

Fearful event patrons make their way through the Detroit Lakes haunted house, hosted by the Becker County Museum, at the county fair grounds during its opening weekend on Saturday. The house will continue scaring patrons on Oct. 29 and 30 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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FRIGHTFUL SCREAMS

Detroit Lakes haunted house delivers a scary opening weekend

By Michael Achterling
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With 17 different haunted sections and up to 20 volunteers ready to make patrons jump, the haunted house in Detroit Lakes, hosted by the Becker County Museum, opened on Friday night to local fear-seekers.

The hauntings will continue on Oct. 29 and 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the 4-H building behind the ice arena. It costs \$10 to go through the museum's large screaming setup.

"I don't know that it makes me happy to see people terrified, it makes me happy to see people engage, and come, and support," said Becky Mitchell, executive director for the museum. "We have had people go through more than once, and everybody says, 'is it scary?' and I also say, 'it depends on your level of what triggers you.'"

Mitchell admits she gets scared more easily than most, which is why she stays out front, collects money and starts each group



Kevin Mitchell triggers lighting and other special effects from behind the scenes as he watches patrons on a closed-circuit monitoring system make their way through the Detroit Lakes haunted house at the county fair grounds during its opening weekend Saturday. The event is hosted by the Becker County Museum and will continue scaring patrons this Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, from 7 to 9 p.m.

on their journey through the building.

"Others that maybe frequent haunted houses

and like to watch all of the horror films, they maybe aren't quite as afraid, but it's always a good mix,"

said Mitchell.

During the opening weekend, between 160 to 180 people made their way

through event, which is comparable to last year's attendance, she said.

"There's not another haunted house right in our immediate area, I think is one draw," said Mitchell. "But also, it's all volunteers that help us, so the word spreads. We've got anywhere from 13-year-olds all the way to people in their 70s that are volunteering and helping, so it's a very wide age range of people that are helping — they draw in their age groups to come."

Volunteer frighteners donate their time and get into costume to work the patrons through the event, and, she said, many of the volunteers from last year came back because they had so much fun last time.

Additionally, Kevin Mitchell, Becky's husband, operates a Wizard-of-Oz-style fear command center behind the scenes and triggers lighting, and various other effects, as he watches patrons pass by on a closed-circuit monitoring system.

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'Newsies' are coming

Detroit Lakes High School's fall musical debuts Nov. 4 at DLMS

By Vicki Gerdes
Detroit Lakes Tribune

With a cast of 50-odd student actors and actresses, plus another 30-plus backstage crew, the debut of Detroit Lakes High School's annual fall musical on Thursday, Nov. 4 is shaping up to make headlines, of a sort: Yes, this year's production is the Disney movie and Broadway stage favorite, "Newsies."

Five performances of the show are scheduled for early November, including four evening shows as well as a Sunday matinee (see below for details).

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Newsboy Jack Kelly (Kameron Wilkins, left) shares a romantic moment with Katharine Plumber (Malia McKenzie) in a scene from the Detroit Lakes High School musical "Newsies," which opens Nov. 4 at Detroit Lakes Middle School's George Simson Auditorium.

Smile – Detroit Lakes may become home to nonprofit dental clinic

By Nathan Bowe
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes is painfully in need of a nonprofit dental clinic for children and adults on Minnesota Health Care Programs.

Most local residents now have to travel to nonprofit dental clinics in Hawley, Fergus Falls, Park Rapids, Moorhead, Bemidji and Halstad — and even then there's often a long wait for an appointment, said Jane Neubauer, dental services coordinator with Partnership4Health.

Apple Tree Dental clinic in Hawley has



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There's a big need for low-income dental care in Becker County.

a waiting list of about 1,300 people, while the newly-expanded Apple Tree Dental clinic in Fer-

gus Falls has a waiting list of about 800 people, she said.

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Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary hosting 29th rose sale Nov. 4-6

By Vicki Gerdes
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Though roses are not exactly in season for local gardeners right now, dozens upon dozens of the fragrant blooms — in nearly every shape, size and color imaginable — will once again be available for purchase by Detroit Lakes area residents during the first weekend in November.

The Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary Club is preparing to host its 29th annual Roses from Rotary rose sale on Nov.

4-6, though there will be some changes in the event from last year.

"We cut back (on ordering roses) last year, due to COVID," said longtime Breakfast Rotarian Kathy Michaelson, who helps organize the annual event. "This year we bumped it back up, so hopefully we don't run out so quickly."

Though the rose sale is set to run from Thursday, Nov. 4 through Saturday, Nov. 6, they're typically sold out well before Saturday morning comes around, so those

hoping to purchase a bouquet or two — at a very affordable \$20 per dozen — should make sure to either purchase an advance sale ticket from any Breakfast Rotarian, or show up early for the best possible selection.

New locations for this year's rose sale also became necessary, Michaelson said, because there is major road construction going on in front of longtime host Bergen's this fall.

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CRIME AND FIRE REPORTS

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The following reports were compiled from the Becker County Sheriff's Office and Detroit Lakes Police Department from officials with knowledge of the cases, unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Oct. 21

7:39 a.m., 29000 block 220th Avenue, Callaway, grain bin fire. The dryer was reported as on fire. Extinguished after nearly three hours.

1:20 p.m., 900 block Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, unauthorized charges by an unknown third party.

2:33 p.m., at Detroit Lakes High School at 1301 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, a student had possible drugs in their possession. The school disciplined the student internally.

2:55 p.m., 100 block Barbara Avenue, Detroit Lakes, a 20-year-old man was removed from the Wash-N-Dry laundry at the request of the owner.

3:41 p.m., 25000 block Bear Clan Drive, Ogema, pursuit. A 32-year-old man and a 32-year-old woman were arrested.

7:56 p.m., at Walmart at 1583 Highway 10, Detroit Lakes, shoplifting.

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Friday, Oct. 22

8:38 a.m., 200 block Stone Creek Drive, Detroit Lakes, package theft at an apartment building.

11:17 a.m., 1400 block Menard Avenue, Detroit Lakes, financial card fraud. The case is under investigation.

11:42 a.m., 29000 block 220th Avenue, Callaway, damage to a vehicle window and door. Suspect was identified and the case remains under investigation.

12:17 p.m., 15000 block 270th Street, Lake Park, Facebook Marketplace scam. Caller said they lost \$185 to a fe-

male scammer from Iowa.

12:54 p.m., 35000 block County Road 21, Ogema, syringe found.

3:42 p.m., 29000 block 387th Street, Waubun, a report of inappropriate sexual conduct. The case is under investigation.

5:57 p.m., 300 block 11th Avenue, Detroit Lakes, television and personal items stolen by a family member.

Saturday, Oct. 23

7:37 a.m., 35000 block Mission Road, Ogema, a family member stole money and took a vehicle without permission. The vehicle was involved in a pursuit and recovered, but a 26-year-old woman fled the scene on foot. The case remains under investigation.

9:03 a.m., 39000 block Village Drive, Waubun, residence burglarized. Two cell phones were stolen and a vehicle that was later recovered.

10:57 a.m., 400 block west Elm Avenue, Frazee, fatal medical. A 40-year-old man was found on the ground of their

residence and was cold to touch. The case remains under investigation pending a report from the medical examiner.

12:54 p.m., 39000 block Ander Road, Waubun, house burglarized. A neighbor saw a suspect enter through a window. Multiple televisions and other items were stolen. The case is under investigation.

1:07 p.m., 200 block Sunnyside Avenue, Ogema, vehicle scratched by a sharp object.

4:28 p.m., 100 block West Lake Drive, Detroit Lakes, rear-end crash involving two vehicles. No injuries were reported.

9:25 p.m., at Walmart at 1583 Highway 10, Detroit Lakes, a report of multiple juveniles causing "problems" in the store. The group had left the scene before law enforcement arrived.

9:47 p.m., 36000 block Marten Drive, Ogema, pursuit. A speeding vehicle refused to pull over for law enforcement. A 42-year-old man was arrested.

10:20 p.m., 12000 block 370th Avenue, Frazee, report of possible drug activity.

Sunday, Oct. 24

12:31 p.m., 13000 block Redman Beach Road, Lake Park, RV stolen. A 2000 Mars Motorized Home was stolen. A suspect is being sought in the incident and the case is under investigation.

4:52 p.m., 30000 block County Road 34, Callaway, a caller was going to sell multiple catalytic converters to a third party, but the third party stole the items and fled before paying.

5:27 p.m., 31000 block Mary Yellowhead Road, Ogema, a 51-year-old man fell over, but was breathing. The caller said he had previous heart-related problems. They were airlifted to a nearby medical clinic for treatment.

9:55 p.m., at Walmart at 1583 Highway 10, Detroit Lakes, a group of 5 to 6 juveniles were causing issues at the store. An officer warned the group, notified their parents and told the group they may be removed if the behavior continues.

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Deadliest boating season in 16 years

DNR asks late-season boaters to play it safe

Minnesota's waterways were unusually deadly this year, with 17 people losing their lives in boating-related drownings and crashes—the highest number since 2005.

With weeks of open water left this year, there's a chance that total could climb higher.

"Any life lost on the water is one too many, and we hope we've seen the last of these terrible tragedies," said Lisa Dugan, DNR recreation safety outreach coordinator. "Too many families have had their lives immeasurably altered while their loved ones were taking part in what should be a fun and

memorable activity."

Of the 17 people who died, 16 were not known to be wearing life jackets when they went into the water. Some of them fell unexpectedly into the water, while others jumped in and experienced some sort of trouble that prevented them from getting back to their boat. The DNR recommends people always wear a life jacket when they're on the water, but it's especially important

during the cold-water season, when expected falls in can incapacitate even the strongest swimmers in a matter of minutes.

While air temperatures have been above normal for much of the fall, the water temperature has dropped below 70 degrees, which is the threshold for classifying water as cold. Each year, about 30 percent of boating-related fatalities happen during the

cold-water periods of spring and fall.

Anglers and hunters tend to be the primary people on the water at this time of year, but paddlers and others also venture onto the water.

Following are safety reminders as people head out onto cold water:

► Wear a life jacket (foam life jackets are more effective than inflatable life jackets during the cold-water season).

► Distribute weight in the boat evenly and abide by manufacturer's weight limits to reduce the likelihood of falling overboard.

► Have a means of communication. Boaters also should let other people know where they're going and when they plan to return.

► Watch the weather to avoid shifting winds or storms.

► Wear an engine cut-off device if the boat is equipped with one.

Gary man hurt when grain truck rolls in Mahnommen County

News Staff

A Gary man was injured Monday when the grain truck he was driving left the roadway and rolled over on Highway 200 in

Mahnomen County.

Michael Ronald Pinske, 51, of Gary was taken to the Mahnomen hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to the State Patrol.

He was eastbound on Highway 200 in a 1977 Mack grain truck when the truck crossed over the westbound lanes and went into the ditch. The Mack truck hit a

sign and an approach before it rolled onto its roof and came to final rest.

The crash was reported at 3:53 p.m. on dry pavement at 100th Ave-

nue in Marsh Creek Township. He was not wearing a seatbelt and alcohol was a factor in the crash, according to the State Patrol.

The Mahnomen Coun-

ty Sheriff's Office, White Earth Police Department, Mahnomen and Waubun fire departments and Mahnomen EMS assisted the State Patrol.

Play It Safe on Halloween

Review these **safety tips** with your little ghouls and goblins for a happy & healthy Halloween!

Trick-or-treat only at houses that are lit up, and never go inside of anyone's home.

Make sure swords and props are flexible, so they can't accidentally hurt you or anyone else.

Review a trick-or-treating route with parents before you go out, and be sure to obey your curfew.

Stay away from pets. Even pets you know may not recognize you in your costume.

Never go trick-or-treating alone, and always stay in a familiar neighborhood.

Make sure there aren't any parts of your costume that drag on the ground or block your vision.

Cross streets at crosswalks, and never enter the street from in between parked cars.

Carry a flashlight and wear bright or reflective clothing, adding reflective tape to your costume if needed.

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Man charged with felony harassment after forcing woman's car to a stop in Becker County

Shelby Donta Denver Whitt, 23, of Casselton, N.D., has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony harassment - three or more violations in 10 years, and felony assault.

According to court records, on July 27, a Becker County deputy responded to a harassment and driving complaint on State Highway 34 near 330th Avenue.

A woman told him that her ex, Whitt, had been following her in a black sports utility vehicle, then passed her and began slamming on his brakes to force her to stop. A witness told the deputy that "the dude" was being "scary as (hell)." He said that Whitt was pounding on the woman's car door and "getting all crazy with her."

The witness said he saw Whitt cut in front of the woman's car with his vehicle, almost running her off the road and forcing her to stop. The witness said Whitt got out of his vehicle and started pounding on the victim's car and screaming at her, to the point that he thought Whitt was going to physically assault her.

The witness stopped his vehicle just behind the woman's car because he was worried about her safety and did not know what was going on. The witness said that he approached Whitt and asked what was going on. That's when the woman managed to get her car around Whitt's SUV and leave the scene. The witness followed along behind her until the police arrived.

On Oct. 4 a warrant was issued for Whitt by District Judge Michael Fritz.

Ogema man accused of leading police on high-speed chase

Caleb Scott Donner, 24, of rural Ogema, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

According to court records, On Sept. 11, a Becker County deputy recognized a suspect vehicle from a burglary. He turned around to pull over the vehicle, but it did not stop and began to accelerate at high speeds.

The vehicle eventually went off the roadway, and the driver fled.

A passenger said the driver was Donner, and items reported stolen in the burglary were found in the vehicle. Donner's driver's license and hunting license were in the vehicle, along with a shotgun and a glass pipe containing methamphetamine.

On Sept. 29, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Lake Park man accused of possessing child pornography

Austin David Saarinen, 27, of rural Lake Park, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony possession of pornographic work; minor under 13.

According to court records, On June 28, a Becker County sheriff's investigator received a tip from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension that a phone used by Saarinen uploaded a video of a prepubescent girl.

The upload was reported by Snapchat. The phone number matched Saarinen's and the IP address came back to his residence in Lake Park. The images/video were sent for identification to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Four videos that were in his possession were positively identified as child victims.

On Sept. 29, a warrant was issued for his arrest, and on Oct. 4, cash bail for Saarinen was set at \$1,000 or bond at \$5,000, under standard conditions of release, or \$20,000 bond with no conditions.

Ogema man charged with meth possession

Dale Edward Defoe Jr., 25 of rural Ogema, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime.

According to court records, on Sept. 29 a Detroit Lakes police officer who saw him do an illegal U-turn on Barbara Avenue walked up to his vehicle, looked inside the rear seat area, and clearly observed a small ziplock baggie of marijuana sitting on the rear seat.

The officer opened the door and seized the baggie. He also noticed several hypodermic needles inside the vehicle, one with a yellow-brown liquid inside. On the driver's side of the vehicle he found a small, ziplock baggie containing a substance that field-tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed a tenth of a gram.

On Sept. 30, cash bail or bond for Defoe was set at zero, under standard conditions of release, or \$2,500 bond with no conditions.

Ponsford man faces felony sex charges

Wesley James Jones, 20 of Ponsford, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony first-degree and third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

According to court records, over the summer, he had sex with a girl under the age of 14 four or five times in Pine Point and Park Rapids. Jones denied it until he was confronted by text messages between him and the girl. He said he did not know the girl's age, but one of the girl's family members said Jones would know her age because their families have been acquainted for years.

On Oct. 1, cash bail for Jones was set at \$3,000 or bond at \$30,000, under standard conditions of release, or \$50,000 bond with no conditions.

DL man charged with stealing over \$1,000 worth of goods while employed by Walmart

Justin David Stalberger, 34, of Detroit Lakes, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony theft.

According to court records, on about a dozen occasions in July and August he failed to pay for about \$1,141 worth of goods while using self-service check-outs at the Detroit Lakes Walmart. He made the purchases for personal use, and was employed by Walmart at the time.

On Aug. 12 he was caught by a self-checkout attendant, who checked his receipt after he intentionally failed to scan a TV set. That incident caused internal security at Walmart to begin an investigation into Stalberger and his recent purchases.

On Oct. 4, a summons was issued for him to appear in court at a later date.

DL woman sentenced for credit card fraud

Chelsea Rose Ann Shore, 22, of rural Detroit Lakes has been sentenced in Becker County District Court for felony credit card fraud. A felony theft charge was dropped in a plea agreement.

According to court records, on Oct. 28, 2019, a white 2005 Pontiac Bonneville was stolen from outside a Frazee residence. The next day, the registered owner reported her credit card had been in the car, and had been used several times in Mapleton, N.D.

On Oct. 30, 2019, Fargo police recovered the stolen vehicle. Shore had been driving it and admitted taking it. The credit card was used or attempted to be used in seven places in Minnesota and several places in North Dakota. Shore succeeded in using it to purchase \$91 worth of items, but tried and failed to charge another \$1,300 worth of items.

