letter didn't appear.

Without ever checking, a conservative Fargo radio talk show host seized upon the unpublished letter as "cancel culture," a view Goehring seemed to agree with in a recorded interview the host

posted online, as pointed out by Forum Communications columnist Rob Port, himself a conservative, who debunked the manufactured "cancel" complaint.

Once The Forum learned that letter writer Goehring was, in fact, the ag commissioner, his letter was

newspapers are committed those that differ from our own. We believe that's an important mission of newspapers.

newspaper is a community in conversation with itself. We want a lively conversation, spiced with contrary ideas think it's healthy for readers to be exposed to ideas that they don't agree with.

We'd like to think, in times that are so polarized and so full of distrust in those whose views don't align with our own, that our letters section can help in some small way to foster a greater understanding. We're regularly criticized for running letters that some find objectionable, but we think it's important for people to know what some of their neighbors believe, even if we ourselves detest that viewpoint.

not to run all letters. We don't run letters that are defamatory or otherwise inappropriate.

So it's really a golden age for the letter to the editor. And when we decide not to publish a letter, it's not It's because of something called editing.

This editorial is the opinion of the FCC Editorial Advisory Board, an initiative of Dakota and South Dakota.

promptly published.

Forum Communications to running letters espousing diverse viewpoints, including

It's been said that a good right, left and in between. We

Still, we reserve the right

There simply isn't room to run all the letters we receive. Some letters are poorly written and don't merit publication. Others repeat a point already made. With our websites, we sometimes run letters that we don't have room to print.

because of "cancel culture."

Forum Communications Co. Its mission is to invite dialogue, support diverse ideologies and solicit smart, engaged opinions and viewpoints. Board members represent FCC news organizations in Minnesota, North

LETTER

No quicker way to the bully pulpit than bullying To the editor:

The unspoken magnetism drawing most Trumpsters to their hero is their shared persecution. Every attack upon him is one upon them as well. Creating such a construct is as politically brilliant as it is socially bizarre. Trump long ago postulated that his road to office would run not through his economic peers but rather the peons (aka peeons) – the low-educated, paycheck-to-paycheck, white-populated backwoods of America. The attraction was magical

because his palpable anger mirrored the constituency he sought. And the hooks were many latent and not-so-latent racism, the evils of reflection and intellect, the "Germanic Family" desire for a father figure (as long as it was him), and celebration of the traditional while denying the reality of change. But let's be honest - to believe that you can turn back the clock, you do have to be a bit cuckoo.

So the strategy of the victim-

ized – even though for the most part they weren't – sold to the self-dispossessed like hotcakes. History, of course, attests to the vitality of such an approach. No quicker way to the bully pulpit than bullying. And the ingredients were ideal - a delightfully gullible "wronged" congregation to preach to and a cornucopia of minorities to despise - the time-tested, perfect cocktail to bring down a democracy.

And so here we sit today with the opposing party – Democratic and democratic – back in power but seemingly unaware of that fact as they conduct internecine wars. And as centrists and libs do their supremely choreographed neutralization dance, the snapshot differs none from the film - well, on second thought maybe one thing – as the cameras roll, no actions are being taken to preserve our fundamental institutions.

As Washington fiddles, the nation burns.

Dennis Q. Murphy Medford, OR (Former Alexandria, MN res-

1996: Tom Lehman is named Player of the Year

🖥 his Week in 1996 – 25 years ago: Wellknown Twin Cities news anchor Don Shelby will co-host the "Jaycees Jingle Bells" program. This week's program, which will feature a brand new set, will be the 47th annual Jingle Bells. This year, there will be 37 talent acts throughout the evening, some live, some taped. Long an Alexandria tradition, the televised event raises money to purchase food baskets and toys for needy families within an 80-mile radius of the city. Shelby is a long-time news anchor for WCCO-TV, KCCO's current station and CBS affiliate.

1981 – 40 years ago: The sale of Christmas stamps at the Alexandria Post Office has been so heavy that it sold out of them. Postmaster Glen Van Amber said the Post Office received 105,000 Christmas stamps, and all were sold by the end of last week. Wally Anderson, a spokesman for United Parcel Service (UPS), which has a branch office in Alexandria, said their office is working at full capacity and has added Saturday hours to handle the outgoing volume of packages.

1971, 50 years ago: Dennis H. Johnson, a dairy farmer south of Brandon, was chosen as the area's Outstanding Young Farmer. He has farmed for 12 years since joining his father in the partnership in 1959. He has since taken over completely and presently has a prize herd of 40



registered Holsteins. Alexandria will have a new recreational complex as a result of about 70 acres of land in Crestwood Hills. A clubhouse, chalet and a trophy business will be in the building owned by Don Lundgren, and which will probably front on Highway 29. The area will likely be called "Crestwood's Eko Backen Golf." Lundgren currently operates a similar complex called Eko Backen at Scandia.

1996, 25 years ago: Christmas shopping is in full swing. Some of the hottest items include Dalmatian toys and games, casual sweaters, Skidoos, huge television sets, leather purses, and a craft item called "Squand." Squand is a big seller in Target's toy department. It's a craft-art item in which sand placed in water forms intriguing shapes. Also hot is an item called "Tickle Me Elmo." Cabbage Patch dolls are once again going like hotcakes.

Beginning Jan. 2, Douglas County will operate only one drop-off site for recyclable paper, glass, aluminum and plastic. It will be located at the Pope-Douglas Solid Waste Management facility, 2110 Jefferson St. in Alexan-

2011, 10 years ago: By the time the final tally

was made, the Alexandria Jaycees were able to raise more than \$92,000 during the 63rd annual Jingle Bells Telethon with more than 30 acts during the four-and-a-halfhour live broadcast from Lake Geneva Christian Center. More than 200 volunteers showed up the next morning at H. Boyd Nelson to package and deliver the food and toy baskets to more than

1,000 families in the area.

Just For Fun, 1971 – 50 years ago: Once again, the Christmas stockings await the birth of December babies who are born at **Douglas County Hospital** North. The custom, started many years ago by the Franciscan Sisters, continues as women of the Hospital Auxiliary design the red flannel with notations such as "A Star is Born" and "Christmas Angel." This past year, 360 babies have been born at Douglas County

Hospital North.

Sports Trivia, 1996 -**25 years ago**: What will likely be the first of many honors for Alexandria native Tom Lehman is coming from the Golf Writers Association of America who have selected him as their Player of the Year. Lehman won his first major earlier this year, the British Open, and won the Tour Championship to end the season. He also was the leading money earner on the tour. Lehman received 187 votes in the balloting with Tiger Woods a distant second with 20.

Rachel Barduson of Alexandria is a regular contributing columnist to the Echo Press Opinion page.

COMMENTARY

Don't ignore embolism warning signs

Dr. Glenn Mollette Newburgh, Indiana n Saturday, October 2 I had to go to the hospital emergency room. The prior Tuesday I had an unusual leg spasm from my left thigh to my groin area. I've had pulled muscles from sports off and on and thought it was from exercise or just sitting

weird in my recliner. By later Wednesday I noticed an occasional cough that felt strange. On Thursday I called my family doctor's office and reported I was coughing occasionally and didn't feel right. I was told by the receptionist, "We aren't seeing sick people and the doctor thinks you should have a COVID test." I went for the test which came back negative.

On Friday evening my wife and I took a casual walk around the block of our neighborhood and I was breathing heavy from a simple walk. I knew there was something going on. I checked my heart rate and it was 85 beats per minute. Typically, it's between 60 and 65 bpm when resting. Thirty minutes later I checked it again and the resting rate was 95.

I spent Friday evening checking my blood pressure and heart rate. The blood pressure was averaging about 150 over 100 which is really high for me and my heart rate was staying between 85 to 95 bpm.

By Saturday morning, I had to go to the emergency room knowing I was in trouble. After a CT scan and ultrasound imaging I was diagnosed with a massive blood clot in my left lung also known as a Pulmonary Embolism. Three doctors worked with me from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. to save my life. They told me if I had waited one more day my story would be very different. I spent the day in the emergency room and the rest of the weekend in Intensive care forbidden to get out of bed. After a heavy dose of Heparin blood thinner and a bottle of daily medication to consume I was released from the hospital to slowly resume life.

There are reports that upward to 180,000 people in the United States die every year from Pulmonary Embolisms. This is more people than the number of people dying from breast cancer, car wrecks and HIV altogether.

Being in the emergency room wondering if I was going to live was scary to say the least. I worried about my wife and children. I knew they would have to make funeral arrangements and this made me feel bad for

My new theme is a

the feet moving. It's an easy thing to do. While traveling, flex the feet. Stretch the legs. Put them up whenever possible. Raise the knees up and down. Look for every possible opportunity to walk. When driving now it's a brief stop every hour for a five-minute stretch or walk. It slows the trip down, but I want to show up eventually than not at all.

I'm writing this because I want you to be aware of your body. Invest in a blood pressure cuff and a finger oxygen/heart rate monitor. Know what your typical numbers are so that you can know when your numbers aren't right and you need to seek medical attention.

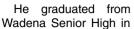
Unfortunately, I know people who are no longer in this world because of a Pulmonary Embolism. They sneak up on us. The beginning signs of pain or swelling in your leg are often ignored by most people – including me. However, things can change quickly and this is why if this happens you must go to the nearest hospital emergency room to be checked out. It could save your life. Very fortunately, it did for me. One more day of waiting and it would have been too late. Don't ignore the warning signs.

Dr. Glenn Mollette, a national radio commentator, is the author of 13 books. His syndicated column is read in all 50 states.

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Crispin "Cris" Reece

Crispin Todd Reece, age 58, passed away on Friday, November 26, 2021 at his home in Alexandria, MN. Cris was born December 7, 1962 in Wadena, MN Charles Delories Reece.





1981 and shortly thereafter joined the United States Coast Guard. His first duty station was the Coast Guard Cutter Munro which participated in salvage efforts when the Korean Airline Flight 007 was shot down by Russia. His other duty stations involved a Search and Rescue/Law enforcement unit in Milwaukee, WI, Patrol boat CGC Pt. Lobos out of Panama City, FL, an Aids to Navigation unit in Huron, OH, USCGC Bayberry homeported in Seattle, WA, an Aids to Navigation unit in Green Bay, WI and the USCGC Greenbrier homeported in Natchez, MS. Further assignments included Quality Control at Marinette Marine shipyard in Marinette, WI, for the building of new ships the Coast Guard ordered, and he finished his career with the USCGC Dallas homeported in Charleston, SC. During his tenure on the CGC Dallas he participated in the arrest and confiscation of 15 drug shipments that totaled just less than 1 billion dollars street value. The CGC Dallas also participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Mediterranean Sea and rank at time of retirement was Senior Chief Petty Officer Machinery Technician. Several people owe their lives to this man. He had an Electromechanical Degree. Cris also drove Semi tractor/tandem-trailers and had a flawless safety

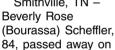
Cris enjoyed motorcycles, hunting, fishing, and diving. Of all that he has done he prided himself on his biggest achievement, which was his family. He also enjoyed handing out thousands in twodollar bills to children especially twins.

