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## New laundromat play area keeps kids busy

An open house to celebrate addition is planned Feb. 19

**By Celeste Edenloff**  
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA – Parents who bring their children to Nokomis Laundry in Alexandria may have noticed something new recently that may help keep their children occupied. There is now a special space dedicated for children that includes a children's couch, rug, bookcase filled with books, table and more. The "Laundromat Toolkit" was recently awarded to the owners of Nokomis Laundry, Taylor and Jessica Witt, by Connie Fields, Early Childhood Initiative coordinator for Douglas County.

cy, learning and development, and the role that everyday spaces play in creating meaningful experiences for children and their families, noted Fields. "Children spend many hours out of the school setting – going to the laundromat, grocery stores, playgrounds, etc.," she said. "These spaces represent a critical opportunity to meet families where they are and support their young child's health development." During the summit, Fields said there was a giveaway and that she won a "Family Read, Play and Learn" toolkit for a local laundromat. She visited laundromats located within Douglas County and determined that Nokomis Laundry had the best space for the toolkit.

An open house to celebrate the addition will take place on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be free cookies and storytelling. Fields said she attended a summit last fall that was supported by the Clinton's Too Small to Fail and Laundry Cares Foundation. The focus of the 4th annual summit, which was titled, "Reimagining Together: Learning in Everyday Places," was to talk about litera-

"I reached out to Taylor and Jessica, the new owners of the laundromat, about this project and they were very willing to move forward with it," said Fields. The items Fields won were installed on Dec. 30, 2021. Email Reporter Celeste Edenloff at [cedenloff@echopress.com](mailto:cedenloff@echopress.com).



**Contributed**  
Birk and Luca Witt, whose parents, Taylor and Jessica, own Nokomis Laundry, play in a new children's area at the Alexandria laundromat. The items for the area were donated by Connie Fields, Early Childhood Initiative coordinator for Douglas County. Fields won the items, which were part of a "Family Read, Play and Learn" toolkit.



**Alexandria Echo Press file photos**  
During the 2020 Alexandria Industries Fishing for the Cure tournament, ice fishing participants, from left, Becky Just, Casey Truesdell, Angel Brooks and A.J. Just find a sunny spot out of the wind to fish.

## 'Fishing for the Cure' is back

Alexandria Industries ice fishing challenge set for Feb. 19

**By Celeste Edenloff**  
Alexandria Echo Press

**Alexandria**  
After canceling last year's event because of COVID-19, organizers of the Fishing for the Cure are excited to once again host the annual event. The Alexandria Industries' 15th annual Ice Fishing Tournament will take place Saturday, Feb. 19, on Smith Lake. The tournament starts at noon and will end at 3 p.m.

fundraising goal is \$85,000. "Without the generous and enormous support we receive from many people and organizations, we would not be able to raise the large amount of money we do to help find a cure for cancer," said Hoffman.

Inspired by a small group of Alexandria Industries employees, the Fishing for the Cure is about everyday people making a difference in the fight against cancer as money raised from the event is donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, according to Patty Hoffman from Alexandria Industries. This year's

The Fishing for the Cure event has generated about \$4,000,000 in donations since it began. At its first event, which took place in 2007, there were 112 people who fished and \$620 was raised. During the 2020 event, 1,436 people participated in the tournament, including 180 children aged 12 and younger. That event raised \$75,000 for the Relay for Life.

Hoffman also gave a shout out to all the **FISHING:** Page 15



Ben Kallstrom takes his turn at holding a rod while fishing with his family at the Fishing for the Cure ice fishing challenge on Smith Lake during the 2020 event.

## Alexandria worker dies inside 3M plant on Tuesday

**By Al Edenloff**  
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — A worker at the Alexandria 3M died inside the plant in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 8.

According to the Alexandria Police Department blotter, a report came in at 3:44 a.m. of a male who was caught in a machine at 3M. No name was released.

The communications team at the St. Paul 3M Center released this statement: "We are deeply saddened to confirm that one of our 3M Alexan-

dria team members died overnight at the plant. We are reaching out to the employee's family to offer support, and our thoughts are with the employee's family and

friends. "Immediately on learning of the incident, we enacted emergency response protocols and notified police, fire departments and OSHA,"

the statement noted. "At 3M, the safety and health of all our employees is our top priority." The company added **3M DEATH:** Page 14

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## Douglas County Library hosts Minn. bizarre history

**By Thalen Zimmerman**  
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — A researcher, author and lecturer about strange and paranormal happenings in Minnesota spoke to a virtual audience hosted by the Douglas County Library on Monday, Feb. 7. The presentation from Chad Lewis of Eau Claire,

Wisconsin, was entitled, "Bizarre History of Minnesota." Lewis holds a master's degree in psychology specializing in the strange and unusual. According to his

website's bio, for the last 30 years, he has traveled across the world in "search of unique and bizarre stories and history." In his book, "Minnesota Road Guide to Haunted Locations," Lewis mentions Old Broadway, a bar and restaurant in Alexandria that was torn down in 2020 as part of The Rune development. In his presentation, he recalled a story from Old Broadway staff members about a woman in a dress

from a different period. "What I found strange is that some of the staff told me they would catch a glimpse of her out of the corner of their eye, but when they turned, she would vanish or wouldn't be there. Other times, she just casually ran her hand over a booth or a table as though checking to see if it was clean. Odd things you wouldn't think would be a ghost's priority,"

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## LAKES AREA FORECAST

We've seen some light rain and even some patchy freezing drizzle at times earlier this week. On Tuesday, some light rain fell across parts of central and west



Mark Anthony  
Meteorologist

central Minnesota. Then on Wednesday, some light snow mixed with some patchy freezing drizzle fell in a few spots across the state.

In addition, another system brought some snow into Minnesota late Thursday. Areas south of I-94 picked up

less snow associated with this system, while north of I-94 saw 1 to 3 inches of snow.

The snow from this system should come to an end early Friday. Although some lingering flurries can't be ruled out during the afternoon as a reinforcing cold front is expected to push through the state. Temperatures will fall into the single digits by Friday afternoon.

There is a possibility that another clipper type system could bring some snow to the state by Sunday, but the exact track is not known at this time. It is something to keep an eye on for the weekend.

Stay warm as it will be cold on Saturday.

## WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1932, parts of northern Minnesota saw heavy snow. In Mizpah, for example, 13 inches of snow fell. Parts of central and west central also saw some accumulating snow.

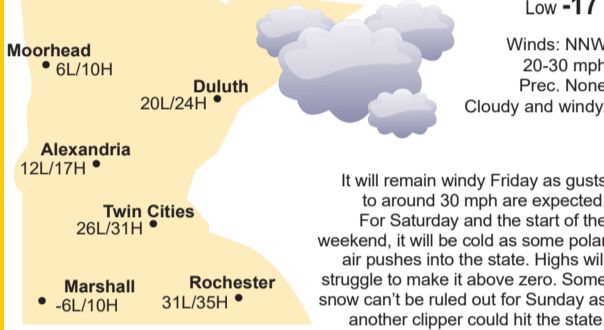
## WEATHER FACT

Did you know that it takes about one hour for snowflakes to reach the ground?

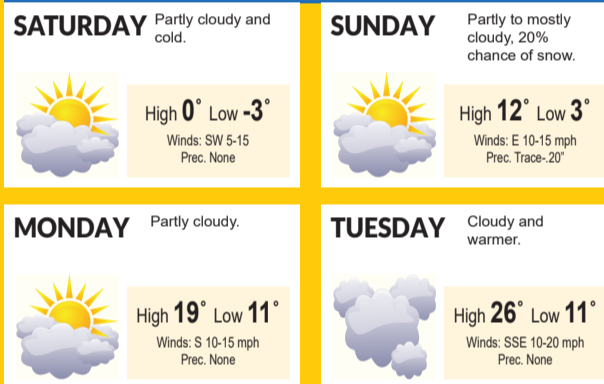
## MN AT A GLANCE

Sunrise: 7:33 a.m. Sunset: 5:39 p.m.  
Normal High: 22 Normal Low: 2

## FRIDAY



## OUTLOOK



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## FOR THE RECORD

**Alexandria City Council Regular Meeting Monday, Feb. 14**  
**Where:** *The Mayor and City Council may participate in the City Council meeting remotely via telephone or video. Members of the public may participate via phone or other electronic means. Find more information at [www.AlexandriaMN.city/events](http://www.AlexandriaMN.city/events) and click on the meeting date to display the link. If you wish to provide input to city staff and/or elected officials on matters before the City Council, please email [publicinput@alexandriamn.city](mailto:publicinput@alexandriamn.city).*  
**7 p.m.** Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, approve agenda  
**7:05 p.m.** Consent agenda: Approve minutes for the Jan. 24 council meeting and special council meeting and pay January bills  
**7:10 p.m.** Gambling Permit and Licenses:  
 A. A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota  
 B. On-sale beer – Alexandria Viking Speedway  
 C. Wine – Alexandria Viking Speedway  
 D. Off-sale beer transfer – Northdale Oil, Inc. doing business as Brothers Market Alexandria

E. Tobacco transfer – Northdale Oil, Inc. dba Brothers Market Alexandria  
**7:15 p.m.** Public hearing – Consideration of Tax Increment Financing District No. 62 (Meadow Homes)  
**7:45 p.m.** Board committee commission appointments  
 A. Police Commission  
 B. Stormwater Management Committee  
**7:50 p.m.** Police Chief Scott Kent  
 A. United Way and West Central Minnesota Community Action – presentation on Hope Haven  
 B. Recognition of Jeff James – service to Police Commission  
 C. Authorization to begin hiring process for new patrol officer  
 D. Update on water/boiler damage at police department  
**8 p.m.** First reading – taxi ordinance amendment  
**8:05 p.m.** Community assessment approval  
**8:10 p.m.** City Engineer Tim Schoonhoven  
 A. 2022 Municipal State Aid allotment  
 B. Authorization to advertise for bids, 18th Avenue project  
 C. Fifth revised engineering agreement for 18th Avenue, Jef-

erson Street  
 D. 18th Avenue parking resolution  
**8:30 p.m.** Community Development Director Mike Weber  
 A. Annexation petition – Minnetota Teen Challenge, Inc.  
**8:35 p.m.** City attorney's items of business  
**8:40 p.m.** City administrator's items of business  
**8:45 p.m.** Old and other business  
**8:50 p.m.** Adjournment  
**Note:** The Alexandria City Council will convene a special City Council meeting at 5 p.m. to discuss the following items: community assessment, Runestone Community Center Expansion, redistricting  
 Special note: Members of the public have the right to participate in the meeting by phone or other electronic means. To participate remotely via video, visit [www.AlexandriaMN.city/events](http://www.AlexandriaMN.city/events) and click on the meeting date to display the link.  
*The above items are scheduled as of Wednesday, Feb. 9, and are subject to change.*

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## Photo of the Week



Contributed / Vicki Lorentz

Vicki Lorentz took this photo of the Long Prairie River at Lake Carlos State Park at sunset on Jan. 28. If you have a great photo, email it to [LowellAnderson@echopress.com](mailto:LowellAnderson@echopress.com).

# Spotlight: Madison Platt

Alomere Health is an equal opportunity employer.

Meet Madison Platt, a Medical Laboratory Scientist at Alomere Health. Having grown up in Alexandria, Madison Platt was happy to return home to build a career.

Attending South Dakota State University in 2013, helped her identify "Lab Technician" as a profession suited to her talents and disposition—and that resonated with Madison, "I have always wanted a career that helps other people."

Further into her degree, she was able to get an internship sponsored by the Alomere Health Foundation. The experience of working in the lab convinced her that she had chosen the right career.

After graduation, Madison's first job was at a large health system in St. Cloud, Minnesota. But after one and a half years, she and her soon-to-be-husband, Josh, desired to live in a smaller town. She found and applied for the newly opened position at Alomere as the Medical Lab Scientist. "Coming from a bigger facility, I was really excited to get back to a small town feel. Alomere has the quality of care found in a large city, with all of the benefits of living in a small community."

"I've been at Alomere for two and a half years now, yet I feel like I am always learning new things. At Alomere we serve the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Units, Med/Surg Floor, Surgery Center, The Birth Place, and all of the clinics—there's always a lot of variety."

Madison identifies four characteristics that are essential to her job: "A good attitude, adaptability to stressful situations, good communication skills, and the willingness to try new things and pitch in and help. Oftentimes, you are baptized by fire and you have to learn as you go."

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# Car Care Program holds prayer breakfast at new location



**Left:** Kris Chisholm, executive director of the Car Care Program, speaks to attendees at the annual Car Care Program Prayer Breakfast at its new repair shop location at 4353 County Road 82 on Tuesday morning. The non-profit program is designed to not only give safe and reliable vehicles to people in need, but to also provide education regarding insurance, finances and basic vehicle maintenance. The organization relies on donations and volunteers to provide its services, which may soon be expanded to include classes for high school students and others, Chisholm said.

**Right:** The Car Care Program's new location is at 4353 County Road 82 near Alexandria. The building currently has a repair shop in the back, with offices and a community room under construction in the front. Until construction is completed, the program's office is located at 209 6th Avenue East in Alexandria.



**Photos by Lowell Anderson / Alexandria Echo Press**



**Alexandria Echo Press file photo**  
Last year, Aleah Dokter choreographed a temporary dance routine to "Dazed & Confused" by Ruel. She took second place for her performance in the first-ever Lakes Area Talent Show.

# Talent Time

## Second annual Alexandria Lakes Area Talent Show now accepting auditions

**By Thalen Zimmerman**  
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — Video auditions are now being accepted for the second annual Lakes Area Talent Show that will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 14, in the Performing Arts Center at the Alexandria Area High School. Anyone can audition for the show with any talent as long as it is family-friendly.

Auditions for the show can be submitted on the Community Education's website with a \$10 submission fee. Submissions began on Feb. 1 and are accepted through Mar. 7.

Once the auditions are in, judges Chuck Grussing, Dave Holtz and Paulette Friday will determine the top 10 acts that will perform during the talent show taking place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 14.

Selected acts will perform in front of a live public audience. There is an entrance fee of \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets can be purchased on the Community Education Performing Arts website.

"We're hoping things will be a little more open this year, allowing us to have more folks attend in person," said Mark Halvorson, performing arts director.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three acts. First place: \$300, second place: \$200 and third place: \$100.

Elden's Fresh Foods is sponsoring the show that will take place at the Performing Arts Center in the Alexandria Area High School. More information can be found at [www.alex-schools.org/pac](http://www.alex-schools.org/pac) or by calling 320-762-3310.

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# Alexandria, Garfield firefighters respond to house fire Tuesday

**By Al Edenloff**  
Alexandria Echo Press  
HOLMES CITY TOWNSHIP – Firefighters from Alexandria and Garfield responded to an electrical fire at a residence in Holmes City Township Tuesday, Feb. 8.

At about 6:17 p.m., Amanda Baas called 911 and reported her house at 5411 Beaver Dam Drive SW was on fire. Everyone was able to get outside safely. Douglas County sheriff's deputies and the Alexandria Fire Department responded. The Garfield Fire Department was later summoned for mutual aid.

Baas and her husband, Michael Baas, reported an electrical breaker tripped in the house and they were unable to fix it. Shortly after, they reported a "hot, electrical" smell upstairs. Michael Baas found flames in the attic and used two fire extinguishers without suc-

cess. At that time, they called 911 and left the house. There was nothing suspicious about the fire and it's believed to have been caused by an electrical issue, according to the sheriff's office. North Ambulance was also on scene as a precaution.

## 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 Feb. 9 (cumulative):

- Douglas County – 10,436 (113 deaths).
- Grant – 1,404 (12 deaths).
- Otter Tail – 12,908 (157 deaths).
- Pope – 2,830 (17 deaths).
- Stearns – 48,874 (347 deaths).

- Stevens – 2,521 (13 deaths)
- Todd – 6,414 (54 deaths).
- Statewide (cumulative) – 1,324,342 (11,722 deaths).
- Active cases in Douglas County – 232 (according to Horizon Public Health as of Feb. 8).
- People (16 and older) with at least one vaccine dose in Douglas County – 20,877 or 68.9% of the population (as of Feb. 7).