She was caught on video leaving the Detroit Lakes Walmart and getting into the stolen car.

On Sept. 17, Becker County District Judge Jay Carlson sentenced Shore to a year and a day in prison at Shakopee, stayed five years.

She was ordered to serve 35 days in jail, with credit for 35 days served. She was fined \$500 plus \$650 in court fees, and was ordered to get chemical dependency and mental health evaluations and follow the recommendations, including aftercare. Shore was placed on supervised probation for five years.

News Staff

Protesters rally for doctor who lost job after mask comments

Fergus Falls surgeon Dr. Horak opposed school mask mandate

By David Olson

The Forum.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn. — Despite sunny but chilly weather, hundreds gathered outside Lake Region Healthcare's Fergus Falls hospital Monday, Oct. 25, in support of a surgeon who lost his job after making anti-mask mandate comments at a public hearing.

Last week, Dr. Jeff Horak left his employment with Lake Region Medical Group, whom he worked for while he practiced at Lake Region Healthcare for about 16 years, after speaking in favor of "parental free-

dom" while delivering remarks against a school mask mandate at a Fergus Falls School Board meeting on Oct. 11.

In addition to his comments on masks, some residents thought Horak delivered a racial slur in reference to the 20 years he spent working in Detroit.

"Fixing your ulcer ... I just put the two sides together," he said. "Anybody could do it. Monkeys could do it. Monkeys do it in Detroit."

Horak said he didn't even know the brief comment could be viewed as derogatory or

racist. He said he was "literally talking about monkeys."

Many at Monday's rally voiced shock and anger that it appeared Lake Region Healthcare fired Horak for voicing his opinion on masks at a public hearing.

Officials have offered few details on Horak's departure. Horak said he has a clause in his contract that bars him and his employer from discussing the specific reasons for his departure.

The roughly 300 protesters were joined by Horak, as well as Minnesota Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Jensen, a family practice physician.

Both took to a platform set up in a park

near the hospital to address the crowd.

Horak said just as his audience had shown up to support him he was at Monday's rally to support them.

"I stand with the community," Horak said.

"It's not about me, it's not about my job," he told the crowd.

Without speaking directly about the details of his departure, Horak used terms like "firing" and "termination" to describe his situation. He added that what happened to him "could happen to all of us."

Joined on the small stage by his wife, Debbie, Horak told supporters his family was overwhelmed, in a good

way, by the outpouring of support.

He said what happens next is not clear.

"We're still trying to figure out what we're going to do," Horak said.

Many of those who spoke in support of Horak said that while

details of his departure remained unclear, to the extent it may be tied to personal opinions expressed at a public meeting made them worry for the future of personal freedoms and rights enshrined in the constitution.

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Careful out there, folks: Here are some no-brainers from the state crosswalk law

Detroit Lakes Tribune
Be careful out there, both on foot and behind the wheel: More hours of darkness in autumn leads to more crashes between people driving and walking, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation is urging travelers to use caution.

According to the state crosswalk law, motorists need to stop for people crossing at crosswalks and intersections. But they don't have to wait until the person is completely off the street, just until they are clear of the driving lane.

Cars have the right-of-way other than at crosswalks and intersections, and for their part, pedestrians need to cross responsibly. "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to

yield," the law states.

Yes, that last one was a no-brainer. Here are some other no-brainers from the state law: If the driver in front of you has stopped for someone at a crosswalk, don't pass the stopped vehicle and drive through the crosswalk.

And definitely don't drive through a column of school children crossing a roadway, or drive past a student crossing guard holding up a stop sign.

When walking or moving in a wheelchair along a roadway, stay on the left side and give way to oncoming traffic.

And it's not legal to walk on the roadway when there's a perfectly good sidewalk right there. Use it.

Notwithstanding all this other stuff, state law requires motorists to take good care to avoid colliding with any bicycle or pedestrian on any roadway "and give an audible signal when necessary and

exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused or incapacitated person upon a roadway."

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month, and it couldn't come at a better time. Car crashes have killed 45 pedestrians so far this year, which is nine more deaths than this time last year. According to crash facts from the Department of Public Safety, 45 people died and 654 others were injured in crashes with vehicles while walking in 2020.

"One life lost on our roadways is too many. Fall and winter months are especially dangerous for people walking because we have fewer hours of daylight," said Brian Sorenson, state traffic engineer. "We can keep ourselves and each other safe when driving by slowing down and stopping for people crossing the road. When you are

walking, stay alert and look in all directions before crossing the street because drivers may not see you, day or night."

When you're out and about, follow these MnDOT tips for safety:

- ▶ Watch for people walking, anywhere at any time.

- ▶ Stop for people crossing the roadway.

- ▶ Look in all directions before turning.

- ▶ Slow down for people; slower speeds save lives.

- ▶ Before passing stopped vehicles, check for people crossing the road.

When walking:

- ▶ Be alert for turning vehicles.

- ▶ Look for vehicles in all lanes of traffic before crossing.

- ▶ People driving may not see you, day or night.

- ▶ Cross in a well-lit area when possible.

- ▶ Stand clear of parked cars and obstacles before crossing.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Dems should target reconciliation to those who most need help

Congressional Democrats face many hard choices as they seek to fit an ambitious agenda of social spending on child care, college education and health care into a reconciliation bill with a maximum cost of roughly \$2 trillion over 10 years.

It is clear, however, that the proposed programs are simply too pricey if lawmakers want to make them permanent and available to all. In fact, the price tag would exceed even the \$3.5 trillion starting point of the reconciliation negotiations.

Some have argued that the best way to lower costs while maximizing impact is to do it all, and do it all now, but only for a few years. It's an old strategy, designed to minimize cost and buy time. As the expiration date draws near (the theory goes), the programs will have become too politically

popular to let lapse, forcing lawmakers to extend them or make them permanent.

This approach, however, has serious drawbacks, beginning with the fact that it would be a monumental and expensive gimmick. A set of policies that cost \$2 trillion over five years would, in reality, cost \$4 trillion or more over 10 years.

Moreover, the temporary nature of the programs would introduce significant uncertainty into the fiscal plans of states, families and businesses who come to rely on them. It would also cloud the budgetary outlook for the federal government itself. The laborious process of setting up an administrative structure for a host of new programs would be a colossal waste of time and taxpayer funds, if the programs lapsed on schedule.

Finally, this strategy introduces a huge political risk for advocates of these programs. Republicans might be back in charge in one or both chambers, or the White House when the

benefits expire. They could sit back and watch the programs expire without casting a single vote.

Recognizing these drawbacks, others have argued that Democrats should focus on a targeted subset of their full agenda and make sure that these items are fully paid for on a permanent basis. That makes a lot more sense from a policy perspective, but free and universal eligibility could still result in larger than necessary costs.

While there is no way to avoid making some hard choices about what stays and what goes, there is a third approach that could help keep costs under control while allowing for the enactment of a broad agenda: Make sure that new benefits are targeted to those who are most in need.

Targeted spending on certain activities is a better way to foster long-term economic growth. According to the Penn-Wharton Budget Model, by 2051 "a combination of targeted preschool

and targeted childcare programs increase GDP by 0.1 percent relative to current policy, even if deficit-financed. Universal versions of these programs are more costly and would instead reduce GDP by 0.2 percent by 2051."

The takeaway is clear: Policymakers can reduce federal entitlement costs by targeting subsidies to those most in need or by requiring some form of income-related contribution as a condition of eligibility.

The same principle applies to revenue as well as spending and could be used to help pay for the new benefits. Many of the largest "entitlements" in the tax code, such as the deductions for home mortgage interest, employment-based pensions and health insurance, provide much larger benefits to those with the highest incomes.

A sustainable and responsible fiscal policy requires hard choices, not the addition of free benefits for all.

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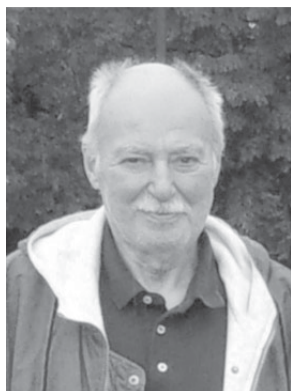
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OBITUARIES

Philip R. Wendt



Philip Robert Wendt, 74, of Detroit Lakes went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from complications due to Covid. His daughters were by his side.

Philip was born February 1, 1947 to Herbert J.W. and Dorothy Ione (Carter) Wendt. He was one of eight children; two brothers and five sisters. Phil grew up on the family farm in rural Frazee and graduated from Frazee High School. During his first marriage to Kathi, he was blessed with three daughters that he will forever hold their hearts in his hand. In 1985, he married Bonnie Jonas and gained a stepdaughter that he loved as his own.

In earlier years Phil enjoyed his employment in auto body repair. He also worked for Swift-Eckrich Turkey Plant, Land O' Lakes in Perham, and Team Industries where he was endearingly known as 'Callaway Phil'. After he retired, he took a part-time job at Walmart to continue being sociable.

Phil was an outdoorsman who loved to go deer hunting, ice fishing and splitting firewood. One of his favorite things to do was socialize, and anyone he met was immediately considered a friend. Spending time with his children and grandchildren was very important to him, and used every opportunity to share stories of his life and learn of theirs. Being with family brought the happiest times in his life. He cherished family reunions, holidays, and any time everyone gathered together.

Phil is survived by his wife Bonnie; his children Robyn Engel, Terri (Ryan) Eckhoff, Stacie (John) Eickhoff, and stepdaughter Sara (Wayne) Leitheiser; his grandchildren Christian, Dylan, Tiffany, Loren, Carter, and Ben; his step-grandchildren Alysia (Corey), Justin, Megan, Danielle (Alex), Jordan; his great-grandchildren Thomas and Robert; and step-great-grandchildren Rayne, Jayden, Asher, Paisley & Logan and Hallie; His brothers and sisters Susan (Dennis) Stai, Janie (Mike) Hulett, Sally (Dennis) Jepson, Paul (Carla) Wendt, Danny (Sande) Wendt, Holly (Bobby) Skillings; his Brother-in-law Steven (Kay) Frenzel, and sister-in-law Bev Palmer; his special Uncle Dewayne, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents (Herbert & Dorothy); one sister (Jill); his Mother-in-law (Ruby); and his best friend Dave.

Visitation will be held at David-Donohewer Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes on Friday, October 29, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., the prayer service will start at 6:30 p.m. The funeral services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Frazee at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30. The family requests that masks be worn during the visitation and service.

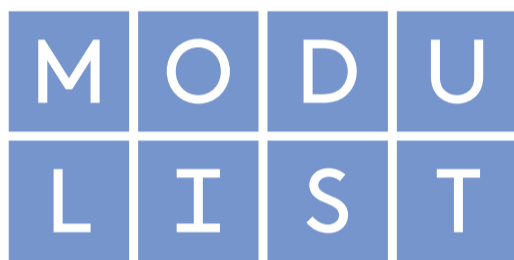
Alternative gestures to honor Philip could be given to: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at LLS.org

Arvid Matson



Arvid Matson, age 94, of Frazee, MN, passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Frazee Care Center. Arvid Leo "Butch" Matson was born October 18, 1927 to H.P. and Jennie (Pfeiffer) Matson on the family farm at McHugh, MN. He attended McHugh District 22 School. Arvid worked for Swift Inc. in Detroit Lakes and Frazee Turkey Plant. He also worked for the Soo Line Railroad. Arvid loved gardening and hunting. He would share the bounty of his garden with anyone who needed or asked. Arvid liked to spend many hours at his sister June's house having coffee and talking, that was a big part of his life, especially in the later years. Arvid never married. But he loved having his many nieces and nephews around. He loved watching the great-nieces and nephews play. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Detroit Lakes. Arvid loved the Lord and he knew that he would have a place in Heaven with Jesus. Arvid is survived by one sister, June Pearson, Frazee, MN; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Elna Schooler, Jennie Simmons, and Peter Matson. The family would like to thank the staff of Frazee Care Center and Hospice of the Red River Valley for the care that Arvid received.

Funeral Service will be 1:00 PM, Saturday, October 23 at First Baptist Church in Detroit Lakes. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements with the Furey Funeral Home of Frazee. www.FureyFH.com



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Each submission must include the following: Date, time and location of event, whether it is recurring or a one-time happening, and where to go for more information (phone, email and/or website). Also include whether the event is free or paid admission, and how much it costs when applicable.

Wednesday, October 27

Craft Winter Survival Kit Zoom Demonstration:

Join the staff of Lake Agassiz Regional Library for a live Zoom demonstration of this month's take and make kit at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Do you have trouble finding time to do the kits even though you really want to do them? Here is your chance to make an appointment to get it done — or maybe you just had a question come up... Either way, please join us and get your questions answered. It's like having your own crafting buddy!

Friday, October 29

Trunk or Treat: Callaway's White Earth Land Recovery Project will host a Halloween Trunk or Treat from 4 to 7 p.m. Chili, hot cocoa and apple cider, chips and cheese will be served.

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Saturday, October 30

Frazee Craft Fair: The 43rd annual Frazee Craft & Vendor Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Frazee Elementary School. More than 60 booths, turkey and sloppy joe sandwiches available. Hosted by the Frazee Lions Club.

Sunday, October 31

Trunk or Treat: Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes will host a Halloween Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot at 1100 Lake Ave. on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

"Boo-nanzaville" Trunk or Treat: Come to West Fargo's Bonanzaville between 2-5 pm. for a special Halloween trunk-or-treat event. Staff is inviting

various local businesses to the village as "trunkers," handing out candy at their decorated vehicles. They will also be serving hot dogs, chips and a beverage upstairs at the event center for \$5, with games and prizes upstairs in the event center as well. There will be a cake walk in Dawson Hall, along with rides to and from the corn maze at the Red River Valley Fair. Dress up in costumes, this will be a fun time at "Boo-nanzaville" on Halloween!

Monday, November 1

Big Ideas Trailer: Come to the parking lot in front of Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program (RMCEP) in Detroit Lakes between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for a career exploration event in the CEP Mobile Learning lab. The experience will include virtual reality (VR) painting; a CAD (computer aided design) simulator; augmented reality (AR) welding and more. Call 218-846-7377 to register.

Miscellaneous

Halloween Haunted House: The Becker County Museum will be hosting a Halloween Haunted House at the Becker County Fairgrounds, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29-30. Cost is \$10 at the door — or skip the line with a VIP Fast Pass, which you can order online at beckercountyhistory.org (click on the "Store" link at the top of the page). Recommended for ages 13 and up; all those age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult to attend.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt: Kids are invited to visit the Detroit Lakes Public Library for a Halloween scavenger hunt. Stop by the library at 1000 Washington Ave. during its open hours anytime through Saturday, Oct. 30 and search to find some literary friends hiding around the library to win a fun prize. Play at your own pace.

Steel Magnolias: The Detroit Lakes community theater group will be presenting three performances of the play "Steel Magnolias" on stage at the Historic Holmes Theatre, Oct. 28-30. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for students; order online at www.dlccc.org/holmes-theatre.html or call 218-844-7469.

Ag literacy grants up to \$500 available

News Staff

A public-private partnership between the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom (MAITC) Foundation is offering grants to K-12 teachers, 4-H, and FFA groups in Minnesota to develop educational experiences around agriculture and food systems education.

A total of \$5,000 in grants of up to \$500 each are available to help students experience agriculture in a cross-curricular manner. Funded activities can include new ideas as well as enhancements to current curricula/activities.

Examples of eligible expenses include field trips to working farms or agriculture businesses, purchasing needed supplies, and supporting "Ag Day" events at schools.

Priority will be given to first-time applicants. All applications will be evaluated by a grant review committee of the MAITC Foundation.

Applications are due by Nov. 15, 2021. Apply and find more information on the MAITC website.

Established in 1985, MAITC is a partnership between the MDA and the MAITC Foundation that seeks to increase agricultural literacy through K-12 education.



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Shannon Johnson, left, manager at Leela & Lavender in Detroit Lakes, puts an apparel item into a shopping bag on Saturday.

Leela & Lavender reopens with 'cozy' fall collection after downtown fire

By Michael Achterling
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Leela & Lavender showcased their new, cozy fall collection with a grand reopening last weekend.

After being shuttered for more than a month due to a nearby fire, the women's clothing retailer is open and ready for customers, according to Shannon Johnson, manager at the store.

"We're excited to be back open, that's for sure," said Johnson.

Johnson said the last month has been difficult, but, seeing the community support following the downtown fire was truly inspiring.

"Everybody kind of wants everybody else to succeed," she said. "Here in the mall, I've probably gotten to know some of the other managers better than I have in the past ... and the mall's been supportive and flexible to keep stuff for us offsite while we got our store clean."

Leela & Lavender only suffered smoke damage, but they did lose all of their product, including jewelry, due to possible health contamination, she said.