Cris is survived by his ex-wife: Dena Reece; daughter: Bianca; and granddaughter: Remi. He is also survived by his three siblings: Craig (Tina), Darwin, and Lisa and his stepmother: Bernie Reece. Cris was preceded in death by his parents: Charles and Delories Reece.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN with visitation one-hour prior to the service. This service will be livestreamed and recorded for family and friends to view from Cris' obituary page on the Anderson Funeral Home website at 2:00 PM on Monday. Burial will be at a later date at Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery in Little Falls, MN.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory. www.andersonfuneral.net

Beverly Rose (Bourassa) Scheffler





Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at the Houston Medical Center in Warner Robins, GA. A service will be held at a later date, at Michigan Memorial Park, Flatrock, MI.

Beverly was born on March 24, 1937, in Woodhaven, MI to the late Louis and Bernetta (Wise) Bourassa. She worked as a dietician for many years at Douglas County Medical Center until her retirement. In addition to her parents. Beverly was preceded in death by the love of her life, Harley E. Scheffler, Sr., and her son, Jeffrey

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters: Tamara Scheffler of Perry, GA and Deborah Scheffler of Smithville, TN; sons: Harley E. Scheffler, Jr. (Julie) of Alexandria, MN, and Timothy Scheffler (Jordy) of Elbow Lake, MN.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to help return her, Harley E. Scheffler, Sr. and Jeffrey Scheffler to their final resting place in Michigan Memorial Park, this can be made to: Tamara Scheffler, 142 Felton Rd., Perry, GA 31069. With honor, Burpee-Scott Memorial Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.

Verdie Maaninga

March 27, 1956 -Nov. 28, 2021 FARGO, N.D. - Verdie Maaninga, 65, Park Minn., Rapids, died 28, in Sunday, Nov.

Fargo. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena, Minn.

Arrangements Karvonen Funeral Home.

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Joanne Olson

Feb. 10, 1932 -Dec. 3, 2021 ALEXANDRIA, Minn. -Joanne Olson. 89. Alexandria, Minn., died Friday, Dec. 3, in her home.

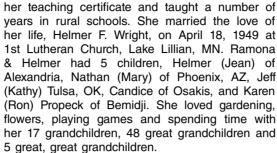
Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m., followed by a funeral at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at Oscar Lake Lutheran Church in Farwell, Minn. Burial will be in Oscar Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements bv Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ramona Joy (Smith) Wright

Ramona passed into heaven with family at bedside. Born March 5, 1930 in Olivia, MN and passed November 24, 2021 in Alexandria.

Ramona was daughter of Ora and Edith (Mallard) Smith of Renville. She earned



Ramona spent the largest part of married life on the family farm near Osakis. She was an avid cook, reader and writer, and lover of family and friends. Ramona was full of life and had a wonderful sense of humor. She had a long and loving relationship with Jesus, always praying for her children and grandchildren to know Him as Lord and Savior.

Ramona was preceded in death by her husband and baby daughter Wright. She was anxious to see them in heaven. She is survived by her children, many grand and great grandchildren, numerous nephews and nieces. She will be laid to rest at Fort Ripley National Cemetery with her husband.

The family has scheduled a Life Celebration for summer 2022 when family and friends will gather to celebrate her wonderful life.

Special THANKS to the staff of Edgewood Healthcare of Alexandria and the Knute Nelson Hospice team.

Parker James **Montgomery**

March 4, 1999 -Nov. 30, 2021 AURORA, Colo. Parker James Montgomery, Alexandria, Minn., died Tuesday, Nov. 30, in The

Medical Center of Aurora. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Anderson Funeral in Alexandria. Home Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8, at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. The funeral will be livestreamed on the funeral home's website. Private family interment will be in Cemetery Kinkead Alexandria.

by Arrangements Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ronald Reed

Dec. 20, 1942 -

Dec. 1, 2021 WADENA, Minn. Ronald Reed, 78. Wadena. Minn., died Wednesday, Dec. 1, in his home.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 10, at Karvonen Funeral Home Wadena. Α graveside service will be 12:15 p.m. Friday, at Wadena Cemetery in Wadena.

Arrangements Karvonen Funeral Home.

Donald Dean Baustian

July 27, 1924 -

Dec. 4, 2021 ALEXANDRIA, Minn. -Donald Dean Baustian, Alexandria, Minn., died Saturday, Dec. 4, in Knute Nelson.

Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, at United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Interment will be at a later date in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery.

Arrangements by Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Beatrice "Bea"

Swenson

April 15, 1930 -Dec. 4, 2021 ROCHESTER, Minn. -Beatrice "Bea" Swenson, 91, Alexandria, Minn., died Saturday, Dec. 4, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Lind Family Funeral Home in Alexandria. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Interment will be in Kinkead

Cemetery. Arrangements by Lind Funeral Family Crematio

LIND TEAMILY Services.

Vernon A. Olson

Oct. 17, 1926 -Dec. 2, 2021 **PARKERS** PRAIRIE, Minn. - Vernon A. Olson, 95, Parkers Prairie, Minn., died Thursday, Dec. 2, in Williams

Center. Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m., followed by a funeral at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at Anderson Funeral Home Alexandria. Minn. Interment will be in

Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements by Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Darrell Anderson

May 13, 1936 -Dec. 3, 2021 EVANSVILLE. Minn. -Darrell Anderson, Evansville, Minn., Friday, Dec. Evansville Care Campus.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, at Glende-Nilson Funeral Home Evansville. A celebration of life will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Darrell's house. Interment will be Wednesday, June 8, at Mound Grove Cemetery in Evansville.

Arrangements bv Glende-Nilson Funeral Home.

Nicole Apodaca

Elizabeth (Woods) Apodaca was born on December 11, 1967, the daughter of Donald and Elizabeth Woods in Cambridge, Minnesota. The family moved to Mendota Heights when Nicole was young. enjoyed participating in youth sports which her



dad helped coach. In addition, she participated in a Father Daughter group through the YMCA. Nicole loved the outdoors and camping with her family at Camp duNord. Nicole attended Henry Sibley High School and graduated in 1986. She furthered her education at Gustavus Adolphus receiving her degree in Psychology in 1990. During her time at Gustavus, she studied abroad in Sweden.

After graduating from college she worked at a group home for adults with disabilities. Later, she moved to Ben Lomond California to work at Mount Cross Lutheran Bible Camp as a Retreat Coordinator. This is where she met the love of her life Roger Apodaca. The couple was married on May 22, 2000. Their daughter, Ingrid, was born in 2004. The family moved back to Minnesota in 2007 where both Nicole and Roger worked at Mount Carmel Bible Camp.

Nicole loved being a mom. She enjoyed taking Ingrid to dance classes, vacation bible school, and Girl Scout Boundary Water trips.

Nicole's job of working with people with disabilities was a gift and her love for the kids and their love for her was infectious. The last few years she worked as a Para at Alexandria High School.

Nicole will be remembered for her incredible smile, her love of family, friends, and the outdoors. She was always prepared for anything with a tote in hand to provide whatever the occasion needed.

On November 29, 2021, Nicole died after 15 months of fighting cancer. She is survived by her husband, Roger Apodaca; daughter, Ingrid Apodaca; mother, Betty Woods; father, Don (Margaret) Woods; brother, Justin (Janell) Woods, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021, 4:00 - 7:00 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home. Visitation will continue on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at First Lutheran Church with the Funeral at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers

memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society and Anderson Luther Crest Bible Camp.



Patricia Jane **Paulson**

Patricia Jane (Skifstad) Paulson was born December 1946 in Osceola, WI to Harvey and Norma (Kulzer) Skifstad. She graduated from Osceola High School. Pat married the love of her life David Paulson on December 13, 1963



and together raised three sons: Perry, Matthew

and Michael. Pat worked as a paraprofessional for District 206 in Alexandria, focusing on special education.

Pat loved working with children and did so until she retired. Pat opened her heart, kitchen, and home to

many over the years and will be deeply missed. Patricia Paulson, age 74, of Alexandria, MN, died on Monday, November 22, 2021 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Pat leaves behind her sons: Matthew and Michael (Sara) Paulson; grandchildren: Anlya, Max, Emma and Eryn; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Pat is preceded in death by her husband: David; son: Perry; parents: Harvey and Norma; and siblings: Karen and Donald.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN with visitation one-hour prior to the service. This service will be live-streamed and recorded for family and friends to view from Patricia's obituary page on the Anderson Funeral Home website at 11:00 AM on Saturday. Burial will be at a later date at Oak Grove Cemetery in East Farmington, WI.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory. www.andersonfuneral.net

Doris Pikkaraine

Nov. 7, 1935 -Dec. 3, 2021 WADENA, Minn. Doris Pikkaraine, 86. Minn., Wadena, died Friday, Dec. 3, in Fair

Oaks Lodge. Services were previously held. Arrangements

by Karvonen Funeral Home in New York Mills, Minn.

Eldon Stueve Aug. 23, 1934 -Dec. 1, 2021 HENNING, Minn. Eldon Stueve, Henning, Minn., died Wednesday, Dec. 1, in his home.

Services previously held. Arrangements by

Karvonen Funeral Home.

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Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Anderson Funeral Home, 659 Voyager Drive NW, Alexandria



Please RSVP by calling 320-219-6278 or visiting our website at www.AndersonFuneral.net by November 30.

DEATH

Luwayne Leuthard

May 18, 1955 -Nov. 29, 2021 Minn. Luwayne Leuthard, 66, Ashby, Minn., Monday, Nov. 29, in his

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Glende-Nilson Funeral Home in Ashby.

Arrangements Glende-Nilson Funeral Home.

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Joe

Tourism, also known as his talents at the orga-



Korkowski

Alexandria Tourism at

are thrilled to have Joe com, he spent the past join Explore Alexandria three years as the sta-Tourism," said board tion's news director and president Bill Schultz in Open Line host. He and

Explore Alexandria looking forward to have adult daughters and two beauty and technolog-Alexandria Hotel & Hos- nization and feel he will ski is active in many new role I will go from pitality, has be a great asset."

Korkowski Douglas County, Koras executive kowski began working director of in Alexandria in 1990 at the orga- KSAX-TV and then as nization. News Director at KCCO-Korkowski TV. Eventually moving across town to KXRA 16 years as a marketthe beginning of 2022 ing strategist. In addithe station's website "The board of directors www.voiceofalexandria.

grandchildren. Korkowcommunity organizamuch anything outdoors, especially baseball and golf.

Explore Alexandria Tourism names new executive director

spend my days pro- Feist, and his wife have moting all that is good recently relocated to within the Alexandria Oregon. Feist has been tors pay on lodging, the ing Explore radio, Korkowski spent Lakes Area," Korkowski with the organization said in a press release. "After so many years after more than 19 years tion to helping form in news looking for the all of James' years of

ical innovation. In this being the voice of Alex-Alexandria."

Explore Alexandria's previous exec-"I cannot wait to utive director, James for seven years.

stories that define this service," Schultz said. tality industry's typical part of the state, I feel "He has made a sigthere's plenty of evi- nificant impact on the is more than 2,200 pridence to suggest it is organization and what vate sector jobs and unique because of the it has done for the more than \$120 million people, but also a great area. We wish him the dollars in gross sales for a press release. "Really his wife Sue have three place for both natural very best on his future Douglas County.

endeavors.'