## RECORD

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**Douglas County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 16**  
**Location: Douglas County Administration Building Board Room, 821 Cedar St., Alexandria**

**9 a.m.** Call to order, approve agenda, approve minutes of Jan. 18 regular meeting

**9:01 a.m.** Heather Schlangen, county coordinator

- West Central Ag-Air Inc. and Benson Air Ag, Inc. tent caterpillar aerial spray – action
- Permission to fill seasonal/temporary job slots and related wages – action

**9:06 a.m.** Troy Wolbersen, sheriff

- Approve Carlos, Milto-na, and Evansville law enforcement contracts – action
- Resolution - Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant – action

**9:11 a.m.** Brent Birkeland, IT director

- .Gov domain name registration – action

**9:21 a.m.** Tim Erickson, Public Works director-county engineer

- Resolution – Contract final: State Aid Project 021-601-038, etc. – action
  - Resolution – Contract final: State Aid Project 021-608-020, etc. – action
  - Approve order of tandem snow plow truck – action
  - Approve annual sign materials quote – action
  - Approve filling vacancy: survey technician – action
  - Approve filling vacancy: office assistant – action
  - Resolution: accept donation – Spruce Hill Archery Park – action
  - Set special assessment on County Ditch 17 – action
  - Approve phased retirement option – action
- 9:41 a.m.** Dave Rush, Land

and Resource director

- Licenses – action
- Preliminary plat – Canavati addition – action
- Preliminary plat – Peterson Legacy – action
- Conditional use permit – Matthew Arlan Kakac – action
- Conditional use permit – Nathan and Amy McCabe – action
- 2022 Land and Resource Management fee schedule – action

**10:01 a.m.** Break

**10:06 a.m.** Laurie Bonds, Community Human Services director

- Approve vacancy – eligibility worker – action
- Approve determination of need for Productive Alternatives – action
- Approve fiscal host contract for Children's Mental Health Collaborative – action
- Update on Region IV South bylaws – informational

**10:14 a.m.** Jacob Turner, Veteran Service officer

- Office update – informational

**10:19 a.m.** Vicki Doehling, auditor/treasurer

- Renewal of seasonal liquor license – Lake Milto-na Golf Club – action

2. Gambling permits – action

- Authorize tax-forfeiture sale – set basic sale prices and date of public auction – action
- 2022 Redistricting Committee – action

**10:28 a.m.** Jill Frisell, finance director

- Bills – action
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) proposal – Sheriff's office radio replacement – action
- ARPA proposal – Parks, vault toilet replacement – action
- ARPA proposal – Parks, Chippewa water/sewer – action
- ARPA proposal – Library website and drop box – action
- ARPA proposal – Remodel costs services center and courthouse – action

**10:44 a.m.** Board

- Department head meetings – action
- Per diems – action

**10:54 a.m.** Items from the floor Adjourn

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### Shoreland rules meeting

**Thumbs Up:** Those who care about the future of our lakes should circle Monday, Feb. 22 on their calendars. The Alexandria Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing that day at 7 p.m. at Alexandria City Hall. The commission is considering a proposed amendment of city codes regarding shoreland development. It would update definitions, clarify permit requirements, update the list of public waters regulated by the code and set additional performance standards. The public is invited to attend. Residents may also participate via a Zoom meeting. Any questions or comments may be addressed to Alexandria City Planner Mike Weber at 704 Broadway, 320-759-3626 or email [mweber@alexandriamn.city](mailto:mweber@alexandriamn.city).

### Big tech hurts local news

**Thumbs Down:** It's time to level the playing field against big tech to help local news outlets throughout the country. U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota, recently addressed that point at a Senate consumer rights hearing on journalism, competition and the effects of market power on a free press. Klobuchar highlighted how big tech's online platforms' advertising practices harm local news outlets. "These big tech companies are not friends to journalism," she said. "They are raking in ad dollars while taking news content, feeding it to their users, and refusing to offer fair compensation. What does big tech's dominance over the news mean for Americans? Less revenue for local news, fewer journalists to do in-depth high quality reporting, more exposure to misinformation, and fewer reliable sources." Last March, Klobuchar and other congressional leaders introduced

bipartisan, bicameral legislation to level the negotiating playing field by allowing news publishers and broadcasters to band together to negotiate with digital platforms on the terms on which their news content can be accessed. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act would enable news organizations to negotiate terms that would provide fair compensation for news content, while protecting and preserving Americans' right to access quality news.

### Help for asthma sufferers

**Thumbs Up:** Here's good news for those coping with asthma. The Minnesota Department of Health has released a 10-year strategic framework to improve the health care and quality of life for more than 422,700 Minnesotans who have asthma. The 10-year plan will focus on closing health equity gaps related to asthma and reducing the burden of uncontrolled asthma, such as hospitalizations, emergency department visits, missed days of work or school and preventable health care costs. "Working through collaborative partnerships across the state, we can achieve these goals and improve the health and quality of life for Minnesotans with asthma," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm.

### Blood donors, especially now

**Thumbs Up:** Here's a "thumbs up" to all those who have donated blood. If you've never done it before, now is a good time. Severe winter weather has complicated efforts to rebuild the national blood supply. The American Red Cross is asking people in areas unaffected by weather to schedule the earliest-available blood or platelet donation appointments in their community. Dangerous snow and ice conditions have contributed to over 600 blood drive cancellations since the beginning of the year, resulting in about 17,500 uncollected blood and platelet donations. More donors are needed to make appointments now for the weeks ahead to help ensure accident victims, cancer patients and new mothers experiencing complicated childbirths have access to lifesaving blood product transfusions without delay. Make an appointment to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Another incentive: All who come to give blood or platelets Feb. 1-28, 2022, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email.

If you have a suggestion for a Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down, email it to [aedenloff@echopress.com](mailto:aedenloff@echopress.com) or mail it to Echo Press, P.O. Box 549, Alexandria, MN 56308.

## COMMENTARY

### Eliminating state Social Security tax a priority

By State Rep. Paul Anderson, R-Starbuck

There has been discussion over the past few years in Minnesota of reducing or even eliminating the state income tax on Social Security benefits. The Legislature did take a step in that direction three years ago when it increased the income ceiling at which a state subtraction used to reduce the amount of tax owed would begin to phase out.

It does get a bit complicated, but suffice to say that both the federal and state governments tax a portion of Social Security benefits. That amount is largely dependent on a person's income, and for the purposes of this explanation, we will use only income levels that apply to a couple filing jointly. The numbers are reduced somewhat for those who file individually.

On federal tax returns, there are three levels of exclusion. For joint filers whose income is under \$32,000, the entire Social Security benefit is excluded for tax purposes. For incomes between \$32,000 and \$44,000, the exclusion declines to 50%. And for those above \$44,000, the exclusion is reduced to 15%.

Whatever that federal exclusion is, that same amount flows through to the state return. In addition, there is a

state subtraction that begins to phase out when income levels rise above \$79,480. The maximum amount of the state subtraction is \$5,240. These numbers pertain to tax year 2020 and are indexed for inflation and adjusted annually.

I support the elimination of the state tax on these benefits. Minnesota is among the last dozen states to still tax Social Security. Folks have paid into the system throughout their working careers, and with many recipients on fixed incomes, these Social Security benefits shouldn't be taxed. None of our surrounding states levy this tax. Those opposed to this change in our tax code say it would mainly benefit the wealthy. I've visited with many folks who support this change and, as one told me, "I don't consider myself wealthy, and those benefits should not be taxed!"

On the legislative calendar this week are hearings in both chambers on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund deficit. On the House side, a DFL bill is scheduled to be heard in committee that would make it easier to close schools to in-person learning, one that could give parents only a one-day notice. It would allow schools to declare a "crisis learning period," which would make on-line learning the primary mode of instruction.

## A newspaper is a business

Did you know that copying and pasting or screenshotting and posting an entire story from the Echo Press website violates federal copyright laws?

About six months ago, a group I was following on Facebook started copying and pasting whole articles on their page. They would also share a link to the story, but what was the point, the whole story was there for everyone to see.

When I saw this, I notified our publisher who in turn contacted the lawyer for the Minnesota Newspaper Association. We wanted to know if there was anything that could be done.

According to Mark Anfinson, the MNA lawyer, what the group was doing clearly violated federal copyright laws. He noted that such brazen copyright infringement is usually caused by a lack of basic copyright principles.

He told us the best bet would be to notify the group that what they were doing was against the law and insist they stop. Anfinson added that most of the time, a friendly message works and the person or group would no longer violate copyright laws.

But he was also willing to contact them on our behalf if the behavior continued.

I contacted the owner of the group and thanked her for providing the link to our website, but also told her that she was violating copyright laws by copying and pasting entire articles. I asked that she stop. The woman messaged me back and said going



CELESTE EDENLOFF  
*Celeste's Turn*

forward she would comply, but then also added she was not dealing with "drama" and promptly banned me from the group.

This week, that group did it again. But it wasn't the owner this time, it was another member of the group.

So, how do I know this if I was banned from the group? As my mom used to say when she found things out, "A little birdie told me."

Just like last time, I sent a message letting the person know they had violated copyright laws. We had a great exchange and she said she wasn't aware and apologized.

I told her, "We know people are going to do it and we try to contact them when they do. Just like any business, our product is not free. Although most people think it is."

And that brings me to my point – the newspaper is an actual, real business that offers its product for a fee. We are not a non-profit. We are not funded by the government. We do not get subsidies. We are a business. We have products we sell.

I have seen so many comments about why we post articles on Facebook but yet people have to pay to read them.

And what I want to know is if that same person asks the owner of a clothing store the same thing. Do they want their products for free, too, because of a post they saw on

Facebook?

So many businesses post about their products on Facebook. They showcase what they have in stock, what they have to offer, what specials they are running, etc.

Restaurant owners post new menu items. Does this mean because they posted about it the menu item should be free?

Clothing store owners showcase the latest styles in their posts. Does this mean that people should just walk into the store and walk out with the items without paying for them?

Breweries post about new beers they have on tap. Does this mean people should just be able to go and fill their frosty mugs for free?

Why do people think newspapers should give their product away for free? I truly do not understand this concept. I never have. Growing up, my parents always paid for their newspaper subscription. They never got it for free.

It was a product they purchased from the local newspaper, which was, and still is, a business.

So I am asking all of you, please don't copy and paste our articles. Please don't take our product without paying for it. Become a subscriber. Pay for our product, just like you would your groceries, clothing items, meals at restaurants, your favorite beer at either the liquor store or brewery, your jewelry, stamps at the post office, haircuts, etc.

You wouldn't steal a donut from a bakery. Please don't steal a story from the newspaper.

"It's Our Turn" is a weekly column that rotates among members of the Echo Press editorial staff.

## LETTERS

### Education alone is not enough to stop wake surfing damage

To the editor:  
(Response to Karen Tolkkinen's Feb. 4 article on wake surfing.)

Karen accurately stated the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls research conclusion that wake surf boats need to be greater than 500 feet away from shoreline, docks and other boats to decrease their wave height, energy and power to levels similar to non-wake surfing boats operating at 200 feet from shore.

However, Jason Lybeck from the marine dealership in Alexandria tried to suggest a 25 mph wind causes more damage to shorelines than wake surfing waves and pointed to research by the Water Sports Industry Association (WSIA) that cresting wake surf waves break down faster and supposedly do less damage than waves from wind. The problem with this statement is that wake surfing waves start off much higher than wind waves and even though surfing waves may break faster at first, they remain higher all the way to shore, smashing much higher up where wind waves never reach. The tsunami like wave loosens up soil and rock on the way up and then drags the eroded material back into the lake adding phosphorus that increases algae growth reducing water clarity. The wave can also damage docks, lifts, and boats along shore.

Jason suggests a few bad apples (wake boat operators) spoil it for everybody, but according to the new university research, any wake surfing boat operating less than 500 feet from shore or docks are creating waves greater than most normal speed boats at 200 feet. It has been suggested that education on boat etiquette would be helpful and I'm glad boat dealers do that, but just like other outdoor sports, education alone is not enough. As Dave Geddes from the Lake Ida Association suggests, we need regulations that keep wake surf boats at least 500 feet from shores and docks.

Steve Lindow  
[Safewakes.org](http://Safewakes.org)  
Ponsford, MN

### America is losing its freedoms and falling apart

To the editor:  
Wake up America!  
We are no longer the land of the free and home of the brave. We are mandated to do this and that.

We are losing our freedoms. Our country is falling apart and going down the tube.

Children are being taught lies and unbiblical things in our schools.

It's time we stand on our own two feet and tell Washington enough is enough.

II Corinthians 7:14 says: If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.

God bless and keep looking up because Jesus is coming soon.

Erhardt Dallmann  
Alexandria, MN

### Communism is rising up in America

To the editor:  
The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has developed lessons for students K-12 indoctrination with their radical and sick beliefs that are in our public schools; to fundamentally transform America into a socialist country where the government is in ultimate power – not the people. These lessons need to be kicked out of our schools.

My family came from Russia. I have been aware of communism rising up here in America, but not as much as this year.

"Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted." — Vladimir Lenin

"Let me control the textbooks and I will control the state." — Adolf Hitler

"Private property and freedom are inseparable." — George Washington

Freedom or tyranny which one will you choose?  
Margaret Duncan  
Alexandria, MN



OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Henry J. Chan



Henry Joseph Chan was born on February 10, 1942, in Starbuck, Minnesota to Henry and Antonia (Kuchynka) Chan. He attended grade school in Lowry and attended High School in Glenwood.

Henry married Patricia Hollenbeck on August 5, 1960, in Minneapolis. To this union the couple was blessed with two children, Anthony and Kally. Henry went to work at Alexandria Light and Power (ALP) in 1960 and received his boiler engineer license in January of 1974. He worked at ALP until his retirement in 1999.

Henry enjoyed hunting, (especially in Miles City, Montana), fishing, and camping. He loved to tinker and could fix anything. He was a great mechanic, welder and woodworker. Henry also loved to cook and being behind the grill or making a delicious meal over the fire when they were camping. He also had strong beliefs on politics and was not afraid to share, often being kicked off Facebook.

Henry died of natural causes on Monday, February 7, 2022, at his home in Nelson at the age of 79. He is survived by his son, Anthony (Anita) Chan of Marysville, WA; daughter, Kally (Jeff) Kutz of Nelson; grandchildren, Shane Lombard, Luke Lombard, Brianna (Ronnie) Johnson, and AJ Chan; great-grandchildren, Easton and Riker Johnson; and many nieces and nephews. Henry is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Antonia; brothers, Richard, Robert, and Frank Chan; and sister, Ruby Dahlseng.

A Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at Diamond Jim's in Nelson.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to St. Jude Children's Hospital. [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory.

[www.andersonfuneral.net](http://www.andersonfuneral.net)



Barbara Josephson

Nov. 23, 1946 - Feb. 8, 2022

ALEXANDRIA, Minn. - Barbara Josephson, 75, Kensington, Minn., died Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Alomere Health.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Holmes City, Minn.

Arrangements by Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Carolyn Bernu

March 20, 1938 - Feb. 7, 2022

NEW YORK MILLS, Minn. - Carolyn Bernu, 83, New York Mills, Minn., died Monday, Feb. 7, in her home.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., with a prayer service with military honors at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11, at Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills. Military honors will be provided by V.F.W. Auxiliary. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 12, at the church.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Carolyn Loken

Jan. 21, 1939 - Feb. 7, 2022

ALEXANDRIA, Minn. - Carolyn Loken, 83, Alexandria, Minn., died Monday, Feb. 7, in Alomere Health.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 11, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria.

Arrangements by Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory in Alexandria.

Henry J. Chan

Feb. 10, 1942 - Feb. 7, 2022

NELSON, Minn. - Henry J. Chan, 79, Nelson, Minn., died Monday, Feb. 7, in his home.

Services were previously held.

Arrangements by Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory in Alexandria, Minn.

William Ernest Beasley



Bill was born on August 2, 1938 in Omaha, NE, to John and Wilma (Simmons) Beasley.

He graduated from Technical High School in 1957. On August 2, 1957, he married Fern Angie Thompson. They raised a daughter, Tracey, and two sons, Mark and Phillip.

