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# Haven Homes earns 'distinctive' industry award

BY TODD ABELN  
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Haven Homes Senior Health and Living campus in Maple Plain was honored with an award for Distinctive Properties in Minnesota in the Senior Living category by the NAIOP Minnesota Chapter.

Each year, the NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association of Minnesota, Awards of Excellence recognizes exceptional commercial buildings after an evaluation of project development, sustainability, architecture, design and other factors. Projects are re-

viewed by a panel of judges who tour each project in a given category and rate them on site development, architectural integrity, interior design, integration into the community, market feasibility, unique challenges and LEED certification or sustainable attributes.

Haven Homes Senior Health and Living campus is owned by Cassia and was built with the following partners: General Contractor - Anderson Companies; Architect and Interior Designer - Pope Architects; Furniture - Banko Design; Structural - Sandman Structural

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In 2018, Augustana Care and Elim Care joined together to form Cassia, which developed the new Haven Homes community in Maple Plain. The building replaced a care center that opened in 1966.

Construction occurred during the heart of the pandemic in 2020.

Maple Plain's agricultural roots are plainly visible in the Haven Homes

design, which features a modern farmhouse aesthetic. The community has bright white walls contrasted with dark window frames, dark lighting fixtures, and spots of bright colors.

Haven Homes Senior Health and Living now offers a community that has been designed to anticipate the needs of older adults with a range of living options, including independent and assisted living, adult day services, memory care, skilled care, and rehabilitation. Additionally, the location connects easily with nature, local stores and transportation.

"The design of Haven Homes was heavily influenced by its context and community roots, and Cassia's desire to create a home that is comfortable, uplifting and promotes quality of life for residents. NAIOP celebrates the true value of collaboration and teamwork, as we worked together to shape and fulfill the vision for Haven Homes," says Pope Architects' Christine Soma, AIA.

Maple Plain mayor Julie Maas-Kusske commented "People need a community that meets their needs for care—including rehabilitation and memory care."

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# Why redrawing districts is so difficult

In 1970, Minnesota voters determined that the next state Senate should be comprised of 33 Conservatives, 33 Liberals (the Legislature then being non-partisan) and one Independent.

The Independent was Dick Palmer, who lived in suburban Proctor. At that time, he owned the Duluth Budgeteer, and we became friends when he was still writing columns for the paper when I worked there. Palmer was a surprising victor in a blue-collar, pro-union district, the bulk of which was the western half of Duluth.

As he told it, after his election, he was besieged with incentives from Liberals and Conservatives to give one party Senate control. He finally opted for the Conservatives.

The once-a-decade national census was also taken in 1970, thus requiring the redistricting of political boundaries for the 1972 election. Not forgetting Palmer's initial decision, federal Judge Gerald Heaney, who had strong DFL ties, redrew Palmer's Proctor home into a district that ran to the Canadian border. Palmer chose not to run again.

Stories like that give redistricting a bad name. Such moves are called "gerrymandering" when districts are drawn to benefit one party or the other. However, the truth is that redistricting is much more complex than partisan gamesmanship. Every incumbent is at its mercy, and if they live within five or six miles of their district's border, they are in danger of being drawn into a new district with which they have little



TOM  
WEST

GUEST COLUMN

familiarity or, worse, being paired with another incumbent, often of their own party.

Voters are a mobile bunch. Over the past century, Minnesota has gone from being primarily rural to being primarily an urban, industrial society. The results of the latest census show that trend continuing.

In 2020, the census found that 36 Greater Minnesota counties lost population. More importantly, the state added 402,569 people since 2010. That means that the average size of a state Senate district, for example, will grow by 6,008 people. Seventy of the state's 87 counties did not grow enough to maintain their share of representation in the Senate, meaning they will become part of geographically larger districts.

Here's an example of what those attempting to redistrict face this year: Senate District 1 is in the northwest corner of the state. It is currently comprised of six complete counties (Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau). Collectively, those six counties lost 1,542 people. With each Senate district growing by 6,008 people, District 1 needs to add 7,550 people from the adjoining District 2 or District 4. Even if it added all of Norman County

(county seat: Ada) directly to the south, that would be only 6,441 people, leaving it still short 1,109 bodies. Those would be gained by adding some townships from neighboring counties now in District 2.

Regardless, if Norman County, now in Senate District 4, moves into District 1, that leaves District 4 short. The result is a cascading effect across the state as District 4 pushes south or east.

The state Legislature as well as a panel of judges have been holding hearings in which citizens have come forward to voice their concerns with the process. Most of those citizens have called for protecting "communities of interest."

A county is one such community of interest. So are cities, townships, school districts, racial minorities, rural, suburban and urban interests, etc. Racial make-up is a big concern in some areas. At one time, in the southern U.S., whites drew the boundaries to split up the Blacks and keep all-white representation in Congress and the various legislatures. The courts stopped that practice, thus creating so-called "Black" districts. No good deed goes unpunished, and that type of redistricting ensures that some representatives will be minorities, but that they will more likely remain in the minority.

Much has been made about how the Legislature almost always "fails" to come up with a redistricting plan. Here in Minnesota, the last time the Legislature successfully redistricted itself was in 1991. However, the circumstances

were extenuating. The Legislature was controlled by the DFL, and it passed its dream DFL plan, fully expecting Republican Gov. Arne Carlson to veto it. However, Carlson was late returning his veto, and the DFL dream became law.

Usually, Minnesota redistricting ends up being handled by judges. When the ECM/Adams Publishing Group Editorial Board met with legislative leaders last spring, GOP leaders expected it would end up in the courts again while DFL leaders continued to express optimism legislators could get it done.

Some states (but not Minnesota) use a redistricting commission of non-legislators in which three Democrats and three Republicans are appointed by the Legislature, and then those six select a seventh commission member. While giving the appearance of bipartisanship, the reality is that the fate of the state's entire legislature and U.S. House delegation is in the hands of one person. Given the population shifts, that person is bound to upset many politicians' careers. Even the six people who chose the seventh become targets of their unhappiness.

At this point, the only thing that is certain is that the seven-county Twin Cities metro area will gain one or two state senators and two or four House members. Metro districts will become slightly more compact and out-state districts will expand.

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**FRIDAY, OCT 22**

2200 block Nelson Rd, Independence. Female had severe pain throughout her legs, back and arms for some time now. North Memorial EMS arrived and transported her to the hospital.

CR 90/Cr 6, Independence. Caller reported a domestic on the side of the road of a male and female shouting at one another. Officers responded and checked area, vehicle and/or persons were gone.

9:52 p.m. 6400 block Hwy 12, Independence. Officer observed a vehicle parked off to the side of the road. Contact with the passenger who said her husband was on his way back with another vehicle, they had run out of gas.

10:28 p.m. 2900 block Lindgren Lane, Independence. Female reported her heart was racing and could not get it to slow down after doing beathing exercises. North Memorial EMS arrived, took over patient care.

**SATURDAY, OCT 23**

5400 block Lake Sarah Heights Dr,

Independence. Male became lightheaded, had fallen to the ground was assisted by officers and North Memorial EMS. Male was transported to the hospital.