Explore Alexandria Tourism is responsible for tourism marketing A lifelong resident of tions and loves pretty andria to the voice for and promotion to visitors and groups through advertising campaigns, its website (ExploreAlex.com), social media and more. Funded by a 3% lodging tax, visiorganization's mission is to increase economic "We are grateful for impact through tourism. The leisure and hospiannual economic impact

Mark Anthony named news director for Leighton Broadcasting

on-air



Anthony

for Leighton Broad-

KX92, Z99

and their website www. voiceofalexandria.com.

held by Joe Korkowski, who has been named the Tourism.

Station manager Brett

Mark Anthony, has been to step up and fill those named as big shoes in our news news department. Mark has a director wealth of broadcast and news experience behind him, and with his deep casting's ties to Leighton Broad-Alexandria casting and to the Alexstations at andria area, he is the KXRA-AM, perfect choice to become our next news director. With Mark at the helm, we know that local news Anthony will move excellence will continue into the role currently to be our focus. We are excited about the future, and we are pleased to be new executive director able to spend the rest of of Explore Alexandria this year working with both Mark and Joe."

Anthony said he knew

KXRA-AM Paradis said, "We are at a young age he want- State University. He also shoes will be hard to program director and blessed to have someone ed to work in radio. In holds master's degrees fill, but I'm looking forpersonality, on our team who is ready ninth grade, he did a job in World War II studies, shadow at his hometown business management, radio station in Willmar and was hooked. He political science, and would go on to Minnesota State University-Moorhead to major in journalism where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mass Fargo, Grand Forks, Des communications-print Moines, Cedar Rapids, journalism. He has been a life-long learner and was the chief meteohas also earned a bachelor of science degree in broadcast communications from Charter rently working news Oak State College, and and weather at Koola bachelor of science TV in Alexandria, where degree in geosciences he helped launched the in broadcast meteorology from Mississippi

public administration/ European history.

Over the years, Anthony has worked radio and TV from Alexandria, Willmar, Minneapolis, St. Cloud and Joplin. He rologist at KSAX-TV for years until it was shut down, and he is curregional network.

"As Brett said, those

ward to keeping up the longstanding tradition of news excellence that Joe and Dennis (Anhalt) provided," Anthony

Anthony is married to Tracey and they have three children - Rachel, Zach and Tony – and a black lab, Maggie.

Anthony and his wife are active in their church at New Life Christian Church in Alexandria. And he also enjoys playing guitar, writing songs, spending time with family and visiting with people in the Alexandria Lakes Area.

LEVY

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Here's a breakdown of other county departments:

- General: \$18.52 million
- ▶ Public Works: \$4.18

million ► Social Services: \$4 million

- ► Library: \$1.14 million
- Capital projects: \$235,204
- ► Bonds and interest: \$2.34 million.

During the meetreasons why property change. taxes go up and down, and explained that the and/or

county board only has of other properties in discretion over its own budget and levy.

Here's a look at what can make an impact on property taxes:

- ► The market value and/or classification ing, Doehling offered of your property may
 - ► The market value classification

your taxing district may change, shifting taxes from one property to another.

- ► The state's general property tax may change.
- ► The city or township budget and levy may change.
- and levy may change. ► The school dis-
- trict's budget and levy may change.
- budget and levy may change.
- property tax bill. approved a school, city, the process. township, county or
- dum. mandates may have the county's need for changed.
- from the state and fed- Typically in September, eral governments may the commissioners use have changed.
- ► The state Legislatypes of properties.
- ▶ Other state law at public meetings. changes may adjust the tax base.

works and some of the key budget drivers.

She said that counties provide essential community programs and services, such as road maintenance, law enforcement, social services and veterans services.

Each year, the county ▶ The county budget commissioners pass a new budget to cover the costs of those "crucial services," she said. Frisell also added

► A special district's that residents are welcome to participate in the budget process by ► Special assessments attending and speaking may be added to your at public hearings or by contacting their county ▶ Voters may have commissioners during

The budgeting prospecial district referen- cess begins in about June when depart-▶ Federal and state ment heads estimate programs and services. ▶ Aid and revenue along with their costs. the estimates to create a preliminary budget. ture may have changed In November, residents the portion of the tax are notified of proposed base paid by different property tax and at that time are invited to speak

Then in December, the Truth in Taxation meet-Frisell explained how ing, which is when the budget process final levy and budget is

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set, will take place.

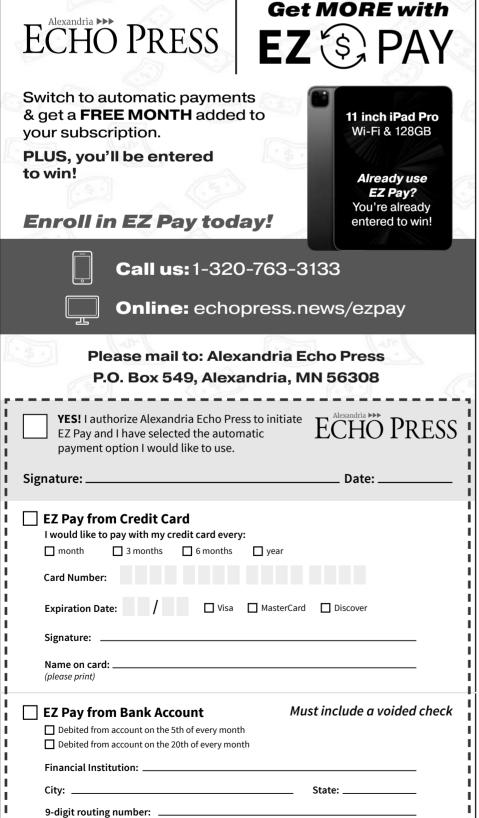
"Douglas ty is constantly working to manage service demands with the need to keep levies low and plan for the future in a fiscally responsible way," said Frisell.

Some of the key budget drivers include keeping up with state mandates, scheduling road projects with new available funding, maintaining vital service levels to meet increased caseloads, and maintaining facilities and amenities that contribute to quali-

ty of life. "Most of the cost of the county's services is in our staff and without staff, we cannot deliver vital and mandated ser-

vices," said Frisell. For the 2022 proposed revenue sources, 51% or about \$30.5 million, comes from property taxes. The rest comes from state grants, aid and reimbursement of services (25%), transportation sales tax (6%), federal grants and reimbursement of services (7%), charges and fees (7%) and others (4%).

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The cast of "Elf the Musical" take the stage at the Andria Theatre last week for a dress rehearsal.

JGH AND SING AT 'ELF THE MUSICAL'

Here's how to watch the sold-out play

By Celeste Edenloff Alexandria Echo Press ummed that all nine performances to the

Andria Theatre's production of "Elf the Musical" are sold out? Don't be. There's good

news. The Andria Theatre is adding pay-per-view as an option for watching the show. New lights have been installed, as well as new projections and an all-new 4K camera system, which will enhance the streaming capability.

The sold out production opens this Thursday, Dec. 9, but the pay-per-view option will be available for purchase beginning on Monday, Dec. 13. It can be purchased between Dec. 13 and 19 and can be viewed between Dec. 15 and 19. People who do this option can view it for 48 hours, with options to stop,

rewind and watch again. All the information will be on the downtown Alexandria theater's website, www.

andriatheatre.org. Director Donna Magnuson said "Elf the Musical" is a great story and the cast is a mix of newcomers and veteran actors.

She said it has been really fun to see the



Greg Raether and Triessa Spanswick rehearse a scene from "Elf the Musical," which opens at the Andria Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 9.

veterans stepping in to help those who are new to the stage, and that the whole show is a unique experience. **According to the Andria** Theatre's website, "Elf the Musical" is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young

orphan who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and then is transported to the North Pole. Although the story is centered around Buddy, Magnuson said the story is also about how his real-life father, Walter, and how his views change.

"Elf is just a really great story," she said.

Stepping into a new role

Greg Raether, who is pically behind the sce at the Andria Theatre, is trying his hand at being on the stage this time.

And he is doing so in a number of ways. Raether plays several different characters – a New Yorker, a police officer and even a fake Santa.

Additionally, he is the show's music director and he is also taking care of sound design, which is the hat he usually wears.

Raether said he started helping at the theatre during the summer of 2018 when his daughter, Mallory, was in "Suessical Jr." He said Mallory came home and said the theatre was looking for parents to help out and that he should volunteer.

Apparently, how he remembers it, is that the next day his daughter volunteered him and then told him that he was going to do it.

"I've been helping out at the Andria ever since,"

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12 Douglas County 4-H youth attend leadership training

By Echo Press staff Your Spark" to learn leadership skills.

The camp was held Oct. 21 at Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake. This camp is designed to inspire and enable each participant to uncover unique abilities, develop greater confidence and master strategies for success as a leader in their 4-H program.

Sixty youth in grades 6-9 attended, representing eight 4-H pro-

Youth plan and carry out activities during on where they learn edu.

to work together as a Douglas County sent team, become more 12 youth to a 4-H confident and show-Junior Leader Work- case their skills to oth-shop called "Ignite ers. Committees are guided by Continuing Committee Members who were chosen after last year's camp through an application process.

Leadership work-shops included team building, social emo-tional learning, communication, problem solving, stress management, exploring the Minnesota 4-H State ambassador program and learning about themselves.

information For about 4-H, contact the Douglas Councamp through ty Extension Office at committees they sit mnext-douglas@umn.



Contributed / University of Minnesota Extension County youth who attended 4-H leadership training: Back row, from left: Thomas Dutcher-Chippewans 4-H Club; Jackson Dutcher-Chippewans 4-H Club; Owinn Cimbura-Hoofbeats 4-H Club; Abigail Fiskness-Liberty Livewires 4-H Club; Lacie Lange-Liberty Livewires 4-H Club; Lacey Siira-Moe 4-H Club. 2nd row from left: Kaleb Fuglseth-Moe 4-H Club; Isabella Wilson-Lake Mary Troopers 4-H Club; Ethan Radil-Liberty Livewires 4-H Club. Front row, from left: Lauren Thoennes-Moe 4-H Club; Kendall Elmer-Moe 4-H Club; and Greta Fuglseth-Moe 4-H Club.

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Paths to Pass Along Wealth

Providing financial security to your heirs after you're gone is a goal you can reach via multiple routes. Here is a common option.

Your Home

If you own a home, that residence will typically be the most valuable non-financial asset in your estate. Heirs might not have to pay capital gains tax on the home if they sell it.

Caution: Whoever inherits the home will have to cover large expenses such as upkeep and taxes. If you leave your home to multiple heirs, they may fight over whether to sell it, or feel cheated if only one of them will live there.

Discussing estate plans with your children sooner rather than later, especially if you are leaving them different amounts or giving a large sum to charity, is a good idea in order to give you a chance to explain the reasons behind your decision.

Excerpts from AARP Bulletin "Your Money," published September 2021

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Horticulture scholarships offered to Douglas County students

By Echo Press staff Alexandria Echo Press

The Tenth District of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society is awarding two \$500 scholarships this year.