Bill gave his life to Jesus when he was 11 and never wavered in his love for the Lord and his desire to know Him. Bill was a motor repairman and eventually owned his own shop in Omaha. Bill and Fern loved to fish together and vacationed in Minnesota as often as they could. They loved the Minnesota State Parks and had served as campground hosts in past years. Desiring to live in Minnesota, Bill and Fern moved to Hastings, MN, and then Alexandria, MN, in the late 1980s. He retired from ITW Heartland while in Alexandria and lived out his days in the woods near Garfield in the house he and Fern had loved so much. Bill's task in life for the past seven years was to care for Fern, who was struggling with Alzheimers. Except for two short stints in nursing homes, Bill was able to care for Fern in their own home. Bill worked right up until his last day in his shop, loving to do any type of electrical work or woodwork. He had a gift for understanding complicated machinery and could also do intricate woodwork. His patience, good humor and kindness touched the lives of many. He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Fern, his father, John, and his mother, Wilma, He is survived by his brother Larry, his three children, Tracey (Gary) Hinsley, Mark (Saundra) and Phillip (Annette). 13 grand children and 17 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on February 26, 2022 at the Reach Church, 1310 Nokomis St. NE, Alexandria, MN, at 4 o'clock p.m.

(Flowers or donations may be sent to Reach Church.)

DEATH NOTICES

Wayne Mattson

Oct. 26, 1936 - Feb. 7, 2022

FERGUS FALLS, Minn. - Wayne Mattson, 85, New York Mills, Minn., died Monday, Feb. 7, in Pioneer Nursing Home.

A celebration of life will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena, Minn. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in New York Mills.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Beverly Barglof-Tweedt

Dec. 26, 1933 - Feb. 5, 2022

ALEXANDRIA, Minn. - Beverly Barglof-Tweedt, 88, Osakis, Minn., died Saturday, Feb. 5, in Bethany on the Lake.

A celebration of life will be in the spring. No memorials are preferred.

Arrangements by Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory in Alexandria.

Alex museum chosen for a water exhibit

Staff report

Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — A traveling exhibit showcasing Minnesota's lakes and rivers will stop at the Legacy of the Lakes Museum this summer.

From June 23 to Aug. 15, visitors to the Alexandria museum can view "We Are Water," with interactive displays in the museum's main gallery.

The exhibit was created to share Minnesota's water stories, bringing together personal narratives, historical content, and scientific information. The exhibit brings together three key messages about water: Nobody knows water like the people who live here; Minnesota is the headwaters; and people change water, so what they do matters.

The museum first applied to host the exhibit in June 2021 and moved on to the semi-finalist stage in August. In September, the museum was chosen along with four other sites as finalists and staff attended a training in St. Paul.

According to the museum, the exhibit and programs align with its priority for water health and quality, making sure Minnesota lakes are pre-

served for future generations to enjoy as part of its legacy. One of the components of the exhibit will deal specifically with local stories and water in the Alexandria area.

In addition to the exhibit, several public programs will revolve around "We Are Water," including a continuation of the museum's Water Talks program, presentations by experts on water quality, stewardship, and history.

Legacy of the Lakes Museum has teamed up with several local entities, including Douglas County Parks Division, Widseth, Douglas County Historical Society and the Douglas County Lakes Association.

Those who have an interest in partnering with the museum or volunteering their time can contact the museum at 320-759-1114.

The Minnesota Humanities Center developed the exhibit with the Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Departments of Agriculture, Health, Natural Resources, and Pollution Control Agency. It is partly funded by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Fund and by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

DNR grants aim to help children get outside

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has announced another phase of the No Child Left Inside grants. These grants help more children cast a line, study animal tracks, hike or bike, or simply learn more about nature.

"We continue to have high interest in our outreach grant program," said Jeff Ledermann, DNR education and skills team supervisor, in a press release. "Children in many communities don't have the resources or opportunities to spend quality time outdoors. These grants help boost outdoor programs and initiatives all around the state and especially in communities with limited opportunities to connect with nature."

Public entities and nonprofit organizations serving youth under age 18 can apply for these No Child Left Inside grants. The minimum funding request is \$5,000, with a maximum request of \$25,000. Applications for the current funding phase must be received by 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 10.

Projects will be selected using a competitive review process and awards will be distributed on a geographically balanced, statewide basis. Funding can be used for outdoor recreation equipment, transportation and related natural resource education expenses.

"We will have approximately \$250,000 available in this phase, about \$100,000 of which we anticipate granting for fishing and hunting-focused programs," Ledermann said. "The competitive selection process will give preference to projects that propose new and innovative ways to impact new, diverse, underrepresented and underserved audiences who have limited outdoor opportunities."

The DNR will host an informational webinar at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, to review grant requirements, the application process and to answer questions. Attendees must pre-register using the registration link on the "Who should apply for No Child Left Inside grants" page of the DNR's website at [mndnr.gov/no-child-grants/who-should-apply.html](http://mndnr.gov/no-child-grants/who-should-apply.html). The webinar will be recorded and posted on the website for those who are unable to attend.

The 2019 Minnesota Legislature authorized the No Child Left Inside Grant program. The program has supported 59 mini grants, which have reached more than 12,000 children, and dozens of larger grants. The 2021 Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$900,000 from the state's General Fund and the Heritage Enhancement Account of the Game and Fish Fund to continue this work. Additional phases will be announced later this year and in early 2023 to distribute the remaining funds available under this appropriation.

For more information about the grant program, instructions for how to apply, and a link to the application or informational webinar registration, visit the No Child Left Inside grants page of the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/no-child-grants](http://mndnr.gov/no-child-grants). Questions about these grants or the application process should be emailed to [outreachgrants.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:outreachgrants.dnr@state.mn.us) with "Grant Questions" in the subject line. People may also call 888-646-6367.

The DNR extends its thanks to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for the use of the "No Child Left Inside" name.

## Come Worship With Us!

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Alexandria

**Alexandria Covenant**  
4005 Dakota St., Alexandria  
320-763-5659 / alexandriacovenant.org  
Pastor: Trinity Opp Senior Pastor  
Worship Service: Sunday 8 am Traditional 9:30 & 11 am Contemporary

**Alexandria United Methodist**  
2210 Sixth Ave. E., Alexandria  
320-763-4624 / alexumc.org  
Pastor: Gary Taylor  
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am  
School/Adult Discipleship:  
Sunday school 10 AM and Adult Discipleship at 10 AM (Sept through June)

**Bethesda Lutheran Church**  
(ELCA)  
1204 N. Nokomis NE., Alexandria  
320-763-5164 / bethesdaalexandria.org  
Pastor: Jerry Lanes  
Worship Service: Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday Inside and Parking Lot Worship 9:30 am

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
605 Douglas Street, Alexandria  
320-763-5178 / www.calvaryalex.org  
Pastors: Hans Dahl & Angie Larson  
Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm & 6:30pm  
Youth Programming: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings  
Watch on demand on Facebook Live or Youtube  
KXRA radio at 9:30 am on Sundays  
Public Access TV channel 181 at 9:30 am on Sundays

**Cornerstone Church**  
202 7th Ave. E., Alexandria  
320-762-1565 / cornerstoneofalexandria.com  
Pastor: Darryl Knappen  
Worship Service: Sunday 10 am  
Family Integrated Church

**Emmanuel Episcopal**  
602 12th Ave. E. & Lark St., Alexandria  
320-763-3201 / alexmnepicopal.org  
Reverend: Tom Sinning  
Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am  
Sunday School: Oct 10 9:30am-10:20am

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
221 Seventh Ave. W., Alexandria  
320-763-3341 / firstcongregationaluccelex.com  
Reverend: Dr. Jill Sanders  
Worship Service: Sunday 10 am  
Service on Youtube:  
First Congregational UCC Alexandria, MN  
Sunday Worship Radio Rebroadcast:  
KXRA First Sunday of the month 11 am  
Communion second Sunday of the month

**First Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
1655 18th Ave. E., Alexandria  
320-762-2196 / firstlutheranalexandria.com  
Pastors: Greg Billberg, Kari Van Wakeren & Judy Holmen  
Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am and 10 am  
Wednesdays at 6:15 pm  
Saturdays at 5:00 pm (1st and 3rd Saturday's of each month).  
Youth Programming: Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings  
Facebook Live on Sunday and Wednesdays  
KXRA radio at 10:00 am Sundays  
Public Access TV channel 181 at 10:45 daily

**Good Shepherd Lutheran (LCMS)**  
2702 Hwy. 29 N., Alexandria  
320-762-5152 / goodsshepherdalex.com  
Pastors: James Walberg  
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am  
Bible Study & Sunday School: 10:15 am  
Holy Communion first & second Sunday of the month

**Gospel Light Baptist Church**  
1210 Broadway St., Suite #265, Alexandria  
glbcalex.com / glbcalex@icloud.com  
Pastor: David Iseninger  
Worship Service:  
Sunday 10:30 am & Thursday 6:30 pm  
Sermon Series: The Model Christian  
Sundays 10:30 am  
Sermon Series: Godly Success  
Thursdays at 6:30 pm

**Grace Baptist Church**  
1704 Hazel Hill Road, Alexandria  
Worship Service: Sunday 10:15 am

**Lake Community Church**  
490 Voyager Dr., Alexandria  
320-762-5424 / lakecommunity.org  
Pastor: Jon Ewton  
Worship Service: Sunday 9 & 10:30 am  
Kids Ministry: 9 & 10:30 am

**Lakes Area Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
201 13th Ave. W., Alexandria  
320-224-1953  
alexandriasdachurch.org  
Pastors: Kwan Kitching  
Worship Service: Saturday 11 am  
Sabbath School: Saturday 10 am

**Living Word Lutheran Church**  
1722 16th Ave. E., Alexandria  
(white church south of Woodland Elementary)  
320-762-1997 / livingwordalexmn.org  
Pastor: Jesse Carson  
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am,  
Special season services

**New Life Christian**  
1910 Co Rd 82 SE, Alexandria  
320-763-7051 / www.your-newlie.com  
Pastor: John Taplin  
Worship Services: Sundays 9 am & 10:30 am  
Youth Programming: KidZone/Sunday School 10:30 am  
AWANA Wednesdays at 6:25 pm, Jr High Youth Wednesdays at 6:30, High School Ministry Sundays at 6:30 pm

**New Testament Church**  
2505 Hwy. 29 N., Alexandria  
320-762-2444 / ntcalexandria.org  
Pastors Peter Reishus & Mike Loween  
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am

**Reach Church (AG)**  
1310 N Nokomis NE., Alexandria  
320-763-5224 info@reachchurchmn.com  
Pastors Nick Grey  
Worship Services: Sunday's 9:30 Also streamed on Facebook and Youtube  
Kids Ministry: Sunday's 9:30  
Youth Ministry: Wednesday's 6:30

**Shalom Lutheran Church**  
681 Voyager Dr. Alexandria  
320-762-8641 - shalomlutheran.org  
Pastor: David Fleener  
Worship Service: Sunday 9:30am  
Advent & Lent Services: Wednesday 6:30pm  
Youth Programming: Wednesday 5:30pm-7:00pm; Facebook live on Sundays

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
718 Victoria Dr., Alexandria  
320-762-1644 / stpaulalex.com  
Pastor: Michael Neuman  
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am  
Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:30 am  
Communion first and third Sunday of the month

**Word Alone Fellowship**  
(A traditional Christian Worship)  
1906 6th Ave. E., Alexandria  
wordalonefellowship.org  
Pastor: Steve Walswick & Ralph Erickson  
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am  
Church service on WAF website.  
Communion on first and third Sunday of the month

**Zion Lutheran (LCMS)**  
300 Lake St., Alexandria  
320-763-4842 / zionalex.org  
Pastor: Paul Dare, Donald Wilke & Matt Lorenz  
Worship Service: Sunday 8 & 10:30 am  
Praise Worship: 2nd Sunday of the month 8 am  
Third Sunday of the month 10:30 am  
Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 8 am  
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10:30 am

To be included, please call Kate at 320.763.1203.





Photos by Lowell Anderson / Echo Press

Minnesotans preferred a heart-shaped box of chocolates over any other Valentine's Day treat, according to CandyStore.com.

# Minnesota's favorite Valentine's candy is ..

By Karen Tolkkinen  
Alexandria Echo Press

It's Valentine's Day, and an online candy company says it has figured out what gets our candy hearts beating fastest.

In Minnesota, the most popular Valentine's Day candy is a heart-shaped box of chocolates, according to CandyStore.com, a bulk candy retailer which says it based its conclusion on 14 years of sales data. It put together an interactive map showing favorite candy in all 50 states.

Fifteen other states agreed with us, preferring the classic Valentine's gift to any other Valentine's candy out there. A heart-shaped box of chocolates practically screams old-school romantic movies, preferably paired with a bouquet of red roses.

In Minnesota, the second fave were M&Ms, presumably in red, pink and white.

"M&Ms continue to gain traction," CandyStore.com reported. "They made gains in several states throughout the country, landing a new No. 1 spot in Vermont."

M&Ms sales on Valentine's Day began when the candy



Minnesota's second-favorite Valentine's Candy were romance-themed M&M's.

maker introduced Cupid's Message M&M's in 2017, the retailer said.

"The re-introduction of White Cheesecake M&M's helped boost them as well," it said.

Minnesota's third favorite? Conversation hearts.

Candy conversation hearts might have fared better in the rankings had not fans had their hearts broken in recent

years with the absence of the Necco brand Sweethearts in 2019 and the limited supply in 2020. However, Sweethearts returned to the marketplace in full force in 2021, and this year they include 16 new messages, including, "WAY 2 GO," "CRUSH IT" AND "HIGH FIVE," according to the company.

Another possible dampener for the No. 3 favorite is a new

flavor; die-hard fans have taken Brach's Candy to task on social media for a flavor change in their conversation hearts.

"Bummed you changed the conversation hearts," one person wrote on the company's Facebook page. "Taste awful. They used to be a real treat."

To be clear, Brach's now makes two kinds of candy hearts – the chalky, slightly more acidic version of the old hearts, and a crunchy new variety called Heart 2 Heart with embossed printing on both sides.

Still, conversation hearts ranked tops in 12 states, including the populous Florida and California, showing that Americans still like swapping messages like "B Mine" and "I'm all yours," and that the candy would likely do quite well if running for national office.

Favorites in other states were candy necklaces (Alabama), chocolate hearts (Maine, Rhode Island and Montana), chocolate roses (Wyoming and Kentucky), cupid corn (Nebraska and West Virginia), and Hershey's kisses (Delaware, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Arkansas).

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Conversation hearts placed third in Minnesota's affections when it comes to Valentine's Day treats.



# Kindergarten registration opens for Alexandria Public Schools

ALEXANDRIA — Registration for next September's kindergarten students (the Class of 2025) has begun with the opening of an online registration web portal: <http://www.alexschools.org/kindergarten>

Parents of children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1 may access the portal to complete the necessary forms and scan documents such as child's birth certificate and preschool screening (if not completed in Alexandria Public Schools). School leaders encourage parents to register their child by Feb. 28, 2022.

Other helpful resources at [alexschools.org/](http://alexschools.org/)

kindergarten include a kindergarten brochure, kindergarten video, registration checklist, kindergarten transition information, and FAQs.

**Families with children already enrolled in the district**

Families with other children already enrolled in the district may log into the portal with their current ParentVUE user ID and password.

**Students new to the district**

Families enrolling in the district for the first time will click the "Create New" button in the portal where they will create their own ParentVUE account.

If you are unable to

complete requested documentation, complete as much information as possible and the school will reach out for missing documents.

If a parent has questions, needs internet access, or assistance with technology to complete the online registration, contact your local elementary school:

► Carlos Elementary, Jenna Hawes: [jhawes@alexschools.org](mailto:jhawes@alexschools.org) (320) 852-7181 x4900.

► Garfield Elementary, Arlene Ludwig: [aludwig@alexschools.org](mailto:aludwig@alexschools.org) (320) 762-3350 x4950.

► Lincoln Elementary, Sarah Craig: [sraig@alexschools.org](mailto:sraig@alexschools.org) (320) 762-3320 x4800.

► Milona Elementary, Laurie Lahman: [llahman@alexschools.org](mailto:llahman@alexschools.org) (877) 736-1419 x4925.

► Voyager Elementary, Mary Ronning: [mronning@alexschools.org](mailto:mronning@alexschools.org) (320) 762-3325 x4703.

► Woodland Elementary, Tammy VanOrsdel: [tvansordel@alexschools.org](mailto:tvansordel@alexschools.org) (320) 762-3300 x4127.

**Open enrollment option**

Families who live outside the Alexandria School District 206 attendance area may apply for open enrollment into the district. You can obtain an open enrollment application from the superintendent's



Contributed

Registration for next September's kindergarten students at Alexandria Public Schools is under way.

assistant, Maggie Timm, at (320) 762-2141 x4213 or [mtimm@alexschools.org](mailto:mtimm@alexschools.org).

Registered families

will receive information about kindergarten sneak-a-peek events in the spring and orientation events in August.