**SUNDAY, OCT 24**

5:19 a.m. Hwy 12/ County Line, Independence. Officer dispatched for two black Dodge Durango's racing eastbound on Hwy 12 from the Wright County line, caller was not following. Officer was close by, checked the area and did not see anyone drive by.

7300 block Lake Sarah Dr., Independence. During the night, someone struck residents mailbox and post, completely destroying them. A red automobile part was in the roadway and red paint transfer on the post. Automobile part taken as evidence. Neighbor east of 7300 block reported his garbage can was tipped over at 11 p.m. and the vehicle sped away. Vehicle had a distinct loud exhaust. Possible suspect vehicle a car, with a 'custom' exhaust and damage to the drivers' front side.

5:42 p.m. 7000 block Hwy 12,

Independence. Officer contact with the driver of the SUV in the ditch: 22-year-old male driver from Howard Lake struck a delineator, overcorrected, lost control, and went into the ditch. Driver was cited for Failure to Drive with Due Care, Driving after Revocation, No Insurance, and Displaying Cancelled Plates. Vehicle was towed from the ditch.

**MONDAY, OCT 25**

1800 block Budd Street N, Independence. Resident received a call from a male who was crying, stated he was her grandson, he was in an accident in another state, and was held for DUI. Male needed \$9,500.00. Resident checked status of her grandson who was in MN and at work. She knew it was a scam and did not send any money and blocked the phone number.

**TUESDAY, OCT 26**

2:00 a.m. 1400 block Halgren Rd, Maple Plain. Officers on routine patrol in Maple Plain and Independence have found several

garages and shed doors open, unlocked vehicles with keys and personal property inside. A reminder to close and lock up your property. Do not make it easy for a thief / theft.

3600 block Ihduhapi Trl., Independence. Dispatched for a 38 yoa male client who was making threats, was upset because he wanted his parents and daughter in his life. Officer was able to calm the male. North Ambulance EMS arrived, took over client care who voluntarily agreed to go the hospital.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 27**

2:51 a.m. 5300 block Pioneer Creek Dr, Maple Plain. Reported renters had a large amount of personal property stacked in one of the rental storage alleys. Renters were building a loft in their unit to accommodate their property.

5:21 p.m. Hwy 12/ Budd, Maple Plain. Callers reported a male was passed out in the driver's seat. Officer contact with the male driver, 34 of Maple Plain, a strong odor of alcohol was detected coming from driv-

ers' breath. Driver provided a breath sample which resulted in .19 breath alcohol concentration. Driver was arrested and transported to Henn Co Jail, charged with 3rd Degree DWI, and Driving Under Influence of Alcohol.

**FRIDAY, OCT 29**

200 block CR 92, Independence. Resident returned home from work, and someone had driven on his yard damaging it.

**SATURDAY, OCT 30**

3000 block CR 90, Independence. Female feeling ill was transported to the hospital.

**SUNDAY, OCT 31**

Becker Rd/ Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. Reported 5 cows were in the roadway, Becker Rd. Officer arrival the cows were gone. Animal owner was contacted and advised of the complaint.

75 contacts of citations, verbal and written warnings were issued for traffic and equipment violations.  
1 citation wireless communications

**MINNETRISTA/ST. BONI POLICE REPORT**

**SUNDAY, OCT. 31**

An officer provided lights as a motorist had his tire changed on County Road 92.

Juveniles were reportedly creeping up a driveway along Maple Forest. No crime had been committed.

A St Boni businessman could see prowlers in the lot of his closed business by looking at his camera remotely. Officers met with the 3 teens who said they were just looking around. No crime was committed.

**MONDAY, NOV. 1**

A 911 hang-up call on Dutch Lake Court was found to be due to a child playing with the phone.

A Porsche Panamera valued at \$205,000 and a BMW 840XI were stolen overnight from Sunnybrook Lane. The Porsche was located and recovered in Minneapolis.

An Acura RDX, valued at \$15,000,

was reported stolen from the garage on Gander Lane. Credit cards that were in the vehicle were used to make purchases in Brooklyn Center.

A garage door opener and a wallet were stolen from a vehicle in the driveway on Sunnybrook Lane.

A garage door opener was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 5800 block of Sunnybrook Lane. Suspicious activity was reported on Dutch Lake Court.

A resident suspects someone intentionally damaged his vehicle windshield while it was parked on Tower Street.

Suspicious activity was reported on Farmhill Drive.

Suspicious activity was reported on Maplecrest Drive.

A garage door opener was stolen from a vehicle parked outside overnight on Gander Lane.

A wallet valued at \$20 was stolen from a vehicle in a driveway on

Sunnybrook Lane. A debit card that was in the wallet was used in Brooklyn Center.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 2**

Officers responded to a medical call on Ingerson Road.

Suspicious activity was reported on Hunters Court.

The BMW reported stolen November 1 was recovered in Minneapolis.

Officers responded to a medical call on Sunnybrook Circle.

After a driving complaint was received, officers located the vehicle parked in St Bonifacius and talked with the driver who denied any wrongdoing.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3**

An abandoned vehicle was towed from Shirley Logelin Memorial Park.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 4**

A Cardinal Cove Drive resident

reported that he was scammed out of \$1,000.

A Margaret Circle resident reported being the victim of a scam.

A parking complaint was received on Hunters Trail. The trailer was legally parked but a warning was issued for the winter parking ordinance.

A County Road 44 resident reported he was a victim of numerous scams in the past week.

A confused and lost motorist was reported to officers, who then located the vehicle and provided directions.

Officers responded to a medical on Pheasant Lane.

Officers responded to a 911 hang-up on Woodland Curve. It was found to be a misdial.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 5**

Numerous vehicles throughout St. Bonifacius were issued written warnings for violating the winter parking ordinance.

A St. Bonifacius motorist struck a deer on Highway 7 near Kings Point Road, causing minor damage to his vehicle.

Officers responded to a medical on Game Farm Road.

A report was received of an encampment on Watershed District property. Officers responded and did fine a tent, but it was unoccupied.

A complaint of fireworks was reported just before 11pm in the 9000 block of Highway 7.

A St Boni resident reported being scammed out of about \$300,000 in the last year by someone she met on E-Harmony.

Officers responded to a medical at a business along Highway 7.

A person was advised they could not fish under the Zimmerman's Pass Bridge.

A loud party was reported on Ox Yoke Circle. Officers responded and talked with the home owner.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**NOV. 13-14**

**AGAPE GIFT MARKET** - Trinity Lutheran Church in Long Lake and Shop With Heart will be hosting a gift market where they will be selling Artisan Hand-Crafted Items, Unique Vendors, Spirit Ware, Bargain Room, Holiday Décor, Patio Pots, Soup/Dip Mixes, AGAPE Bakery-Member-Made with Love (Lefse, Holiday Cookies and Breads), Raffle Drawings and more. Masks will be required indoors. Proceeds support Disaster Relief, Local and Global Missions. For

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**NOV. 14**

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**NOV. 14**

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as filmmaker Timothy Mahoney reveals two decades of documentary research, including whether divers found the remains of Pharaoh's army on the seafloor. Part 1 - shown Sunday, Oct. 10. Part 2 - shown Sunday, Nov. 14. Both showings at 6 p.m. at Calvary Memorial Church, 2420 Dunwoody Ave., Narvarre.