"We chose the route of not taking a chance," said Johnson. "The last thing we needed was for someone to go home and get sick."

She also had glowing things to say about the company's new fall collection, which is currently on display.

"It's cozy, it's cuddly and fall is one of my favorite seasons" said Johnson. "We have a lot of the corduroy jackets, we call them shackets."

Shackets, she said, are combination of shirt and jacket, which are thicker than a flannel with various liners and also warmer than the typical long-sleeve.

"And denim comes back and we have a lot of new styles in denim this year with straights and flairs, and we're seeing a lot more variety this year," she said.

Leela & Lavender has stores in: Sioux Falls, Bismarck, Fargo and Maple Grove, in addition to the Detroit Lakes location. The company is working on opening another location in the Twin Cities suburb of Woodbury over the next year.



Shannon Johnson, right, manager at Leela & Lavender in Detroit Lakes, and Jerzie Horner, a part-time staffer at the store, smile for a group photograph on Saturday during the store's grand reopening sale.



Leela & Lavender in Detroit Lakes opens for their grand reopening sale on Saturday after being shut down for more than a month due to a nearby fire that caused smoke damage to the store.

In Detroit Lakes, Johnson said she had nothing but positive things to say about her 12 part-time staffers who help make the retailer successful. She also said her entire staff came back to work after the retailer was forced to shutdown for a month.

Members of her team host morning coffee conversations on their Facebook page to highlight selected items from the store while talking fashion.

"All I do is shop here," said Jerzie Horner, part-time employee at the store. "I don't shop anywhere else. We went to the Mall of America and I literally

waited to go school clothes shopping to come here and get all of my school clothes."

Johnson also said the retailer is available for private showings for individuals, or small groups, before and after the store closes. Adding, it gives the shoppers more personal time with the staff and the apparel items, and snacks are usually provided during the showings.

"It's a fun, young company, and we're allowed that little bit of liberty to make it our own personal place (in Detroit Lakes)," said Johnson. "

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Sanford Detroit Lakes hosts Boo to the Flu

News Staff

Keep your children protected this season by saying boo to the flu.

Sanford Children's invites parents and their children to attend Boo to the Flu from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. Anyone over six months old can receive their flu vaccinations and are encouraged to wear their costumes. Children will also be given prizes.

Boo to the Flu is taking place at the San-

ford Detroit Lakes Clinic, 1245 Washington Ave.

An appointment to participate in Boo to the Flu is required. Appointments can be made by going to My Sanford Chart or by calling 218-846-2000. Patients will be required to wear facemasks and adhere to social distancing guidelines. If you don't have a mask, Sanford will provide one for you.

For more information, visit sanfordhealth.org keywords: Boo to the Flu.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Arvig to invest \$7.4 million in Perham fiber expansion

Arvig will expand its fiber network in Perham and the surrounding area with increased fiber-to-the-home connections in spring 2022.

The company's \$7.4 million investment in will also improve existing infrastructure so upgraded speeds, up to 10 gigabits per second, can be reliably delivered to customers, according to a company news release.

"Arvig is proud to be investing in a faster and more reliable network in the Perham area," said David Arvig, vice president and chief operating officer at Arvig. "With network demands increasing rapidly, it's more important than ever to provide these next generation speeds right here at home."

Arvig is headquartered in Perham and is an employee-owned broadband and full-service telecommunications provider.

More than half of the proposed new investment, \$4.8 million, is due to federal funding being awarded to the company through the Federal Communications Commission's Alternative Connect America Cost Model program, a program designed to bring faster internet speeds to rural areas.

Customers of Arvig will be notified about their service options as construction begins next spring.

Winter gear sale at Washington Square Mall Oct. 30-31

The Detroit Mountain Ski Patrol will be hosting a winter gear and consignment sale at the Washington Square Mall on Oct. 30 and 31.

The sale will run on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Individuals wishing to donate gear, or drop off consignment items, need to bring their gear to the sale area at the mall on Friday, Oct. 29 from 4-8 p.m.

Any non-sold items must be picked up on Oct. 31 from 2-4 p.m.

Mattson's Barber Shop to relocate after downtown fire

Mattson's Barber Shop will not be returning to its Washington Avenue location after fire, smoke and water damage from a September fire proved too great to rebuild, according to a Facebook post from the business.

In the Oct. 14 post, Alex and Natalie Lind-say thanked community members for sending their "thoughts, prayers, kind words, and gifts our way. We have been so incredibly humbled and blessed by your love and generosity."

The couple confirmed they have secured a new barber shop location and are working to get it licensed and "ready to start cutting hair as quickly as possible!"

They also added that, in their old location, the damage from the fire was so great that the building will need to be removed.

Mattson's Barber Shop said it would post details about the new location on the Mattson's Facebook page once "everything is officially in place."

A GoFundMe page set up for the barber shop after the fire received 53 donations, totaling \$5,350.

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Minnesota policymakers seek medal for Prince

By Dana Ferguson
West Central Tribune

ST. PAUL — Minnesota's congressional delegation on Monday, Oct. 25, announced that it is leading a push to award a posthumous Congressional Gold Medal award to Minnesota-born musician Prince Rogers Nelson, more commonly known as Prince.

The state's 10 members of Congress in a statement said they'd introduced a resolution to honor Prince, commending the singer's "legacy of musical achievement and ... indelible mark on Minnesota and American culture."

The medal is the highest honor that can be handed down to a civilian from the U.S. Congress. There have been 163 of the accolades awarded since the first went to George Washington in 1776. To advance, two-thirds of the members in each of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate would have to co-sponsor the proposal.

"The world is a whole lot cooler because Prince was in it — he touched our hearts, opened our minds, and made us want to dance," U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar



Olivia Harris / Reuters / File photo

Musician Prince performs at the Hop Farm Festival near Paddock Wood, southern England, on July 3, 2011.

said in a news release. "With this legislation, we honor his memory and contributions as a composer, performer, and music innovator. Purple reigns in Minnesota today and every day because of him."

Klobuchar and U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, introduced the legislation, with Tina Smith, Reps. Jim Hagedorn, Angie Craig, Dean Phillips, Betty McCollum, Tom Emmer, Michelle Fischbach and Pete Staub-

er signed on as original co-sponsors.

"I remember when I first came to America being captivated by Prince's music and impact on the culture. He showed that it was OK to be a short, Black

kid from Minneapolis and still change the world," Omar said. "He not only changed the arc of music history; he put Minneapolis on the map."

Prince was an award-winning singer,

songwriter, actor and producer who was born and raised in Minneapolis. He died in 2016 of an accidental opioid overdose.

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Student misconduct involving Minn. HS football team goes to county attorney

By Adelle Whitefoot
Duluth News Tribune

DULUTH — The St. Louis County Attorney's Office announced Monday, Oct. 25, it has received a referral from the Proctor Police Department following the recent criminal investigation involving some members of the Proctor High School football team.

According to a news release, the county attorney's office will conduct a thorough and careful review of the evidence before making any decisions regarding charges. "The county attorney's office is aware of the community's interest and desire to see timely results of the criminal investigation," a news release said. "The charging decisions will be made carefully and without undue delay. Given the amount of evidence to review, it is impossible to commit to a specific timeline."

Assistant County Attorney Ben Stromberg told the News Tribune last week that once the file and requested charges are handed over to the county attorney's office, they will decide whether there is sufficient evidence to file a juvenile delinquency petition or citation, depending on the level of the offense, he said.

According to Stromberg, the length of time it takes to make a decision on charges can vary from a few hours to several months, depending on the circumstances of the case.

Football activities for Proctor players in grades 9-12 were canceled in

September.

Proctor Police Chief Kent Gaidis told the News Tribune last week the incident was reported to the police department Sept. 16 at 2:05 p.m. In a television interview with Fox 21, former head coach Derek Parendo claimed the incident happened while he was watching his daughter play in a soccer game in Cloquet. The Proctor soccer team's only game

in Cloquet this season was Sept. 8.

Parendo is on a paid personal leave of absence until the end of the 2021-22 school year, when his resignation will take effect.

Proctor Public Schools

Superintendent John Engelking confirmed the investigation in an email to news outlets Sept. 22 and said the district is cooperating with police.

A week after the news emerged that the team was under investiga-

tion, the school district announced the rest of the program's 2021 games are canceled. In an email to parents Sept. 29, the district said the "alleged serious misconduct" led to the decision to end the season.

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Protesters gather at Peace Plaza to demonstrate against vaccine mandates Monday in downtown Rochester. Mayo Clinic is requiring employees who are not exempt for medical or religious reasons to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by January.

Crowd protests Mayo Clinic requiring its employees to be vaccinated

By Jeff Kiger
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — Chanting “Down with Mayo” and singing patriotic songs, a large crowd marched around downtown Rochester on Monday morning, Oct. 25, to protest Mayo Clinic’s coming requirement that all employees be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The crowd gathered in the Peace Plaza and marched around the block to chant in front of the Gonda Building before returning to the Peace Plaza.

The protest, organized online in a private Mayo Clinic employee discussion group, started at 9 a.m. with a dozen people with signs that quickly grew in number. By 10:30 a.m., the crowd had swelled to more than 100 people, possibly as many as 200.

Jason, who identified himself as a 15 year Mayo Clinic employee, stood in the Peace Plaza with his wife, year-old toddler and 12-year-old daughter as the crowd chanted, “Shame on Mayo.”

“Mayo is forcing everyone to get the vaccine. We’re facing termination. It seems like a breach of our freedoms as Americans to be forced to do stuff against our wishes,” said Jason, who declined to give his last name. Others involved in the protest also declined to fully identify themselves to the Post Bulletin.

Mayo Clinic informed its employees of the requirement earlier this month. Aimed at some 9,000 of the clinic’s 73,000 employees, the requirement takes effect Dec. 1. Employees who fail to get vaccinated by then, or who do not have a valid medical or religious exemption, will be placed on unpaid leave for one month. If they still are not in compliance with the requirement



Protesters march through downtown Rochester to demonstrate against vaccine mandates Monday. Mayo Clinic is requiring employees who are not exempt for medical or religious reasons to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by January.

by Jan. 1, Mayo will terminate them. Mayo began vaccinating employees in December 2020.

When asked what he intended to do before the deadline, Jason shrugged.

“I’ll just have to look for work elsewhere. There is life outside of Mayo. It is getting too big for its britches,” he said. “I’ve been loyal to Mayo Clinic for 15 years and they come and blindsides us like this.”

Vaccine mandate protestors along Second Avenue SW

The vaccine requirement is being imposed in order to make hospital facilities safer for patients, visitors and other staff members, a Mayo Clinic spokeswoman said at the time the requirement was introduced.

Watching Monday’s protest was Chris Nelson, a Mayo nurse who had just finished his shift. Asked what he thought of the protest, Nelson said, “I’m completely against them, but I support their freedom of speech.”

Nelson worked on a Mayo Clinic floor dedicated to treating COVID-19 patients. He said that most of his co-workers do not feel respected by protesters like these.

“Looking at this, I feel these people don’t value our work. A lot of my co-workers say the same thing,” he said. “There are a lot of emotions. The science is pretty clear.”

Nelson painted the issue of requiring employees to be vaccinated simply.

“They have the freedom to not comply,” he said. “And they have the freedom to work somewhere else.”

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Michael Toombs, left, a respiratory therapist, and Mark Bishofsky, an organizer with Stop the Mandate MN and a respiratory therapist, speak as protesters gather at Peace Plaza to demonstrate against vaccine mandates Monday in downtown Rochester. Mayo Clinic is requiring employees who are not exempt for medical or religious reasons to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by January.



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Kalley Newkirk, a 25-year-old pregnant woman who has worked at Mayo Clinic for four years, opposes the requirement for employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Currently on administrative leave, she wrote a very critical letter of resignation that spurring a right-wing talk-show host to bring her on his online show to discuss Mayo Clinic’s policy.

Staffer calls Mayo Clinic ‘communist’ for vaccine rule and resigns her job

By Jeff Kiger
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — Mayo Clinic administrative assistant Kalley Newkirk opposes the mandate for all non-exempt employees to receive COVID-19 vaccinations to the point that she resigned from her position and described the clinic’s policy as “communist” in an interview on an online conservative talk show.

Newkirk, a 25-year-old pregnant woman who has worked at Mayo Clinic for four years, believes one shot of the Pfizer vaccine in January caused her to not be able to sleep or eat for days and led her to be hospitalized in a locked mood disorder ward in the Genereose Building for 10 days. One month after her discharge from the hospital, she had a miscarriage, followed by a second miscarriage a month later.

Her doctors and medical team said there was no medical connection between the vaccine and her disorders or miscarriages, and at least three medical studies seeking a correlation between the vaccines and miscarriages have not established any connection. Newkirk’s care team strongly urged her to get the second Pfizer shot, but she fervently believes the vaccine was the source of her problems as she is very sensitive to medicine.

Acknowledging that she has no medical education, Newkirk said her opinion was “based on how I had been in the period from when I left the hospital to when those events (miscarriages) happened... it just all correlated so much. I think you’d have to be there in person to further understand.”

She also cites the “research” of Dr. Robert Malone, a virologist who speaks out against the COVID-19 vaccines.

Her unsubstantiated belief that the vaccine caused her health problems caused her distress, especially when Mayo Clinic sent out a message earlier this month that non-exempt employees would be terminated in January if they were not vaccinated.

“I was devastated. I sobbed pretty much the rest of the day,” Newkirk said of getting the email on Oct. 13 about the vaccine requirement. “I knew that I needed to think about what I was doing with my career choices and what the next steps

of my life were going to be, because of the baby on the way.”

She had an interview for a promotion at Mayo Clinic scheduled, but she canceled it because of the vaccination rule.

A few days after she sent her resignation letter, Newkirk sent a longer letter to Mayo Clinic CEO Dr. Gianrico Farrugia and other Mayo Clinic leaders to tell them of her decision.

“I am NOT an anti-vaxxer. I have every other vaccine under the sun! I believe in science, I believe in research, but what I don’t believe in: politics getting involved in personal health choices,” she wrote. “This institution is falling victim to communism. The Mayo brothers believed that politics was to STAY OUT of Mayo Clinic; we were always told to remain neutral. Now, we are folding to communist executive orders and not standing up with our own voice and research.”

She cited the Mayo Clinic’s references to a federal vaccine mandate from the Biden administration as evidence that the clinic’s decision to have employees get the shot is political versus medical.

In addition to supporting the “communist” political agenda, Newkirk also said that Mayo Clinic’s true reason to back this is financial.

“They do get money from the government for Medicare and Medicaid. And that I’m sure that is the reason that they did this mandate, honestly. That’s what I think... I do believe this whole thing is about money,” she said.

In a statement Monday, Mayo said “making COVID-19 vaccination a requirement to work at Mayo Clinic will help ensure we have a healthy workforce and that Mayo Clinic is a safe place to receive care — just as our patients expect. In consideration of the safety of our patients, staff, visitors and communities, Mayo Clinic is transitioning to the next phase of its COVID-19 vaccination

program, with vaccination required to continue to work at Mayo Clinic. A review process will be available for staff to seek medical or religious exemptions to vaccination. Staff may participate in social media and advocacy on their own behalf, in accordance with applicable Mayo Clinic policies.”

Newkirk posted her letter on her Facebook page and to a private online Mayo Clinic employee group of about 1,100 people who oppose the vaccine rule. The group enthusiastically supported her statements.

Some of them passed her letter on to online talk show host Stew Peters. Peters, who calls himself “The Bullhorn of the People,” asked Newkirk to be on his program.

Peters, who claims that the FDA has not approved any COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S., introduced the interview by commenting on statements Mayo Clinic doctors have made on social media criticizing people who oppose vaccinations. He said Mayo Clinic has “annihilated their credibility in their response to this pandemic.”

“Not everyone at Mayo Clinic is bad,” he said, introducing Newkirk as a brave woman opposing the clinic’s mandate.

Newkirk, wearing her Mayo Clinic employee badge, told Peters her story. The interview was posted on Oct. 22. The next day, Newkirk said she was placed on administrative leave by Mayo Clinic.

On Monday, Mayo said she was still employed there.

After writing the letter appearing in the Peters’ show, what does Newkirk hope Mayo Clinic will do?

She believes Mayo Clinic has the power to stand up to the federal government and defy any vaccine orders, if the leadership would “speak up” and support its employees who don’t want to be vaccinated.

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Author Landvik to appear live online at LARL website on Nov. 15

News Staff

Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) will host a virtual author presentation by Minnesota's own Lorna Landvik — performer and author of 12 popular novels including 2020's "Chronicles of a Radical Hag (With Recipes)" — at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15.

The presentation will be shown live online at the LARL website, larl.org/lornalandvik.

The author will share stories of her writing process and career, as well as stories of her life and what has inspired her. A fun and informative evening is guaranteed.