## Homeschool dad to speak at Faith at Work lunch

**Staff report**  
Alexandria Echo Press

David Schmidgall of Hancock, Minnesota, will speak about creating a shared family vision during the Unity Foundation's Faith at Work luncheon from noon-1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Broadway Ballroom.

The homeschool father of five writes and publishes children's books along with his wife, Alison. He is also a manufacturing consultant.

The Unity Foundation compared his message to planning a family vacation. Before heading out, they map out a route, reserve lodging and estimate costs.

"A shared family vision and values blueprint can bring similar clarity, only on a much larger scale," the foundation's news release said. "It can unite a family in their



Schmidgall

walk with Jesus, encourage a kingdom perspective in day to day living, establish

boundaries to do 'less but better,' and cast a vision of the future that serves as a lighthouse shining beyond our present circumstances."

The talk will also include testimony of how God rescued a family from bondage into freedom and the role that family purpose, vision and values played in the journey, the foundation said.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and can be purchased online or at the door. Register in advance either at <https://feb22fw.eventbrite.com> or email: [UnityFoundationAlex@gmail.com](mailto:UnityFoundationAlex@gmail.com).

## Lake Carlos State Park to host snowshoe excursion

**Staff report**  
Alexandria Echo Press

The public is invited to snowshoe by candlelight and starlight from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Lake Carlos State Park.

Visitors can start at the Beach Parking Lot along a trail that passes through the tamarack bog. The trail is well marked with kerosene lanterns and packed as this is a not a regular all-season trail, the

park said. The event is self-guided.

Snowshoers can travel at their own pace along a 3/4-mile loop or a 1.2-mile loop, and walk just one, or both, either once or as much as they wish.

The park advises snowshoers to dress for outdoor winter conditions, and bring their own snowshoes, although snowshoes will also be available to rent for \$6 a pair on a first-come, first-serve

basis. Portions of the trail may be walkable in just snow boots.

Snowshoers should stay off all other trails as the remaining trails in the park are groomed for cross-country skiing and are open to skiing only.

For more information, visit the park office or call 320-852-7200.

Vehicle permits are required to enter Minnesota state parks. Visitors can buy them in

advance at [mndnr.gov/reservations](http://mndnr.gov/reservations). An email will be sent with a permit that can be printed and displayed in vehicles during park visits.

Severe weather, poor snow conditions, or other factors may cause this event to be changed or canceled. For updates, call 320-852-7200 or check the visitor alert online at [www.mndnr.gov/lakecarlos](http://www.mndnr.gov/lakecarlos).

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Staff report**  
Alexandria Echo Press

**Friday, Feb. 11**

7 p.m. Wrong For Each Other, Lakes Area Theatre, Alexandria

**Saturday, Feb. 12**

6-9 p.m. Candlelight Snowshoe, Lake Carlos State Park

3 p.m. Valentine's Gala with David Miller, Fine Line Arts Gallery, 518 Hawthorne St., Alexandria

7 p.m. Sound of the Cinema, Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra, AAHS Performing Arts Center

7 p.m. Wrong For Each Other, Lakes Area Theatre 4133 Iowa St., Alexandria

**Tuesday, Feb. 15**

6:30 p.m. History at Home: Gar Wood, register at [www.alexschools.org/ce](http://www.alexschools.org/ce)

**Wednesday, Feb. 16**

12-1 p.m. Listen and Learn with

Alexandria City Administrator Marty Schultz, virtual event, [www.alexandriamn.org](http://www.alexandriamn.org).

**Friday, Feb. 18**

7:30 a.m. Wake Up Alexandria! Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria

Send event information to [echo@echopress.com](mailto:echo@echopress.com), or Echo Press, P.O. Box 549, Alexandria, MN 56308.

### BUSINESS

# Runck wins 'Friend of Chamber' award

The Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce named Del Mari Runck, retired COO, market president and director of Neighborhood National Bank in Alexandria, as the recipient of the 2021 "Friend of the Chamber" award.

The award was announced at the Chamber's Annual Celebration on Monday, Jan. 31.

The Friend of the Chamber award was



Runck

established in 1990 and is presented annually to a person who has gone beyond expectations, giving of their time, talents, resources, or influence to benefit the Chamber and its membership.

Runck got her start in banking in 1981 as a teller at Security State Bank in Wimbeldon, ND.

Over the next 20 years she climbed the ranks to bookkeeper, lending officer and vice president of operations. In 2001, she moved to Alexandria to accept a position as EVP/CFO/COO at Neighborhood National Bank. In 2010, she became president/CEO and in 2015 moved into the role of COO/market manager and director.

She has earned several professional acco-

lades, including being named one of the Top 50 Women in Finance in Minnesota in 2013 by Finance and Commerce, an Outstanding Women in Banking in 2000 by NorthWestern Financial Review, Lakes Area Professional Women's Spirit of Professional Development Award honoree in 2010, and 2004 Woman of the Year by the Alexandria Business and Professional Women's organization.

Runck has given of her time and talents to the Chamber in many ways. She joined the Chamber Ambassadors in 2003, serving in this role for 18 years. She became a member of the Chamber Finance Committee in 2004, a role she still serves in today. She served on the Chamber Board of Directors from 2014 to 2019, serving as treasurer in 2017 and as president in 2018. Runck has been a strong advo-

cate for the Chamber and the work it does through business membership, sponsorship support, serving on the board and committees, participating in leadership programs and events, and encouraging and allowing employees time to be involved as well.

Runck retired in June 2021 after 20 years with Neighborhood National Bank and 40 years in the banking industry.

## Listen and Learn focuses on issues facing Alexandria

Alexandria City Administrator Marty Schultz will discuss some of the important issues the city will be facing in the year ahead.

Schultz will also review upcoming infrastructure and building projects. Join us in this one-hour, informative, virtual Listen and Learn event on Wednesday, Feb. 16 from noon to 1 p.m.

The event is open to

everyone and is free of charge. Register by visiting the Alexandria Chamber website at [alexandriamn.org](http://alexandriamn.org) and look for the registration link on the main page.

Listen and Learn is a

one-hour informative

virtual event hosted by the Alexandria Chamber. These sessions offer information, education, support, and resources on topics that impact the community and its

diverse business and organizational partners.

For more information, call the Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at 320-763-3161 or email [info@alexandriamn.org](mailto:info@alexandriamn.org).



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**DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT REPORT: FEB. 1-4**

**DOUGLAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

**Tuesday, Feb. 1**  
 Riley, Jovan Michael, Alexandria; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — methamphetamine possession under .25 grams, \$285 fees, commit to commissioner of corrections correctional facility in St. Cloud for 18 months  
 Sundby, Bradley Alton, Jr., West Fargo, N.D.; Felony domestic assault — inflict bodily harm — two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offenses, conditions of the court, \$385 fees, commit to commissioner of corrections correctional facility in St. Cloud for 12 months, 1 day, stay for 5 years, 5 years super-

vised probation, 87 days local confinement with 87 days credit for time served  
**Wednesday, Feb. 2**  
 Almanza, Jose Ramon, St. Joseph; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — marijuana possession in excess of 42.5 grams, conditions of the court, \$50 fees, 1 year supervised probation, 4 days local confinement with 4 days credit for time served  
**Thursday, Feb. 3**  
 Bautz, Carissa Kelley, St. Paul; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — possession of Schedule IV controlled substance, 10 days local confinement with 3 days credit for time served, \$200 fees, conditions of the court, 5 years supervised probation

Beach, Jayme Lynn, Alexandria; Felony threats of violence, commit to commissioner of corrections correctional facility in Shakopee for 12 months and 1 day, stay for 5 years, 30 days local confinement with 5 days credit for time served, \$135 fees, conditions of the court, 5 years supervised probation  
 Pahl, Clark Gaylord, St. Cloud; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — cocaine possession in excess of .25 grams, commit to commissioner of corrections correctional facility in St. Cloud for 13 months, stay for 5 years, 30 days local confinement with 2 days credit for time served, \$125 fees, conditions of the court, 5 years supervised probation

Bennett, Johnnathen Jovon, Alexandria; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — methamphetamine possession under .25 grams, commit to commissioner of corrections correctional facility in St. Cloud for 12 months and 1 day, stay for 5 years, 26 days local confinement with 26 days credit for time served, \$135 fees, conditions of the court, 5 years supervised probation  
**Friday, Feb. 4**  
 Roberts, Desiree Jean, Alexandria; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — methamphetamine possession under .25 grams, conditions of the court, \$125 fees, 5 years supervised probation, 45 days local confinement with 30 days credit for time served, commit to commissioner

of corrections correctional facility in Shakopee for 12 months and 1 day, stay for 5 years  
 Thoennes, Adam Arnold, Nelson, Minn.; Felony fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, conditions of the court, \$135 fees, 3 years supervised probation, 63 days local confinement with 63 days credit for time served; Felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — methamphetamine possession in excess of .25 grams, conditions of the court, \$175 fees, 54 days local confinement with 54 days credit for time served, 5 years supervised probation  
**This is not a comprehensive report of all district court activity, rather, a brief recap of felony charges.**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOTTER: JAN. 28-30**

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Friday, Jan. 28**  
 Driving complaint, van all over the road, driver admitted to being tired and swerving, no signs of impairment observed, verbal warning for turn signal violation, State Highway 114 SW.  
 Suspicious vehicle, unoccupied vehicle running for several hours, registered owner has vehicle, nothing suspicious, Main Street, Miltona.  
 Property damage crash, hood came off and smashed windshield, County Road 82 NW.  
 Assist other agency, pedestrian and OPD squad car struck by vehicle, pedestrian up and walking around, person cited for careless driving, Second Avenue E, Osakis.  
 Public assist, Oak Street S, Miltona.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
 Driving complaint, Interstate 94.  
 Assist other agency, Park Street.  
 Suspicious vehicle, vehicle parked over sidewalk, vehicle unoccupied with keys in it, Nokomis Street E, Osakis.  
 Assist other agency, vehicle in

ditch, Interstate 94, Evansville.  
 Motorist assist, person changing tire, provided lights, Crestwood Drive NE.  
 Public assist, caller needs to get vehicle out of impound lot, caller got vehicle, Third Avenue W.  
 Driving complaint, Interstate 94, Osakis.  
 Suspicious vehicle, driver cited for DAS, no front plate, County Road 1 SW, Kensington.  
 Assist other agency, Interstate 94, Osakis.  
**Sunday, Jan. 30**  
 Assist other agency, 14th Avenue W.  
 Assist other agency, male party in drivers seat holding his phone, passed out, Fifth Avenue E.  
 Public assist, Wild Life Drive SW, Lowry.  
 Suspicious activity, doors are open on double wide and camper next to it, main door appeared to be secure, camper door screen also appeared to be blown open, heavy winds hit both units, County Road 10 NE, Osakis.  
 Assist other agency, County Road 31 SE, Osakis.

Property damage crash, minor crash involving mail truck, no injuries, South Darling Drive NW.  
 Motorist assist, flat tire, help on the way, County Road 8 NW.  
 Motorist assist, vehicles trying to get log-splitter secured to a trailer, County Road 8 NW.  
 Assist other agency, Interstate 94.  
 Suspicious activity, Darling Heights Place NW.  
 Assist other agency, Third Avenue W.  
**ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
 Public assist, North Park Street.  
 Assist other agency, State Highway 114 SW.  
 Property damage crash, minor crash, no injuries, Seventh Avenue E.  
 Public assist, Ninth Avenue W.  
 Fraud, caller would like to report a scam, Fifth Avenue E.  
 Property damage crash, no injuries, State Highway 29 S.  
 Public assist, person needs a ride home from ER, transported to his apartment, 17th Avenue E.  
 Public assist, Seventh Avenue W.

Public assist, elderly male fell and they need help getting him up, no injuries, Third Avenue E.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
 Public assist, State Highway 29 S.  
 Suspicious activity, North McKay Avenue.  
 Public assist, East Golf Course Road NE.  
 Suspicious person, male in parking lot acting strange, trying to get into different apartments, person arrested for warrant, Seventh Avenue E.  
 Public assist, County Road 42 NE.  
 Property damage crash, air bags deployed, Fourth Avenue E.  
 Theft, caller states that person stole two laptops from her home and is refusing to return them, returned stolen property, East Golf Course Road NE.  
 Public assist, Sixth Avenue E.  
 Public assist, Eighth Avenue E.  
 Theft, State Highway 29 S.  
 Assist other agency, Fourth Avenue E.  
**Sunday, Jan. 30**  
 Assist other agency, 17th Avenue E.  
 Driving complaint, Fifth Avenue E.  
 Suspicious activity, two suspicious

males in lobby that are acting strange, Sanibel Drive.  
 Assist other agency, assisted with DWI stop, State Highway 29 S.  
 Suspicious activity, State Highway 29 N.  
 Suspicious activity, Chipmunk Lane NE.  
 Driving complaint, State Highway 29 S.  
 Fraud, credit card fraud, North Oak Street.  
 Suspicious activity, 41st Avenue W.  
 Public assist, North McKay Avenue.  
 Public assist, elderly female fell down by front door, no injuries, lift assist, Sixth Avenue E.  
 Driving complaint, wrong-way driver, warning for driving against traffic, Broadway Street.  
 Driving complaint, semi did a U-turn at location, County Road 46 SW.  
 Public assist, male needs a ride home, Sessions Street NW.  
**This is not a comprehensive report of all local law enforcement activity, rather, a brief recap of daily calls for service.**

**LCSC awarded \$150K grant from state Office of Higher Education**

FERGUS FALLS — Lakes Country Service Cooperative has been approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing & Standards Board as the first alternative teacher preparation provider under Minnesota Statute § 122A.2451.

In addition, LCSC was awarded a \$150,000 Alternative Teacher Preparation Grant from the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to build career and technical education licensure programs for incumbent teachers to obtain additional CTE licenses or

endorsements. “Clearly, there is a need for teachers to transition into more funding eligible licenses. LCSC saw that need and created a tangible and accessible solution through alternative teacher preparation, more and more educators are seeking

alternative licensure,” said Troy Haugen, LCSC director of career and college readiness, in a press release. “The program is growing to the point where LCSC is now in a position to hire program leaders to meet this need.”

LCSC strives to create an efficient, affordable, attainable, results-oriented, competency-based licensure program that is a clear pathway to obtain a license, yet nimble enough to provide individualized programs of study based on the identified needs of the licensure candidate. The intention is to offer these high-quality experiences on-demand to candidates without the traditional confines of the academic year. Licensure programs include the Career and Technical Education Core

program, Teacher Coordination of Work-Based Learning, Construction Careers, Transportation Careers, and Manufacturing Careers. Today there are 91 individuals enrolled in the CTE Licensure program.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

## GIRLS HOCKEY

# Kludt's 3-point night leads Cards past St. Cloud

By Eric Morken  
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — The Alexandria boys hockey team held off a third-period rally from Class AA's St. Cloud on Tuesday night to beat the Crush (6-12-3) 5-4 and improve to 13-6-1 with a fifth straight win.

The Cardinals got first-period goals from Leo Kompelien and Josiah Gronholz at even strength before a power-play goal by Tyler Kludt early in the second period made it 3-1.

Gavin Olson added a power-play goal, and Kludt got his second of the night to give the Cardinals a 5-2 lead heading into the third period.

St. Cloud tried to rally. Nick Matanich scored on the power play less than four minutes into the final frame, and Derek Stanoch made it a one-goal game at 7:45.

Alexandria senior goaltender Teagan Pfeffer stood strong



Kludt



Eric Morken / Alexandria Echo Press

Alexandria's Peyton Boesl, left, MaKenna Aure, middle, and Kennedy Ellingson celebrate Aure's first-period goal that Boesl assisted on during the Cardinals' win over Bemidji on Feb. 8, 2022. Aure finished with her first-ever varsity hat trick as Alexandria now heads into the playoffs on Saturday with a 13-10-1 overall record.

# READY AS THEY'LL EVER BE

### Cards playing good hockey heading into Saturday's playoffs

By Eric Morken  
Alexandria Echo Press

**Alexandria**  
The Alexandria girls hockey team had some growing pains through the first half of the season with a team that started 4-7-1 through Dec. 29.

Through all of that, the process remained consistent for this group. Gain experience, learn from wins and losses and be playing their best by season's end.