**NOV. 15**

**INTRO TO SQUARE DANCING** - Live lively and learn a few square dance calls at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 15 at

The Gillespie Center, 2590 Commerce Blvd., Mound. No previous experience required. Everyone's welcome: solos, couples, and families. No charge. Partners provided. Casual attire. 612-759-9235 or [Westonkawhirlers.com](http://Westonkawhirlers.com)

**NOV. 17**

**CLASSIC COUNTRY JAM** - The Classic Country Jam is back at Gillespie Center in Mound on Wednesday, Nov.17! Enjoy a delicious lunch and live music from 12-2 p.m. Cost is \$7. Sign up by Oct. 18.



# Santa Claus is coming to Mound

BY ELIZABETH HUSTAD  
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Santa and Mrs. Claus get into Mound late on Nov. 20! Thanks to Westonka Community & Commerce, the two were able to catch a reindeer flight out of the North Pole and are expected to arrive at Mound Fire Station just before 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20.

Charmed last year by Westonka Whoville, Santa and Mrs. Claus are once again touring through Mound, Minnetrista, Spring Park and Orono in a decorated fire engine and with a police escort.

Their two-hour tour will end at Veterans Memorial Plaza in the Mound Harbor District, where the young spruce tree will be lit for the season in what has been an annual tradition.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will not be stopping anywhere along the route, but you can check the list (check it twice) of locations they'll be driving through so you won't miss them in your neighborhood. No individual photos with Santa will be offered this year.

The tree lighting at Veterans Memorial Plaza will be an open event with cookies, hot cocoa and carolers. Santa and Mrs. Claus expect to arrive around 6:15 p.m. with the tree lighting taking place at 6:30.

Talking with Santa, Westonka Community & Commerce also got this advice for ensuring a fun time:

Dress for the weather...if Santa says Minnesota is cold, it's probably cold.

Practice social distancing...this will help ensure that you and Santa stay healthy and that toys, not coal, end up in your stocking.

Shop local this season...Santa has seen all the goodies Westonka has to offer and told WCC that you guys can out-gift his own elves.



Westonka Community & Commerce arranged for Santa and Mrs. Claus to come back for a tour of the area's neighborhoods on Nov. 20. (Laker Pioneer archives)

## SEE THE JOLLY ELF

Here's the schedule for Nov. 20 (also available, with map, at westonkacc.com):

4:45 Depart Mound Fire Station, heading south  
4:48 Arrive Surfside Park & Beach  
4:50 Arrive Highland Park  
4:54 Arrive Bluffs & S. Saunders  
5:00 Arrive N. Saunders neighborhood  
5:05 Arrive Alwin Park neighborhood  
5:08 Arrive Philbrook Park neighborhood  
5:12 Arrive Grandview Blvd. neighborhood  
5:15 Arrive Bethel Church neighborhood  
5:22 Arrive Three Points Park neighborhood

5:30 Arrive Sunnybrook neighborhood  
5:35 Arrive Painters Creek & Orchard Cove  
5:40 Arrive Red Oak neighborhood  
5:43 Arrive Fairview Church neighborhood  
5:49 Arrive Lord Fletchers neighborhood  
5:55 Arrive Doone Park neighborhood  
5:57 Arrive Swenson Park neighborhood  
6:00 Arrive Wychwood Beach neighborhood  
6:05 Arrive Avon Park neighborhood  
6:10 Arrive Shirley Hills neighborhood  
6:15 Arrive at Veterans Memorial Plaza (Mound Harbor District, next to the parking ramp)  
6:30 Tree Lighting

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# Detours coming to Co. Rd. 92 due to ongoing project

BY TODD ABELN

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Starting Monday, Nov. 8, the County Road 92 north leg and Valley Road connections at Highway 12 will be closed for the County Road 92 safety improvements project.

The north leg closure will remain in place until crews complete major construction activities in late 2022. The Valley Road connection will permanently close as planned.

During the closure, all local and through traffic on County Road 92 will need to use the detour taking: Highway 12-County Road 90-County Road 11.

Using the signed detour will keep drivers from expe-

riencing additional delays and it will help local streets stay safe for the individuals and families who live and play in the area. People walking, biking and rolling will need to use the detour route or other alternative routes outside of the construction zones.

Highway 12 and the south leg of the County Road 92 intersection will remain open.

People driving on Highway 12 can expect some lane shifts and narrowed lanes through the construction area, as there will be a lot of work happening along the shoulders and near the road.

There will also be times when we will be working overnight and have large vehicles on Highway 12 and County Road 92 bringing in materials and equipment on-site.

For your safety and the safety of our crews, please exercise caution and slow down as you travel through the area.

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The County Road 92/Hwy 12 detour route during the second construction stage. (MNDOT graphic)

## Obituaries

### Lily Marie Hardina

Lily Marie Hardina (Lilledahl), age 68, Mound, MN, passed away at her home on October 25, 2021.

Lily was born on December 5, 1952 to Ray and Carolyn Lilledahl at the Swedish hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

She met the love of her life, Damon Hardina around 1973 after his service in the Navy. Her brother, Mark, introduced them. He was the love of her life. She never liked being away from him. They were married at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on October 6, 1979. They shared a wonderful life together building many great memories.

She started a career as a hairstylist but soon decided that her heart was in working with the elderly. She became an LPN and worked in rest homes, loving her patients and spending many moments crying over those she lost. She had a true heart as well in her day to day life.

Lily loved sending cards and letters. She wrote a friend in California every day. Lily's words meant so much to so many. She loved writing poems to encourage others. She loved many more things about life. Lily loved music, especially going to concerts with Damon.

Lily loved collecting blue and white oriental ware, surrounding her home with many beautiful pieces. You could find the home decorated with lots of silk flower arrangements along with a fabulous array of dolls beautifully dressed. She loved giving gifts, many places she went, she was usually toting home specially chosen something.

Lily especially loved attending the Gillespie Center. She loved exercise and yoga class at the center and had many friends there. This was one of her highlights of the day.

One of Lily's favorite things to do was to lay in the sun and she always wanted to make sure she had a good tan. She was a true sunbird which required keeping her girlish figure and she worked hard at keeping it.

Lily always looked radiant with her stylish wardrobe of perfectly chosen outfits and glamorous jewelry to match.

She was a true sweet spirit as well as a free spirit who will be eternally missed. Our hearts are broken. Lily is now free of her many health difficulties that made it difficult at times to get through the day. Lily will now enjoy those great eternal times now with the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Lily is preceded in death by her father, Ray; mother, Carolyn and brothers, Shon, Ray and Dan.