An in-person, live screening of the presentation will be held at the Moorhead Public Library, with a recording of the event available until Nov. 29.

More library happenings

Halloween Scavenger Hunt: Kids are invited to visit the Detroit Lakes Public Library for a Halloween scavenger hunt. Stop by the library at 1000 Washington Ave. during its open hours anytime through Saturday, Oct. 30 and search to find some literary friends hiding around the library to win a fun prize. Play at your own pace.

Craft Winter Survival Kit Zoom Demonstration: Join the staff of Lake Agassiz Regional Library for a live Zoom demonstration of this month's take and make kit at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Do you have trouble finding time to do the kits even though you really want to do them? Here is your chance to make an appointment to get it done — or maybe you just had a question come up... Either way, please

join us and get your questions answered. It's like having your own crafting buddy!

Storytime: Join the Detroit Lakes Public Library staff for some stories, flannel boards, finger plays, songs and more, on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 10:30 a.m. We will explore a different theme each week. Open to preschoolers and their caregivers.

Baby Bounce: Songs, stories, and action poems for infants, toddlers and their caregivers will be presented on Monday, Nov. 1 at 10:30 a.m. Program runs about a half hour, including playtime and chatting with other caregivers. Intended for ages 0-18 months.

Writers Group: Writers and prospective writers seeking encouragement, feedback and collaboration are welcome to join the Detroit Lakes Public Library's Writers' Group. The

group will meet Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. to tell their stories, share ideas and discuss writing tips. This event is offered free of charge and will be held in the library's main meeting room.

All LARL sites to close

Nov. 11 for Veterans Day All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) branches and LINK sites will be closed on Thursday, November 11 for Veterans Day.

LARL's branch libraries are located in Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mahanomen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen. Lake Agassiz Regional



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Minnesota author and performer Lorna Landvik will be appearing live online via the Lake Agassiz Regional Library website on Monday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. The event is being offered free of charge.

Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. More information is available at www.larl.org.

Furry offenders rarely face consequences for their actions

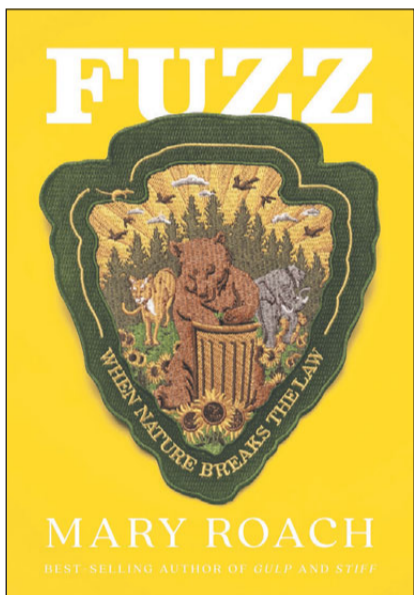
The pawprints were enormous.

That was your first thought when you saw them on the ground. Someone in the neighborhood just got a new dog the size of a horse. Is it close to Halloween? Or there's a Sasquatch in the 'hood. Or maybe, as in the new book "Fuzz" by Mary Roach, you share the block with something that could eat you.

Murder, theft, assault, destruction of property. It happens all the time between us and nature. But as Mary Roach discovered, there's a reason it's called wildlife: Toothed-and-clawed scofflaws don't always get caught and they rarely see jail time.

So what kind of criminals are we looking at here, Your Honor? Take bears, for example. Roach attended WHART classes in British Columbia, where mutilated mannequins help officials learn how to determine bear bites from wolf bites from scavenger nibbles. In Aspen, she learned that bears are really good at gently breaking into houses to find food, but they're not the only guilty parties: We humans are partially culpable in the bears' snack-pilfering habits.

Elephants, as she learned, aren't the long-lashed, big-eared snugglers from the movies. In India, they can be destructive to crops and vengeful to people,



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In "Fuzz," author Mary Roach takes a look at the consequences — or lack thereof — that nature's wildlife face for the violent, dangerous and destructive actions they take.

especially if they have grudges or are in musth. In that case, elephants have been seen stepping on villagers and tearing them limb-from-limb — though, because people there consider pachyderms as deities, the killers are rarely, if ever, treated negatively for their actions.

That's not quite the case with leopards in the Middle Himalaya, where the animals have killed hundreds of people through the years by seizing them from behind. Incredibly, it's not until the third attack that anything's done to stop the cat-astrophe.

In India, macaque monkeys live to "harass people." Cougars can

attack you (but they rarely do). Trees can become a "danger." Deer, dromedaries, all dangerous.

Even mice can kill but yeah, there's a trap for that.

You can't pet a bison. No selfies with a bear or moose. Leopard territory is off-limits. Please don't feed the animals, so what can you do? You can laugh and learn by reading "Fuzz."

Make no mistake, though: While author Mary Roach has a sneak-up-on-you sense of humor that will make you snort, what she shares with readers is serious stuff. As proof, she offers tales of animals doing things that humans would be arrested for doing and, like humans, this stuff can be bloody. It can be stomach-churning.

It can be fascinating because Roach takes readers around the world with experts who know, sometimes first-hand, about the real habits of these creatures that seem so familiar. Reading that, seeing why elephant handlers are paid more, learning about "ridiculously lovable" attackers and furry light-fingered extortionists, shows that unlawful ursas exist, camels can act like criminals, and sometimes, nothing's more apt than the word "jailbird."

If you're someone who loves to read aloud passages of your current obsession, "Fuzz" is your book. Clear your throat, prepare those around you; you should't wait to get your paws on it.

Terri Schlichenmeyer is the author of the Detroit Lakes Tribune book review column, "The Bookworm Sez." She has been reading since she was three years old, and never goes anywhere without a book. She lives in West Salem, Wis., with her two dogs and 9,000 books.



Jen Siska / Special to the Tribune

Author Mary Roach takes a humorous approach to a serious subject in "Fuzz," where she outlines how violent and destructive the actions of this planet's four-legged denizens can be — often without facing any kind of disciplinary or punitive consequences for their actions.

ART BRIEFS

PRDBA summer-fall photo contest

Photo submissions are now being accepted for the summer-fall contest. Amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to participate.

Categories are Area Lake Scenes, Main Street Scenes, Area Recreation and Area Wildlife.

Contest rules, guidelines and the photo entry form are available at www.parkrapidsdowntown.com.

Submission deadline is Nov. 30.

Talley Gallery to feature Van Wert

Bemidji State University will host a collection of stone sculptures by local artist Gordon Van Wert through Nov. 30, at the Talley Gallery in Bridgeman Hall.

The sculpture collection represents Anishinaabe stories and traditions, a release said. An opening reception will also be held with the artist from 2 to 4

p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

"Additionally, in 2008 Van Wert sculpted a piece called 'Sun and Wind' comprised with a half-ton of limestone and cast glass sculpture," the release said. "The sculpture depicts an American Indian elder channeling energy from Lake Bemidji to its surroundings and was installed near the Bridgeman Hall pergola."

The Talley Gallery is free and open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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NEWSIES

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IF YOU GO

What: Detroit Lakes High School presents “Newsies”

Where: George Simson Auditorium, Detroit Lakes Middle School

When: Nov. 4, 6, 11 and 13, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 7, 3 p.m.

How: All tickets are \$10 and reserved seats are on sale in advance at the courtesy counter of Detroit Lakes’ Central Market. Tickets will also be sold at the door starting approximately one hour in advance of each show.

Though it is a musical, this show is based on a real-life event: The New York City newsboys’ strike of 1899. Because of the preponderance of young, male roles in “Newsies,” artistic director Kathy Larson and assistant director Mark Everson thought the timing was right for this fall.

“When we were casting last year’s show (‘Songs for a New World,’ which was held last spring instead of in the fall due to COVID-19 restrictions), we had no idea we would have all this amazing, young male talent show up to audition,” Larson said.

“That’s what started the conversation,” said Everson, adding that “Newsies” was a show that both he and Larson had wanted to do “for a long time.”

“The music is incredible,” he said. “It’s a Disney show, so the whole family can come — and it’s really inspirational.”

“The great Alan Menken wrote all this fabulous music,” Larson agreed. “There’s just not a bad song in the entire show ... which is rare.”

“It’s an intense show,” Everson said. “It puts the pedal down from the first scene and never lets up.”

“Newsies” is also a show that requires a deep well of talent, Larson added: “We had to have the right mix to do it.”

“It’s deep in talent, light in pitch,” joked Ethan Hendrickson, who plays Crutchie — a ref-

erence to the preponderance of tenor vocals required for many of the songs.

Hendrickson is one of the stars of the show, alongside Kameron Wilkins (Jack Kelly) and Noah Hendrickson (Joseph Pulitzer), to name a few. Pulitzer is just one of several real-life historical figures that are part of “Newsies,” Everson noted, adding, “Theodore Roosevelt shows up too.”

Ethan’s parents, J.D. and Nerissa Hendrickson, are also the principal set designers and carpenters for the show, and J.D. is serving as sound technician as well. In fact, this year’s show involves the entire Hendrickson family.

“All three of our boys are doing it (the fall musical) together, for the first time — and the last,” said Nerissa, noting that Ethan is a senior this year.

Nerissa and J.D. Hendrickson explained that they based their set design on an 1890s New York City fire escape; the backdrop is a series of panels embossed with newsprint.

“They’re real newspapers from 1899,” Everson added, noting that they’d procured the images from the National Archives.

Nerissa Hendrickson

noted that Larson has been a stickler for the details when it comes to the show’s design, from sets to costumes and everything in between — “which is great,” she said, “because it just makes everyone work that much harder.”

“It takes a very special person to bring the best out of such a large group of people — us included,” added J.D. Hendrickson.

Though Larson is definitely the principal architect of this year’s show, she is also quick to point out that she couldn’t do it all without help — and this year, she has drawn some of that behind-the-scenes talent not just from the usual group of parent volunteers, but also from her cast.

“We have a student director for the first time this year, as well as a choreographer who is a student,” Larson said, referring to Annie Houglum and Malia McKenzie, respectively.

In addition to their choreographic and directorial duties, the two young women also play major roles in the production, as Katharine Plumber and Medda Larkin, respectively. Katharine is the love interest for Wilkins’ Jack Kelly, while Medda is one of Jack’s closest friends.

“I’m just super excit-

EXTRA! ‘NEWSIES’ CAST, ARTISTIC STAFF & CREW

Jack Kelly: Kameron Wilkins

Crutchie: Ethan Hendrickson

Race: Neil Trowbridge

Specs: Jude Houglum

Henry: Abram Steinke

Finch: Hadlee Justesen

Elmer: Siri Vagle

Romeo: Micah Barberg

Jo Jo: Anika Erickson

Mush: Chase Housholder

Buttons: Gavin Krause-Opitz

Tommy Boy: Austin Holt

Katherine Plumber: Malia McKenzie

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Bowery Beauties: Molly Brooks, Hadlee Justesen, Jaden Mercil, Siri Vagle

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Police Officer: Victor Jimenez

Mayor: Nate Cihak

Spot Conlon: Aiden Holt

Bill: Marv Mai

Governor Teddy Roosevelt: Erick Ziegler

Primary Dancers: Lily Anderson, Zoe Cariveau, Maddie Kukoski

Featured Dancers: Molly Brooks, Addie Clark, Anika Erickson, Izzy Hansen, Hadlee Justesen, Jaden Mercil, Andrew Nunn, Siri Vagle, Anna Yost

Newsies: Brooklynn Anderson, Vayda Flint, Onika Greer, Benjamin Hansen, Eli Hendrickson, Lucian Hesebeck, Brooklyn Johnson, Khloe Jorgenson, Sophia Karlgaard, Tristan Kiser, Madison Mendl, Cole Rotter, Aaliyah Thompson, Charlotte Trowbridge, Derek Wagoner, Tristan Wahl

Director/Producer/Vocal Director: Kathryn Larson

Assistant Director/Light Design-Technician/Video Design: Mark Everson

Sound Design Technician: JD Hendrickson

Choreographer: Malia McKenzie, Class of 2022

Student Director: Annie Houglum, Class of 2023

Rehearsal Accompanist: Paul Heisler

Set Designers: Richard Hennings, JD Hendrickson & Nerissa Hendrickson

Master Carpenters: Richard Hennings, JD Hendrickson, Nerissa Hendrickson & Tom Trowbridge

Scenic Artist/Prop Mistress: Nerissa Hendrickson

Costume Design: Alley Cook

Production Assistant: Chelsea Larson

Printing Press Design & Construction: Mike Nustad

Sound Technician: Aiden Wass, Class of 2022

Stage Manager: Gannon Braun

Backstage Assistant Manager: Lawson Greene

Backstage Crew: Addison Lowell, Marv Mai, Evan Thomas & Erick Ziegler

Spotlight Operators: Linnea Aelony & Kaitlin Hanson

Carpenters: Brenda Houglum, April Thomas, Ryan Hansen, Kate Hansen, Dan Jorgenson & the DLHS Building Trades Classes

Costume Team: Esther Bromander, Lori Foltz, Zada Foltz, Katelyn Haarstick, Lona Justesen, Trista Koppes, Jean Livingood, Nancy McKenzie & Madalyn Sukke

Scenic Painting: Mary Rotter, Kathy Michaelson & Rick Michaelson

Properties Assistant: Carol Nustad

Makeup Artists: Annie Houglum & Jaycee Haverkamp

ed,” said McKenzie. “It’s our first fall musical coming off COVID, and it’s really nice to see things getting back to some form of ‘normal’ again.”

Wilkins, who plays Jack Kelly, put in a plug for McKenzie’s efforts, not-

ing that she was a “phenomenal” choreographer. “This show wouldn’t be what it is without her,” he said.

Houglum agreed with Larson and Everson’s assessment about the score of “Newsies,” noting, “There is no song

in this show you can go wrong with — it’s phenomenal music.”

She added that she was thrilled “to see it all come together — not just for the actors, but for the set builders, the backstage crew and everybody.”

SALE

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“We’ll be at North Shore Travel Plaza and the lobby of the Holiday Inn from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and at DL Floral (inside the Washington Square Mall) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days (Thursday and Friday), and then again on Saturday morning if we don’t sell out,” she said.

Colors for the roses range from the traditional red (still the most popular) to pink, yellow, white, orange, lavender and lime green. Customers can choose all one color, or a mixture.

“We will also have our lollipop bunches,” said Michaelson, referring to a popular variant where customers can purchase a dozen roses, all in different colors.

People can come in and choose their own blooms, or pre-order them, Michaelson said; if they order from DL

Floral, they can even choose to have a floral arrangement done and delivered to a specific address — for an additional charge.

All pre-sale tickets will be honored at DL Floral, she added, even if their initial rose order sells out.

In a typical year, the Rotary rose sale will bring in about \$7,000, which is used to fund local literacy, health and wellness projects.

“All of the money is put back into the communities of Detroit Lakes, Audubon, Lake Park, Audubon, Fra-

zee and White Earth,” Michaelson said.

Roses retrospective

Conceived by Ron Zeman in 1993, Roses from Rotary — or Roses for Rotary, as it is sometimes called — has been the mainstay of the breakfast club’s fundraising activities each year.

The concept of the rose sale was to offer hunters an early November opportunity to purchase roses for spouses and significant others as they went off to chase their deer. In recent years, it has also become

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Fearful event patrons make their way through the Detroit Lakes haunted house, hosted by the Becker County Museum at the county fair grounds during its opening weekend Saturday. The house will continue scaring patrons on Oct. 29 and 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



An event patron make his way through the Detroit Lakes haunted house.

HAUNTED HOUSE

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The event is also a fundraiser for the Becker County Museum, which incorporates the proceeds in their general programming fund, said Mitchell. "It helps us continue to do more programming, more outreach," she said. "It's fun to see people get excited. It's fun to see everything from the little kids dragging their parents in because they really want to go through, to a group of 15-year-olds on a Friday or Saturday night wanting to take time out to do something."

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Volunteer scarers pose for a photograph in between groups of patrons at the Detroit Lakes haunted house.



Haunted house attendees line up outside the 4-H building at the Becker County Fairgrounds to make their way through the Detroit Lakes haunted house on Saturday.

CLINIC

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Neubauer spoke at separate meetings of the Detroit Lakes City Council and the Becker County Board of Commissioners last week.

There are only five dentists that serve Minnesota health care programs recipients in the entire region, including one that exclusively handles people with special needs, she said.

"It's a real problem," she said in an interview. The various mobile dental clinics that come through the Detroit Lakes area just can't keep up with demand, and travel can be difficult for people without much money.

The need is great: There were more than 11,000 Becker County residents aged zero to 69 enrolled in one of the Minnesota Health Care Programs in 2019, but only about a third of them saw a dentist in 2019.

(The exception is young people ages 6 to 20. Nearly 57% of them received dental care in 2019.)