Each scholarship will be awarded to a college student who is pursuing a degree in horticulture

ents must live in District 10, which encomyohi, Renville, Yellow my classes. Medicine and Meeker.

ify, the student's par- have satisfactorily completed at least two quarpasses Douglas, Grant, at an accredited 2- or Pope, Stevens, Traverse, 4-year college and must Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, have taken one or more 320-298-4686. Swift, Chippewa, Kandi- horticulture or agrono-

Any The student must be would like to apply for Feb. 1.

or agronomy. To qual- enrolled in college and this scholarship should contact Polly Perkins by mail, PO Box 96, Miltoters or one semester na MN 56354; by email, pollysperkins@gmail. com; or by telephone,

> Applications must be returned to District 10 student who officers no later than

CAST

Kevin Lee - Santa Claus Triessa Spanswick - Mrs.

Fiona Schmidt - Elf Olivia Zollner - Elf Jayme O'Brien - Elf

Lily Eken - Elf

Claire Eken - Elf

Grace Shurson - Elf Lucy Gustafson - Tiara

Gavyn Schmidt - Charlie Patrick Sieve - Buddy Brianna Varnum - Jovie

Kylee Dummer - Michelle Eric Schmidt - Walter Hobbs

Leah Drexler - Emily Hobbs Felicia Fredrickson - Ms. Greenway

Ari Janssen - Deb Nick Zabroski - Matthew Brody Uhlenkamp - Macy's

Greg Raether - Fake Santa KD Tomoson - Charlotte Misty Hunter - Macy's

Sam Swensrud - Store elf Linnea Hoven - Store elf Mie Meier - Store elf

Madi Roering - Store elf Blake Steussy - Store elf Hazel Eken - Bratty child Brian Fleming - Police officer

CREW

Director - Donna Magnuson Assistant director/makeup design/hair design - Maryn

Music director/sound design Greg Raether Vocal coach - Heather Hjelle

Choreographer - Christine

Set designer and set construction - Greg Bohl Stage manager/props/set decor - Hilary Ninmanr Costume design - Molly Eken

Lighting technician - Jen Sound technician - Bryce

Projection - Claudia Bursch



Celeste Edenloff / Alexandria Echo Press

Buddy the elf, played by Patrick Sieve, sits on Santa's lap during "Elf the Musical" at the Andria Theatre. Santa is played by Kevin Lee.

ELF

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he said, noting that he loves it and that it really is a family affair.

Since the summer of 2018, Mallory has been in six or seven shows, he helps out with sound design and as a sound technician. and his wife, Jen, has been a

lighting technician, stage manager and assists wherever she is needed.

He is excited – and maybe a little nervous – to actually be on stage this time, and said the whole cast is

"This cast is super talented and works hard," Raether said. "And they are super funny. It is going to be a great show."

Email reporter Celeste Edenloff at cedenloff@ echopress.com.

BRIEFS

Forensic psychologist to speak at Cherry **Street Books**

On Dec. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m., forensic psychologist Frank Weber will be at Cherry Street Books in Alexandria.

Weber will speak on the writing of true crime,

latest book. Weber has profiled cold case homicides for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and narrated an investigative show on the Oxygen channel titled Murdered by Morning.

Weber's newest novel, "Burning Bridges," examines the life and demise of a psychopath forensic work and his in central Minnesota.



Frank will demonduring his presentation.

Cherry Street Books is located at 503 Broadway

First Western Bank & Trust is spreading '100 Cheers'

'Tis the season for sleigh bells, holiday showcases, exchanging gifts with family and friends, and decorating the Christmas tree. It's also a time to spread joy to those around us. First Western Bank & Trust is excited to get into the spirit of the season with the return of "100 Cheers," a celebration of those who make our community special.

FWBT began the "100 Cheers" tradition in 2014 as a 100 random-actsof-kindness campaign during the holiday season to commemorate their 50th anniversary. Each year the goal is to spread cheer in unexpected ways. This holiday season, starting Monday, Dec. 6, "100 Cheers" will begin in all seven regions FWBT serves.

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GYMNASTICS



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Members of the Alexandria gymnastics team, including middle, left to right, Chloe Steele, Loren Buggert and Ellie Rauk, watch from the side of the beam where they are cheering on their teammate during the varsity portion of the meet in a win over Willmar on Dec. 2.

Cards see good things to build on

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

lexandria senior gymnast Ailynn Fettig was the final routine of the night during the Cardinals' season-opening meet against Willmar on Thursday.

Willmar had just wrapped up its final event on the beam before Fettig's floor performance was about to

begin. Athletes from both teams gathered around the mat to cheer her on in what turned out to be a first-place finish after Fettig turned in the best overall score of the night with a 9.4 on the floor.

"This sport is very individualized," Alexandria head coach Tayler Kaufman said of the support the athletes give each other in gymnastics. "Everyone knows what it's like to be

on their own in front of a large crowd, so just having that support and empathy for one another — they remember their first times ever competing and going out there each time. It's a nice safety net for everyone that they know they're loved

no matter what the score is." for the Cardinals this winter with Loren Buggert, Sarah Kelly and Ellie Rauk joining

her. That first-place finish on the floor was part of an overall win in the all-around (35.30) for Fettig as she helped the Cardinals to a team win over Willmar by a score of 135.55 to 128.575.

"We're just coming into our season so there's always room for improvement, but Fettig is one of four seniors I feel like we came out with a positive mindset," Fettig said. "We came out with confidence, and all together

we performed really well tonight for the first meet."

Alexandria was performing in its temporary new home located at the gymnasium that sits in the same building as the Douglas County Library. Next year, the Cardinals will perform in a new facility with an addition going up at Discovery Middle School.

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BASKETBALL



Eric Morken / Alexandria Echo Press Brandon-Evansville boys basketball coach Trent Hintermeister high fives Kobe Reiland as Reiland returns to the bench during the Chargers' game against Ashby on March 18. Hintermeister is very in favor of the Minnesota State High School League implementing the use of a 35-second shot clock starting in the 2023-24 season.

Shot clocks coming to a gym near you

MSHSL board approves 35-second clocks for 2023-24 season

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

Shot clocks are finally coming to Minnesota high school basketball.

The Minnesota State High School League's Board of Directors approved a motion to mandate the implementation of shot clocks to the varsity levels of boys and girls basketball, starting with the 2023-24 season.

No board member voted against the motion.

The shot clock will be 35 seconds per posses-

The mandate only exists for the varsity level, though schools can use them at lower levels, should both schools in any game agree to it.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Chargers improve to 2-0

Alex wraps up impressive first

week at 2-1 **By Eric Morken**

The Brandon-Evansville girls basketball team got 21 points from sophomore Kylee Dingwall as the Chargers won at Bertha-Hewitt in a

Alexandria Echo Press

57-43 final on Friday. "It was a very physical

to play sloppy at times, but the girls still found a way to win," B-E head coach Zach Traphagen said. "We know that we have to do a much better job of playing with composure offensively. Credit to Bertha-Hewitt on playing very physical and making us uncomfortable at times."

Olivia Otto joined Dingwall in double figures as she put in 14 game and that got us points. Seven differ- job of playing aggres-



Otto did a really nice job of taking the ball to the basket and finishing strong through contact," Trap-hagen said. "Defensively, we need to do a better

scored

Chargers.

"Kylee

Dingwall

and Olivia

ent players sively without commitin ting unnecessary fouls. all for the A win is a win, but I believe the girls know we need to play much better moving forward."

BRANDON-EVANSVILLE 57. BER-THA-HEWITT 43 B-E SCORING - Grace Otto - 4; Sophie Koep - 2; Olivia Otto - 14; Sydney Schaefer - 6; Kaytlyn Pattrin - 3; Kylee Dingwall - 21; Kiley Lund - 7

Alex finishes first week 2-1

The Alexandria girls

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Hockey roundup: Cards pick up wins

that point added an assist.

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od.

Lumberjacks add to **West Division lead**

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria boys hockey team had a second straight game on the road to start its season, and the Cardinals bounced back from a loss at Sartell by beating River Lakes 4-1 Thurs-

Alexandria (1-1) outshot the Stars (0-2)33-14 as Gabe Evink stopped 13 shots and allowed just a Joel Sow-



after Mason Stennes, Brycen Berg and Josiah Gronholz all scored in the first period. Berg added his second goal of the night — both coming on the power play in the second frame to in an 8-0 win. give Alexandria all the cushion it needed.

night after also assist- first two periods before

goal ing on Gronholz's goal. late in the Gronholz and Pieter Mulder each added two assists, and Tripp It was a Shatek, Jack Breitz-4-0 game at man and Leo Kompelien

Alex girls win ahead of tie with Buffalo

The Alexandria girls made easy work of Sartell-Sauk Rapids on Thursday as the Cardinals erupted offensively

Alexandria outshot the Storm 'N' Sabres 42-12, Berg had a 3-point scoring two in each of the



blowing the game open with a 4-goal third period. Kaci Trosvig, MaKenna Aure

and Hanley Block all had two goals, while Peyton Boesl and Cadence Ellingson added a goal apiece. Kennedy Ellingson had two assists, and Riley Nyberg, Lauren Maras (2), Sophia Korynta, Aure and Block all added assists, as well.

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Osakis drops a close one

B-E, WCA pull away in season openers

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

The Osakis boys basketball team was on the road for its season opener against Eden Valley-Watkins on Friday night and lost a close game in a 58-56 final.

"We had great effort, but we played like it was our first game of the season," Osakis head coach Matt Hoelscher said. "We were not crisp on our passes, slow on defensive rotations, missed some good looks around the rim. and were out of sync offensively."

The Silverstreaks shot 35% from the field



(22-of-62). Brady Mages had 10 points, and Carter Watnaas and Kyle Mages both added 9. "We had a good first half in our high-low game with

Carter, but then foul trouble caused us to change what we were doing based on our lineups," Hoelscher said. "We got stagnant on offense in the second half, but that's a credit to Eden Valley's defense. We will look back on film and see where the game got away from us, whether it was missed free throws. giving up too many offensive rebounds, not finding the open guys on offense, or we as coaches not making adjustments soon enough."

Adam Stommes had a game-high 19 points for Eden Valley-Watkins on 7-of-9 shooting.

The Eagles, playing out of Section 3AA this year after being in Section 6AA a year ago, went 17-3 last season. It was a good opening-season test for an Osakis team that returns most of its players from a 14-6 season.

"We were all accountable, from coaches to players, on the outcome," Hoelscher said. "We will learn from it, move on, and get better. We have high expectations this year, and the loss isn't going to change how we view our team. We got great kids and we're going to find a way to move forward."

EDEN VALLEY-WATKINS 58, OSAKIS 56 OSAKIS - Stewart Jones - 7 points, 4 re-bounds, 1 steal; Isaac Maddock - 3 points, 2 assists, 1 steal; Kyle Mages - 9 points, 2 assists, 1 block, 6 rebounds, 4 steals; Bauer Klimek - 7 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal; Drew Imdieke - 6 5 points, 1 rebound; Chayce Meyer - 1 assist; Carter Watnaas - 9 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist; Brady Mages - 10 points, 1 assist, 8 rebounds,

Chargers pull away from Bears

Brandon-Evansville pulled away from Bertha-Hewitt on the road Friday night as the Chargers won their season opener in a 66-51 final.

Senior guards Titus Fuller and Tyler Bitzan led the way with 17 and 13 points, respectively. Balance took over behind them with



Lucas Fuller (10 points), Micah Fuller (9), Dezmond White (9), Riley Perleberg (6) and Brady Perleberg (2) all getting in the colscoring umn.