She is survived by her husband, Damon; her brother, Mark and his wife, Rita; her sister, Sue and her husband, Tom; sister-in-law, Sandy Johnson and husband, Harold; and brother-in-law, Steve Hardina. She had many nieces and nephews she left behind that she loved so deeply as well as many valued friends.

Rest sweetly now, Lily, in the arms of Jesus. Heaven is your reward!



### Grant P. Kusske

Grant Paul Kusske, age 55, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, passed away surrounded by family, November 4, 2021, due to complications from ALS.

Grant was born November 25, 1965 in Watertown, MN. He grew up in Long Lake, MN and graduated from Orono Senior High School in 1984. Grant will be missed by so many people that loved and respected him.

Up until his ALS diagnosis on August 8, 2019, Grant was an Auto Body Technician and Mechanic for most of his adult life. He worked at Straight-Line Auto Body in Hamel for 25 years, and then started his own business doing work from home for Crow River Harley Davidson in Delano, MN, Hamel Power in Hamel, MN, and Bob's Repair in Mayer, MN. Grant served for the Mayer Fire Department as a firefighter and EMT for nine years. He enjoyed snowmobiling and his trips to the mountains, NASCAR, drag racing, truck pulls; anything that had to do with cars and trucks.

Grant was preceded in death by his mother and father Pam and Harold Kusske, his brother Bryce Glenn, and his grandparents Harold and Millie Kusske and Glenn and Vivian Carlson.

Grant is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Roxanne; his daughter Brittani, son-in-law Shaun, and his three beautiful grandchildren Harley, Finn and Owyn. They will miss their "Grampy" so much, as they were a big part of his life before ALS; whether it be listening to music, wrestling on the floor, playing computer games, or just cuddling in his chair. Grant is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law Tammy and Danny Hebeisen; brother and sister-in-law Bart Kusske and Julie Maas-Kusske; Hall brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Tom and Judy, Steve and Vickie, Greg and Annette, and Dan; nieces Amber, Megan, Jessica and Jennifer; nephews Andy, Tyler, Jake, Matthew, Adam, Jacob, Jordan and Andrew; as well as 10 great nieces and nephews, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of life open house will be held at the Mayer Community Center on Saturday, November 27th, from 1:00 to 4:00pm with a short program at 3pm.

Grant's family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at Ridgeview Hospice and Homecare for their care and compassion. As well as a loving thank you to family and friends for everything you've done for us during Grant's struggle with ALS; you know who you are (too many to list).

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the family.

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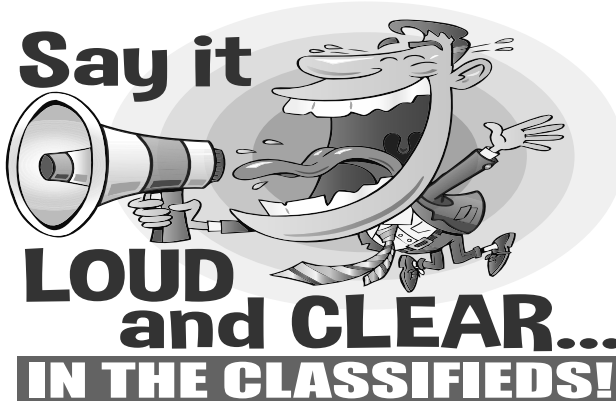
## Orono tree lighting slated for December

Mark your calendars for the Annual Tree Lighting Event at Orono Public Golf Course on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. Grab the family and head over to roast marshmallows with Santa, sip on cider and hot cocoa, and watch the winter fireworks show with your neighbors. This year the Orono Lions will be serving up hotdogs and brats, and the fire department will be bringing Santa over in style on the Long Lake Fire Department Fire Engine.



## SUPPORTING HISTORY

A recent fundraiser at Scotty B's in Mound contributed \$500 to the Westonka Historical Society. "He's always good about supporting community events, school events and the historical society," said WHS board member Nancy Oestreich, pictured here with Scotty Bjorlin. (Elizabeth Hustad/Laker Pioneer)





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This cat and others are available at Cat Tales Rescue. Cats have been vet checked, spayed/neutered, wormed, tested for FIV/FelV, have distemper and rabies shots. Most adoption fees start at \$150 for adults and \$175 for kittens. For further information or to start the adoption process, leave a message at 612 202-9492 or email [cattatalesmn@outlook.com](mailto:cattatalesmn@outlook.com)



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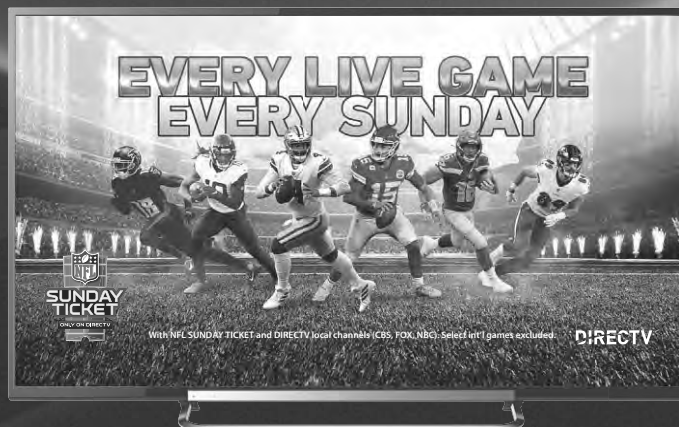
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# Vaccine clinic slated in Orono

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If you have kids in the Orono School District and are looking to get the COVID-19 vaccination, Community Care Clinics is hosting a vaccination clinic on Saturday.

The clinic will run from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Orono Activities Center. A second clinic will be on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. to provide the second dose. These are walk-in clinics, but if you want to express an interest in the clinics please fill out the Google doc form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL-Se84zg\\_ot3ggkcx-Bwy1Ht3tMV6ztsktk0n-0R1BQXcVv2nBB\\_A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL-Se84zg_ot3ggkcx-Bwy1Ht3tMV6ztsktk0n-0R1BQXcVv2nBB_A/viewform).

There will be two different groups because of the different doses recommended for kids 5 to 11 and 12 and older. No boosters will be given.

This program is not run by Orono Public Schools. Neither the school nor the district endorse this activity, but they have provided equal access to sharing the information as required by federal law, according to the district.

The host is Community Care Clinics and volunteer medical and non-medical

staff and the vaccines will be administered by health care providers who have received additional training on administering the COVID-19 vaccine to kids.

People getting vaccinated will also wait afterwards for 15-30 minutes under the observation of health care providers.

No individual will be vaccinated without a signed consent form - a parent/guardian must sign the form for anyone under the age of 18. A parent/guardian must accompany students aged age 5-11 with a signed consent form. Anyone 12+ must have a signed consent form but does not need to have a parent/guardian present (as was the case in the spring clinics). If you wish to send your child with someone other than a parent, please contact us in advance. The consent form can be found here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VxWOin2Z-pa5R-QQe6kN-KCGK-KuaMUysk/view>

This clinic is open to Orono school district families only. If you live in district and have a child who is home-schooled or attends a private school, you may bring them as well.

Contact changemakersinmedicine@gmail.com with any questions.