Neubauer said she is part of a committee that



Submitted photo

A young patient and his guardian give a big thumbs up to the new dental clinic in Fergus Falls. Advocates are hoping a similar clinic could be built in Detroit Lakes.

has been meeting to review the dental access problems in the region and working to address them.

"We've been talking to Apple Tree Dental and Northern Dental Access (in Bemidji) to see if they are interested in partnering on a building in Detroit Lakes," she said. "They're having some discussions about what a combined effort might look like as far as providing services here."

The next step is to hire a planner to do a feasibility study and a formal business plan, she added. "That will

give us some formal structure as to what a building might look like and who would run it."

She met with the Detroit Lakes and Becker County elected officials to keep them in the loop and ask for their support. "We're looking for additional stakeholders from the Detroit Lakes community to join us in this planning process," she said. "We have to get our ducks in a row before we start fundraising."

The meetings with the city council and county board went well, she said: "The city had some very valid ques-

tions about the problem. Overall it was very optimistic and positive. The county was very, very supportive of the idea."

Minnesota has long had a dismal record of supporting dental care for lower-income people.

According to the Larkin Hoffman law firm, a 2018 study by the Health Policy Institute of the American Dental Association found that Minnesota's Medicaid program (Medical Assistance) ranked 49th out of 50 states for pediatric dental reimbursement and 47th in adult dental reimbursement.

This year, the Legislature (bolstered by federal stimulus dollars) took strong action, targeting \$61 million to boost the state's MA reimbursement rates for dental care. After Jan. 1, that will mean an across-

the-board increase of approximately 98% for private dentists working on low-income patients. "I do believe there's hope," Neubauer said. "I do believe the Detroit Lakes community has what it takes to do this long-term process."

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FOOTBALL

VOLLEYBALL



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The Detroit Lakes defense celebrates a touchdown late in the second quarter on Oct. 20 in a 42-29 win over Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. The Lakers drew Rocori in the first round of the Section 8AAAA tournament on Saturday at 5 p.m.



Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes bench celebrates a point in the first set in its 3-1 win over Perham on Sept 7. The Lakers are the fifth seed in the section 8AAA tournament and will travel to St. Cloud Tech on Wednesday.

Lakers to battle unfamiliar teams in 8AAA tournament

By Jared Rubado
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PLAYOFF PREVIEW

WHAT: Detroit Lakes @ St. Cloud Tech, Section 8AAA quarterfinal
WHEN: Thursday, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Cloud Tech High School

Every team wants to be playing its best at the right time of the season. The Lakers could very well be doing that heading into the Section 8AAA tournament.

The Lakers finished the season 9-16 and earned the fifth seed. Outside of regular-season tournament play, Detroit Lakes won five of its last six matches, with four of those wins coming on the road. The Lakers head to fourth-seeded St. Cloud Tech (8-14) on Thursday for a quarterfinal matchup.

"We look pretty even on film," Detroit Lakes head coach Lynnsey Machakarie said. "We will need to put up a strong serving game and stop at nothing short of the whistle. We will not be evenly matched if our girls get on that court and put it all out there. Our key is to play our best for each player. From the court to the beach, we need to get after it this week in practice and put in the work."

Detroit Lakes did not play against St. Cloud Tech this season. In fact, the Lakers didn't get a chance to play any section teams this season. Facing an unfamiliar opponent poses challenges in preparation for both sides.

"With Hudl and live streams, we have been able to get film for this week and next," Machakarie said. "As a coaching staff, we have been watching St. Cloud Tech's last match and putting forth strong block and secondary defense, as well as solid serve receive drills, into our practice this week. We will also work on a lot of communication items to help the girls continue to work through this new lineup, as well as be ready for any adjustments needed."

The Lakers have had to shake things up in recent weeks following some injuries. They went 2-2 with a new-look lineup at the Fergus Falls invite on Oct. 21 and got a taste of how their section rotation shapes up.

"We went to Fergus with another new lineup due to an injury over the previous weekend, so we worked that week in practice on fine-tuning some individual things and then playing well together," Machakarie said. "We also went in knowing this could

"We will need to put up a strong serving game and stop at nothing short of the whistle. We will not be evenly matched if our girls get on that court and put it all out there."

LYNNSEY MACHAKARIE, DETROIT LAKES HEAD COACH

bring us into a higher seed on QRF rankings. We, as coaches, looked for the girls to leave it all on the court each game. We saw some great connections between setters and hitters and some positive communication, but also a number of communication errors. Something we will continue to work on this week."

Detroit Lakes finished above St. Cloud Tech in Minnesota-Scores' QRF system at the end of the regular season. However, both teams were within the tie-breaking margin, and the home-court advantage went to the Tigers for the quarterfinal.

"It would have been a great boost to have the home seed especially being we are expected to be such equally matched teams," Machakarie said. "But this team can play well on the road, and the boost should still be there that they came out of the (Fergus Falls) tournament forcing a tie break instead of a regular fifth seed."

The goal for the Lakers is to stick with the game plan. Machakarie believes her squad has the tools to survive and advance in a competitive first-round match.

"(St. Cloud Tech moves) well, so we will need to place our shots well," Machakarie said. "They also serve hard, so our serve receive will need to be passing two-plus point passes so we can effectively run our offense. They are going to be a tough match-up, so whichever team brings their best game will come out on top."

The rest of the bracket If the Lakers can knock off the Tigers on Thursday night, an even tougher test likely awaits. Alexandria (17-1) is the only team in Section 8AAA with a

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SHOWTIME

Lakers look to shake things up in top-heavy 8AAAA field

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes football team is riding high off its biggest win of the season last Wednesday against Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. But the Lakers will need to put it all together again as they travel to the home of the defending Class AAAA state champions.

Detroit Lakes (5-3) earned the third seed in the Section 8AAAA tournament, which means they're set to hit the road on Saturday for Rocori (5-3). The Lakers finished the regular season 5-3 after knocking off Class AAA's third-ranked DGF 42-29 in the final game of the regular season.

"We can't let this week be the highlight of our season," Detroit Lakes head coach Reed Hefta said. "It's an emotional game going into next week, and we need to go out there and play Laker football. We talk about finishing, well now it's time to finish. We want to make a run in Section

PLAYOFF PREVIEW

WHAT: Detroit Lakes @ Rocori, Section 8AAAA semifinal
WHERE: Rocori High School
WHEN: Saturday 5 p.m.

"We talk about finishing, well now it's time to finish. We want to make a run in Section 8AAAA."

DETROIT LAKES HEAD COACH REED HEFTA, DETROIT LAKES HEAD COACH

8AAAA."

"(DGF) is a very sound offensive team," Hefta said. "We needed to play against a team like this to get better because we have a heavy task ahead of us. The preparation and the intensity we practiced at (last week) really helped us realize this is how we need to play."

Detroit Lakes outscored its opponents by a combined 205-164 this season. The Lakers averaged 25.6 points per game and scored at least

27 points in five of its eight games this year.

The Laker defense has been streaky this season, especially in the last four games. While it only gives up 20.5 points per contest, Barnesville (6-2), Perham (5-3) and Fergus Falls (6-2) all scored at least 29 points against Detroit Lakes. The Lakers were the road team in all three of those games.

It's unlikely that Detroit Lakes will get another home game this season, even if it can get past Rocori. This season, the Lakers were 1-3 away from Mollberg Field, with the lone win coming against Park Rapids (1-7).

Despite some struggles on the road, the Lakers have had times where they've put it all together. Hefta is confident his team can do it for four quarters on Saturday.

"The whole goal is to be a team that plays like a team," Hefta said. "When all of the coaches before me have been successful, the guys on the team pulled in the same direction. That's

something we need to do as a team and as a group of young adults. This is what Laker football is—playing together and not being an individual."

Rocori is the reigning Class AAAA state champion. In 2029 the Spartans went 11-2 and beat SMB, a co-op of Blake School, Minnehaha Academy, St. Paul Academy and Summit School, 22-21 in the title game. Rocori beat Detroit Lakes 14-6 in the section championship game to get to state two years ago.

Last year, Rocori finished the season 7-0 with a 34-6 playoff win over Grand Rapids. However, the COVID-19 pandemic halted the Spartans' attempt to repeat as state champions. Rocori saw a sizable senior class depart for graduation from two of the best seasons in program history. Now, at 5-3, a young core is trying to get back to the big dance.

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Lakers crown winners of fall 3-on-3 tournament



Photo submitted by Greg Unruh

From left, Abby Cummings, Emma Coley, Siri Vagle and Lucy Sent pose after winning the Detroit Lakes girls tennis 3-on-3 tournament last week.

FOOTBALL

Thunderbirds hope for rematch in 8A title

LPA, Frazee are eyeing upset bids



By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Mahnomen-Waubun is looking to make it back to the state tournament for the first time since 2018, where the Thunderbirds took home the Class A title. To do that, they will have to take care of business against two other hopefuls in Section 8A.

The second-seeded Thunderbirds (7-1) earned a bye in the first round of the playoffs, which likely sets up a semifinal home game against Polk County West (6-1). The third-seeded Eagles shared a common loss with Mahnomen-Waubun against top-seeded Ada-Borup West (7-1).

The Thunderbirds outscored

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Dennis Ashley breaks free on Sept. 17 in Mahnomen-Waubun's win over Warroad. The Thunderbirds earned the second seed and first-round bye in the 8A playoffs, and will host the winner of Polk County West and Fosston on Saturday.

its opponents 296-90 this season to finish the season ranked fourth in the Class A rankings, according to the Associated Press state high school football polls for the week of Oct. 19. Ada-Borup is ranked seventh, while Polk County West is eighth.

Mahnomen-Waubun finished 2-1 in section play this season, with their only loss

coming on the road at Ada-Borup by a score of 33-12. The Thunderbirds finished the season on a four-game winning streak and scored at least 33 points in seven games this season.

In 2020, the Thunderbird went 5-0 before the COVID-19 pandemic halted the season early. Mahnomen-Waubun followed up its 13-0 state championship season in 2018 with an 8-2 campaign in 2019. In 2019, Mahnomen-Waubun's repeat bid fell short in the Section 8A final in a 34-28 loss to Polk County West.

If Polk County West can take care of business against sixth-seeded Fosston in the first round, the Thunderbirds will host the Eagles on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Raiders look to right the ship

Lake-Park Audubon (2-6) is looking for its first playoff win since 2014. To do that

will mean knocking off second-seeded Pine River-Backus (7-1)

The Raiders earned the seventh seed in Section 6A after a 2-6 season. They were outscored 145-219 by opponents this fall and closed the regular season on a four-game losing streak. The Raiders did go head-to-head with Pine River-Backus on Oct. 15 and lost 44-16. It was the only section game played this season.

It's been eight years since the last LPA playoff victory. In 2014, the Raiders beat Badger-Greenbush-Middle River in the first round of the playoffs before falling to Fosston four days later. The Tigers are more familiar with postseason success. Last year they beat Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 29-6 in their only playoff game. Kickoff is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Frazee hits the road for Hawley

The Frazee Hornets (2-6) are

the sixth seed in the Section 8AA tournament and will head to Hawley on Tuesday night to battle the third-seeded Nuggets (4-4).

Frazee won its first and last games of the 2021 season over Parkers Prairie and Roseau but also suffered a six-game losing streak. The Hornets were 0-2 in section play with losses at Pelican Rapids on Sept. 10 and Crookston on Sept. 24.

If the Hornets get past the Nuggets in the first round, they will travel to Pelican Rapids on Oct. 30. This season, the Vikings finished 6-2, which was good enough for the second seed and first-round bye.

At the top of the bracket sits seventh-ranked Barnesville at 6-2, The Trojans' only two losses were against eighth-ranked Osakis and West Central Area-Ashby, who earned the top two seeds in Section 6AA.

Kickoff in Hawley is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

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VOLLEYBALL

Area teams hit the road in first-round matchups

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Mahnomen-Waubun, Lake Park Audubon and Frazee all hit the road this week in hopes of knocking off higher seeds in the opening rounds of their section tournaments.

The Thunderbirds (10-14) earned the sixth seed in Section 6A-East and

will head to Fertile-Beltrami on Thursday at 7 p.m. On Oct. 14, Fertile-Beltrami (18-8) beat Mahnomen-Waubun 3-1 in the only meeting between the two teams this season.

The winner will likely travel to Fosston (18-9) on Friday night as the Greyhounds secured the second seed in the

East. They will take on the winner of seventh-seeded Blackduck and 10th-seeded Bagley in the play-in round.

The Raiders of LPA finished the regular season 13-10 and hit the road for New York Mills on Wednesday night. LPA is the fifth seed in Section 6A-North after going 6-4 against sec-

ular season 25-2 with an 11-0- section record.

Frazee is the sixth seed in the South and will travel to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton on Wednesday night for a 7 p.m. first-round matchup. The Hornets finished the regular season 4-19 with a 2-9 8AA record.

Frazee lost its only meeting with DGF (16-

11) this season on Sept. 16 by a score of 3-0. DGF is the South's third seed and went 9-4 in 8AA play this fall. The winner of the sub-section quarterfinal will play against either second-seeded Hawley or seventh-seeded Pelican Rapids on Friday night.

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"They're one of those top-notch teams in the state," Hefta said of Rocori. "They're obviously going to be a little bit different than (DGF). We need to make sure that our intensity is equal to what it was tonight, if not greater. We can't always fight back from being down two or three scores. We have to make sure the foot is on the gas the whole game and that we're playing the way Lakers should play."

The most significant difference between Rocori and Detroit Lakes is the strength in schedules. The Spartans played seven Class AAAA teams, while the Lakers didn't play any. Rocori outscored opponents 147-132 this season and faced off against two



Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune
Gavin Smith (14) sacks Owen Leach leading to a scoop-and-score touchdown Oct. 20 in Detroit Lakes' 42-29 win over Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton.

other 8AAAA opponents.

In the opening game of the season, top-seeded Becker (8-0) handed Rocori a 24-0 loss. In week four, the Spartans squeaked out a win at home over fourth-seeded St. Cloud Apollo (4-4) by a final of 22-20.

"It's going to be a

dog fight," junior wide receiver Charlie Kalina said of matching up with Rocori. "We won't know what to expect until we watch films and study. We need to be as ready as we can because anything can happen in the playoffs. It's good to get a win (over DGF), but

we have to stay focused. We can't rest on this win. We have to practice hard and keep pushing forward."

Many of the Lakers were around two years ago when they came up eight points short of going to the state tournament. An undefeated season ended at the hands of the Spartans. Hefta, who has been with the program since 2013, aims to get all hands on deck and focus on playing one play at a time.

"The biggest thing we need to do is just keep doing what we do well," Hefta said. "We have to identify what their strengths are and be able to utilize our strengths to beat them. It's going to be a battle. It comes down to a lot of work for us as coaches. We need to watch film and do our part, and the players need to be coachable."

The rest of the bracket

Waiting for the winner of the Detroit Lakes-Rocori game is Becker, the top-ranked team in Class AAAA, according to the Associated Press state high school football polls as of Oct. 19.

The Bulldogs are 8-0 this season, and have outscored their opponents 246-58. Becker picked up wins over Rocori and Apollo in their regular season section games this fall.

Becker went 4-2 in the shortened season last fall before dominating Big Lake 28-0 in its only playoff game. This season, the Bulldogs have played in just two games that were decided by one possession.

One of those games came on the road on Oct. 15 at Apollo. Becker saw its unbeaten season nearly slip away by a score of 23-17. The fourth-seeded Eagles are having a surprise year on

the back of a large senior class.

Apollo drew the short stick and will host fifth-seeded Little Falls (1-7) in the play-in round on Tuesday night. The Flyers got their first win of the season last Wednesday in a 41-14 victory at Milaca. Apollo is coming off of its biggest win of the season at Coon Rapids. The Eagles beat the Cardinals 28-26 to finish the season at the .500 mark.

Apollo's last playoff win was in 2018 over Little Falls by a score of 51-21. It's been eight years for the Flyers as their most recent postseason victory came in 2014, against Thief River Falls.

The section championship game will take place on Nov. 5 at a neutral site.

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record above .500. The Cardinals are the overwhelming favorite to come out of the section

this season as they posted a perfect 7-0 record against 8AAA teams this season.

Alexandria's undefeated record against section teams is even more impressive when realizing

it only lost one set. Sauk Rapids-Rice (10-16) was the only team to record a blemish on Alexandria's 8AAA resume in a 3-1 loss on Oct. 14.

Sauk Rapids went 3-2 in section play this season

with victories over Rocori (11-14), St. Cloud Apollo (1-17) and Tech. The Storm will host Becker (4-18) in the first round on Thursday.

Third-seeded Rocori welcomes Little Falls

(5-19) to town for a quarterfinal matchup. This season, the Flyers did not play any section teams and finished the year on a 13-match losing streak. High seeds will host every round of the

tournament until the title game, where the champion will be crowned at a neutral site.