"I thought we played hard, and at times too fast," B-E head coach Trent Hintermeister said. "I appreciated our guys adjusting to the physicality of the game. There were 50 fouls called and probably could have been more. We rebounded well and I was proud of how often we got to the freethrow line. We shot 28-of-40 from the line. We have a lot to improve on, including our composure at times, but overall I'm happy for our guys."

Knights leave good first impression

A young West Central Area boys basketball team made a good first impression on Saturday by beating Menahga 71-45 in the season open-

"Like any first game of the season, there are a lot of areas for improvement," head coach Kraig Hunter said. "But overall, with many guys playing their first varsity game, it was a good day as far as intensity and playing unselfish. All 14 of our players that played contributed. It was a good team win.'

Ryder Staples and Cole Anderson are a couple of the players back with the most experience, and they stepped up in the opener. Staples had 18 points, 5 rebounds and 4 steals, while

Anderson added

12 points, 7

rebounds and 3



steals. Jacob Strunk also had a full line of 13 points,

9 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals.

Steals.
WCA 71, MENAHGA 45
TOTALS - WCA - FG - 24-63; Three-point FG 9-34; FT - 14-22; Rebounds - 43; Menahga - FG 15-55; Three-point FG - 7-20; Turnovers - 26; Rebounds - 46; FT - 8-18
WCA - Ryder Staples - 18 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals; Jacob Strunk - 13 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals; Cole Anderson - 12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals; Cam Anderson - 8 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals, 5 assists: Nasir Dotts - 8 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 5 assists; Nasir Dotts - 8 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals; Mitch Dewey - 6 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists; Bryce Kjesbo - 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal; Tyler Biss - 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 assist; Brayden Stark - 1 point, 3 steals; Isaac Kreft - 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Roman Mihailovschi - 2 rebounds, 2 assists; Pevton Hanson - 2 rebounds

1 steal; Damon Sanstead - 2 rebounds MENAHGA SCORING - Christian Johnson -13; Nick Wurdock - 10; Alec Aho - 9; Ryan Tolkkinen - 4; Knaylor Howard - 4; Brayden Aho - 3; Connor Korvela - 2

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Salathe starts his career with the Lakers

25-year-old eager to mold an inexperienced Minnewaska team

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

First-year Minnewaska head coach Hunter Salathe did not ease into things for his head coaching debut with the Lakers.

Salathe took over the Minnewaska boys basketball program during the offseason after longtime head coach Phil Johnsrud retired. Up first on the schedule was a Redwood Valley team that returns the majority of its pieces from a 14-7 season.

The Cardinals have a roster of 14 seniors. That includes 6-foot, 8-inch center Carson Woodford and good guards around him. That eventually wore down Minnewaska in the second half as the Cardinals extended a 32-25 halftime lead to 20 points in a 68-50 win.

"We watched the game film from last year and they scored 97 points against us. I was thinking, 'Crap,'" Salathe said with a smile. "That's a team that's going to shoot the ball. They're really good at drive and kick, and they got a big guy who's a lot bigger than our biggest guy."

Woodford will play collegiately at the University of Jamestown, and he had 17 points.

The attention Woodford draws in the paint also helps open up opportunities around him. Guard Charles LaChapelle and Alex Lang combined for five threes as LaChapelle finished with a game-high 21 points and Lang had 16.

"That team is loaded," Salathe said. "Very experienced, guys who are athletic that are up on us on defense.'

Minnewaska's senior 6-foot, 5-inch forward Hunter Kostelecky is one of only a couple of returning players for the Lakers who has a lot of varsity experience. Kostelecky played with no fear offensively against Wood-ford in the post. He finished with a team-high 19 points.

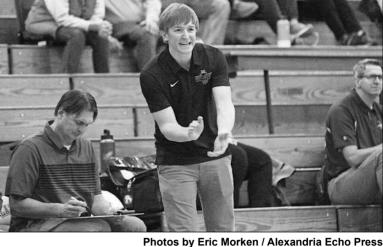
"I feel like we did awesome," Kostelecky said. "We had a lot of turnovers, but that's going to happen. We played well against a talented team.'

Senior guard Damon Uhde also scored 16 points for the Lakers, which included knocking down three triples.
"We know what Damon and

Hunter can do for us, so a lot of our offense revolves around them," Salathe said. "We're trying to get them looks that can get them inside against other teams...Hunter can hit threes. weren't falling ιοπight but he's going to go in there and work his butt off and compete."

That's what Salathe wants to see out of all of his guys, and in terms of the energy the Lakers played with, he liked what he saw on Saturday.

"We want to go and win," Salathe said. "I'm from a winning culture, so losing is some-



First-year Minnewaska head coach Hunter Salathe encourages his team after a defensive stop against Redwood Valley during the Lakers' season opener on Saturday.



Minnewaska senior forward Hunter Kostelecky puts in a layup in front of the defense of Redwood Valley's Carson Woodford during the first half on Saturday.

used to, but in that moment I just need to stop and think that every single one of these guys gave me their best effort tonight."

Salathe, 25, grew up in Perham and played for one of the top Class AA programs in Minnesota with the Yellowjackets.

He coached one year of 7th-grade basketball in Morris before spending the last two school years as a 7th-grade math teacher and 8th-grade basketball coach at Minnewas-

"The reason I interviewed is because I knew I could do this job," Salathe said. "I'm going to learn it the hard way. I'm going to take my punches, but I'm going to bounce back, be a basketball junkie and watch the game film of Paynesville and Litchfield. Those are our next two opponents. I'm very thankful for this job. It's a big jump to make, but it's something I thought I was ready for, and I'm glad the people who chose me for this job had my back too."

Salathe was with his girlfriend and another friend of his on Friday night when he said it hit him how big of a day this was going to be for him. He woke up at 5:45 a.m. on Saturthing I don't like and I'm not day to help run youth basketball

practice ahead of his own game.

"Seeing them just have positivity kind of eased my nerves because I was around basketball the whole day," Salathe said. "Being in the gym, you have that little feeling of anxiety in you, and that's OK. When the game started, it was just fired

up energy."
Salathe spent a handful of minutes after the game talking things over with his assistant coaches before going into the locker room and addressing his team. It's the first of many postgame speeches he is excited to give after his first career game on Saturday.

"I saw my parents came from Perham. It meant a lot to see them," Salathe said. "It makes me feel good to know I got to this point in my life, but I want to lead these guys and the teams of the future into something they can be proud of and be proud to be a Laker. I'm proud of where I came from, and I'm proud to be the coach here."

REDWOOD VALLEY 68, MINNEWASKA 50 MINNEWASKA SCORING - Tate Reichmann - 4; Ethan Quelle - 6; Jack Majerus - 5; Damon Uhde - 16; Hunter Kostelecky - 19

REDWOOD VALLEY SCORING - Charles LaCha-pelle - 21; Robert Halvorson - 4; Alex Lang - 16; Zack Reck - 5; Jahger Bill - 2; Carson Woodford - 17; Aiden

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Pequot

Wrestling roundup: Alex, Osakis, Minnewaska open at invites

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria and Osakis wrestling teams opened their seasons at the Sauk Centre-Melrose Early Bird Invite on Friday as the Cardinals took third (109.5 points) in the six-team field and the Silverstreaks finished fifth with 83 points.

Osakis got a first-place finish from freshman Reggie George at 106 pounds as he went 5-0 on the day. That was just in front of Alexandria's Nolan Fettig, who finished 4-1 and in second place after George won by fall against Fettig in 3:55. Other top-five indicame from Simon Jacobson (4th, 113), Jacob Taplin (2nd, 120), Hunter Sell (5th, 138), Kale Drevlow (2nd, 152), Carsten Jacobson (4th, 160), and Tyson Hagedon (2nd, 170). Alexandria had four

wrestlers win their weight class



Teaser

McGrane (120), Blaze Nelson (138), Kelly Johnson (152)and Mason Teaser (170). McGrane won

Mason

three of his matches by fall, including his round

vidual finishes for Osakis three win in just 55 sec- 220) and David Rauscher to withdraw in the chamonds over Jimmy Carlisle

> of Albany. Nelson won his first two matches by fall before a 19-4 tech fall win in the championship of the 138pound bracket. Teaser went 3-1 on the day as he got two first-period pins and a third win by major decision in a 10-1 final.

> Johnson went 3-0 on the day, including a 9-3 decision win over Drevlow in the first-place match. Johnson added a pin in his first round and then an 8-3 decision win in round two.

> Alexandria's other top-5 finishes came from Logan Timm (5th, 113), Brenden Bryce (4th, 126), Landon Seward (5th, 160), Jackson Saffert (4th, 182), Gavryn Fernholz (4th, 195), Luke Maanum (3rd,

(5th, 285).

Lakers third at Big Lake

Minnewaska finished third at the 8-team Big Lake Invite on Friday as the Lakers totaled 168 points.

Royalton won the invite with 207 points, and Big Lake was second at 204.5.

Minnewaska had a couple of second-place individual finishes to lead the way. Jacob Blair was runner-up at 145 pounds as he went 2-1 on the day with a first-period pin in his opening match and a 2-0 decision win in round two.

Nate Rankin added a second-place finish at 220 pounds. Rankin pinned his first two opponents in 4:20 and 1:29, but had

pionship due to injury against Justin Matson of Pine City-Hinckley-Finlayson. Other top-six finish-

es for Minnewaska came from Miles Wildman (3rd, 106), Torii Johnson (3rd, 113), Chase Smith (3rd, 120), Nick Ankeny (3rd, 126), Mason Schiffler (3rd, 132), Easton McCrory (4th, 138), Nathan Dell (6th, 160), Dalton Friedrichs (4th, 170), Xander Johnson (3rd, 182), and Chase Boelke (5th, 195).

Raiders sixth at Wadena-Deer Creek

The Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale-Parkers Prairie wrestling team opened its season at the Wadena-Deer Creek Invite on Saturday where the Raiders finished sixth in the 9-team event after scoring 124 points.

Lakes-Pine

River-Backus won the invite with 199.8 points, and Long Prairie-Grey Eagle-Browerville was second at 190.

The Raiders got top-6 individual finishes from Justin Olson (106 pounds, 3rd), Preston Captain (4th, 113), Bennet Arceneau (3rd, 120), David Revering (2nd, 126), Evan Jares (3rd, 126), Deagen Captain (3rd, 132), Reese Thompson (2nd, 138), Blake Sumstad (6th, 145), Justin Koehn (6th, 182), Braden Shamp (6th, 220) and Hunter Strom (6th, 285).

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Dance: Alexandria wraps up busy stretch at Rocori Invite

By Eric Morken Alexandria Echo Press

Alexandria dance team had a busy end to the week last week as the Cardinals finished fourth in kick at a Central Lakes Conference meet on Friday before going to the Rocori Invite on Saturday.

Alexandria fin-ished its CLC meet ahead of Rocori and Willmar in kick, while taking fifth in the jazz routine.

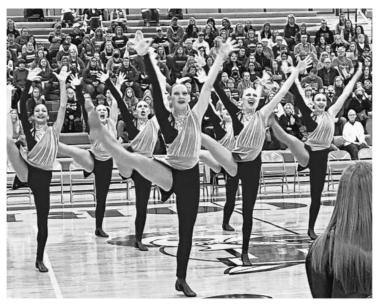
"This is the first time in many years that the Alexandria dance team has beat Rocori in kick," head coach Kassandra Gibbons said.