The Cardinals (13-10-1) have gone 9-3 in 2022 after finishing off the regular season with a 6-1 win over

Bemidji (4-19-2) on Tuesday night. That strong stretch of play gave Alexandria the No. 2 seed in the Section 8AA tournament that starts on Saturday. The Cardinals will host 7th-seeded Buffalo-Maple Lake (5-18-2) at 7 p.m. at the RCC.

"We're still trying to find our identity just a little bit," Alexandria head coach Molly Arola said. "We're starting to play together and with each other, and I think that's been the biggest thing since the start of the calendar year. We've been finally putting things together and just making hockey plays and playing the game the way it's supposed to be played."

Alexandria withstood three penalties of its own in the

first period against Bemidji to take a 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

Senior defender MaKenna Aure scored her first of three goals as she raced to the right of the net for a one-timer that was set up with a pretty crossing pass from Peyton Boesl. Aure has been a standout defensive player for years, but the hat trick was a fun first for her on varsity.

"I was so pumped. I still am. I'm speechless," Aure said with a smile. "We didn't really come out with as much energy as we hoped we would. We stepped it up in the second and the third for sure. Being aggressive, getting more shots on net, using the points more and screening the goalie."

The Cardinals dominated the puck in the second period to take control with a 3-0 lead. Aure sent a shot in unassisted from the neutral zone. Freshman defender Emma Ramstorf then got a shot from a similar spot on the ice and found a crease through a sea of bodies in front of the net to make it a three-goal game.

The Cardinals finished with a flurry, scoring three goals over the final few minutes of the third period.

Aure started it with her third goal on a shot from the point before Lauren Maras crashed the net to put in a loose puck off an assist from Hanley Block. Riley Nyberg

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## BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Osakis suffers first Prairie Conference loss in 5 years

By Eric Morken  
Alexandria Echo Press

The Osakis boys basketball team was coming off its biggest win of the season on Saturday against previously unbeaten Morris Area. On Tuesday, the Silverstreaks suffered a letdown.

Osakis (16-3) dropped a 66-56 game to Class A's Browerville-Eagle Valley (11-7). It ends an incredible run of wins in the Prairie Conference. The Silverstreaks had not dropped a conference game since the 2016-17 season when they tied Browerville-Eagle Valley with an 11-1 conference record that year. The Tigers were the team that beat them that year too in a 62-56 game on Jan. 24, 2017.

"This was a trap game for us and definitely disappointing with the loss, especially coming off of the big win on Saturday," Osakis head coach Matt Hoelscher said. "We played flat, we got out hustled. They were more physical than us. We didn't shoot well or rotate well on defense, got beat off the dribble, and we got too emotional and allowed things to get the better of us."

Osakis was down 34-24 at the halftime break before both teams put up 32 points in the second half. The Silverstreaks shot 47% from the field, but just 5-of-18 from three and 5-of-9 from the free-throw line.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lights-out shooting carries Osakis past Kimball

By Sam Stuve  
Alexandria Echo Press

The Osakis girls basketball team earned a big win on Tuesday, beating the Kimball Area Cubs 74-51.

Kimball Area (15-6, 5-4 Section 6AA) is currently ranked fifth in Section 6AA in the QRF on MinnesotaScores.net, whilst Osakis (15-4, 4-0 Section 6AA) is down at 10 (out of 15).

Osakis made 15 three-pointers in Tuesday's contest.

"Well, this year, we've been kind of struggling on shooting," senior guard Mara VanNyhuis said. "So yesterday in practice, we were like, 'Okay we need to start working on shooting and we're going to start making shots.' And this is what we need to do to come together as a team so we can make the games easier, so we can win more."

Getting good looks from



Sam Stuve / Alexandria Echo Press

Osakis' Mara VanNyhuis attempts a three-pointer in a game on Tuesday against Kimball Area. Osakis scored a season-high 74 points and made 15 three-pointers in a 23-point win over Kimball.

beyond the arc was all a part of Osakis' game plan against Kimball.

"We thought once the ball

gets to a side, they really overplay that side," Osakis head coach Pat Kalpin said about Kimball's zone defense.

"We thought we could look for the skip passes and hit those. That's what we worked on, those longer passes (on Monday) and skip passes. We talked about them and they did a nice job with that."

This win is the Silverstreaks' fourth in Section 6AA play, with the prior wins coming against Melrose, Royalton and Eden Valley-Watkins.

Wins like this can boost a team in section rankings, especially for a team like Osakis, who hadn't played a top half team (based on QRF) in its section.

"It's huge," Kalpin said about the win. "Going into the game, we talked about they're sitting at five, we're sitting at 10. Here's an opportunity to move up in the QRF rankings. This should help us. We can play with those teams."

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## SWIM AND DIVE

## Cardinals have final say in Bemidji

By Micah Friez

Alexandria Echo Press

BEMIDJI — There's never been any love lost between Bemidji and Alexandria.

The rivalry reared its head again on Tuesday at the BHS Gymnasium, where the Cardinals snuck out a chaotic 68-65 win over the Lumberjacks boys basketball team.

"It's a tremendous rivalry," Bemidji head coach Steve Thompson said. "Both schools have good programs in a lot of sports. We see them year-round. It's always a dogfight, regardless of sport, and it was again here tonight on the basketball court."

Tuesday's installment was a physical, down-to-the-wire affair. The full-out efforts played out for all 36 minutes and even extended into the stands, where rowdy crowds of blue and red did all they could to will their side to victory.

"Both teams wanted it really bad," Thompson said. "Diving on the floor, taking charges, getting after all loose balls — both teams wanted it. Everybody who was here got to watch that."

BHS (8-5) nearly erased a 64-57 deficit in the final 1:30 of the night, as Isaac Severts and Khai Branham combined for eight points, but Alexandria countered with a Grayson Grove dunk and a Peter Sansted layup to maintain a three-point lead.

Branham's 3-point-er trimmed the deficit



Jillian Gandsey / Bemidji Pioneer

Alexandria senior Erik Hedstrom (22) makes a drive for the hoop in the first half against Bemidji on Tuesday at Bemidji High School. Hedstrom had a team-high 16 points to help the Cardinals get a 68-65 road win against the Lumberjacks.

to 66-65 with 33 seconds left until Sansted answered with his layup on the press break. The Jacks still had a chance for the tie, but the offense got clogged up and couldn't muster up a good look before the buzzer sounded.

The Cardinals (15-4) staged their own comeback midway through the second half. After Bemidji went into half-time ahead 29-26, overflowing intensity evolved into a down-right wild second half.

Branham converted on a hook shot with 14:12 left to stretch the lead to double-digits at 39-29. Not long after, however, Alexandria needed just 68 seconds for a 9-0 run that stole back the lead at 47-46.

Severts responded

with an alley-oop slam off Sam Wilson's deep feed — the duo's first of two such connections in the half — but it wasn't enough to quiet the road crowd for long.

Sansted answered back with a three, assuming a 50-48 lead with 7:19 left, and Alexandria never trailed again.

BHS found scores down the stretch, but they often weren't combined with critical stops necessary to stage a full rally. Although the Lumberjacks came within one point in the final minute, the defending Class 3A runner-ups proved they were still game for the big stage.

"We played very well against a really good team," Thompson said. "When you're one pos-

session away from a team that has a shot of getting to the state tournament, you know how good you are."

Severts finished with 33 points in a monster effort, while Ethan Biehn, Gavin Luksik and Branham all added nine apiece.

Erik Hedstrom (16 points), Grove (15) and Peter Sansted (14) poured in double figures for the Cardinals. Sansted hit three triples in the second half and scored 11 of his 14 after the break to help lead Alexandria to the win.

ALX 26 42 — 68  
BHS 29 36 — 65  
ALEXANDRIA (15-4) — Hedstrom 16, Grove 15, P. Sansted 14, Gundberg 7, M. Sansted 7, Steffensmeier 6, Vanderveer 3.

BEMIDJI (8-4) — Severts 33, Biehn 9, Branham 9, Luksik 9, Wilson 5.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Sabres withstand second-half Alex run

By Eric Morken

Alexandria Echo Press

SARTELL — The Alexandria girls basketball team ran into a good Central Lakes Conference opponent on Tuesday night as Sartell-St. Stephen defended its home court in a 63-49 win.

The Sabres, playing out of Section 8-4A this season, improved to 14-6 overall and 6-4 in the CLC with the victory. The Cardinals (8-11, 4-6 CLC) fell behind 41-19 at the half.

"We came out in the second half making some great adjustments to outscore the Sabres 30-20 in the second half, but it was just too much to overcome against an experienced Sabre squad," Alexandria head coach Wendy Kohler said. "(We) got energy from the reserve play of Elle Heydt, Ella Steussy and Lauren Beyers to help close the gap."

Hadley Thul led Alexandria scorers with 14, while MaCee Linow added 10.

SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN 63, ALEXANDRIA 49  
ALEXANDRIA SCORING - Hadley Thul - 14; MaCee Linow - 10; Allie Haabala - 9; Ella Steussy - 6; Chloe Scholl - 6; Lilly Thul - 2; Elle Heydt - 2

## Chargers drop rematch with Rothsay

Brandon-Evansville fell 53-51 on Monday at Rothsay.

"It was the tale of two halves," Brandon-Evansville head coach Zach Traphagen said. "We came out very flat in the first half and Rothsay came out fired up and hungry to play."

Rothsay (4-15, 3-12 Section 6A) led 29-22 at the half. The Chargers (9-9, 4-7 Section 6A) had a stronger second half but it wasn't enough, as missed free throws came back to cost them.

"The second half effort

was much better and we had our chances to win it late, but going 9-22 from the free throw line makes it hard to win those close games," Traphagen said.

Brandon-Evansville had beaten Rothsay earlier in the year, 61-29 on Jan. 7.

Rothsay - 29 24 - 53  
Brandon-Evansville - 22 29 - 51  
BRANDON-EVANSVILLE TOTALS: FG - 17-42; 3PT - 7-17; FT - 9-22; Rebounds - 24; Assists - 11; Steals - 7  
BRANDON-EVANSVILLE: Hadley Baune - 19 points; 5 rebounds; 1 deflection; Olivia Otto - 12 points; 1 rebound; 1 assist. 1 block; 2 deflections; Kaytlyn Pattrin - 10 points; 9 rebounds; 1 steal; 1 assist; Kylee Dingwall - 5 points; 5 rebounds; 6 assists. 1 steal; 1 deflection; Emmalee Brethorst - 4 points; Sophie Koep - 1 rebound, 1 steal; Grace Otto - 1 rebound, 1 deflection; Sydney Schaefer - 2 assists, 1 rebound, 1 steal, 2 deflections; Skylar Bitzan - 1 rebound, 1 steal; Kylee Lund - 1 rebound, 1 steal

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## OSAKIS

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And I don't know why we're 10 and they're five, we have identical records (overall), but it is what it is."

The Silverstreaks are now on a five-game winning streak and have won seven out of their last eight.

"I think it's a really proud moment for our team," VanNyhuis said about beating Kimball. "It just shows what we're capable of and what we're capable of doing towards the end of the season."

Three of their last five wins have come by 20-plus points (23, 31, and 38).

The Silverstreaks hit three-point shots early and often. They made 10 three-pointers before halftime and had a 46-25 lead at the half. Osakis held the 21-point lead at halftime despite committing 10 fouls, while Kimball committed just three.



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Osakis' Tessa Stanek looks for an open teammate in a game against Kimball Area on Tuesday.

Osakis has been held to 45 points or less in a game this season on three occasions. Offense has been hard to come by at times, but the Silverstreaks adjusted and put up a season-high in points against Kimball.

"We really worked on spreading the court, throwing long passes and they executed really well," Kalpin said. "I mean, that's basically what it comes down to. And we have some other things that we're going to try. But you know, when the three's are

going in, you keep staying with them, right?"

The Osakis offense had balance, with five players scoring in double figures and six players making a three-pointer.

"It wasn't that we were sticking to one girl, it was a lot of kids that were making threes," Kalpin said. "Every kid stepped up. That's huge to me and it's tough to defend."

Senior guard Alexis Johanson led all scorers with 19 points and made five three-pointers. VanNyhuis and com-

pany noticed that the Cubs tried to make some defensive adjustments to take away the three-point shot for them in the second half.

"I think they tried to be more aggressive on tipping the balls, but our girls got the hang of it," VanNyhuis said. "We worked through that, we passed it around and we still got open looks."

Osakis outscored Kimball 28-26 in the second half.

"We showed what we can do," Kalpin said. "It's definitely going to help us. We got to keep this momentum going and play, but it's definitely going to help us moving forward if we can soak [it in] and continue playing like this."

Kimball Area - 25 26 - 51  
Osakis - 46 28 - 74  
KIMBALL AREA SCORING - Ava Mollitor, 14; Ellie Kuechle, 13; Kristen Hilbert, 9; Madelyn Hunt, 8 points; Lexi Myers, 4; Morgan Streit, 3  
OSAKIS SCORING - Alexis Johanson, 19; Mara VanNyhuis, 14; Carlee Muenzuber, 11; Tessa Stanek, 11; Hayleigh Niehoff, 10; Kiley Kranz, 4; Lexi Spychalla, 3; Madi Collins, 2

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## Cards cruise into CLC championship meet

By Eric Morken

Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria swimming and diving team made easy work of St. Cloud Apollo on Feb. 3 as the Cardinals beat the Eagles 120-65.

"This meet allowed many changes in the lineup heading into the championship part of the season," head coach Kathy Walker said. "Being able to try different swimmers in different events adds a new perspective to these championship meets and also allows the swimmers to experience success in a variety of events."

"The normal 200 medley relay of Nicolas Welle, Eric Peterson, Logan Tung, and Carter Holm switched what strokes they swam and still swam faster than the state qualifying time. Welle usually swims butterfly, but swam backstroke, Peterson usually swims backstroke but swam freestyle, Tung usually swims breast-

stroke but swam butterfly, and Holm usually swims freestyle but swam breaststroke."

That group won the 200-medley relay in a time of 1:44.19. Holm added wins in the 100 and 200 freestyle, while Welle won the 200 IM, Anthony Hoyt took the 50 freestyle, 8th-grader Luke Christenson won the 500 freestyle, Tung won the 100 breaststroke and senior Caden Kavanagh won the diving competition.

The Cardinals swept the relays with Welle, Tung, Erik Reineke and Hoyt taking the 200 freestyle, and Zachary Timm, Eric Peterson, Hoyt and Holm winning the 400.

Up next for the Cardinals is the Central Lakes Conference championship meet at St. Cloud Tech on Feb. 12. Diving starts at 10 a.m. and swimming starts at 2 p.m.

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## GYMNASTICS



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Alexandria's Sara Eddy performs on the vault during a meet with Willmar on Dec. 2, 2021. Eddy had a fifth-place finish on the vault at the CLC championship in Fergus Falls on Feb. 5 as she helped the Cardinals to a fifth-place team finish.

## Alex fifth at CLC meet

## Cards rack up all-CLC honors

By Eric Morken

Alexandria Echo Press

FERGUS FALLS — The Alexandria gymnastics team was in Fergus Falls on Saturday where the Cardinals came back from the Central Lakes Conference meet with a fifth-place finish out of seven programs.

Alexandria finished with a team score of 133.425. St. Cloud Tech took the CLC title with a 147.550, while Brainerd (139.600) was second and Sartell-St. Stephen (138.925) was third. Willmar rounded out the top four teams with a 134.775.

Alexandria's top individual finish came on the floor where Ailynn Fettig was third with a 9.375. Sara Eddy added a nice performance on the vault where she finished fifth at 9.050. That was just in front of Fettig who was sixth with an 8.975.

Fettig had Alexandria's top score on the bars with an 8.350 to tie for 13th and on the beam where she was seventh with an 8.7.

Fettig was sixth in the all-around scores with a 35.400. Taylar Schae-

fer of St. Cloud Tech won the all-around title with a 38.450.

The Cardinals had the top record against CLC opponents at 5-1 throughout the course of the regular season. Athletes were recognized across the league with All-CLC honors with their entire body of work.

On the vault, Eddy (5th, 9.175) and Ailynn Fettig (7th, 9.16) both earned All-CLC honors.

Alexandria representatives on the bars are Fettig (5th, 8.725), Izzy Kent (8.375) and Addison Twa (honorable mention, 12th, 8.18).

On beam are Amaya Hughes (7th, 8.74) and Fettig (9th, 8.71), and All-CLC athletes for the Cardinals on the floor routine are Fettig (2nd, 9.4) and Hughes (7th, 8.71).

Both Ailynn Fettig (3rd, 35.7) and Hughes (7th, 34.7) earned All-CLC honors in the all-around scores.