## Woman receives life for role in killing realtor

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A former probation officer was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison for her role in the kidnapping and killing of a Minneapolis real estate agent.

A Hennepin County jury in September found Elsa Segura, 29, of Fridley, guilty of aiding and abetting premeditated first-degree murder in the New Year's Eve 2019 killing of Monique Baugh. The sentence does not allow for the possibility of parole.

Prosecutors say Segura lured Baugh to a phony home showing in the Minneapolis suburb of Maple Grove. Baugh

was found shot to death in a Minneapolis alley.

Investigators say two men convicted in the case were part of a scheme aimed at getting to Baugh's boyfriend, who had a feud with a former business associate and drug dealer. Baugh's boyfriend was shot and wounded during an altercation after Baugh was kidnapped.

Two other co-defendants in the case, Cedric Berry and Berry Davis, were previously sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole in the kidnapping and murder of Baugh.

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## INDEPENDENCE HONORS LONGTIME MAYOR

The city of Independence held a ribbon cutting ceremony at its city hall's open house on Wednesday, Oct. 27 for the new Marvin Johnson Community Room. Pictured from left - council member Brad Spencer, council member Lynn Betts, mayor Marvin Johnson, council member Steve Grotting, and Independence building official Bruce Satek. (Submitted photo)



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# Orono council OKs bonds for new facilities

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The city of Orono is in line to get a new Public Works building and new fire fighting facility.

At its regular city council meeting on Monday, Nov. 8, the Orono City Council unanimously approved a resolution to sell \$16 million in General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds to build a new Public

Works building and help with the fire department.

The city cannot sell the bonds until Dec. 13, because issuance of the CIP bonds are subject to a reverse referendum - if a petition is signed by voters equal to at least 5 percent of the votes cast in the city in the last general election and it is filed with the city clerk within 30 days after the public hearing regarding the CIP bonds, the CIP bonds may not be issued unless approved

by majority of voters voting on the question of issuing the obligations.

According to city administrator Adam Edwards, there would need to be 306 signatures gathered, as 6,118 voters participated in the last election.

"Bonding should be used for long term decisions that aren't in your every day budget - like the need for buildings - because you don't just plan to say 'oh in five years I'm going to need a building for something,'" Mayor Dennis Walsh said. "That's what bonding is for."

Nick Anhut of Ehlers Public Finance Advisors told the council that a conservative 30-year repayment plan would add an estimated \$858,000 to the annual debt service levy but that would be offset by debt levies that have already expired or will be expiring in the next year.

"The levy is not going to go up at all, we don't need to raise any money on the levy to pay for this," Walsh said. "It is already in our budget and has been in our budget for years. While we've been paying off debt and that debt is paid off partially and in the next year it will be all paid off. With those dollars we will be able to pay for this without any impact to the levy at all."

Council member Victoria Seals concurred with the mayor.

"We've tried to pay things off early because we knew something like this was coming. We have this built into the budget so we don't have to raise taxes. We don't want to raise taxes. We know that's the last thing you want to see is taxes go up."

Edwards explained to the council why the bonds are needed as he said the city has outgrown its current Public Works building that was built in 1991 and while the city is moving forward in establishing its own fire department that will need a building when that occurs.

"The Public Works department has grown as our responsibilities have grown over the years," Edwards said. "At the same time that the responsibilities and the department itself has grown the area around the building has also grown - a lot of higher density development around that current facility that precludes any expansion in its existing footprint."

Edwards said last year the council di-

rected staff to secure property and put together plan for a new public works facility. Property on Old Crystal Bay Road that could be the new home for the Public Works Department was found.

The current Public Works building is about 27,000 square ft. and sits on a 53,000 square ft. lot while the new building would be about 60,000 square ft. on a 115,000 square ft. site, which leaves room for expansion if needed.

"Not only do we have development around our current public works but its also surrounded by swamps so we can't really expand the building," Walsh said. "We've run out of room for lots of different things, whether it be leaf collection, appliance drop-off - all that kind of stuff. We are out of room. This is going to handle our needs for the next 50 years. This will take us into the late 21st century."

Council member Matt Johnson added, "this public works facility, we need and we need it to actually to keep being efficient to keep prices down. We paid off debt early so that when this comes up the city can keep moving forward with the same amount of debt that we are taking on to move forward but at the same time we are serving a tremendous need."

The Public Works new building is estimated to cost around \$13 million with the other \$3 million to be used for the procurement of fire fighting facility.

"Either purchasing half of the existing site at Willow Dr., or beginning the construction or remodeling of another facility for our own purposes," Edwards said.

No timetable was given on when the construction would start on the new buildings and when they would be completed but Orono resident Sonja Lockman asked what would be done with the current public works building if a new one is built.

"All sorts of different things that could be done there," Walsh said. "We don't have any plan that says this is what it has to be. We will get all the public input of all the different ideas that we can come up with. We aren't committed to anything right now."

Walsh mentioned possibilities of a community center, or fire department building.

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NORTHFIELD, Minn. (AP) — Some medical professionals are suing a city-owned hospital in southeastern Minnesota after they were terminated for refusing to receive the coronavirus vaccine.

The 20 plaintiffs, which include a doctor, registered nurses and other medical staff, filed their lawsuit in U.S. District Court Monday alleging they were fired without just cause. They claim Northfield Hospital and Clinics in Northfield failed to accommodate their religious beliefs and serious health conditions as reasons for rejecting the vaccine.

Nearly 4,000 lawsuits challenging vaccination mandates have been filed nationwide, according to Fisher & Phillips, an Atlanta-based law firm that tracks

COVID-19 lawsuits, the Star Tribune reported.

The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has said that employers can require vaccinations, subject to certain medical or religious exemptions. The agency recommends that employers discuss the issue with employees seeking exemptions.

The plaintiffs' attorney, Andrew Parker, says that's where Northfield failed. Several of the fired Northfield health care workers said they were given no hearing and no opportunity to explain their views.

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# Two Excelsior hallmarks join National Register

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Last month, the National Register of Historic Places added both the streetcar steamboat Minnehaha and Excelsior's downtown commercial district to its list.

"Minnehaha's listing in the National Register opens up grant opportunities to preserve the boat and gives her the recognition she deserves," said Tom McCarthy, president of the Museum of Lake Minnetonka, the organization that owns, maintains and operates the vessel.



The steamboat Minnehaha is pictured. (File photo)

The steamboat has struggled to find a home since 2019 when it lost access to the ramp it used to launch into Lake Minnetonka. The vessel

is currently housed in a heated storage facility in Excelsior.

Built in 1906, the steamboat provided fast and reliable transpor-

tion for tourists and residents in the area for 20 years until it was purposely sunk in 1926. In 1980, a team located the steamboat and raised it

back to the surface, returning the steamboat to passenger service in 1996. The restored Minnehaha provided rides for an average of more than 10,000 passengers each year when it was in service.

Volunteers continue to maintain the vessel weekly.

For Excelsior's downtown commercial district, this recognition will provide commercial property owners access to resources and funding for maintenance, according to Excelsior's website.