The Cardinals were part of a big field at the Rocori Invite on Saturday where Gibbons said they performed cleaner and stronger routines. Alexandria finished 7th in kick out of 14 programs competing, and took 9th in jazz out of 13 teams. ROCORI INVITE RESULTS RANKING POINT TOTAL - HIGH

RANKING POINT TOTAL - HIGH KICK - 1. Sauk Rapids-Rice - 3; 2. Holy Family - 7; 3. Becker - 8; 4. Zimmerman - 12; 5. Rocori - 16; 6. St. Francis - 17; 7. Alexandria - 21; 8. Albany - 23; 9. Pequot Lakes -26.5; 10. Foley - 31; 11. Stewart-ville - 33; 12. Little Falls - 35; 13. Detroit Lakes - 39; 14. Rock Ridge - 42

JAZZ - 1. Sauk Rapids-Rice - 3; 2. St. Francis - 8.5; 3. Holy Family 2. 3t. Fraints - 3.5, 3. Holy Farliny - 8.5; 4. Becker - 10; 5. Zimmer-man - 15; 6. Detroit Lakes - 18.5; 7. Rocori - 20.5; 8. Albany - 25; 9. Alexandria - 28; 10. Little Falls - 31; 11. Pequot Lakes - 33; 12. Foley -35; 13. Stewartville - 38.5 **Email sports and outdoor**

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From left to right, Sydni Rehovsky (9), Greta Zenner (12 captain), Kya Burkey (12 Captain), and Ella Bartos (11) compete at the Rocori Invite for the Alexandria Cardinals dance team on Saturday.

CARDS

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There is limited space to work with in their current setting, so Kaufman was happy with how her athletes performed in getting a win against Willmar.

"It's not our new building and so there were a lot of nerves and fears going into the season about their performance," she said. "For us to hit a score that was higher than our first score from last year, it's pretty exciting that we're moving in the right direction."

Ailynn Fettig floor routine Alexandria won each

of the four events. Sophomore Sara Eddy started things off with a win on the vault after scoring a 9.15. Fettig was first on the bars (8.6) in addition to her floor win, and junior Amaya Hughes tied for first on the beam with Willmar's Kim Joneson after both

scored an 8.45. "With our events right now, the really big thing we need to work on is cleaning up all our routines," Fettig said. "The judges really like clean execution even compared to just throwing big skills. Just getting those skills more confident, more clean, getting more reps in on them is going to be one of the big drivers of our success this year."

team captains, and Eddy is a sophomore, but she returns a lot of varsity experience as well. Junior Izzy Kent highlighted her night on varsity with a second-place finish on the bars against Willmar.

There are eight total juniors and seniors, and then a group of 13 combined sophomores, freshmen and 8th-graders on the Alexandria roster.

"We have a lot of younger girls coming up, so I'm really going to rely on them to show some of those girls how to be motivated, how to be a leader, how to cheer for one another and be that support," Kaufman said of Hughes, Fettig and Eddy. "Gymnastics has such a mental aspect, and having girls put their mental health first and cheer each other on is going to get them ahead.

Fettig, Hughes (34.0) and Eddy (32.55) finished 1-2-3 in the all-around scores. Fettig said she is grateful to be back in the gym with her teammates again in a more normal setting after last year's winter season featured a different feel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fettig just missed out on an opportunity to compete at the state meet on the bars last winter. That has motivated her going into her final run with the Cardinals.

"It's always been my goal to make it to state on something,"

Fettig said. "Last year, I thought it was going to be bars, but it didn't quite work out that way. That's OK. I have that opportunity this year to still shoot for that goal."

Kaufman said Fettig is capable of advancing out of Section 8AA in the allaround, as well.

As a team, the Cardinals have a goal of reaching a score of 140. They almost accomplished that this past March, with their section score of 139.025 being a big jump from the team score of 133.75 at the section meet in 2020.

"We were so close last season to making that goal," Fettig said. "It's really exciting this year because I know we have the potential on this team to finally make that goal."

Kaufman came into the season wanting her athletes to focus on performing each of their skills as cleanly as possible. She sees room for improvement after Thursday's opening meet, which has her excited about the growth the Cardinals could see the rest of the way. "The biggest goal of

the season was to keep everything clean, just because we don't have the facility to practice our harder skills," Kaufman said. "The first meet is kind of getting back into the routine of performing. Now that we have this first meet out of the way, I think it's

going to be achievable to reach that 140 because we know what to expect and can get past those first-meet jitters."

White Bear Lake

to White Bear Lake for a 7-team invite on Saturday and came back with a second place finish after scoring 133.40 points.

White Bear Lake won with 134.55 points.

Ailynn Fettig led the Cardinals by taking third in the all-around with 35.00 points. She was fifth on the vault (8.9) and third on the bars (8.7) and floor (9.1) around an 8.3 (6th place) on the beam. Grace Squires was first in the all-around with a 36.85.

Amaya Hughes added a 7th-place finish for Alexandria in the allaround with a 32.85. Hughes was 11th on vault (8.2), 8th on bars (7.8), 10th on beam (8.1) and

Sara Eddy rounded out Alexandria's allaround scores with a 25.05 (18th). Her best individual event came on the vault where she

Other top-10 finishes for the Cardinals came from Addison Fettig (vault, 7th, 8.5), Chloe Steele (vault, 9th, 8.35), Izzy Kent (bars, 6th, 8.1) and Eddy (beam, 7th,

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Cardinals second at Alexandria team went

5th on floor (8.75).

finished fifth (8.9).

8.25).

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Hughes and Fettig are

CLOCK

From Page 9 "I think Minnesota is 5 to 10 years late to the party. I was hoping it would be implemented earlier than what was decided, but better late than never," Brandon-Evansville boys basketball coach Trent Hintermeister said.

The shot clock debate has spanned years in Minnesota, with advocates describing the improved quality of play and skill development derived from a possession's time constraint. Opponents often noted cost, both to install the clock and pay another worker to run it during games.

Hintermeister and Osakis girls basketball coach Pat Kalpin have a unique perspective on the issue as both coaches are also activities directors at their schools.

"Finding people to help with games and activities can be a struggle and probably always will be," Hintermeister said. "It's one additional position. It won't be any more work than the normal day-today stuff. We already have shot clocks in our varsity gymnasium and plan to play four or five games using them this year, and hopefully even more games next year."

Alexandria Area High School already has shot clocks installed as well, Kalpin said the also in favor of the move. and

scoreboards in the Osakis gymnasium are compatible for adding shot clocks.

"I do know that some schools with older scoreboards will have to get new systems altogether if will strap schools that are already struggling financially. Along with that, we now have to find anothto operate the shot clock. That will probably be the ing. toughest part for consisgetting used to, but just like other changes over like to watch and coach college game. games without a shot clock."

out through email to coaches from Alexandria, Osakis and Brandon-Evansville Thursday afternoon asking about their thoughts with good pace and funon the implementation damentals. Coaches will of shot clocks. Initial responses showed a lot of

have used the shot clock to see is less fouling at the end of games and relying

is a good thing."
Osakis boys basketball coach Matt Hoelscher was

"I think it will bring more excitement to the game and change the way people have to coach," Hoelscher said. "I honestly don't think it will impact the game that they want the shot clock much as most teams and scoreboard working don't hold the ball for 35 together," Kalpin said. seconds anyways. It will "The cost of adding these reward the teams that play solid, fundamental defense by forcing teams to get a shot attempt up, but will also help teams er worker for the games that are losing and prevent teams from stall-

Wendy Kohler, with tency. It will take some more than 600 wins as the Alexandria girls head coach, said it's good to the years, we will adjust see the high school game and forget what it was being consistent with the

"It is great to see the The Echo Press reached a positive way," Kohler said. "From the women's ball and 3-point line, the next logical step is on the 35 second shot clock. Teams will need to play need to be organized to have their teams exesupport for the move. cuting when the clock is "I have coached games winding down. It does the past few years that take the stalling strategy piece out of the equation. and it really didn't seem However, now the strateany different," Kalpin gy of the game has shift-said. "What you are going ed into a more creative ed into a more creative direction."

Cardinals' boys head on defensive stops, which coach Forrest Witt was also in favor of the addi-

"I believe it rewards good defense while also forcing offenses to be more efficient," Witt said.
"I also like the added strategic element that can be created through defensive philosophies.

Brandon-Evansville girls basketball coach Zach Traphagen said the use of shot clocks will help the game continue to evolve at the high school level after a lot of change in the sport the last 10-15

"Don't get me wrong, there are still plenty of old-school principles that are so important to never waiver from, but I think the game becomes so much more exciting when teams are forced to play offense instead of stalling," Traphagen said. "To be honest, having game continue to grow in a 35 second possession on offense is still a very lengthy possession.

"What it really changes now is for the teams who are holding onto a lead late in the game, it forces them to continue playing offense instead of being able to hold the ball for the clock to run out. This will force teams to make good decisions and take good shots, which I think helps to raise that basketball IQ in players. I'm extremely pleased that the MSHSL has reached the conclusion to implement the shot clock era."

(Jace Frederick of the St. Paul

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story)

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NA3HL. Granite City improved Alexandria vs. Willmar, 7:15 Alexandria at Wheaton Triangular, 5 p.m. WCA-A-B-E at Wadena-Deer Creek Triangular, 5

ROUNDUP

SPORTS

SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 9

BOYS BASKETBALL

Alexandria vs. Sauk Rapids-Rice, 7:15 p.m. Osakis at BBE, 7 p.m.

Parkers Prairie at

Minnewaska vs.

WCA at CGB, 7:30 p.m.

Underwood, 7:15 p.m.

Paynesville, 7:15 p.m.

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basketball team was part of the Breakdown Tip-Off Classic on Saturday at Hopkins High School as the Cardinals wrapped up a 3-game week against a top-tier Class AAA program in Hill-Murray.

last winter, improved to 2-1 this season by holding off the Cardinals in a

59–56 game. "Our defensive pressure, intensity, and rebounding were key," Alexandria head coach Wendy Kohler said. "We handled the patented Hill-Murray pressure like seasoned veterans as our guards demonstrated great ball security and decision making consistently. We are so pleased with the growth and focus we are demonstrating every day."

forward Freshman Hadley Thul has scored in double figures every game so far in leading Alexandria to a 2-1 first week of the season. Thul had 16 points, 7 rebounds and 5 steals on Saturday, while senior guard Tessa McGrane had 14 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists. Freshman guard Allie Haabala finished with 11

HILL-MURRAY 59. ALEXANDRIA 56 ALEXANDRIA - Hadiley Thul - 16 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals; Tessa McGrane - 14 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists; Allie Haabala - 11; Lillian Thul - 8; Elle Heydt - 3; Chloe Scholl - 2; MaCee Linow - 2 ALEXANDRIA 66, SAUK RAPIDS-RICE

ALEXANDRIA 06, SAUR RAPIDS-RICE 45 (From Dec. 2) ALEXANDRIA SCORING - Tessa Mc-Grane - 19; Hadley Thul - 18; Allie Haa-bala - 8; Chloe Scholl - 8; Kaia Emter - 5; Elle Heydt - 4; MaCee Linow - 2; Kate Hennesey - 2

Cold shooting slows Osakis in Morris

The Osakis girls basketball team had its first road test of the season on Friday night as the Silverstreaks pushed Morris Area-Chokio-Alberta before falling in a 54-48 final.