The Cardinals will turn their attention to the section meet now on Feb. 12. That will take place at St. Cloud Tech High School starting at 2 p.m.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

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from there. He finished with 18 saves to get the win on a night when the Cardinals outshot the Crush 31-22. Ben Condon took the loss with 26 saves and the 5 goals allowed.

Kludt had a three-point night by adding an assist to his two goals. Nicholas Peterson, Henry Ramstorff, Pieter Mulder (2), Pfeffer, Gronholz and Brycen Berg all added assists.

The Cardinals turned

their attention to two big Section 6A games later this week. Alexandria was at Fergus Falls on Thursday before Northern Lakes comes to Alexandria on Friday at 7:15 p.m.

Fergus Falls (15-7) is ranked right ahead of Alexandria through the QRF on Minnesota-scoring.net as the top seed in the section. Northern Lakes (13-8) is right behind the Cardinals in third in those rankings.

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## Thinking of warmer days on walleye waters

As I sit writing this on one of the last days of January, the temperature outside has yet to nudge above the 0 degree mark! Nevertheless, I know that nicer days are ahead and that in just a couple months I could potentially be back in a boat on open water.

Here are some of the wishes I have for the coming season, particularly regarding walleye fishing.

### Early season jigs

There might not be much more of a thrill in fishing than when the first walleye of the season thunks a jig after a long winter. The first bite of the season has happened lots of times for me on the Rainy River as this world-class fishery hosts a famed spring walleye run for both numbers of walleyes with a legitimate shot at the big walleye of a lifetime as well.

While I make a Rainy River run most springs, a change in regulations on Big Stone Lake on the Minnesota/South Dakota border provides me a closer-to-home option. Because Big Stone is just over an hour away, it gives me ample opportunities for day trips. Those trips usually involve jig fishing too as the walleyes that roam the lake love the lake's plentiful shallow rocks where they are very susceptible to small jigs/minnows pitched to them.

### Opening day 'spottails'

Spottail shiner minnows are a preferred forage of walleyes, particularly when these baitfish are shallow and spawning during spring.

It just so happens that the traditional Minnesota "walleye opener" often coincides with the spring spottail run. Jigs tipped with spottails produce lots of Minnesota opener walleyes every year.

For me, however, I prefer slowly trolling while longlining these minnows on slip-sinker livebait rigs a good distance behind the boat. Many good "spottail lakes" have clear water and spooky walleyes and so a minnow swimming along naturally away from the boat is often too much for even a wary walleye to resist. This particular

method put a limit of eating-sized walleyes in my boat last year on the Minnesota opener while anglers around us struggled while fishing baits closer to their boats.

One tip that makes this technique more successful is the use of an appropriate rod. I prefer a long spinning rod of 7.5 feet in length with medium light power and a fast action tip.

This style rod helps me feel light bites and feed line to light biting fish, but it also has the length needed to take up slack line and get a solid hookset on a walleye on a long line.

The Lew's Speed Stick 7'6" live bait walleye spinning rod is designed specifically for this style fishing and does a great job. Not only that, but the Speed Sticks are very affordable and there are a couple other spinning models that work great for my early season jig fishing described above too.

### Bouncers on structure

When spring morphs into summer, it's time for me to put away the spinning gear and break out the bottom bouncers. Many lakes that I fish in the Alexandria area of Minnesota have walleye structure like sunken humps, islands, and underwater points that hold fish in 15-30 feet of water during June.

These fish offer classic structure fishing options involving jigs and slip-sinker live bait rigs like we used during spring. For me, a switch to baitcasting gear and heavy bottom bouncers, plain snells, and leeches or nightcrawlers as baits become the norm.

These rigs are pulled quickly through schools of walleyes marked on structure to pick off active fish. Plus, the speed and erratic action a bottom bouncer provides are great at triggering some reluctant fish into biting as well. This method has been so effective, in fact, that I start 90% of my guiding days during summer using it. The Speed Stick series has a 7 foot bottom bouncer rod that is the best I have found for this style fishing as well.

As always, enjoy your time on the water, and remember to include a youngster in your next outdoors adventure.

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## GIRLS HOCKEY

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made it 6-1 with 38 seconds left off another shot from the point that came after a Block assist.

"We found ways to get it done," Arola said. "We have multiple kids who can contribute whether it's goals or assists, and that's always good at this time of year."

Senior Jordan O'Kane worked the first two periods in net and did not allow a goal. Fellow senior goalie Hailee Bailey worked the third when the Lumberjacks got their lone goal on a shot from senior Chloe Hasbragen.

Arola said that was the plan to split the time in net between those two during the last regular-

season game of their careers at the RCC.

Bailey and O'Kane have both been through big playoff games during their careers. That gives the Cardinals confidence in whoever gets their name called throughout the tournament.

"We've been very fortunate to have them for so many years," Arola said. "It's too bad they're both seniors, but that's the way it is. The relationship they have, the competitiveness that they have, it's just been really fun to watch them grow. We have the utmost confidence in both of them. They both have done a lot for us over the years."

The Cardinals entered this week as the second seed through the QRF on

Minnesota-scores.net in Section 8AA. This section was seeded by a coaches vote on Wednesday, but those rankings give an indication of how tight things are in this field.

Alexandria swept Brainerd-Little Falls (14-11) — the team right behind them in those rankings — during two regular-season games. The Cardinals also have a 5-1 road win over Roseau (14-9-2), and a 2-1 win over the top seed in the tournament in Moorhead (18-8).

Those wins have these players confident that they can make another run at a section championship after winning the title a year ago in Alexandria's second season in Class AA.

"We proved to everybody who didn't think we could do it that we could," Aure said of last year's run to state. "It's why we want to do it again with these new girls and younger players and show them that since we're here and connecting so much that we can do the same thing as we did last year."

They also know it won't come easy. Five teams will enter the tournament with a record above .500. St. Cloud (14-9-2), the fifth seed, won two one-goal games against Alexandria this season. Buffalo-Maple Lake played the Cardinals to a 2-2 tie on Dec. 4.

The Cardinals did everything they could to be playing their best

## WRESTLING ROUNDUP

## Teaser gets 60th career win

By Sam Stuve  
Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria wrestling team had a strong evening Tuesday, winning two out of three duals. The Cardinals beat Sauk Centre-Melrose 49-30 and Ortonville 66-10 but fell short against Paynesville Area 37-24.

The Cardinals held a 24-16 lead heading into the final four weights against Paynesville. The Cardinals lost the final four bouts, three of which were pins.

"We were without a few regular starters, which handcuffed us a bit against Paynesville, but it also provided a few varsity opportunities for some of our regular JV guys," Alexandria head coach Aldon Struchen said.

Alexandria earned the 19-point victory over Sauk Centre-Melrose with five first-period pins. The fastest pin came by senior Mason Teaser (182) over Jon Lara in 34 seconds.

Teaser crossed the 60-career wins threshold by beating Paynesville's Aaron Mages, 9-2.

"He really had to earn that one because he had a solid opponent that was pretty dangerous from the top position," Struchen said. "He wrestled very smart and secured a quality win for us there."

Teaser was one of four Cardinals to go 3-0 on the night.

Sophomore Mason McGrane (ranked No. 8 at 113 in Class AA by The Guillotine) got to 19 wins in a row with three pins on Tuesday. McGrane's last eight wins have all been pins.

Junior Blaze Nelson (ranked No. 8 at 138 in Class AA) earned three victories on the night



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Senior Mason Teaser poses for a photo with his teammates after earning his 60th career victory on Tuesday.

with two pins and one forfeit win. Juniors Kelly Johnson (152) and Landon Seward (160) also went 3-0, with a major decision, a pin and a forfeit win.

The Cardinals won five matches in a row against Sauk Centre-Melrose from 152 to 195. Four of those five wins were pins, while the other was a forfeit.

Alexandria lost three out of five matches wrestled against Ortonville, but Ortonville had nine forfeits.

The Cardinals host eighth-ranked Willmar (AAA) and Sauk Rapids on Thursday for senior night.

### Knights go 2-1 at Morris Area

West Central Area-Ashby-Brandon-Evansville nearly wrestled to a flawless 3-0 record in Tuesday's quadrangular at Morris Area-Hancock-Chokio-Alberta, but came up just short and won two out of three duals.

The Knights' lone loss of the night came to MAHACA 36-33. The Knights found themselves in a 30-6 hole at the midway point of the dual. The Knights won the final six out of seven bouts but it wasn't enough to win the dual.

Senior Reubens Swan-

son (ranked No. 9 at 145 in Class A) increased his winning streak to 11 with three victories in the quad. Senior Ashton Danner also went 3-0 on the night with two decisions and a pin.

Junior Anthony Sykora (ranked No. 2 at 170 in Class A) earned three forfeit victories on the night. Senior Colton Lindquist (ranked No. 2 at 220 in Class A) and junior Justin Blascyk (285) both went 3-0 as well.

Both of the Knights' wins came by a comfortable margin. The Knights beat the Border West Buccaneers 54-19 thanks to a combined seven pins and forfeits, while also beating the Minnewaska Area Lakers 48-25, thanks to winning the final eight out of 10 duals.

Minnewaska won five matches against WCA-A-B-E. 7th grader Miles Wildman (106) and junior Torii Johnson (113) earned gave the Lakers a 9-0 lead as Wildman earned a decision victory and Johnson earned a pin.

Junior Nick Ankeny earned a 10-2 major decision victory at 126. The Lakers had two more pins, by senior Jacob Blair (ranked No. 10 in Class A at 145 although he wrestled at 152 Tuesday) and junior Chase Boelke at 182.

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## BASKETBALL

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Senior guard Bauer Klimek had 19 points for Osakis.

"Give Browerville credit as they played a great defensive game and nothing came easy for us," Hoelscher said. "They attacked the basket and got us in foul trouble, made big threes throughout the game, and made free throws down the stretch. We have a target on our back and we are going to get everyone's best effort. If we don't match that intensity and execution, games like this will happen. Browerville is an excellent team and took it to us. We need to learn from it and hopefully understand that we can't overlook anyone."

BROWERVILLE-EV 34 32 - 66  
OSAKIS 24 32 - 56  
OSAKIS TOTALS - FG - 23-48; Three-point FG - 5-18; FT - 5-9; Assists - 10; Rebounds - 24; Steals

WEST CENTRAL AREA 61, PARKERS PRAIRIE 49  
TOTALS - WCA - FG - 23-68; FT - 11-15; PARKERS PRAIRIE - FG - 16-47; FT - 14-19  
WCA - Ryder Staples - 16 points, 11 rebounds; Cole Anderson - 18 points, 3 assists; Jacob Strunk - 8 points, 4 steals, 4 assists; Nas Dotts - 7 points, 3 steals; Bryce Kjesbo - 7 points; Mitch Dewey - 3 points; Cam Anderson - 2 points, 4 steals  
PARKERS PRAIRIE SCORING - Carter Thoennes - 15; Jake Wagner - 11; Mason Arens - 9; Cole Koep - 9; Dylan Dibiltzen - 5

- 10; Deflections - 11; Turnovers - 14  
OSAKIS - Stewart Jones - 8 points, 5 assists, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Grant Mages - 8 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Isaac Maddock - 1 rebound, 1 steal; Bauer Klimek - 19 points, 1 assist, 1 rebound, 5 steals; Drew Imdieke - 4 points, 2 assists, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Mekai Hoelscher - 3 points, 2 rebounds; Carter Watnaas - 4 points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Brady Mages - 10 points, 4 rebounds

### West Central Area stymies Parkers Prairie

West Central Area got back to limiting a team defensively on Tuesday night as the Knights (15-4) beat Parkers Prairie (10-8) in a 61-49 game after they had allowed a season-high 80 points in a loss to Hancock (14-4) on Monday.

West Central Area held the Panthers to 52 shooting and forced 18 turnovers.

WEST CENTRAL AREA 61, PARKERS PRAIRIE 49  
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### Hot shooting carries Hillcrest past Ashby

Ashby dropped its second

game of the season on Tuesday as Hillcrest Lutheran Academy got hot from three and defended its home court in a 62-44 final.

The Comets (13-5, 8-1 Little Eight Conference) had five different guys make threes. They hit seven triples in the first half and led 31-16 at the break. The Arrows (14-2, 6-1 LEC) never did get it back down to single digits.

"They shot very well," Ashby head coach John Holsten said. "I think they defended pretty well. They shoot well in their gym, and we never could counter."

Ashby shot just 14-of-52 overall. That included a 3-of-19 night from three.

The Arrows play at Underwood (2-15) on Friday at 7:15 p.m. before going to the University of Minnesota-Morris on Saturday for a 6 p.m. game against Wheaton-Hermon-Norcross (13-4).

Hillcrest Lutheran 62, Ashby 44  
ASHBY - Torin Olson - 19 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal; Jacob Cook - 18 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists,

4 steals; Brodie Ecker - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals; Mattson Hoff - 5 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal; Sam Sorenson - 5 rebounds; Evan Paulson - 1 rebound

### Chargers fall at Melrose

Brandon-Evansville (8-9) got 21 points from Titus Fuller on Tuesday, but it was not quite enough as Melrose defended its home court in a 76-59 final.

The Dutchmen got 20 points from Carson Meyer, 15 each from Gor Ruey and Connor Anderson, and 11 points from Isaac Hoeschen.

"Melrose is a tall and athletic team who shot the ball well," Brandon-Evansville head coach Trent Hintermeister said. "I thought we did a nice job competing for the entire game. Melrose hit 50% of their 3-point attempts and they seemed to be at big spots in the game. There were two stretches in the game that hurt us. Our transition defense was average at best and they took advantage of that."

Brandon-Evansville now plays two Section 6A games later this week as the Chargers

host Battle Lake (7-9) at 7:30 on Friday night before going to the University of Minnesota-Morris on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 to play Hancock (14-4).

MELROSE 76, BRANDON-EVANVILLE 59  
B-E - Micah Fuller - 8 points, 2 rebounds; Riley Perleberg - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; Brady Perleberg - 2 rebounds; Tyler Bitzan - 13 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals; Titus Fuller - 21 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 blocks; Carter White - 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Dezmond White - 14 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Tanner Riedel - 1 point, 3 rebounds, 2 steals; Aaron Gillespie - 2 rebounds  
MELROSE SCORING - Gor Ruey - 15; Devin Orbeck - 9; Connor Engelmeyer - 15; Connor Anderson - 4; Carson Meyer - 20; Isaac Hoeschen - 11; Hunter Gohl - 2

### Lakers drop 1-point game at Breckenridge

Minnewaska (3-16) fell in a close game at Breckenridge as the Cowboys (3-14) won 50-49 on Tuesday.

BRECKENRIDGE 50 24 - 50  
MINNEWASKA 21 28 - 49  
MINNEWASKA - Tate Reichmann - 10 points, 4 assists, 3 steals, 1 rebound; Ethan Quelle - 9 points, 1 assist, 3 rebounds, 2 steals; Jack Larson - 2 points, 1 rebound; Damon Uhde - 10 points, 5 assists, 2 rebounds, 4 steals; Hunter Kostelecky - 9 points, 2 assists, 10 rebounds, 3 steals; PJ Johnson - 9 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals  
BRECKENRIDGE SCORING - Jack Johnson - 25; Dylan Bernotas - 12; Cameron Nieto - 3; Collin Roberts - 5; Dallen Ernst - 4; Alex Sanchez - 3

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Wanted: Old fishing lures, reels and miscellaneous fishing items. Paying fair price. NFLCC member. (218) 969-8561

For Sale: Eskimo 8 inch gas ice auger. Very good condition. Sharp blades. \$325 new, asking \$145 or best offer. (320) 239-9876

For Sale: Hoover Powerdash Pet Carpet Cleaner with Heat Force for faster drying, Model #FH50710. Clean, runs great. \$30.00 (320) 763-2417

Wanted: Donations of Bibles, devotionals, & faith-based books, CDs, DVDs, etc. for men, women and children. (320) 491-7107

WE BUY: Coin collections, accumulations, bullion, mint & proof sets, currency, tokens, etc. Will travel & pay cash. 55 yrs experience. No deal is too big! (612) 986-2566

## FIREWOOD

**DRY OAK FIREWOOD** - Guarantee To Burn, Bug Free. 3x7x16 \$150. Free Delivery and stacking. Cooking Wood Available. (320) 285-2645/292-8993

## OUTDOORS

**Wanting To Purchase: Hunting Land Within 25 Miles Of Alexandria. Call Daryl! 612-749-2459**

## APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**Wiltoka Apartments**  
 536 & 538 Willow Dr, Alexandria, MN  
 Nice 2 bedroom apt \$690  
 Nice 3 bedroom apt \$800  
 Rent includes heat, water/sewer, lawn care/snow removal.  
 Section 42 Property/  
 Income limits in Place  
 Call Lori, 320-762-3074

## OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

For Rent: 1500 square feet of office or retail space at 209 6th Ave E, Alexandria. \$900/month 320-766-7321 or 320-763-6518

## AGRICULTURE MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted: Tillable Farmland or Hay Ground for 2022 & Beyond. Reputable and Dependable Farmer. Paying Fair Rent. Alexandria and Surround area. 320-808-8336

## WANTED FARMLAND TO RENT

**Wanted**  
 Young farmer looking for tillable land for 2022 and beyond. Top notch work.  
 Call Landon 320-766-3754.

## PARTS/TIRES/ENGINES

**90 Day Warranty Now Available On Used Auto Parts. Budget Auto Parts. 320-763-4231.**

## HELP WANTED AGRICULTURE



### PRO AG FARMERS COOP BRANDON, MN

Full-Time Agronomist Duties include Sales, Scouting, Seed Treating, Deliveries, etc.