"It's great for our community. What that means for business owners is the opportunity to take advantage of grants and additional funding options for building improvements," Excelsior Mayor Todd Carlson said at the annual State of the Cities event, where mayors from Excelsior and the South Lake Minnetonka cities met to update the community on their cities and take questions.

He said that business owners can now take ad-

vantage of federal funding and federal grants.

"What's also really exciting is it gives the city of Excelsior and our businesses a chance to really ramp up marketing, quite honestly," Carlson said. "Working with the chamber, I think our goal is to put together a marketing campaign to make sure folks know that they have the opportunity."

According to Jen Weiss, the executive director of the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce, the chamber will be sending a list of grants and resources to businesses and building owners in the community for use in the future.

The National Register of Historical Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. According to the National Register's website, more than 96,000 properties were listed on the register by the end of 2020. A listing on the National Register is the first step toward eligibility for National Park Service-administered federal preservation tax credits.

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# Westonka voters return incumbents to school board

BY ELIZABETH HUSTAD  
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Seven candidate were competing for three seats on the Westonka school board this year, and on Nov. 2 voters backed all three incumbents for another 4 years.

Brian Carlson, Loren Davis and Gary Wollner succeeded in their reelection bids by nearly a 300-vote margin and during a fraught election that saw more candidates on the ballot than any Westonka school board election had in the past 10 years.

Wollner secured 1,372 votes (18.65 percent). Carlson received 1,365 votes (18.55 percent) and Davis received 1,319 votes (17.93 percent). Also on the ballot this year were Rachael Myers (1,060 votes or 14.41 percent), Gregory Snyder (1,055 votes or 14.34 percent), Kathleen

Olesinski (820 votes or 11.15 percent) and Katie Holt (344 votes or 4.68 percent).

"I would like to sincerely thank all of those who came out to vote and who supported me and the other candidates during this past election," said Carlson. "I'm honored and humbled by all of the positive support I received throughout the entire process. I'm also very proud of the engagement and commitment our community has to ensuring our kids have a successful education."

Commented Davis, "I am honored and humbled by the support I received in this recent election, by the trust and confidence that members of the Westonka district and community continue to have in me, and by the opportunity I have been given to continue serving our students, our staff, our

schools, and community as a member of the Westonka School Board."

Wollner, who has served 12 years on the school board, said his reelection was "a relief" and that this year "it was a unique election" but that he felt pride in living in an area with people who have a lot of passion for the decisions made by the school board.

The last time that Westonka saw so many candidates running was in 2011 when the board was marked by years divisiveness. This year's polarized views on the district's COVID-19 response played into the election as routine board meetings gave way to heated public comment periods. A September candidate forum hosted by the League of Women Voters had also shown the divided views that those running held on this issue.

"It's easy to get caught up in the

negativity and false information, and I stayed away from that, which I think I came out better for it," Wollner said on the day after the election.

Wollner commented generally on the one-topic nature of this year's election and emphasized that serving on the board extends beyond what one election cycle brings to the surface. "I hope we can get by that and hopefully things will settle down a bit," he said. "Over the last decade it has been a school board that, maybe we don't always agree, but we talk it through and are able to work toward a positive outcome."

Said Carlson, "It's clear that we may not all agree with every decision, but it is also clear that we all only want what's best for our children's education."

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# Legion, food shelf to host Thanksgiving in Mound

BY ELIZABETH HUSTAD  
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The smoke and smell of 40 roasting turkeys will bloom over central Mound early on Thanksgiving Day.

Back this year after a pandemic-induced hiatus in 2020 is the annual Thanksgiving Meal put on by the Mound American Legion, Westonka Food Shelf, Westonka DECA, Northwest Tonka Lions and area churches, businesses and volunteers.

"A whole bunch of people come together and help," said Heidi Schmidt, assistant director for the food shelf, adding that many who had come to rely on the meal for seasonal cheer had missed it last year.

Past years have served more than 300 people at a time, giving to those without a place to go on Thanksgiving the option of having a traditional meal and good company.

Schmidt said that any leftovers will, as in years past, be brought back to Westonka Food Shelf and distributed to food shelf patrons the next day.

This year's Thanksgiving Meal will be from 12-4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 25 at American Legion Post 398 (2333 Wilshire Blvd., Mound). There is no cost to attend and no need to register for the meal. If you wish to volunteer for this event, you can access the sign-up genius at <http://bit.ly/3aFHVSD>.

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Westonka Food Shelf and American Legion Post 398 are once again hosting the annual Thanksgiving Meal after having to take a pandemic-induced hiatus last year. (Laker Pioneer archives)

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# Receding water levels leave more shore on lakes

BY AL LOHMAN

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In Towne Marina has been monitoring Lake Waconia water levels since crews started installing docks April 1. When the marina pulled out its final docks for the season late last month, the lake was down exactly one foot, which amounts to a loss of more than one billion gallons of water on the 3,000-plus acre lake, according to In Towne calculations.

It's been that kind of year, with considerable water level drops on other lakes locally and state-wide as well during an extreme drought that started last fall.

While lower water levels challenged boat owners in launching and loading their watercraft and frustrated lakeshore property owners with exposed mudflats and shoreline plant growth, the water drop was not unprecedented and the conditions not unusual.

That's the perspective of Carver County Water Management Organization (CCWMO) analysts, who have been tracking data on local lakes for some 20-40 years. In wading through the latest lake data, analyst Tim Sundby notes that while 2021 was a low-level year there have been several other years when water levels have receded further, notably an extended



Dry conditions led to more exposed shoreline on Lake Waconia and other lakes this year. (Al Lohman/The Patriot)

drought period in the late 1980s and other years between 2000 and 2006.

"The fact is, we have become used to higher water levels," Sunday said, with some of the wettest years occurring since 2013. That included a record-setting rainfall in June 2014 that dumped 7-10 inches on the area which kept lake levels high all year, and 2019 which saw nearly 44 inches of rain, nearly a foot above average.

So, lake level fluctuations of 1-2 feet show up repeatedly on graphs charting the years.

Lake Burandt, which is con-

nected to Lake Waconia, parallels the bigger lake, while nearby Reitz Lake, Piersons Lake and Eagle Lake at Baylor Park near Norwood Young America tend to fluctuate less. That's because they are smaller and shallower to begin with, Sundby explains, "so there is less volume and not as much bounce."

Lower lake levels are a natural part of water fluctuations and are actually a good thing for shorelines, notes Madeline Seveland, CCWMO education coordinator.

"They help heal shorelines and rejuvenate the lake," she

said.

Lower water levels allow more aquatic plants to establish in the lake which creates habitat for lake life, Seveland explains. The plants absorb phosphorus which helps filter water and exude dissolved oxygen that fish and other aquatic life depend on for survival. Plant root systems also absorb runoff and stabilize sediment both within and around lakes, reducing shoreline erosion and keeping the lakes clear.