The Tigers (2-0)

forced the Silverstreaks (1-1) into 29.7% shooting (19-of-64), but Osakis hung close by forcing 20 turnovers. Morris Area countered by shooting 42.9% (21-49) to secure the win.

"The girls played really hard," Osakis head coach Pat Kalpin "Unfortunatesaid. ill-Murray. ly, we didn't come out The Pioneers, 20-2 of it with a win, but the effort was great. I thought we played good defense, rebounded the ball well, and took care of the ball on the offensive end. We had a tough night shooting the basketball. That's the one area that stuck out stat-wise. Despite that, we were able to stay in the game versus a very good Morris team."

Mara VanNyhuis had 16 points, 10 rebounds and 3 steals to lead the way for Osakis. Alexis Johanson added 14 points.

POINTS.
MORRIS AREA 54, OSAKIS 48
TOTAL - OSAKIS - FG - 19-64; Threepoint FG - 4-20; FT - 6-10; Rebounds
- 34; Assists - 9; Deflections - 5; Steals
- 11; Blocks - 1; Turnovers - 10; MORRIS
AREA - FG - 21-49; Three-point FG 5-12; FT - 7-12; Rebounds - 42; Steals
- 6; Turnovers - 20; Assists - 11
OSAKIS - Tessa Stanek - 4 rebounds, 2
assists, 1 steal; Lexi Spychalla - 2 points,
3 rebounds, 1 steal; Mara Vanyhyuis - 16

assists, Isteal, text Spychaira - 2 points 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Mara VanNyhuis - 16 points, 10 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 1 block; Alexis Johanson - 14 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal; Hayleigh Niehoff - 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Carlee Muenzhuber - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal; Madi Collins - 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal; Kiley Kranz - 8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals

Knights outlast Menahga

West Central Area bounced back from a loss at New London-Spicer on Nov. 30 by winning a 54-50 game against Staples-Motley (0-2) on Dec. 7.

Knights The 18 points and 5 steals from Lexi Bright, and 17 points and 9 rebounds from Claire Stark to lead

the way.

WCA 54, STAPLES-MOTLEY 50

WCA - Lexi Bright - 18 points, 5 steals; Claire Stark - 17 points, 9 rebounds; Liz Rustan - 8 rebounds, 4 deflections, 2 blocks; Mya Foslien - 9 points; Addison Staples - 4 assists; Halle Foslien - 4 points, 2 rebounds; Macy Grosz - 3 points 2 assists

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HOCKEY

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All that offense made for a comfortable night in net for senior Hailee Bailey. She stopped all 12 shots she faced to earn the win.

Two days later, Buffalo-Maple Lake rallied from a 2-0 deficit after two periods on Saturday to force overtime in an eventual tie with Alexandria.

It was a Section 8AA matchup as the Cardinals (2-4-1) jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals from Hanley Block and Peyton Boesl in the second period. Kaci Trosvig, Kennedy Ellingson and Ella Westlund had assists on the two goals.

Buffalo (1-5-1) got a goal from Nicole Swartzer at even strength early in the final period. Raegan Wurm then scored on the power play at 8:30 of the third off assists from Anna Kubu and Cece Ryden to tie the game. Alexandria outshot

Buffalo 32-25. Jordan O'Kane stopped 23 shots for the Cardinals, while Madeline Mootz had 30 saves for Buffalo. **Granite City pulls**

away from Blizzard Week by week, the

Granite City Lumberjacks are looking more and more like a threat to pull away with a West Division title in the

to 21-1 on Friday night

with a 7-2 win over the Alexandria Blizzard (10-11, 20 points, 4th place West Division). The Lumberjacks have 42 points, while Mason City (15-6-1) is still hanging around in second place with 31 points and plen-

Granite City outshot Alexandria 37-21 on Friday. A five-goal second period opened the game up to 7-0 before the Blizzard got goals from Kaden Peterson and Tyler

ty of season left.



Alexandria.

Ben Anderson had two goals for Granite City. Depth took over after that as Brett Reed, Wyatt Halvorson, Nicholas Richert, Kullan Daikawa and Nick Mountain all had one goal apiece. Matthew Smith got

the win in net for the Lumberjacks with 19 saves. Bailey Rosch took the loss for Alexandria with 21 saves and 7 goals allowed, while Joey Greilich stopped all nine shots he faced in the third period. The Blizzard host New

Ulm on Dec. 10 at 7:10 p.m. and then go to New Ulm on Dec. 11 for a 7:30 p.m. start time. **Email sports and outdoor editor**

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DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT REPORT: NOV. 9-24

TRICT COURT

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Garcia, Raymond Joe Jr., Alexandria; Felony fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, conditions of the court, \$3,922.32 fees, three years supervised probation, 30 days local jail with four days credit for time served

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Anderson, Dillon Robert, Brandon; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime possession of resinous marijuana under .25 grams, commit to commissioner of corrections correctional facility in St. Cloud, \$135 fees, conditions of the court

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Taylor, Ali Jo, Saint Cloud; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime - heroin possession, conditions of the court, two days local jail with two days credit for time served, \$50 fees

Robinson, Timothy Edward, Jr., Fergus Falls; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — methamphetamine possession under .25 grams, commit to commissioner of corrections correctional facility

DOUGLAS COUNTY DIS- in Saint Cloud, 42 days local jail with 28 days credit for time served, \$285 fees, conditions of the court, four years supervised probation

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Lee, Stacy Ann, Alexandria; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime - methamphetamine possession in excess of .25 grams, conditions of the court, \$50 fees, 90 days local jail with seven days credit for time served, five years supervised probation

Thursday, Dec. 2

Henderson, Bailey Brian, Alexandria; Felony domestic assault by strangulation, 20 days local jail with five days credit for time served, \$350 fees, conditions of the court, three vears supervised probation

Lavigne, Kyle Lee, Granite Falls; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime methamphetamine possession under .25 grams, conditions of the court, \$200 fees, 167 days local jail with 111 days credit for time served, five years supervised probation

This is not a comprehensive report of all district court activity, rather, a brief recap of felony charges.

DUNN

From Page 1

To earn the award, Dunn had to take a comprehensive review of aerospace topics from history, navigation and how a plane operates; receive an 80% or higher grade on leadership topics and styles and complete a physical fitness test. Other prerequisites for the award include reciting the Cadet Oath from memory and active participation in unit meetings.

"The hardest part for me was the reading that went into studying because of my dyslexia, he said.

Receiving the award means he has completed phase three — the command phase— and promoted Dunn to Cadet Captain, requiring him to take on more of a command role within the squadron. If Dunn decides to enter into the senior level of the CAP, he will be able to enter at the rank of captain. He is also eligible to participate in the International Air Cadet Exchange — an



Contributed photo

Harry Dunn holds his Core Value of Respect Award and his Amelia Earhart Award.

annual student exchange program designed to promote character, goodwill and cooperation among the world's civilian auxiliary aviation programs.

"I was a little nervous accepting the award, but my dad said, 'Harry, you don't need to be nervous. You already did the hard stuff; this is the fun stuff,'" said Harry. first Dunn said he

years ago after his friend, Ben Kakac, invited him to a search-and-rescue exercise during taekwondo practice. "I really enjoyed it. My

time in the CAP means a lot to me, and I have learned a lot about the military and what it means to serve as well as to keep persisting," said

Dunn plans on joining joined the CAP three the Air Force and becoming a SERE specialist whose job is to train airmen to survive, evade, resist and escape any situation in any environment — or become part of the security forces the airforce's version of military police.

Once Dunn is eligible to receive a pension from the Air Force, he would like to study history — a passion of his — at either the University of Minnesota or Bemidji State University, where his grandpa studied, to become a

history teacher. Dunn says learning the core values of the CAP respect, integrity, service and excellence — has helped him a lot, and he hopes they will continue to help him reach his goals.

Other Awards Presented:

- Cadet of the Year: Cadet Major **Johannes**
- Senior Member of the Year: Second Lieutenant David Bartlow
- ▶ Dedication award: Chaplain Lieutenant Jill Holm

Core Value Awards:

- ► Excellence: Cadet Major Alaina Walsh
- ► Respect: Cadet Captain Harry Dunn
- ► Volunteer Service: SM Leeann Jorgensen
- ► Integrity: Cadet A1C Ian Winter

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Public Notice DOUGLAS

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down

into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure

out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Douglas County 4-H Awards **Night Celebration**

Douglas County 4-H held its annual 2020-2021 Awards Night Celebration on Monday, Nov. 22.

Rod Eldevik from the Alexandria Rotary Club welcomed and congratulated the winners.

4-H members were recognized for the following accomplishments:

- "I Dare You" awards
- Outstanding Project awards
- Minnesota 4-H Key Awards

Abigail Fiskness of the

Liberty Livewires 4-H Club

in Osakis.

• Scholarships from the Alexandria Rotary, Alexandria Elks Lodge 1685 and the Thornton family for 4-H career youth leadership

The Friends of 4-H and Adult Volunteer of the Year were also recognized.

Award sponsors included the Alexandria Rotary, Alexandria Elks Lodge 1685, Douglas County 4-H and the Thornton Family. Douglas County Public Works provided

4-H is Minnesota's largest youth serving program providing young people with access to positive youth development and leadership programs, according to Jodi Hintzen, who works with 4-H youth development for the Douglas County Extension office.

"4-H makes a difference," she said, adding that according to a Tufts University study, 4-H youth have better grades, are more than twice as likely to contribute to their communities and are 47% less likely to participate

For more information or to join 4-H, contact the Douglas County Extension office at 320-762-3890 or send an email to either hintz010@umn.edu or jkokett@umn.edu.

Friends of 4-H

The Friend of 4-H Award recognizes a person, group or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the 4-H Youth Development Program. Generally, persons outside of the 4-H program are recognized with this award. However, 4-H leaders working on a county or state level are also eligible. Rod and Mary Froemming were recognized for their support of the Douglas County 4-H shooting sports program. Rod Froemming also represented Leaf Valley Toms for their support of young people who are interested in the outdoors. The award was presented by 4-H volunteer and wildlife coordinator, Teresa Schmidt.



From left, Mary Froemming, Rod Froemming and Teresa Schmidt.

Danforth 'I Dare You' Award

Each year this award is presented to two junior leaders who have been active on a club and county level. We have dared them to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service.



Kaleb Fuglseth of the Moe 4-H Club in Brandon.

4-H Volunteer Award

The 4-H Adult Volunteer award recognizes adults that have been active in the 4-H program. They have consistently volunteered their time and support for several years.



Kim Taveirne from Douglas County 4-H.



Callie Taveirne of the Liberty Livewires 4-H Club

Minnesota 4-H **Key Award**

Minnesota 4-H Key Award is awarded to youth who have completed three years as a youth leader and completed seven out of nine requirements including attending youth leader workshops, club program planning, community service, hold club or county officer position, 4-H promotion, youth project leader and serve on club or county committees.

Outstanding Projects Award

These awards are given to members with a strong background in a project area they have completed records for. To receive this award, a member must show evidence of quality exhibits, evidence of knowledge learned in a project, evidence of helping others learn about the project through demonstrations, project meetings or one-to-one and evidence of leadership on the club and county level.