Seasonal Drivers For Spring Fertilizer Deliveries. Deliver to floaters, spreaders, farmdeliveries

Seasonal Load Operator To load tower and dump trucks at Fertilizer Plant.

**Wages DOE. Full-time includes FULL Benefits.**

Send resume to [jim.vonwahlde@proagfarmers.com](mailto:jim.vonwahlde@proagfarmers.com) or call 320-524-2286 for info.

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## HELP WANTED EDUCATION

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School District has an opening for a

### Full Time Secondary Math Teacher

Start Date: March 21, 2022

**Qualifications:** MN Mathematics Teacher License Grade 7-12.

If you are interested in an opportunity to help our students succeed, please apply online at [www.lpge.org](http://www.lpge.org)

(Select Employment Opportunities on the home page).

For more information contact Barton Rud, LPGE Secondary Principal at 320-732-2194 ext 1013.

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## HELP WANTED GENERAL

### RECEPTIONIST

Minnewaska Abstract & Title in Glenwood, is looking for a full-time entry-level receptionist.

This position would be the first point of contact for clients, answer phones, scanning, typing and filing.

**\$17+/hour**

Candidates may submit a resume, cover letter and references to Minnewaska Abstract, 103 West Minnesota Ave., Glenwood MN 56334 or by email to [durand@minnewaskaabstract.com](mailto:durand@minnewaskaabstract.com)

### Brandon-Evansville Schools Now Hiring Start ASAP.

**Substitute Kitchen Staff**  
 Responsible for cooking and general kitchen duties. Hours would be weekdays, Mon-Fri, 6am-1:30pm.

**Janitor**  
 Work 6 days/wk at our Evansville Campus.

Interested persons can find the employee application on our district website at [www.b-e.k12.mn.us](http://www.b-e.k12.mn.us) Open until filled. **Send applications in care of Don Peschel, Superintendent [dpeschel@b-e.k12.mn.us](mailto:dpeschel@b-e.k12.mn.us) or drop off the application materials in either office in Brandon, or Evansville. If you have any questions contact Mr. Peschel at (320) 834-4084 Ext. 6107.**

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## HELP WANTED GENERAL

### Galeon of Osakis

**We are Hiring the following positions**

**Day & PM CNAs - FT Resident Assistants - FT, Day Shifts**

Training provided. Excellent benefits package that includes: health, dental & vision ins., PTO, holiday pay, life ins., retirement plan & gym/pool membership.

**For descriptions & to fill out app visit [galeonmn.com](http://galeonmn.com) or apply in person at 410 W. Main St. 320-859-2142**



### \$200 or \$500 Sign on Bonus

Become an independent Contract Carrier for the

### Lakeland Shopping Guide

Currently we have walking routes available in:

- Alexandria
- Carlos
- Lowry
- Miltona

Take 1 walking route and receive a \$200 Sign on Bonus! or Take 2 walking routes & we'll make it \$500!

**Call Lynn at (320)763-1218 for more information**

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## HELP WANTED EDUCATION

### WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA Communities Action

#### Head Start Assistant Teacher/Aide - Elbow Lake, Alexandria & Morris

West Central MN Communities Action is hiring Head Start Assistant Teachers/Aides in their Elbow Lake, Alexandria and Morris preschool classrooms to promote children's school readiness, support the lead teacher in lesson planning, perform daily classroom responsibilities and assist with strengthening family engagement.

The Head Start Assistant Teacher/Aide position is a seasonal, full-time position with an excellent benefits package including medical insurance, life insurance, retirement, paid time off and paid holidays. Starting pay is \$13.77-\$15.89 per hour, depending upon qualifications.

**APPLY TODAY at [www.wcmca.org](http://www.wcmca.org) or for more information contact Taanna Henningsen, 218-685-7057**

Position is open until filled

An Equal Opportunity

## HELP WANTED GENERAL

### On-The-Job Training and Career Opportunities at Henry's Foods!

#### Up to \$300 SIGN ON BONUS!

Become a part of the Order Fulfillment Team on the Night Warehouse Operation. **We offer varied shifts: Ten hour shifts Monday - Thursday OR Eight hours shifts Sunday - Thursday (Sunday premium pay of an additional \$3/hr.)**

Learning and advancement opportunities in addition to other benefits! We offer tuition reimbursement, health insurance, 401k plan, paid vacation, paid sick time and a family friendly environment!

**Apply online at [henrysfoods.com](http://henrysfoods.com) or in**

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## HELP WANTED HEALTHCARE

**Sign on Bonus \$2000 up to \$1000 upfront after 3 weeks and \$1000 after 3 months of employment!!!**

**Starting pay \$17.25 & higher w/experience.**

We are currently hiring for a part time or full time pm/day positions as a nursing assistant that will become available. We will train employees. We have amazing benefits and we pay 100% of the employee health insurance. We also have a scholarship that pays the employees education at 100% if furthering their education in a career related to healthcare.

If interested apply online at [www.barrettcarecenter.com](http://www.barrettcarecenter.com) or call 320-528-5617 for more information.

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## HELP WANTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### PrimeWest HEALTH

PrimeWest Health is a partnership of 24 rural Minnesota counties providing innovative health coverage programs, including to residents who qualify for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). We are recruiting an energetic, self-directed employee for the following position in the Alexandria location:

- Behavioral Health Manager

Visit our website at

<https://www.primewest.org/careers> for a complete job description and information about how to submit a resume. EOE

## HELP WANTED GENERAL

### WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA Communities Action

#### Weatherization Housing Advocate

West Central MN Communities Action in Elbow Lake, MN is currently expanding their Weatherization program team and is hiring a full-time Housing Advocate, starting at \$21.00/hour.

The Housing Advocate is responsible to assess energy efficiency and health and safety conditions in clients' homes, prescribe cost-effective remedies and assist in all day-to-day operational activities that include a variety of clerical, computer, and selected direct client/contractor activities.

If you are looking for a gratifying career with competitive wages and an excellent benefit package; including paid time off, holidays, retirement with match, medical and life insurance, **Apply Today at [www.wcmca.org](http://www.wcmca.org) or call Taanna Henningsen, 218-685-7057 for more information.**

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Please call to discuss these opportunities! (320) 759-5730 or apply online at [www.PLSMN.net/Jobs](http://www.PLSMN.net/Jobs)

## HELP WANTED SOCIAL SERVICES/ MENTAL HEALTH

### Douglas County Social Services has an opening for an Eligibility Worker

**Full time Weekdays, 37.5 hours per week Starting salary: \$20.64/hour**

This position is responsible to perform a variety of tasks related to the determination of eligibility for Public Assistance programs (Cash Programs, Emergency Programs, Food Support & Health Care Programs). Duties include review of cases to assess fit with program rules & ensuring complete & accurate case documentation. The work environment is fast-paced with changing priorities. One must be organized & detail-oriented with a keen interest in helping others.

Visit <https://www.co.douglas.mn.us/employment-opportunities> for more details and to submit your application!

**This job closes at 4:30 pm on 2/15/2022.**

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[www.apartmentsHQ.com](http://www.apartmentsHQ.com)



VEHICLES WANTED

Wanted: Cars and trucks for crushing. Will pick up. Crosstown Auto Parts, 320-762-1011 or 800-658-3431.

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Foreclosure Sale

Publish February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 10, 2020

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$257,796.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Joseph Ross Ducept and Jasmin Taylor Ducept, married to each other

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 14, 2020 as Document Number 419976 in the Office of the County Recorder of Douglas County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Five (5), Township One Hundred Twenty-nine (129) North, Range Thirty-nine (39) West, DOUGLAS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said (E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4); thence North 88° 38' 36" East along the South line of said Section Five (5) a distance of 500.27 feet to the center line of County Highway No. 16; thence North 12° 29' 09" West along said Centerline 105.41 feet; thence Northerly along tangential curve centerline concave to the East, radius 2864.90 feet, central angle 1° 33' 36", a distance of 78.00 feet; thence South 88° 38' 36" West along a line not tangent to said curve 465 feet, more or less to the West line of said (E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4); thence Southerly 180 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Containing 2.0 acres, more or less.

AND That part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Five (5), Township One Hundred Twenty-nine (129) North, Range Thirty-nine (39) West, DOUGLAS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said (E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4); thence North 88° 38' 36" East along the South line of said Section Five (5) a distance of 500.27 feet to the center line of County State Aid Highway No. 16; thence North 12° 29' 09" West along said centerline 105.41 feet; thence Northerly along a tangential curve concave to the East, radius 2864.90 feet, central angle 1° 33' 36", a distance of 78.00 feet; thence South 88° 38' 36" West along a line not tangent to said curve 465 feet, more or less to the West line of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence Southerly along said West line 295 feet, more or less to the intersection of a line bearing South 88° 38' 36" West from the point of beginning; thence North 88° 38' 36" East 465 feet, more or less to the point of beginning. Containing 3.0 acres, more or less.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 10902 COUNTY ROAD 16 NW, EVANSVILLE, MN 56326 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Douglas County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$255,828.54 TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-0058-950 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 08, 2022 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Douglas County Sheriff's Office, 216 7th Avenue W, Alexandria, MN 56308.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6)

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months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 11, 2022.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

DATE: February 08, 2022 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee TROTT LAW, P.C. By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. \*Sung Woo Hong, Esq.\*

Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (22-0131-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Assumed Name

Publish February 9, 11, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MINNESOTA

ASSUMED NAME: A&A Boutique PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 1770 10th Ave E Unit 305 Alexandria MN 56308 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S): Alexis Ann Tauer 1770 10th Ave E Unit 305 Alexandria MN 56308 USA

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

DATE 02/02/2022 SIGNED BY: Alexis Tauer

Ad for Bids

Publish January 28, February 4, 11, 2022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA, MN 2022 ALEXANDRIA LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Notice is hereby given ELECTION PROPOSALS for construction of the 2022 Local Street Improvements project will be received by the Alexandria City Council, until 10:00 AM local time on Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud. The project consists of the following construction items and approximate quantities:

Mill Bituminous Surface: 15,000 SY Full Depth Reclaim: 2,000 SY Bituminous Mix: 3,100 Ton Adjust Manhole Structure: 40 EA Turf Establishment

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids must be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

No bid will be considered unless it is electronically submitted through QuestCDN eBid (Online Bidding ONLY) prior to 10:00 AM on the 16th day of February, 2022. No paper bids will be accepted. Bid security must be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Widseth Inc., 610 Fillmore Street, Alexandria, MN 56308. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office by calling 320-762-8149 to schedule an appointment and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Digital Bidding Documents can be downloaded online for \$25.00 at www.widseth.com by clicking the "Bid Documents" tab near the upper right-hand corner of the screen or at www.questcdn.com by inputting Quest project #8110191 on the website's project search page. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by calling 320-762-8149 to schedule an appointment and upon non-refundable payment of \$50.00 for each set. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Checks for Bidding Documents must be made payable to "Widseth". Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

By Order of the City of Alexandria, Minnesota Martin Schultz, City Administrator 27406

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Public Notice

Publish February 11, 2022

ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

In compliance with MN Statute 206.83, notice is hereby given that a public accuracy test of the electronic voting equipment for Alexandria Township will be conducted on February 23, 2022 at 5:00PM in the township conference room located at 324 Broadway, lower level. Individuals interested in observing the process are invited to attend.

Gregg Raisanen, Clerk 31639

Amendment

Assumed Name

Publish February 9, 11, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT ASSUMED NAME

STATE OF MINNESOTA ASSUMED NAME: Remco

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 10425 Wildlife Loop SE, Osakis, MN 56360

NAMEHOLDER(S): SRA Group, LLC 10425 Wildlife Loop SE, Osakis, MN 56360

This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 124038080029 Originally filed on: 6/18/2021

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

DATE: 12/29/2021 SIGNED BY: /s/Greta Stroot Operations Manager 29317

Public Notice

Publish February 11, 2022

LOCATION The Douglas County Planning Advisory Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting will be held at the Public Works Facility Meeting Room, 526 Willow Drive, Alexandria, MN.

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

6:00 P.M. Review and approval minutes

6:02 P.M. Hearing of the application of Brandon Plotz for a variance to allow a 2000 sq ft accessory structure on Lot 4, Block 1, Parsons Beach 1st Addition, Section 22 (Miltona Township). Zoning RS(GDS) Lake Miltona.

6:07 P.M. Hearing on the application of Willow Storage Properties LLC for a variance to allow a self-storage business to exceed the 25% impervious surface limit on Lot 1, Block 1 O Ryan Estates, Section 32 (Ida Township). Zoning Rural Residential.

Discussion of tabled business.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

6:12 P.M. Review and approval of minutes

6:15 P.M. Hearing on the application of Willow Storage Properties LLC for a conditional use permit to allow a self-storage rental business consisting of 75,000 sq ft of storage space on Lot 1, Block 1 O Ryan Estates, Section 32 (Ida Township). Zoning Rural Residential.

6:20 P.M. Hearing on the application of Stennes Excavating LLC for a conditional use permit to allow an excavation contractor shop, office, and outdoor storage yard on S2SW4 lying W of RR ex SE 6.01 Ac. Section 26 (Carlos Township). Zoning Rural Res-

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idential. 6:25 P.M. Hearing on the Preliminary Plat of Union Overlook Pt of N/ly 9.64 Ac of the SE4SE4 lying E of Lot 1, Blk 1 Marietta, Section 3 (LaGrand Township). Zoning RS(NES, Class A, Category 1) North Union Lake. Owner and Subdivider: Randy and Melissa Heinz.

Discussion of tabled business. These items are as of February 3, 2022 - subject to change.

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Public Hearing

Publish February 11, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alexandria Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Alexandria City Hall located at 704 Broadway to consider a proposed amendment to Section 10.20 of the City Code which would provide updated definitions, clarify permitting requirements, update the list of public waters regulated by the Code and set additional performance standards for them as appropriate. Background information will be provided and all those wishing to be heard on the matter will be accorded an opportunity to speak.

The public is invited to attend this hearing. Any questions or comments may be addressed to Michael J. Weber, Alexandria City Planner at 704 Broadway, Alexandria, MN, 56308, phone: 320-759-3626 or e-mail: mweber@alexandriamn.city.