However, low water levels also have the potential to increase phosphorous cycling, increase

water temperatures and increase the chance for algal blooms as water becomes more stagnant, which can harm aquatic species and thwart recreation. So, low water level conditions are kind of a double-edged sword, especially on shallower lakes. Analysts are still evaluating water quality data from the past summer.

While lake observers might see a lot of newly exposed lakeshore this year, a good snowpack and some two-day steady fall rains like the area experienced two weeks ago could be enough to return lakes to their more normal levels, Sundby said.

In the meantime – and a bit ironically, as reported last week, Carver County commissioners recently approved a draft no-wake ordinance for lakes Waconia, Reitz, Piersons and Bavaria that would establish automatic no-wake restrictions when lake levels reach a designated high-water elevation for three consecutive days. Temporary measures have been enacted before to slow down boat speeds during high water to prevent property damage, ensure public safety and protect the lake and shoreline health.

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## Man accused of killing wife, shooting self in Eden Prairie

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A man has been charged with murder in the shooting death of his wife, who was found dead Tuesday at an extended-stay hotel in Eden Prairie.

The Star Tribune reports Ryan Charles Rooney, 34, is being held on charges of second-degree murder and child endangerment, according to a complaint. His home address was listed as the Residence Inn, where the victim was found. Two children, ages 1 and 2, were in the suite at the time but unhurt.

The name of the victim, who had been married to Rooney for two months, was not released. Rooney was being held Saturday at the Hennepin County jail and is scheduled to make his first court appearance on Monday.

Police arrived at the two-story hotel room about 11 a.m. Tuesday after staff asked them to perform a welfare check. They found the woman dead of a gunshot wound and Rooney with an allegedly self-inflicted gunshot wound.



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FROM LEFT: Victor Ruhland makes a one-handed interception in the end zone to stop a Princeton drive in the 2nd quarter. Nash Tichy makes a move on a Princeton defender after catching a pass from Charlie Kraus. (Photos by Frank Landis)

# Orono punches ticket to state tourney

One of the biggest characteristics of this Spartan football team is it's mental toughness and unshakable confidence in it's ability to handle adversity.

Friday night in Princeton, this team faced a potent Tiger offense and came from behind twice before pulling away late in the 4th quarter.

Defensive stops and turnovers at crucial times were essential. Orono relied on its relentless running attack with an effective passing game to keep Princeton off balance all night.

Princeton jumped out to a 6-0 lead scoring on it's opening drive of the game and after an Orono fumble on it's second offensive play, Princeton threatened to blow the lead open.

The Spartan defense made a crucial stop on 4th and 11 at the Orono 13-yard line forcing an incomplection on great coverage by Joey Greenagel and Mason Pankonin.

Orono put together an 87-yard drive to take a 7-6 lead that showed the Spartans short and long passing attack. Charlie Kraus hit Louie Sustacek for a 25-yard catch and run to move the ball into Tiger territory and a couple of plays later found Hunter Fox deep down the middle for a 34-yard gain. Aiden Mueller got his first of four touchdowns for the game on a 5-yard run.

Orono's defense came up big again as Princeton drove right back down the field. On 3rd and 9 from the Orono 10-yard line, Princeton went for the touchdown and Victor Ruhland with great inside leverage on the receiver made an incredible one-handed interception cradling the ball in his left hand.

With 4:01 left in the half the Spartans put together an 80-yard scoring drive with big runs by Mueller, an 18-yard jet sweep by Ruhland and finishing it off with a beautiful 23-yard screen pass from Kraus to Mueller. On that play Mueller had a big escort into the endzone as three of his lineman, Logan Schleeter, Brady McPherson, and Griffin Reiner, cleared the way. Jack Kalman hit the extra point and the Spartans were up 14-6 with just 50 seconds left in the half. Kalman had a strong night kicking the ball with a perfect 4 of 4 on extra points, had one kickoff for a touchback, and

his only punt of the night was downed at the Princeton 5-yard line.

The Princeton offense roared back and scored a touchdown with just 10 seconds left in the half and tied the game at 14-14 after making the two point conversion.

Close games and dramatic finishes are nothing new to this Spartan team with three consecutive one point wins coming into this game and so not only would the drama of the game being won or lost unfold in the final 24 minutes, it was certain to produce some memorable moments for players, parents, and fans.

Orono's opening drive of the second half ended in a punt with Kalman pinning the Tigers on their own 5-yard line. Princeton drove the field and took the early third quarter lead at 21-14.

The next drive produced another impossible scenario that ended in an amazing and improbable outcome for Orono.

A penalty and big defensive play by Princeton had the Spartans facing 2 and 37 from their own 28 yard line. A Mueller run for 7 yards made it 3rd and 30. Kraus hit Nash Tichy, who made a great fingertip catch over his shoulder, for a 20 yard gain. On 4th and 10, Kraus found Josh Delange deep down the left sideline for a 40-yard gain to the Tiger 5-yard line. Delange somehow found the ball with a defender in his face. Mueller scored his third touchdown on the next play and the game was tied 21-21.

Orono's defense stepped up big again on the next drive.

On 3rd and 6 on it's own 42 yard line, Princeton's QB dropped back and Orono had the blitz on. Oliver Stevenson and Nash Tichy got to the quarterback at the same time and the dual hit forced a fumble that Stevenson recovered at the Princeton 32 yard line.

A few plays later and Aiden Mueller took it in from 15 yards out.

Coach Joe McPherson, sensing the swing in momentum, went for two and got it on a Kraus pass to a well covered Tichy and Orono was up 29-21.

Orono's defense altered the game one more time with three big plays.

Princeton came right back and on 2 and 3 from the Orono 8-yard line, Charlie Brophy broke through and met the

Tiger running back forcing a fumble that the Tigers recovered after a 6 yard loss. On third down the Spartans forced an incomplection and on 4th and 9 with 6:48 to go in the game. Princeton again looked to hit a fade route to the corner that Victor Ruhland deflected away and gave Orono the ball back. It was a big night for Orono's defense who displayed an incredible "bend but don't break" mentality and found the big plays at the right time.

Orono needing to move the ball the take time off the clock, was deep in it's own end and that got a little worse with a penalty. The Spartans were faced with 2 and 16 from their own 6 yard line when Kraus found Nash Tichy on a wheel route for a 34-yard gain. Kraus was an efficient 8 of 12 passing for 196 yards in the game and Tichy was on the other end of half those completions making 4 catches for 73 yards.

On 2nd and 11 from the Orono 37, Aiden Mueller had his best run of the night breaking tackles to get to the second level and then dragging defenders all the way down to the Princeton 32 yard line. It was one of many classic Aiden Mueller runs we have seen this season.

Mueller had another big night with 170 yards on 23 carries and scored from 12



yards out. The Kalman extra point put Orono up 36-21 with just 1:43 remaining.

The Tigers were not done scoring and with 1:09 left they cut the lead to 36-27. Joey Greenagel kept Orono up by two scores on a diving block of the extra point attempt.


Princeton tried an onside kick and Bradley Walker secured it and the game for Orono. With Princeton out of time outs, the Spartans simply ran out the clock and secured their birth in the 2021 State Tournament.