From left, Averie Mounsdon of the Liberty Livewires 4-H Club in Osakis, Outstanding Family and Consumer Science Award; Rylee Bundermann of the Lake Mary Troopers 4-H Club in Alexandria, Outstanding Personal Growth and Development Award; and Reagan Lennes of the Lake Mary Troopers 4-H Club, Outstanding Animal Science Award.



Thomas Dutcher of the Chippewans 4-H Club in Garfield, Outstanding Mechanical, Natural, and Plant Science Award.

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Rotary **Scholarships**

Young Entrepreneurial Award is a \$ 500 cash award sponsored by Alexandria Rotary. \$500 each is given to selected youth who have demonstrated entrepreneurial skills in a 4-H project area. Brenden Bryce was recognized for livestock production and Daryn Botzet for his crop production.



From left, Brenden Bryce of the Lake Mary Troopers 4-H Club in Lowry, Rod Eldevik from the Alexandria Rotary Club and Daryn Botzet of the Carlos Happy Helpers 4-H Club in Carlos.

Karl Glade Elks Citizenship **Award**

This \$500 cash award is sponsored by the Alexandria Elks. It is presented to a 4-H member enrolled in youth leadership and or citizenship. Members must show evidence of helping others learn through demonstrations, project meetings or helping others one-on-one, evidence of leadership at the club and county level of officer or committee member, evidence of helping others and the ability to work with others.

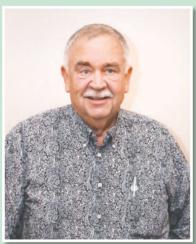
Elks Emerging Leader Award

This \$500 cash award is sponsored by the Alexandria Elks. In 2021, Alexandria Elks provided funds for a leadership award for an emerging leader beginning their leadership journey and showing promise. To recognize, encourage and support youth leaders as they continue improving and developing as a leader in their community.

Bill Meyer from the Alexandria Elks Lodge 1685 presented the scholarship checks for the Karl Glade Elks Citizenship Award and the Alexandria Elks Emerging Leader Award.



Rylee Bundermann of the Lake Mary Troopers in Alexandria.



Bill Meyer from the Alexandria Elks.



Jackson Dutcher from the Chippewans 4-H Club in Garfield.





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Thornton Trophy

This award for 4-H junior leadership was first given in 1932 by Ralph Thornton, secretary of the Douglas County Agricultural Association (1915-1951). It has been carried on by his son,

Joe, and now his daughter, Elizabeth, and grandson, Mike. It consists of a silver pitcher and awarded based on a 4-H member's youth leadership career. Recipient is someone who has been active on club, county and possibly state and national levels. This award is unique to Douglas County 4-H.



Averie Mounsdon from the Liberty Livewires 4-H Club in Osakis.



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Todd County Planning & Zoning increasing fees

Effective on Jan. 1, 2022, Todd County Planning & Zoning will be increasing its fees for conditional use permit applications, rezoning applications and variance applications from \$350 to \$425.

The reason for this is to help better cover costs of preparation for the meeting, staff time and per diems for the board members. This also means that after-the-fact fees for these applications will be increased to \$850.

The change was heard before the County Board of Commissioners on Sept. 21 , brought to a public hearing before the Board on Oct. 5, and was officially adopted on Oct. 19.

No other changes were made to the Planning & Zoning fee schedule for 2022. Call 320-732-4420 if you have ques-

tions about this or any land use or permitting issue.W

MnDOT, MDA to host virtual public sessions on Clean **Fuel Standard**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation and Minnesota Department of Agriculture will host two public sessions to explore ways to reduce the impacts of climate change through a Minnesota Clean Fuel Standard.

In October 2021, the Walz administration directed state agencies to determine if and how Minnesota should move forward with a CFS.

MnDOT and the MDA are engaging stakeholders and listening to the public as a key part of that process. The state's goals through this process include identifying action steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, create new jobs, attract new economic investments, and reduce air and water pollution in both urban and rural communities

The public is invited to participate in one of two upcoming virtual sessions:

► Tuesday, Dec. 14, from noon-1:30

p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 5:30-7 p.m.

For more information about a Clean Fuel Standard and links to access the public meetings, visit MnDOT's website.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHER-IFF'S OFFICE

Thursday, Nov. 25 Assist other agency, 7th Avenue

Assist other agency, 45th Avenue

Suspicious vehicle, dark colored Mustang parked at gas station with male acting suspicious, State Highway 29 N.

Assist other agency, 6th Avenue

Friday, Nov. 26

Assist other agency, 42nd Avenue

Suspicious vehicle, three cars in the driveway of a home that has recently burned down, one vehicle is disabled, going to be towed, 10th Avenue SW

Assist other agency, Ridgeview Terrace NE.

Public assist, Darling Avenue E. Fire, garage fire, Holmes Avenue,

Brandon. Motorist assist, Interstate 94, Osakis

Suspicious activity, caller states she has seen a person standing by her door on her camera twice. listening to caller's calls, Second Street E,

Assist other agency, State High-

Assist other agency, 6th Avenue

Saturday, Nov. 27

Suspicious activity, caller says she saw a female use a butter knife to break into an apartment, caller did not and could not see the apartment from her door camera and was only assuming someone broke in, no signs of forced entry, 2nd Street E,

10-52 with one vehicle, one vehicle rollover. Interstate 94. Evansville. Public assist, Carlson Beach Road NW.

Driving complaint, caller in left lane, semi in right lane, semi doors are open and there's manure flying on caller's car, Interstate 94, Garfield.

Public assist, Holmes Avenue, Brandon.

Assist other agency, 6th Avenue

Motorist assist. Interstate 94.

Motorist assist, County Road 3 NE. Carlos.

activity, Suspicious Meeker Street, Evansville.

Sunday, Nov. 28

Property damage crash, minor crash in parking lot, Arrowwood Lane NW.

Assist other agency, South Broad-

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Criminal damage to property, caller had damage to mailbox and feels it is not being addressed, County Road 107 SW, Kensington.

Property damage crash, two-vehicle crash, no injuries, County Road 12 NW. Garfield.

Assist other agency, State Highway 114 SW.

Assist other agency, Daydream Loop, Osakis.

Monday, Nov. 29

Motorist assist. driver was stopped in the turn lane as he waited for a local business to open, advised he needed to find another location to park, Oak Street S.

Fire, semi fire, County Road 4

Fraud, caller was notified that student loans were taken out in his name that he did not apply for, West Street, Garfield.

Fraud, identity stolen, Hidden Valley Road SW, Brandon.

Fraud, caller sold something on the Internet and received a counterfeit bill as payment, Homestead Road NE. Nelson.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Public assist, County Road 82 NW, Evansville.

Assist other agency, Elm Street. Theft, theft of items from construction trailer, Brophy Landing NW.

Driving complaint, red Ford Ex-

plorer all over the road, County Road 10-52 with one vehicle, male party

rolled his car and is bleeding from his face, County Road 12 NW, Garfield.

Suspicious activity, caller says there's a lot of people in the cabin at location and said vehicles left when she yelled at them, County Road 82

ALEXANDRIA POLICE DE-**PARTMENT**

Thursday, Nov. 25

Suspicious vehicle, male stole caller's keys and is driving erratically in the street, 7th Avenue E.

Suspicious vehicle, third degree DWI, Sixth Avenue W. Public assist. Fillmore Street.

Assist other agency, Sunset Way

Suspicious activity, caller is worker at Super 8 and found a suspicious bag. State Highway 29 S.

Suspicious person, male party walking through yards, out for a walk and picking up garbage, Cedar

Juvenile trouble, 45th Avenue E. Property damage crash, minor

crash, 50th Avenue W. Public assist. South Le Homme

Dieu Drive NE. Public assist, Victor Street.

Assist other agency, County Road 45 SW.

Friday, Nov. 26

Suspicious vehicle, 42nd Avenue

Suspicious activity, person ran behind a house when police came around the corner, person said he is just scared of cops, 9th Avenue W.

Public assist, State Highway 29 S. Driving complaint, vehicle all over

the road, Broadway Street.

Fraud, person wrote a bad check for \$300 and took off, State Highway

Suspicious activity, caller states unknown persons keep taking her car for a joyride, she's hidden it and they keep finding it, Fairgrounds Road.

Suspicious activity, State Highway 29 S.

Public assist, Darling Avenue E. Public assist, Second Avenue E. Suspicious activity, County Road

Suspicious activity, caller said male seems to be picking a lock on a Highlander, 4th Avenue W.

Suspicious activity, Elm Street.

Public assist, unknown vehicle drove off with a gas nozzle attached, 50th Avenue W.

Suspicious activity, gas nozzle on the ground in the parking lot, didn't see vehicle. State Highway 29 S.

Assist other agency, Broadway

Driving complaint, person drove really close to caller and then struck her sister's vehicle, Broadway Street.

Saturday, Nov. 27

Suspicious activity, two males on the porch on the back side of the house, Broadway Street.

Suspicious activity, came upon vehicle pulling over with female passenger in the grass puking, spoke with occupants and they pulled over to let passenger vomit, had sober driver, advised to drink some water, Third Avenue E. Public assist, Pioneer Road SE.

Public assist, Hawthorne Street. Suspicious activity, caller thinks

he saw a dead body in a field, animal remains, State Highway 29 S. Property damage crash, minor

crash, 50th Avenue W. Suspicious activity, Cedar Street.

Fire, fire on the side deck, Sixth Avenue W Suspicious activity, smells like

someone is smoking cigarettes in the building, Elm Street. Assist other agency, 17th Avenue

Public assist, Ash Street. Suspicious vehicle, unoccupied vehicle, North Nokomis NE. Sunday, Nov. 28

Public assist, North Nokomis Street.

Theft, gas siphoned out of caller's vehicle while at church, Sixth Ave-

Driving complaint, red Volkswagen all over the road, Voyager Drive. Assist other agency, Broadway

Street. Suspicious person, Broadway Street.

Assist other agency, 50th Avenue

Shoplifting, a male shoplifted some food about an hour ago, Third

Public assist, 34th Avenue E.

Suspicious activity, Sessions Street NW.

Driving complaint, dark blue SUV keeps driving past caller's house revving the engine, State Highway Monday, Nov. 29

Fraud, caller reporting his personal information may have been stolen during a burglary in which a government computer containing 26.5 million veterans' information was taken, Tolena Road NE.

Fraud, caller is married to a retired veteran, husband's personal military information may have been stolen along with hers, Tolena Road NE.

Property damage crash, minor crash, Broadway street. Public assist, State Highway 29 S.

Drug-related activity, believes employee is smoking marijuana in the backroom, 30th Avenue E. Property damage crash, minor

crash, 34th Avenue E. Shoplifting, theft of candy, 50th

Avenue W. Suspicious activity, Kenwood

10-52 with pedestrian, man hit by

Criminal damage to property,

33-year-old male intoxicated, destroying caller's car, City Park Road. Tuesday, Nov. 30 Public assist, Cedar Street.

Public assist, Pioneer Road SE.

Suspicious activity, Irving Road. Public assist, Voyager Drive. 10-50 hit and run, no injuries, Birch Avenue.

Public assist, 10th Avenue E. Assist other agency, 17th Avenue

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