Deb Parrott, Chairperson Alexandria Planning Commission Please note that the members of the Planning Commission may participate remotely via telephone or video. Members of the public also have the right to participate in the meeting by phone or other electronic means. To participate remotely via video, please use the following link:

Topic: Planning Commission Time: Feb 22, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87866908904?pwd=QnV3YlhmKjM3eWFM0e

hMYWJlcl1BuUT09 Meeting ID: 878 6690 8904 Passcode: 696436

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Roth Estate

Publish February 11, 18, 2022

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

IN DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Case No.: 21-PR-22-246

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of: Audrey Louvaine Roth, Deceased.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, 2022, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above-named Court at the Douglas County Court-house, Alexandria, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the above-named Decedent and for the appointment of Lona Roth Neubarth, whose address is 1178 Bridgeport Lane NW, Alexandria, MN 56308, as personal representative of the estate of the above-named Decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present

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the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or said claims will be barred. Dated: 2/7/22

/s/ Timothy M. Churchwell Judge of District Court By Rhonda Bot

Douglas County Court Administrator LEUTHNER & HUETHER, LTD. William J. Leuthner, #62467 Attorney for Petitioner 2304 South Broadway, Ste 2 Alexandria MN 56308 320.762.0259

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Ad for Bids

Publish February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 2022

Project: Alexandria Public Schools Discovery Middle School & Garfield Elementary School Cooling System Design

510 McKay Avenue N Alexandria, MN 56308 303 Sanstead Street E Garfield, MN 56332

Bids Close: February 22, 2022 - 2:00 pm local time Bid Location: Alexandria Public Schools, ISD #206 District Office 1410 South McKay Avenue, Suite 201 Alexandria, MN 56308

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: February 8, 2022 - 2:00 pm local time Discovery Middle School 510 McKay Avenue N Alexandria, MN 56308

Garfield Elementary School 303 Sanstead Street E Garfield, MN 56332

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - Contractor's sealed proposals for the cooling system designs at Discovery Middle School and Garfield Elementary School, a project including General Construction will be received by the owner, at the above-mentioned time and place in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by KFI Engineers and JLG Architects.

Bids will be received as follows: Combined bid including all work. Bids of Contractor's who did not attend mandatory pre-bid meeting will be returned unopened. Bids received after deadline will be returned unopened.

Bids will be opened publicly immediately after time of receiving bids. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked in the lower left-hand corner "Discovery Middle School & Garfield Elementary School" and with the name and address of the bidder and the date and hour of the opening and addressed to:

Alexandria Public Schools, ISD #206 Trevor Peterson, Business Director 1410 South McKay Avenue, Suite 201 Alexandria, MN 56308

Fax'd bids are not acceptable. Each bidder must accompany his proposal with a cashier's check, bid bond or certified check equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal payable to the owner as guarantee of prompt execution of the contract in accordance with the proposal and contract documents, and that he will furnish bond acceptable to the owner covering performance of the contract.

Copies of the plans, specifications and other contract documents are on file in the following offices and are available for public inspection: KFI Engineers; the Builders Exchanges of Alexandria, Minneapolis and Fargo-Moorhead.

Project documents will be available at http://www.questcdn.com. You may download the complete set of digital bidding documents, for \$25 by entering eBidDoc TM on the "Search Projects" page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in downloading and working with this digital project information.

Bids may not be withdrawn for thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any irregularities in bids.

Trevor Peterson, Business Director Alexandria School District #206 27766

Amendment

Assumed Name Publish February 9, 11, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT ASSUMED NAME

STATE OF MINNESOTA ASSUMED NAME: Remco

Industries PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 10425 Wildlife Loop SE, Osakis, MN 56360

NAMEHOLDER(S): SRA Group, LLC 10425 Wildlife Loop SE, Osakis, MN 56360

This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 4003583-2 Originally filed on: 9/30/2010

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Sealed Bids

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Douglas County, MN Notice to Contractors

County Projects CLOSING DATE March 9, 2022

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the Douglas County Auditor/Treasurer Office at the Douglas County Administration Building, 821 Cedar St, Alexandria, Minnesota, 56308, until 2:00 pm, March 9, 2022 for grading and aggregate base on SAP 021-613-010 (CSAH 13).

Major Items: Clearing 6.35 Acres Grubbing 6.55 Acres Remove Metal Culvert 1,304 Linear Feet

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Erosion Control Blanket, Category 20 1,618 Square Yards Hydraulic Mulch Matrix 4,375 Pounds

Plans, Proposals and Specifications may be examined and obtained at Douglas County Public Works located at 526 Willow Drive, P.O. Box 398, Alexandria, Minnesota, 56308. Requests for Plans, Proposals and Specifications must be accompanied by a Check, Draft or Money Order made payable to Douglas County. The price is \$50.00 per set which includes Sales Tax. Plans and Specifications are also available at no cost on Douglas County's web site: https://mncodouglas.app.rvision.com/

Bids must be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond or a Certified Check in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total bid made payable to Douglas County. Bids must be sealed and shall be clearly marked "SAP 021-613-010".

Douglas County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities thereof.

Dated at Alexandria, Minnesota, this 7th day of February 2022. Vicki L. Doehling County Auditor/Treasurer Douglas County, Minnesota 31431

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## 3M DEATH

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that it is working closely with the authorities as they conduct their investigation.

The Alexandria plant closed on Tuesday and reopened Wednesday.

3M Alexandria manufactures abrasives, adhesives and is involved in “microreplication,” or creating tiny, precisely shaped structures, according to the company’s website.

3M opened its Alexandria abrasives plant in 1967 and moved to its present location at 2115 Broadway the following year. It celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017 and continues to grow as one of the area’s largest industries and employers.



Echo Press file photo

The 3M plant in Alexandria is located at 2115 Broadway St.

## BIZARRE

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said Lewis. “Every time I went there, I collected new stories. And like a lot of businesses, restaurants had a good turnover rate. So you’re always bringing fresh meat in if you will, but the woman in the dress was by far the most common report I received at Broadway. I love the building. It’s a shame that it was torn down.”

Lewis jokingly blames his home state of Wisconsin for his interest in the weird and unusual. He said the state has three different towns that claim to be the UFO capital of the world. One of them is Elmwood near his hometown of Eau Claire. He began interviewing residents of Elmwood who claimed UFO sightings.

By the time he began studying psychology in college, he became fascinated with why some people believe in the paranormal and others don’t.

“I ended up doing my master’s thesis on students’ belief in the paranormal, and it just kind of spiraled from there.”

According to a release received by the library, Lewis has investigated



Photo illustration by Lowell Anderson

In 2017, paranormal investigator Adrian Lee paid a visit to Alexandria’s Bello Cucina, which was once known as Old Broadway, and conducted an investigation, where he says at least 10 spirits were present.

vampires in Transylvania, searched for the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland and wandered through remote parts of Belize for a gnome-like creature known as Tata Duende, along with many other expeditions.

“I’ve traveled the globe in search of these oddities, strange history, and unique and interesting stories,” said Lewis.

“But what I discovered on my travels is that sometimes the weirdest things happen right in

your own backyard.” Lewis opened his presentation by thanking the library and welcoming the guests “brave enough” to attend. His lecture taught attendees about strange deaths, ghost sightings, mysterious creatures, medical anomalies, psychic phenomena, oddities and peculiar people of Minnesota.

During his lecture, he brought up tales of a woman who went insane from too much coffee,

the Winona vampire, a girl with hypertrichosis — excessive hair growth — who joined a “freak show,” and UFO sightings near Duluth.

Lewis also mentioned sightings across Minnesota of a gigantic “devil moose” and the cannibalistic windigo creature, along with a story about a cursed doll in Janesville and the ghosts of Palmer House Hotel in Sauk Centre.

He even touched briefly on the Kensington Rune-

stone, followed by the legend of Paul Bunyan and other peculiar and paranormal anecdotes.

“Every state has its legends,” said Lewis. “I think there’s something in the Midwest... Something about that Midwest nice, where people are not only afraid of what their neighbors might think, so they tell stories.”

Lewis ended the program by talking about the state of the world today, the craziness that goes with it, and how the present reflects the past.

“If you watch your cable news, open up your newspaper, listen to NPR, or God forbid, consult the internet, you’ll probably say something similar to this, ‘The world has gone crazy,’” he said. “But the world was crazy 100 years ago, and it will probably be crazy 100 years from now. They will probably look back at us and wonder what the heck we were doing. So that’s what I hope you take from the program.”

The presentation was sponsored by the Douglas County Library and Viking Library System and funded by Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

“Chad has been around in libraries for quite a while. And people just



Dailey

love him,” said Dawn Dailey, Douglas County Library director.

According to Dailey, Lewis has presented at the library at least four or five times.

The library received much positive feedback from the participants. Most said Lewis was engaging and entertaining, and they enjoyed the unique topics while thanking the library for making these presentations available on Zoom.

“We’ve moved to a different time, where Zoom is important. We want everybody involved, and we’ll do our best to keep promoting and to continue with Zoom presentations,” said Dailey.

The presentation can be viewed for a limited time by following a link on the library’s Facebook page.

“I hope your adventure doesn’t end with the program,” Lewis said. “Go to my website, grab one of my books, go on your own adventure in Minnesota. And when you do, I think you’ll discover you live in one heck of a weird state.”

Email reporter Thalen Zimmerman at [tzimmermn@echopress.com](mailto:tzimmermn@echopress.com)



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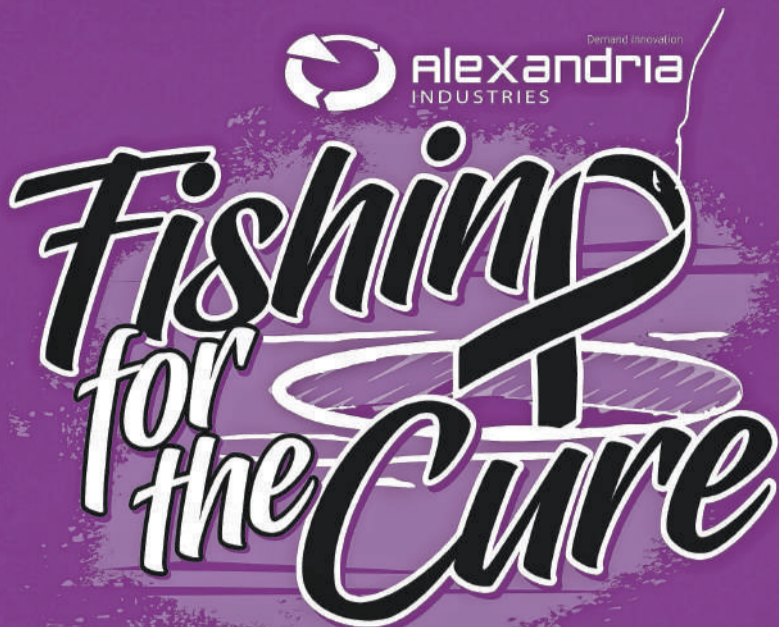
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**FISHING**

From Page 1

sponsors and volunteers who help to make the event possible.

"We want to give a huge thank you from the event committee," she said. "We have 103 sponsors and are adding more nearly every day. And we have approximately 80 people who volunteer to support and work the event."

Prizes will be awarded for the top 100 fish by largest weight and time registered in two categories:

- ▶ Top 50 for large fish – walleye and northern.

- ▶ Top 50 in small fish – crappie, sunfish and perch.

In the event of a tie, the first fish registered will take priority.

Special prizes will be given to all kids 12 and under who are entered in the tournament.

The tournament does allow fish house shelters and participants can fish anywhere on Smith Lake. Participants also must adhere to all Minnesota Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations.

There will also be a raffle drawing, but raffle ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Alexandria Industries, Elden's Fresh Foods, Christopherson Bait, Paul's Small Engine and the Osakis General Store.

Prizes include the following:

- ▶ Ice Castle 2021 8x16 Mille Lacs LT Fish House.
- ▶ 2021 Can Am 450 EFI 4 Wheeler.
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- ▶ Honda EU2200i Generator.
- ▶ Polaris Generator.
- ▶ Strikemaster Lithium 24V 8" Ice Auger.
- ▶ 70" 4K UHD LED Roku Smart TV.
- ▶ Big Buddy Heater.

All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

Tickets for the Fishing for the Cure Ice Fishing Tournament can be purchased in advance at Alexandria Industries, Elden's Fresh Foods, Christopherson Bait, Paul's Small Engine, Osakis General Store or online at fishingfortheure.net. Tickets will also be available on Smith Lake the day of the event.

Email reporter Celeste Edenloff at [cedenloff@echopress.com](mailto:cedenloff@echopress.com).

# MDA offers mini-grant for produce growers

ST. PAUL — Minnesota produce farmers may be eligible for reimbursement of expenses that improve on-farm food safety systems, including water testing for generic E. coli and other on-farm food safety improvements, via a mini-grant program from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

The Produce Safety Mini-Grant will distribute a total of approximately \$18,400, with awardees receiving up to \$800 per farm. No matching funds are

required.

To be eligible, applicants must be a Minnesota produce farmer that sells one or more of the following crops: leafy greens, apples, berries, cucumbers, green beans, melons, microgreens, mushrooms, onions, peppers, sprouts, summer squash/zucchini and tomatoes.

Growers may be reimbursed for past expenses that occurred between Sept. 30, 2020 and March 12, 2022, and future expenses taking place between March 13-Aug.

31, 2022.

Examples of eligible expenses include:

- ▶ Supplies to build or purchase a portable handwashing station
- ▶ Harvest totes
- ▶ Water testing for generic coli
- ▶ Consultation fees for developing an on-farm food safety plan

Additional information and the application are available on the MDA website at [www.mda.state.mn.us/minigrant](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/minigrant). Applications will be accepted through March 12 at 11:59 p.m.

# Todd County Garden Day early registration by Feb. 28

TODD COUNTY — The Todd County Master Gardeners in conjunction with the Sauk River Watershed will present the Todd County Garden Day on Saturday, March 26, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 401 Fourth St. South, Long Prairie, MN 56437.

Keynote speaker is John Ball, professor at South Dakota State University Extension forestry specialist and South Dakota Department of Agriculture forest health specialist. Ball will be presenting on Diversifying Our Landscapes. We have our favorites, but we need to diversify our landscapes.

Then you will have the choice to attend four sessions on Jumping Worms, Native Plants for Shade and Woodlands, Designing Wonderful Containers, Peony — An Old-Fashioned Favorite, Succulent Garden-

ing, Growing Apples in Zone 3, Introduction to Rock Gardening, Vegetable Gardening 101, Soil: Starting from the Ground Up, Getting Kids Interested in Gardening, Northern Accent Roses, Native Plants for Sun and Sand, Starting Seeds, The Cutting Garden and Language of Flowers, Minnesota Prairie Plants for the Rock Garden, Enjoy the Beauty of Your Garden Inside, Outwitting Peter Rabbit and Bambi and Continuous Color in the Garden.

Bring a water sample for the water nitrates test by the Sauk River Watershed.

Early bird registration by Feb. 28 is \$30. After March 1 the registration will be \$35 per person.

Registration includes morning refreshments, lunch and sessions along with door prizes. Registration is limited.

Mail your registration with payment to Todd County Garden Day, Todd County Extension Historic Courthouse, 215 First Avenue S. Suite 101, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Any questions, email [toddctymg@gmail.com](mailto:toddctymg@gmail.com).



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Phil Simms  
N.Y. Giants  
Super Bowl XXI

**PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**

**6**

Steve Young  
S.F. 49ers  
Super Bowl XXIX

**RECEIVING YARDS**

**215**

Jerry Rice  
S.F. 49ers  
Super Bowl XXIII

**RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS**

**3**

Jerry Rice  
S.F. 49ers  
Super Bowl XXIX  
Super Bowl XXIV

**RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS**

**3**

Terrell Davis  
Denver Broncos  
Super Bowl XXXII

**RUSHING YARDS**

**204**

Timmy Smith  
Wash. Redskins  
Super Bowl XXII

**INTERCEPTIONS**

**3**

Rod Martin  
Oakland Raiders  
Super Bowl XV

**SACKS**

**4**

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Pitt. Steelers  
Super Bowl X

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**MOST SUPER BOWL WINS**  
*(and appearances)*

- Pittsburgh Steelers, **6 (8)**
- New England Patriots, **6 (11)**
- San Francisco 49ers, **5 (7)**
- Dallas Cowboys, **5 (8)**
- Green Bay Packers, **4 (5)**
- New York Giants, **4 (5)**
- Oakland Raiders, **3 (5)**
- Washington Redskins, **3 (5)**
- Denver Broncos, **3 (8)**
- Baltimore Ravens, **2 (2)**
- Indianapolis Colts, **2 (4)**
- Miami Dolphins, **2 (5)**
- Kansas City Chiefs, **2 (4)**
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers, **2 (2)**
- New Orleans Saints, **1 (1)**
- New York Jets, **1 (1)**
- Chicago Bears, **1 (2)**
- Los Angeles Rams, **1 (4)**
- Seattle Seahawks, **1 (3)**
- Philadelphia Eagles, **1 (3)**

**MOST APPEARANCES WITHOUT A VICTORY**

- 4**
- Buffalo Bills
- Atlanta Falcons, **2**
- Carolina Panthers, **2**
- Cincinnati Bengals, **2**
- Arizona Cardinals, **1**
- Tennessee Titans, **1**
- Los Angeles Chargers, **1**

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