Defensive stats for Orono: Nash Tichy had 11 tackles and a sack, Bradley Walker had 12 tackles, Victor Ruhland had 4 tackles a defended pass and an interception, Oliver Stevenson had 5 tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery, Charlie Brophy had 5 tackles a sack and a tackle for a loss, Logan Schleeter had 3 tackles and sack.

Orono advances to the state tournament as the Champions of Section 6 and this will be Orono's fifth state tournament appearance and the first since 2016. The Spartans will face the Grand Rapids Thunderhawks who have compiled an 8-2 record and as a No. 3 seed in their section defeated the No. 1 seeded and previously undefeated North Branch Vikings 14-12 to win the Section 7 title.



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# Orono soccer captures state championship

It was a warm fall day outside, but the heat was already inside the U.S. Bank Stadium, as the Class AA State Final matchup between the No. 1 seed Orono Spartans against the No. 3 Holy Angels Stars had just begun.

In only the third minute of play, Orono used one of their successful set pieces to score the first goal of the game. The Spartan's weapon of choice was senior Ben Halloff's monster throw in, which resulted in an own goal by the Stars, putting Orono up 1-0.

All game long, Orono played suffocating defense and contained the Stars in their own half. The Spartans continued to offensively press with seniors Andy DeWitt, Brody Cook and Ben Summers, and gave themselves multiple scoring opportunities. However, the only other goal of the game for either side, was a second half goal by Orono senior Matias Maule.

Unfortunately, the goal was disallowed because of an off-sides call. Moments later, senior Ben Summers also had an opportunity after putting a diving header on net, but that too was thwarted, this time by the Stars goalie who was there for the save.

In the end, the No. 1 seed Orono Spartans would come away with the Class AA Champion-



The Orono soccer team brought home a state title. (Submitted photo)

ship, a deserving win against a strong Holy Angels team. The Spartans were able to keep Holy Angels to only two shots on goal, which is not something to which the Stars are accustomed. Orono's leadership on the field was rewarded with four players being named to the All-Tournament Team: Brody Cook, Andy DeWitt, Cal Ehlen and Franklin Schwendimann.

The heart and the team effort that the Spartan's displayed was that of a team who wanted this championship. It was also the last high school game for

many of Orono's 17 seniors and undoubtedly one to remember.

The Orono Spartans headed back to U.S. Bank Stadium for the Class AA State Semifinal on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

This was the Spartan's third qualification for the state tournament and the second time for the Spartans in the last three years. They faced the Willmar Cardinals whose post season run has been cut short by the Spartans the last three years in a row.

With the first half underway, Orono's defense was called

upon early to make some critical saves, as Willmar came out strong and kept the ball in Orono's half much of the first 10 minutes of the game. However, the Spartans struck first, as they often do, after senior Brody Cook was taken down in the Willmar box. Andy Dewitt took the penalty and placed it cleanly in the bottom left corner to make it a 1-0 lead for the Spartans.

Willmar's best chance came right before the half when the Cardinals tied the game off of a free kick from mid-field that

floated out of reach of Orono's goalkeeper Peter Nicklow. Fortunately for the Spartans, Willmar was called for a foul against Nicklow and the goal was called back. The score remained 1-0, Orono, at halftime.

With the second half barely under way and the ball bouncing into the Willmar box, Franklin Schwendimann was able to strike a backwards volley into the back of the net for a 2-0 lead for the Spartans.

That second Orono goal gave the Spartans the momentum that they needed. They continued to create scoring opportunities and were able to convert in the 19th minute when senior defender Cal Ehlen headed the ball off of a signature long throw in by Ben Halloff.

Willmar was finally able to answer in the 33rd minute of the second half when a Cardinal cross found their striker to make it a 3-1 game, Orono. In the end, however, Willmar's lone goal and continued offensive effort was not enough for this experienced Orono team.

With a final score of 3-1, Orono, the Spartans will advance to the Class AA State Final at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6th at U.S. Bank Stadium against #3 Holy Angels Stars.

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# White Hawk lady pucksters open the season

With the fall sports season just completed, Girls Hockey has already begun. The Mound Westonka/Southwest Christian Girls Hockey team open up their season this week with home games vs. Woodbury on Thursday night, Nov. 11 and Northfield on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 13. Both teams are Class AA and will be a great test to the White Hawks' young squads.

Next week, the girls travel to South St. Paul on Tuesday, Nov. 16 and Alexandria on Friday, Nov. 19 before starting a three-game home stand Saturday night vs. Willmar.

Captain Montana Courneya is the only senior on this year's team, returning with 10 other players from last season's state tournament team. Assistant captains this season are juniors Sydney Leonard, Gretta Pioske and Emily Wendorf. All four players have been on Varsity since eighth grade and have been a part of two state tournament teams.

While young, this year's skaters are very balanced and as talented as any squad that the White Hawks have ever put on the ice. They have skill and the ability to grind teams as well. Ashlyn Roth takes over in goal this season, completing a transition from skater to Varsity goaltender in two seasons. Courneya and Wendorf are joined on the blue line by sophomores Sage Finck and

Natalie Miner and eighth-grader Ali Butler.

Up front, the line of Leonard, sophomore Camryn Hargreaves and junior Ellie Schmid return. Pioske anchors another line with sophomore Greer Hardacre and freshman Elli Lundquist. Another newcomer to the program, Gisella Harder, brings a lot of speed and skill to center juniors Tori Lacomy and Varsity newcomer Ashlee Johnson. Eighth-grader Georgia Harmer will rotate in as a forward and defenseman this season and brings speed and skill to the line-up as well.

This year's schedule was purposely made more difficult to help prepare the White Hawks for their new section, 5A. Eleven games are scheduled against Class AA schools and non-conference Class A stalwarts Chisago Lakes, South St. Paul, Simley and others. Scrimmages against four other Class AA schools and Orono are intended to prepare the White Hawks for the post season. MWHS/SWC has their work cut out for them in Section 5A, which includes Breck, Delano, Holy Angels, Minneapolis, Orono and Pine City.

Hopefully by playoff time this team is ready and conditioned for a strong playoff run.

Come cheer on the White Hawks; they should be very entertaining to watch.

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This year's captains are, from left: Sydney Leonard, Emily Wendorf, Gretta Pioske and Montana Courneya. (Submitted photo)





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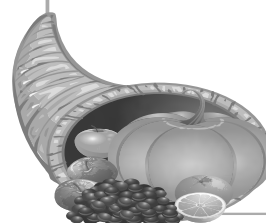
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**\$1,250,000**

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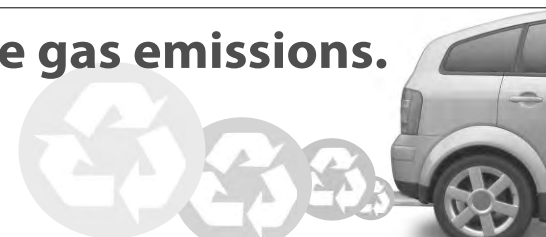
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**-Denise Didier, The American Cooperative**