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Melissa-Sallie lake association makes \$7,000 donation to Food Pantry

News Staff

Members of the Lake Melissa-Sallie Improvement Association (LMSA) recently closed out their summer season by donating \$7,000 to the Becker County Food Pantry.

LMSA Secretary Mary Rotter and President Mike Becraft made the presentation to the Food Pantry's Executive Director Brad Carlson on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

In the past, LMSIA members shared canned goods as well as money but

when word spread that \$1 could purchase at least \$8 worth of goods, the drive focused on cash.

For instance, Carlson said the price of one jar of peanut butter in the store could pay for 17 similar jars through bulk buying. The food pantry is located adjacent to the fairgrounds in Detroit Lakes and is open to Becker County residents every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 3 p.m. as well as from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (by appointment only).



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Lake Melissa-Sallie Improvement Association Secretary Mary Rotter, left, and LMSA President Mike Becraft, at right, recently presented Becker County Food Pantry Executive Director Brad Carlson (center) with a check for \$7,000. The donation was made by LMSA members to help support the local food pantry.

Construction gets underway on new Vergas pickleball courts

News Staff

Dirt is on the move for the new pickleball courts near the baseball diamonds in Vergas.

The first phase of the project — the ground and cement work — is scheduled for completion this month. Phases two and three will consist of surfacing and fencing and are scheduled for spring 2022.

"We are thrilled to

be underway," said Jill Shipman, a project committee member. "This will bring yet another improvement to the city of Vergas and can be enjoyed by people of all ages. We invite anyone who loves this community to join us in this effort."

The total project cost is \$130,000. Half of the funds are already raised, coming from grants and



Left: Vergas Pickleball Court Committee members, from left, Ron Franklin, Sherri Hanson, Maria Sontag, Shannon Charpentier and Jill Shipman, dug into the ground for a groundbreaking ceremony before bulldozers arrived earlier this fall. Right: Bulldozing on the Vergas pickleball courts started Oct. 16.

donations by businesses and individuals.

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ART BRIEFS

PRDBA summer-fall photo contest

Photo submissions are now being accepted for the summer-fall Park Rapids Downtown Business Association contest. Amateur and professional photographers are

encouraged to participate.

Categories are Area Lake Scenes, Main Street Scenes, Area Recreation and Area Wildlife.

Contest rules, guidelines and the photo entry form are available at www.parkrapidsdowntown.com. Submission

deadline is Nov. 30.

Talley Gallery to feature Van Wert

Bemidji State University will host a collection of stone sculptures by local artist Gordon Van Wert through Nov. 30,

at the Talley Gallery in Bridgeman Hall.

The sculpture collection represents Anishinaabe stories and traditions, a release said.

An opening reception was also held with the artist from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

"Additionally, in 2008 Van Wert sculpted a piece called 'Sun and Wind' comprised with a half-ton of limestone and cast glass sculpture," the release said. "The sculpture depicts an American Indian elder channeling ener-

gy from Lake Bemidji to its surroundings and was installed near the Bridgeman Hall pergola."

The Talley Gallery is free and open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Lakes area students named to dean's list at SDSU

Several lakes area students were named to the dean's list for academic excellence after the spring 2021 semester at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Among those local students earning dean's list honors were: Sara E. Freeman, Detroit Lakes; Mary Eleanor Nelmark, Frazee; and Haylee Renee Hovanec, Lake Park.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk after their names received a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Overall, nearly 3,200 students from 35 states and 30 foreign nations were named to the list. More than 1,350 students received a 4.0.

Local students named to BSU president's list

Several local students have been placed on the president's honor roll for academic achievement during the spring

2021 semester at Bemidji State University.

Those who achieved this honor were:

- Mikhail Usovich and Kari Wendt, both of Detroit Lakes;

- Megan Danielson and Arron Erickson, both of Frazee;

- Trevor Loberg, Lake Park.

To be eligible for the president's honor roll, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the semester.

Detroit Lakes student earns dean's list honors at Wheaton

Abigail Doci of Detroit Lakes was among those students at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., who were named to the dean's list for their academic achievements during spring semester 2021.

To earn dean's list honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale.

DL's Sundseth graduates from St. Cloud State

Katherine Sundseth, Detroit Lakes, was among those 950 students who graduated from St. Cloud State University at the end of the spring semester.

Sundseth earned an Associate of Arts (i.e., two-year) degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

UND students from lakes area honored for achievements

The University of North Dakota in Grand Forks has honored several lakes area students for their academic achievements during spring semester 2021.

Among those local students who were named to the dean's list were:

- Taylor Prussia, Audubon;

- Sydney Bringer, Caitlin Collins, Max Gunderson, Morgan Mastrud and Ellie Morgan, all of Detroit Lakes;
- Isaac Benson, Waubun.

The UND dean's list comprises students whose grade point average are in the top 15% of the enrollment in each of the University's

degree granting colleges and schools. A student must have completed no fewer than 12 semester hours of academic work for the semester, of which eight or more hours must be graded work rather than "satisfactory/unsatisfactory."

Local students named to the UND president's roll of honor included:

- Laura Prussia and Taylor Prussia, both of Audubon;

- Sydney Bringer and Max Gunderson, both of Detroit Lakes;

- Brianne Huesman, Rochert;

- Isaac Benson, Trenten Johnson and Logan Pazdernik, all of Waubun.

To qualify for the UND president's roll of honor, a student must have an overall cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher. The student must also have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours and have completed a minimum of 12 hours at the close of the semester, eight of which must be for traditional letter grades.

DL's Engel earns doctorate from Iowa State

Kelsey Engel, Detroit Lakes, was among 802

graduates at Iowa State University to receive their degrees this summer.

Engel earned her doctorate in philosophy and psychology.

Students earning degrees from ISU have the opportunity to participate in fall or spring commencement ceremonies on the university campus in Ames, Iowa.

Two local students graduate from Central Lakes

Allen Bergquist and Wayne Willette, both of Detroit Lakes, were among those graduating from Central Lakes College at the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year.

Both Bergquist and Willette graduated with high honors, with each receiving a certificate for completing the Essentials of Farm Business Management program. High honors are awarded to those students who achieved a grade point average of 3.75-4.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Central Lakes College is comprehensive community and technical college with campuses in Brainerd and Staples, Minn.

Several area students earn Sister Anne scholarships from Essentia

Essentia Health St. Mary's has announced their 2021 winners of the Sister Anne Scholarship.

Scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to four individuals pursuing health care careers:

- Brenna Behrens, Park Rapids, attending the College of St. Benedict in pursuit of her nursing and pre-physician assistant education;

- Carter Mosher, Detroit Lakes, attending the University of Mary in pursuit of a Doctor of Nursing practice degree;
- Julia Vetter, Vergas, attending the University of Mary in pursuit of a nursing degree;
- Kristina Eiter, Lake Park, attending M State in pursuit of a radiology technician degree.

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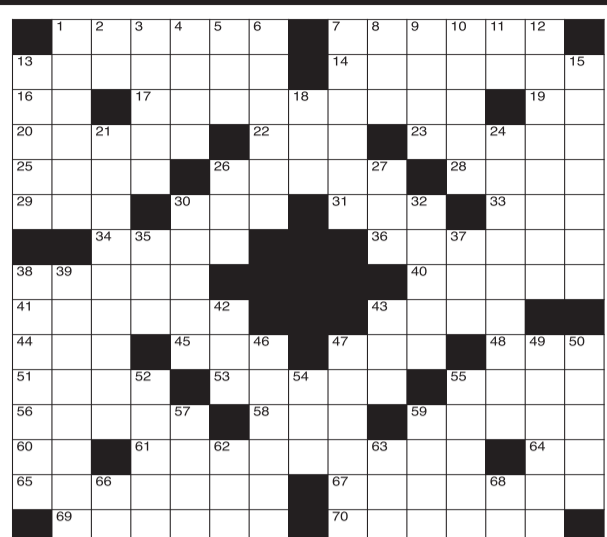
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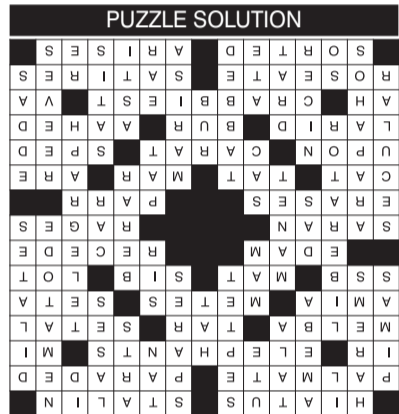
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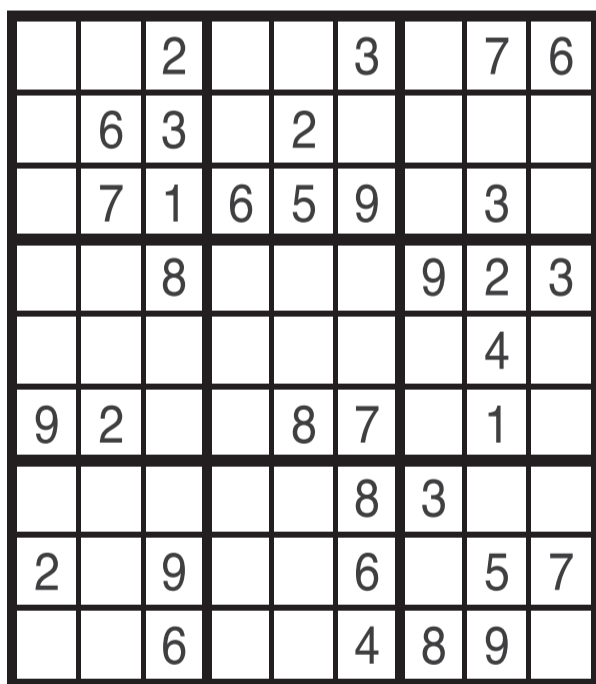
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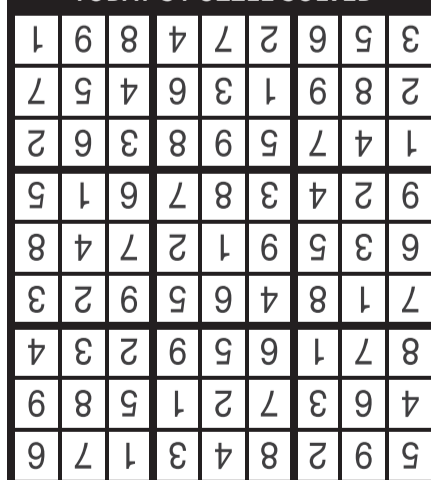
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Council of the City of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 5:00pm and will at said time and place conduct a hearing in the matter of vacating a portion of the utility easements in Block 2 of the Tower Road Industrial Park on the following described property: Those portions of easements located in Lots 1, 2, 4 and 5 of Block 2 of the TOWER ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK, said plat is on file and of record at the Becker County Recorder's Office, in Section 22, Township 139 North, Range 41 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows: The easterly 10.00 feet of said Lot 1 less the north 50.00 feet and the southerly 10.00 feet of said Lot 1 less the west 20.00 feet. The westerly 10.00 feet of said Lot 2 less the north 50.00 feet and the southerly 10.00 feet. The westerly 10.00 feet of said Lot 4. The northerly 10.00 feet of said lot 5 less the west 20.00 feet and the easterly 10.00 feet and the southerly 20.00 feet less the west 20.00 feet. Less those portions already vacated per Doc. No. 631684. All person who desire to be heard with reference to the above matter will be heard at this meeting. Dated at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota this 20th day of October 2021. Kelcey Klemm City Administrator (Oct. 20 & 27, 2021) 2906544

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 Lake Park MN
 Dated: October 18, 2021
 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
 By: */s/ Susie Fox*
 School District Clerk
 Independent School District No. 289
 (Lake Park Audubon)
 State of Minnesota
 (Oct. 27 & 31, 2021) 2908404

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 conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 30, 2016
MORTGAGOR: Matthew J. Friesen, unmarried man.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Stearns Lending, LLC its successors and assigns.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 2, 2016 Becker County Recorder, Document No. 638490.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated April 1, 2020 Recorded April 10, 2020, as Document No. 668882 and, as Document Dated May 29, 2020 Recorded May 29, 2020 as Document No. 668132.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100183355006878263
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Stearns Lending, LLC
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1124 Rossman Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
TAX PARCEL I.D.#: 491613000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
 Lot Two (2), HOLMES ADDITION TO DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA, THE LEITHEISER REARRANGEMENT OF LOTS 11, 12 AND 13 OF BLOCK 21, according to the certified Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Becker County, Minnesota.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Becker
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$139,428.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$147,865.16
 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
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: October 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM
PLACE OF SALE: Becker County Sheriff's Office Lobby, 925 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
 to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on April 21, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"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."
 Dated: August 18, 2021
 Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
 Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WIENGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
 Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 100 - 20-002551 FC
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
 Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until December 2, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Becker County Sheriff's Office Lobby, 925 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, in said county and state.
 Dated: October 21, 2021.
 Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
 Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WIENGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
 Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
 (Oct. 27, 2021) 2908728

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES, DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA 56501

School Board Work Session
 Thursday, September 30, 2021, 5:00 PM
 Detroit Lakes Middle School Collaboration Room, 500 11th Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN, 56501
 Present: Amy Erickson, Courtney Henderson, Kylie Johnson, Jennifer Pedersen, John Steffl, April Thomas.
 Absent: None
 The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Board Chair Erickson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Pedersen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
 Discussion was held on the 2021-2022 School Board Goals. A motion by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 PM, seconded by Steffl. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully submitted,
 April Thomas, Clerk
 (Oct. 27, 2021) 2908419

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES, DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA 56501

Present: Amy Erickson, Courtney Henderson, Kylie Johnson, Jennifer Pedersen, John Steffl, April Thomas.
 Absent: None
 The September 20, 2021, Regular School Board Meeting held at the City Council Chambers was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board Chair Erickson.
 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Steffl, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Personnel Agenda Addendum. Motion carried unanimously.
 Community Member Gary Cosen, addressed the board.
 Peter Lundin, ALC Principal presented information to the board on Extended Year, Extended Day, Area Learning Center and E-Laker Online Learning programming.
 Renee Kerzman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology presented a Summary of the 2021 State Assessment Data. Motion (Thomas, Henderson) to approve the following consent agenda items with the addition of the Personnel Agenda Addendum. Motion carried unanimously.
 A. Approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2021, Regular School Board Meeting.
 B. Approve K-12 computer checks in the amount of \$2,657,460.43. Hand payable checks in the amount of \$723,060.95, for a total of \$3,380,521.38.
 C. Approve Personnel Agenda Items.
 D. Acknowledge Fall Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year.
 E. Approve the Agreement between Mahube-Otwa and ISD #22 to Provide Services for Children and Families in the Preschool Program.
 F. Approve the Vending Services Two-Year Contract with Pepsi.
 G. Approve Purchase of Service Agreement between ISD #22 and Lake Agassiz Education Cooperative for Hard of Hearing Teacher Services, Direct Support and Travel.
 H. Donations:
 1. \$3,685.00 from Arvig Enterprises, Inc. for Detroit Lakes Public Schools.
 2. Backpacks and school supplies donated to Roosevelt and Rossman Elementary from Bremer Bank and DL Breakfast Rotary.
 Discussion was held on the following items:
 A. First Reading Policy 406 – Public and Private Personnel Data
 B. First Reading Policy 406.FM – Consent to Release Data Form
 C. First Reading Policy 407 – Employee Right to Know – Exposure to Hazardous Substances
 D. First Reading Policy 408 – Subpoena of a School District Employee
 E. First Reading Policy 409 – Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Interventions, and Creations
 F. Strategic Plan Building Goals
 G. School Board Goals for the 2021-2022 school year.
 Motion (Henderson, Pedersen) to Approve the Construction Change Orders for the High School and Middle School. Motion carried unanimously.
 Director of Finance & Operations, Jason Kuehn reviewed information pertaining to the 2021 Property Tax Levy Collectible in 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. The administration recommends the maximum levy which at this time is \$8,818,903.55. The maximum levy is an estimated decrease of

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\$195,932.10 from the current levy or 2.17% estimated decrease.
 Motion (Thomas, Steffl) to Certify the 2021 Property Tax Levy Collectible in 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year at the max. Motion carried unanimously.
 The District's Budget and Levy Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM during the Regular School Board Meeting on December 20, 2021, at the Detroit Lakes City Council Chambers, 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN.
 Motion (Henderson, Steffl) to Re-scind Policy 407.A – Hazardous Substances – Employee Right to Know. Motion carried unanimously.
 Motion (Johnson, Thomas) to Approve the Superintendent Goals for the 2021-2022 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.
 Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology presented an overview of the 2021-2022 District Professional Development Goals. Motion (Pedersen, Henderson) to Approve the 2021-2022 District Professional Development Goals. Motion carried unanimously.
 Superintendent Mark Jenson, gave an update on the Opening Day Enrollment, COVID-19 and Potential Vaccine Clinics.
 Student Board Representative Luisa Walz gave an update on Sidekicks; Homecoming Week and the Laker Shop.
 Board Director Henderson gave an update from the District Advisory Committee Meeting.
 Board Treasurer, Johnson gave an update from the Facilities Committee Meeting.
 Director of Finance & Operations Kuehn gave an update from the Arena Commission Meeting.
 Board Vice-Chair Steffl gave an update from the Washington Ballpark Committee Meeting.
 Board Director Pedersen gave an update from the Finance Department.
 Board Chair Erickson announced upcoming meetings.
 Motion (Henderson, Steffl) to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
 Respectfully submitted,
 April Thomas, Clerk
 (Oct. 27, 2021) 2908418

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER IN DISTRICT COURT 7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cormorant Store, Inc.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Estate of Alvin Benson, Merle Adams as personal representative of the estate of Alvin Benson, Samuel Elsworth, Jr., Samuel Ellsworth, Jr., Raymond A. Haugen, Flora E. Haugen, Clinton Henry, Sandre Oleson, Steven F. Larson, Jane Larson, Hugh Pattison, Mary Pattison, Murdock Pattison, Murdock Pattison, Jacob Pattison, Belle Pattison, Belle Freng, Nellie Pattison, Nellie McKay, William Pattison, Stella Pattison, Stella Andrews, Sophia Reff, Ernest H. Reff, Alan R. Reff, E. Robert Reff, Mildred Reff, Jennie Smith, Howard G. Rising, S.A. Halgren, William W. McLeod, W.W. McLeod, William Byron McLeod, Mary Josephine McLeod, Mary Eliza Matthewson, Rachel Ingalls, Samuel Milton McLeod, Letitia Ingalls, Maud Reed, and Annice McLeod, also, the unknown heirs of the aforementioned-Defendants and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein,
 Defendants.
 Case No: 03-CV-21-1947
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
 1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this

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summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.
 2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at:
 James A. Teigland
 Attorney at Law
 Fremstad Law Firm
 PO Box 3143
 Fargo ND 58108
 3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.
 4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.
 5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.
 6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.
 7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Clay County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:
 That part of Block 5, W.W. MCLEOD'S PLAT OF THE TOWNSHIP CORMORANT, according to the recorded plat thereof, Becker County, Minnesota, lying southwesterly, westerly and southwesterly of the following described line:
 Commencing at the northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter, Section 36, Township 138 North, Range 43 West; thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes 56 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the north line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 2682.20 feet to the northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 56 seconds West, along said north line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1270.50 feet; thence southwesterly 574.76 feet along a curve concave to the southeast, not tangent with the last described line, said curve has a radius of 500.00 feet, a central angle of 65 degrees 51 minutes 44 seconds, the chord of said curve bears South 52 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West, distance of 543.63 feet; thence South 19 degrees 44 minutes 03 seconds West, tangent to said curve, a distance of 130.87 feet to the most southerly corner of the parcel of land described in Document Number 635993, on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Becker County, Minnesota and to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North 71 degrees 45 minutes 28 seconds West, along a southwesterly line of said Document Number 635993, a distance of 186.70 feet; thence North 19 degrees 14 min-

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utes 32 seconds East, along a northwesterly line of said Document Number 635993, a distance of 123.47 feet to a corner of said Document Number 635993; thence North 66 degrees 38 minutes 32 seconds West, along a southwesterly line of said Document Number 635993, a distance of 254 feet, more or less, to the centerline of creek and said line there terminating.
 The object of this action is quiet title to the property in the Plaintiff alone.
 Dated: October 7, 2021.
 /s/James A. Teigland
 James A. Teigland (MN ID 0395695)
 FLEMSTAD LAW FIRM
 P.O. Box 3143
 Fargo, North Dakota 58108-3143
 Phone: (701) 478-7620
 james@fremstadlaw.com
 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
 (Oct. 20 & 27; Nov. 3, 2021) 2908096

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT: SEVENTH Court File No. 03-PR-21-1973 Case Type: Formal Probate Estate of James Eldon Olson a/k/a James E. Olson, Decedent.

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 30, 2021, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 913 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Josh Olson, whose address is 28547-60 Ave. So., Hawley, MN 56549, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power 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 also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
 Referee Susan Solheim
 Date 10.15.21
 /s/ Carmen F. Bertram
 Carmen F. Bertram, Deputy
 Court Administrator
 Date 10.15.21
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Craig A. Peterson, Id. No. 181389
 2108 So. Univ. Dr., Suite 101 B
 Fargo, ND 58103
 Telephone (701) 241-8444
 Fax (701) 232-3028
 craig@petersonltd.com
 The hearing will be held remotely via zoom. If you wish to participate contact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date.
 (Oct. 20 & 27, 2021) 2908212

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WARNING AERATION SYSTEMS
 Aeration systems creating open water and thin ice will begin operating on or after November 12, 2021 at the following locations on: Lake Melissa in Becker County, Township 138, Range 41, Section 20- 24253 N Melissa Dr just east of the pelican river. Section 19 & 20 - 24033 thru 24079 Shotwell Point from the Public Access East to the Pelican River. The river will create open water and thin ice out into the lake well beyond the marked aeration system. Section 19 23863 and 23851 Co Hwy 22 - 23729 and 23751 Co Hwy 22 - 11889 thru 11921 Fern Beach Dr Section 19 & 30 - 12019 thru 12093 Fern Beach Dr. Section 30 - 11657 thru 11645 Fern Beach Blvd. 11609 Fern Beach Blvd thru 11619 Fern Beach Dr. Section 28 11476 Ravenswood Beach Rd. Pelican Lake in Ottertail County Township 137, Range 42, Section 3 - 25010 and 25014 Newport Beach Rd. Section 4 - 51939 & 51933 Pike Dr, 24528 Co Hwy 20, 24466 thru 24444 Killarney Rd - Fair Hills Resort 242700 Co Hwy 20 - next one known as Pelican Point 51190 and 51161 Pelican Point Lane - 51197 Pelican Pt Lane & 51348 thru 51404 Pelican Pt Dr - 51306 thru 51326 Pelican Pt Dr - 51268 And 51274 Pelican Point Dr. Range 42 Section 5 - 22844 thru 22804 Senns Beach Rd, Section 6 - 21796 thru 21822 Co Hwy 20. Range 43, Section 1 - 21058 thru 21180 Co Hwy 20 - 51595 Co Hwy 9, Pelican Lake Yacht Club. Springs Creek is adjacent to this system and will create open water and thin ice out into the lake well beyond the marked aeration system. Section 2 - 51420 thru 51434 Co Hwy 9 - 51386 thru 51414 Co Hwy 9 - 51242 thru 51274 Co Hwy 9 - 51152 & 51168 Co Hwy 9. Big Cormorant Lake in Ottertail County Township 138, Range 43, Section 22, 14924 thru 14956 Holiday Beach Rd Lake Park. Weather conditions may cause the areas of thin ice and open water to fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of the marked areas. If there are questions concerning these aeration systems, please call Murph's Home Maintenance at 218-841-6678.
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Many vaccinated older Minnesotans 'slow to return to normal'

By Frederick Melo
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — Nearly a year after the first seniors in Minnesota began receiving COVID vaccines, many of the state's elderly residents have yet to visit with friends and family — especially unvaccinated grandkids — or venture back to public spaces and resume their pre-pandemic exercise routine, raising concerns with experts about health dangers associated with isolation and depression.

At the same time, deaths related to COVID in nursing homes ticked upward toward the end of summer, a grim reminder that the pandemic is still not in the rearview.

Those are the findings of two new studies published by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, which surveyed seniors statewide this summer, and AARP Minnesota, which maintains a COVID-19 dashboard that tracks federally-reported COVID data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on a monthly basis.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield study found that while 90 percent of the state's seniors have been vaccinated, some seniors are "returning to normal" more slowly.

From July 26 to Aug. 13, researchers surveyed 500 Minnesota residents at least 64 years of age who had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine — Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson. Interviews took place during a summer COVID



Christine T. Nguyen / MPR News
Pharmacist Dan Cook prepares a dose of COVID-19 vaccine at the Gardens of Episcopal Homes in St. Paul in December 2020.

surge led by the Delta variant.

1 in 5 seniors has yet to visit with family, friends

Overall, one in five vaccinated seniors had yet to visit with any family or friends, according to the findings. Two in five vaccinated seniors in the survey said they did not feel comfortable socializing with unvaccinated grandchildren.

A majority of vaccinated seniors said they were dissatisfied with their health, with one-third of regular exercisers from pre-pandemic times still waiting to return to an exercise regimen.

On the flip side, two-thirds of vaccinated seniors reported having regular face-to-face interactions with others and enjoying a more active lifestyle now than they did

earlier in the pandemic.

More than half of vaccinated seniors said they had returned to public spaces such as shopping centers and restaurants.

Among vaccinated seniors, 95 percent said they were still following at least one COVID-19 precaution, the survey found, such as avoiding crowds or wearing a mask.

While recognizing the dangers to seniors posed by breakthrough COVID cases, Blue Cross health experts noted previous studies have linked social isolation and loneliness to potentially life-threatening medical conditions, including dementia, heart disease, depression and anxiety.

"The vaccine has been a liberator for many Minnesota seniors as they start to return to the activities they've

missed most, but the pandemic is definitely taking its toll," said Dr. Mark Steffen, vice president and chief medical officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, in a written statement.

"Socializing outdoors ... is a great way to stay connected to friends and family," he said. "But with breakthrough infections on the rise, it's important that seniors continue to protect themselves and others by wearing masks indoors in areas where there are high levels of COVID-19 transmission even if they are vaccinated."

92% of nursing home residents vaccinated

On a monthly basis, AARP posts to its online dashboard federal data reported by nursing homes certified by Medicare or Medicaid, which does not include assisted living or other long-term care facilities.

AARP Minnesota reported that vaccination rates among the state's nursing home residents and staff have increased, with 92 percent of residents and 70 percent of staff fully vaccinated as of Sept. 19, up from 91 percent and 68 percent in mid-August.

Still, nursing homes have not been immune to COVID outbreaks and breakthrough cases. In Minnesota, deaths related to COVID grew from 1 in 5,000 nursing home residents to 1 in 1,000 residents between August and September.

That's a fivefold increase. Nationally, COVID-19 deaths in nursing homes doubled during the same period as the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus took hold.

Delta has primarily infected the unvaccinated, but the vaccinated elderly, with their less robust immune systems, have been affected, too.

The dashboard, assembled by the AARP Public Policy Institute in collaboration with the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio, is available online at aarp.org/nursinghomedashboard.

Other findings show that chronic staffing issues in Minnesota nursing homes continue, with 57 percent of facilities reporting a shortage of nurses or aides in the four weeks ending Sept. 19. Shortages have also trended upward nationally, with 29 percent of nursing facilities short on staff, on par with the highest level of shortages seen since last winter's COVID wave.

Nationally, more than half of health care staff in nursing homes are now vaccinated in every state. AARP has called on nursing homes and long-term care facilities to require that staff and residents be vaccinated against coronavirus, and the Biden administration has announced plans to require vaccination for staff in nursing homes and most health care settings that receive Medicare or Medicaid payments.

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Home builders across the country and here in Minnesota are seeking skilled workers – such as carpenters, framers and roofers – to help them build the American Dream. There is ample opportunity for motivated students seeking a rewarding career path. Residential construction workers consistently express high job satisfaction. And average salaries in Minnesota remain competitive with other industries in our

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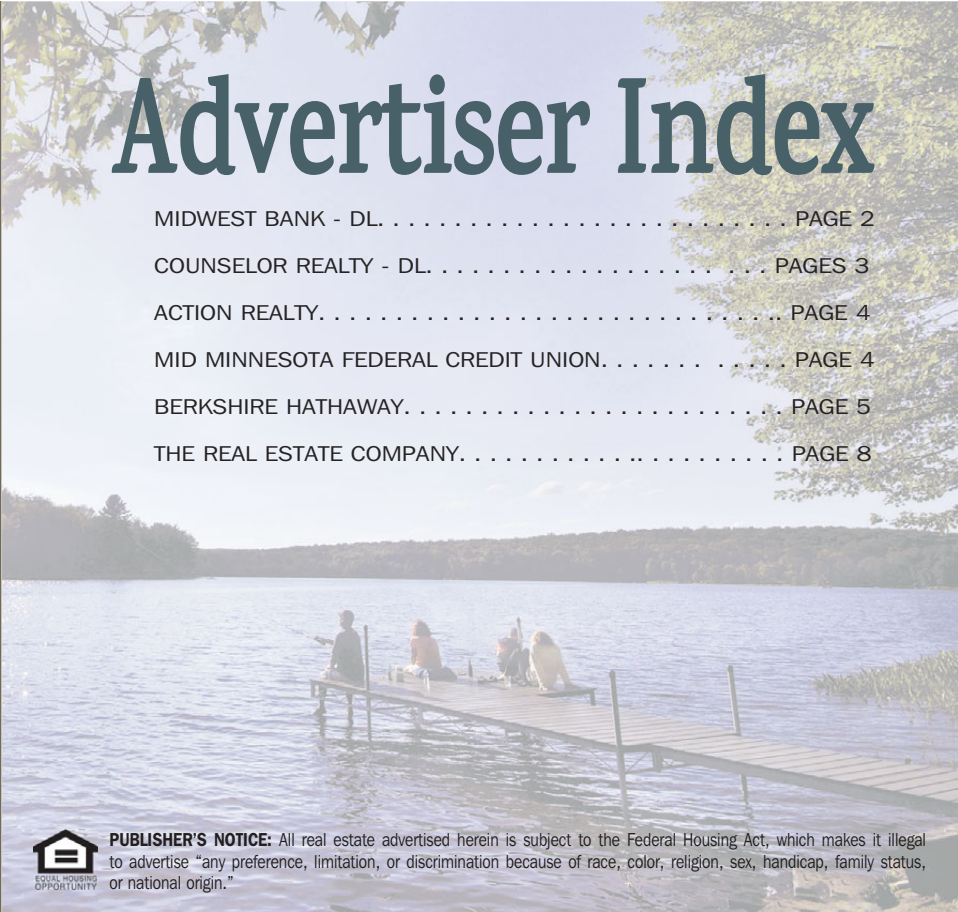


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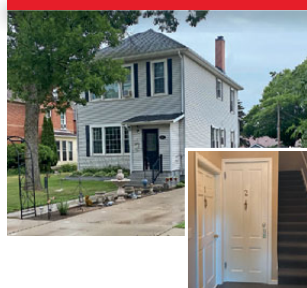
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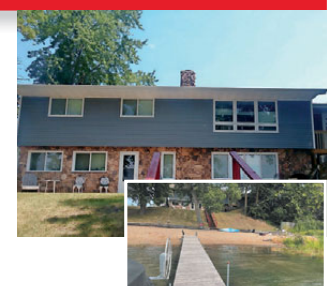
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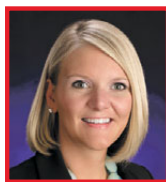
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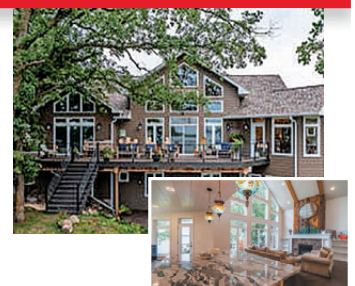
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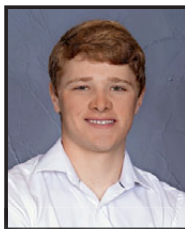
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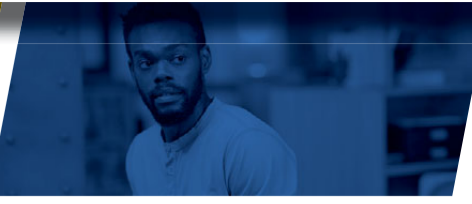
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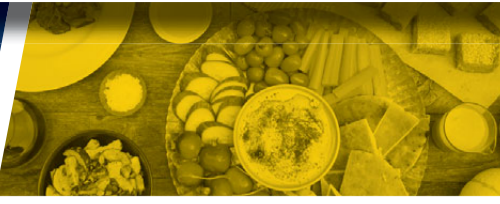
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PARTY REMAINS DIVIDED

» Issues unresolved as Democrats in Congress seek deal on spending bill

By Richard Cowan, David Morgan and Timothy Gardner
Reuters

Washington

U.S. congressional Democrats on Tuesday were struggling to reach agreement within their fractious caucus on a bill to expand social programs and tackle climate change, with disagreement on multiple major issues reducing the odds of a quick vote.

President Joe Biden's Democrats have spent months fighting over what to include in a bill forecast to spend at least \$1.5 trillion over 10 years with moderates and progressives divided over issues including taxes, prescription drug pricing, family leave, climate change and immigration.

Negotiations on that bill have held up passage of a Senate-approved \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that passed with the support of 19 Republicans, as the House of Representatives' large progressive caucus has refused to vote on it until the bigger deal is reached.

The leader of the 95-member Congressional Progressive Caucus and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi were at odds on Tuesday as to whether to try to vote this week on the infrastructure bill.

"Let's vote both of them out at the same time," Representative Pramila Jayapal said as she left a meeting with Pelosi. Referring to the still-under-negotiation social spending bill, the caucus leader added: "We gotta have the



Elizabeth Frantz / Reuters

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) arrives to a Democratic Caucus meeting Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

agreement on what it is, so that it can be written up. And then we can vote both bills through."

With razor-thin margins in the House and Senate and a united Republican opposition, Democrats need almost 100% unity to pass either package.

'Billionaires tax' in play

The number of difficult issues still to be resolved appeared to be daunting.

Senator Tim Kaine, following a lunch meeting of Democratic senators, ticked off parental leave benefits, Medicare and Medicaid expansions, a possible "billionaires tax" and lowering the cost of prescription drugs as some of the undecided portions of the potentially sprawling legislation.

Senate Finance Committee

Chairman Ron Wyden said details of his plan to raise taxes on billionaires, many of whom he says pay next to nothing, would be unveiled later on Tuesday.

That idea is getting pushback from key House Democrats who want to stick with their proposals for raising tax rates on the rich and corporations.

Democrats were eyeing

prompt passage of the infrastructure measure as a way of refreshing many surface transportation programs that expire on Oct. 31.

Democrats intend to use a special "budget reconciliation" procedure to pass the larger of the two bills by simple majority in the Senate and without any support from Republicans.

Biden joins US-ASEAN summit

By Trevor Hunnicutt, David Brunnstrom and Ain Bandial
Reuters

WASHINGTON/BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN (Reuters) - President Joe Biden joined Southeast Asian leaders for a virtual summit on Tuesday, the first time in four years that Washington has engaged at the top level with a bloc seen as key to countering an increasingly assertive China.

In his opening remarks to the summit, Biden said the United States was committed to the central role of the 10-nation ASEAN in the region and ASEAN nations can expect him to personally show up in the region in future.

"The relationship between

the United States and ASEAN is vital, vital for the future of all one billion of our people," Biden said. "Our partnership is essential to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, which has been the foundation of our shared security and prosperity for many decades."

On Wednesday, Biden will participate in the broader East Asia Summit.

Analysts say Biden's meeting with the 10-nation bloc reflects his administration's efforts to engage allies and partners in a collective effort to push back against China.

In his remarks, Biden referred to a "shared vision for a region where every country can compete and succeed on a level playing field and all nations, no

matter how big or powerful, abide by the law."

However, he avoided specific mention of China, as have U.S. officials in the run-up to the meetings as they work to set up a virtual summit between the U.S. president and Chinese leader later this year.

The White House said Biden will announce plans to provide up to \$102 million to expand the U.S. strategic partnership with ASEAN with funding going toward health, climate, economic and education programs.

Biden is also expected to assure ASEAN that a recent U.S. focus on engagement with India, Japan and Australia in the so-called Quad grouping and a deal to supply Australia with nucle-



Jonathan Ernst / Reuters

President Joe Biden participates virtually with the ASEAN summit on Tuesday from an auditorium at the White House in Washington.

ar-powered submarines are not intended to supplant ASEAN's regional role.

Edgard Kagan, senior director for East Asia at the White House National Secu-

rity Council, stressed last week that Washington does not see the Quad as "an Asian NATO" and that it was not intended to compete with ASEAN.

FDA advisers back Pfizer COVID vaccine for kids

Children ages 5 to 11 may be vaccinated as soon as next week

By Manas Mishra and Michael Erman
Reuters

An expert panel on Tuesday voted overwhelmingly to recommend the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorize the Pfizer Inc and BioNTech SE COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11, saying the benefits of the shot outweigh the risks.

An authorization for that age group would be an important regulatory step toward reaching about 28 million children for inoculation, most of them

back in school for in-person learning.

The vaccine could be available to the younger age group as soon as next week. The FDA is not obligated to follow the advice of its outside experts, but usually does. The vote was 17 in favor with one abstention.

If the FDA authorizes the shots for this age group, an advisory panel to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will meet next week to make a recommendation on the administration of

the vaccine. The CDC director will make the final call.

While children becoming seriously ill or dying from COVID-19 is relatively rare compared with adults, some develop complications, and infections in unvaccinated kids have risen due to the easily transmitted Delta variant of the coronavirus. Data from the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that more than 500 U.S. children have died from COVID-19.

It "is the eighth highest killer of kids in this age group

over the past year," said Dr. Amanda Cohn, a pediatric vaccine expert at the CDC and a voting member of the panel. "Use of this vaccine will prevent deaths, will prevent ICU admissions and will prevent significant long-term adverse outcomes in children."

Only a few other countries, including China, Cuba and the United Arab Emirates, have so far cleared COVID-19 vaccines for children in this age group and younger.

In the United States, just 57% of the population is fully

vaccinated, lagging other nations such as the UK and France.

Still, the percentage of young children who receive the shots may be low. The U.S. vaccination rate for 12- to 15-year-olds trails other age groups at roughly 47%.

The World Health Organization since May has been urging rich countries to reconsider plans to vaccinate children and instead donate COVID-19 shots to the COVAX program for distribution to poorer countries.

TikTok executive testifies at hearing

Says company does not give information to China's government

By Diane Bartz
and Sheila Dang
Reuters

WASHINGTON - An executive at TikTok faced tough questions on Tuesday during the video-sharing app's first appearance at a U.S. congressional hearing, saying it does not give information to the Chinese government and has sought to safeguard U.S. data.

Senators at the hearing also voiced concerns that TikTok, owned by Beijing-based internet technology company ByteDance, and rivals YouTube, owned by Alphabet Inc., and Snapchat have algorithms that can be harmful to young people.

Michael Beckerman, TikTok's head of public policy for the Americas, became the company's first executive to appear before Congress, testifying to a subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee. Republicans in particular pressed



U.S. Senator John Thune (R-SD) walks past reporters on Capitol Hill on Oct. 6 in Washington. Leah Millis / Reuters

Beckerman on worries regarding TikTok's stewardship of data on the app's users.

Senator Marsha Blackburn, the panel's top Republican, said she is concerned about TikTok's

data collection, including audio and a user's location, and the potential for the Chinese government to gain access to the information. Blackburn questioned Beckerman on whether TikTok

could resist giving data to China's government if material were to be demanded.

"We do not share information with the Chinese government," Beckerman responded.

Under questioning by Republican Senator Ted Cruz, Beckerman said that TikTok has "no affiliation" with Beijing ByteDance Technology, a ByteDance entity at which the Chinese government took a stake and a board seat this year.

Beckerman also testified that TikTok's U.S. user data is stored in the United States, with backups in Singapore.

"We have a world-renowned U.S.-based security team that handles access," Beckerman said.

Republican Senator John Thune said TikTok is perhaps more driven by content algorithms than even Facebook, as the app is famous for quickly learning what users find interesting and offering them those types of videos.

Beckerman said TikTok would be willing to provide the app's algorithm moderation policies in order for the Senate panel to have it

reviewed by independent experts.

Executives from YouTube and Snapchat also testified. In a show of bipartisanship, senators of both parties accused the three companies of exposing young people to bullying and sometimes steering them to information that encouraged harmful behaviors such as sexualized games or anorexia.

The executives responded that their companies have sought to create a fun experience and to exclude dangerous or unsavory content.

Republican former President Donald Trump had sought to bar TikTok from U.S. app stores, saying it collected data from American users that could be obtained by China's government and posed a threat to U.S. national security.

Democratic President Joe Biden later revoked Trump's plan.

Sudan's Burhan: Army ousted government to avoid civil war

By Khalid Abdelaziz
Reuters

KHARTOUM - Sudan's armed forces chief defended the military's seizure of power, saying he had ousted the government to avoid civil war, while protesters took to the streets on Tuesday to demonstrate against the takeover after a day of deadly clashes.

The military takeover on Monday brought a halt to Sudan's transition to democracy, two years after a popular uprising toppled long-ruling Islamist autocrat Omar al-Bashir.

Speaking at his first news

conference since announcing the takeover, General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan said the army had no choice but to sideline politicians who were inciting against the armed forces.

"The dangers we witnessed last week could have led the country into civil war," he said, an apparent reference to demonstrations against the prospect of a coup.

Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, who was arrested on Monday along with other members of his Cabinet, had not been harmed and had been brought to Burhan's own home, the general said.

Later on Tuesday, a source close to Hamdok said he and his wife were at their home and under tight security.

Burhan had appeared on TV on Monday to announce the dissolution of the Sovereign Council, a body set up after Bashir's overthrow to share power between the military and civilians and lead Sudan to free elections.

The Facebook page for the office of the prime minister, apparently still under the control of Hamdok loyalists, called for his release and that of other civilian leaders.

Another civilian leader, Sidig Almahdi of the

Umma Party, which had a representative on the Sovereign Council, was arrested at his home on Tuesday evening, family sources said.

Hamdok remains "the executive authority recognized by the Sudanese people and the world," the Facebook post said.

Sudanese ambassadors to 12 countries, including the United States, United Arab Emirates, China, and France, have rejected the military takeover, a diplomatic source said on Tuesday.

Ambassadors to Belgium and the European Union, Geneva and U.N. agencies, China, South Africa, Qatar, Kuwait,

Turkey, Sweden and Canada also signed on to the statement, which said the envoys backed popular resistance to the coup.

President Joe Biden's administration is looking at a full range of economic tools to respond to the military takeover and has been in close contact with Gulf countries, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said.

Western countries have denounced the coup, called for the detained cabinet ministers to be freed and said they will cut off vital aid if the military does not restore power-sharing with civilians.

BRIEFS

Mall shooting in Idaho leaves 2 dead, 4 injured

BOISE, Idaho (Reuters) - Two people were killed and four others, including a police officer, were injured on Monday in a shooting at a shopping center in Boise, Idaho, that ended with the lone suspect taken into custody, authorities said.

One shopper, Joey Bernal, told the Idaho Statesman newspaper he was in the shopping mall's food court when he heard five to eight shots ring out, and that security personnel ushered him from the mall entrance before police arrived.

Boise Towne Square is located on the western end of Idaho's capital and its most populous metropolitan area, a city of some 250,000 residents.

Cyclonic storm turns squares into lakes in Italy

CATANIA, Italy, (Reuters) - A powerful cyclonic storm hit the southern Italian island of Sicily on Tuesday causing widespread flooding around the city of Catania, turning streets and squares into rivers and lakes and causing at least two deaths, rescuers said.

A spokesman for the Misericordia group of volunteers, who are helping police and firefighters, said the body of a man was found under a car amid torrential rains sweeping the town of Gravina, north of Catania.

"I urge all people not to leave their homes except for emergencies," Mayor Salvo Pogliese wrote on Facebook, announcing that he was ordering the closure of all shops, apart from pharmacies and groceries, until midnight.

Biden blocks Trump bid to withhold more documents

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Joe Biden has blocked a second attempt by former President Donald Trump to withhold documents sought by lawmakers investigating the deadly Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol and ordered the latest batch to be

handed over to Congress.

"Biden has determined that an assertion of executive privilege is not in the best interests of the United States, and therefore is not justified," Biden's counsel Dana Remus wrote in an Oct. 25 letter to the National Archives and Records Administration.

A U.S. House of Representatives committee is investigating the Jan. 6 storming of Congress by Trump supporters who were seeking to halt lawmakers from certifying Biden's presidential victory.

Queen Elizabeth pulls out of COP26

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's Queen Elizabeth has pulled out of the COP26 conference in Glasgow next week after she was advised by doctors to rest, Buckingham Palace said on Tuesday, in a blow to the United Nations climate summit.

A palace source said the decision not to attend had been taken as a "sensible precaution" and to let everyone know in advance. The 95-year-old queen remains in good spirits and wants COP26 to be a success, the source added.

The world's oldest and longest-reigning monarch stayed overnight in hospital on Wednesday after undergoing "preliminary investigations" for an unspecified but not COVID-19 related ailment.

4 migrants drown in Greece

ATHENS (Reuters) - Four migrants, three of them children, drowned on Tuesday after a boat in which they and 23 others were trying to cross from Turkey to Greece sank, the Greek coast guard said.

Greece is one of the main routes into the European Union for asylum-seekers crossing from Turkey in flimsy, overcrowded rubber boats. But the number of arrivals has fallen sharply in recent years and deadly shipwrecks have become rare.

Twenty-two people were rescued and one person is believed to be missing, it said.

UN warns current pledges not enough

Promises to cut greenhouse gases fall far short

By Nina Chestney
Reuters

LONDON - Current commitments to cut greenhouse gas emissions put the planet on track for an average 2.7 degrees Celsius temperature rise this century, a United Nations report said on Tuesday, in another stark warning ahead of crunch climate talks.

Governments will be in the spotlight at the COP26 conference next week to meet a deadline of this year to commit to more ambitious cut pledges, in what could be the last chance to put the world on track to limiting warming to below 2C above pre-industrial levels and ideally to 1.5C (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit).

As extreme weather events from wildfires to floods have hit countries around the world, a U.N. report in August warned that global warming due to greenhouse gas emissions could breach 1.5C in the next two decades.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Monday it was "touch and go" whether the most important round of U.N. talks since the Paris Agreement in 2015 will secure the agreements needed to tackle climate change.

And the U.N. World Meteorological Organization said ahead of the two-week event that begins in Glasgow, Scotland, on Sunday that greenhouse gas



Peter Nicholls / Reuters / File Photo

An electric powered taxi is seen being charged at a BP Pulse electric vehicle charging point on July 16 in London.

concentrations hit a record last year and the world is "way off track" in capping rising temperatures.

The annual "emissions gap" report by the United Nations' Environment Programme (UNEP), which measures the gap between anticipated emissions and those consistent with limiting the temperature rise this century as agreed in the Paris accord, said updated pledges only reduce forecast 2030 emissions by an additional 7.5%, compared to the previous commitments.

If continued throughout this century, this would lead to warming of 2.7C, slightly less than the 3C UNEP forecast in its last report. A 30% cut is needed to limit warming to 2C and a 55% cut is needed to limit it to 1.5C.

It said current commitments to net zero could limit warming to around 2.2C by the end of the century, but 2030 pledges so

far do not put major emitters on a clear path to this.

As a group, G20 countries, which represent 80% of global emissions, are not on track to achieve their original or new 2030 pledges.

"If there is no meaningful reduction of emissions in the next decade, we will have lost forever the possibility to reach 1.5 degrees," U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres told a press briefing.

"It is absolutely essential that all G20 countries present before Glasgow or in Glasgow (pledges) that are compatible with 1.5C," he added.

Latest U.N. data shows 143 countries, accounting for around 57% of global emissions, have submitted new or updated emissions cut plans ahead of COP26 and their total emissions are estimated to be around 9% of 2010 levels by 2030 if implemented fully.

JOHN DEERE, KELLOGG'S WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE

By Eric D. Lawrence
Detroit Free Press

Times were tough in the heartland in the mid-1980s.

Family farms fell into foreclosure in what was known as the Farm Crisis, and John Deere, the equipment manufacturer, cut thousands of workers. In 1986, UAW-represented John Deere workers launched a strike, while the company reported its first annual loss in 53 years, according to the New York Times.

That strike, which ran for 163 days before an agreement was forged, came in a decade when unions in America were facing a tough landscape, and the man in the White House, Ronald Reagan, had made his own mark on labor relations five years earlier when he fired more than 11,000 striking air traffic controllers.

The Detroit Free Press would later report that it was Reagan's handling of the air traffic controllers' strike "along with his celebrated embrace of unfettered capitalism, that hammered home to unionists that they were no longer honored guests in the nation's corridors of power."

Thirty-five years later, 10,000 UAW-represented John Deere workers are back out on strike in several states, but the landscape might be shifting for unions and one of their most powerful weapons, the strike. John Deere isn't the only employer where picket lines or potential picket lines have been a factor this year. Strikes or threats of a strike have been in play in labor disputes at Michigan-based Kellogg Co., Nabisco and even among 60,000 TV and film workers, who got a tentative deal after threatening to strike.

October has been dubbed "Striketober" by unions and those sympathetic to their cause. "The Daily Show" even highlighted the Kellogg strike with its own version of cereal mascot Tony the Tiger, submitting that "Frosted Flakes is the only cereal flavored by the tears of the people who made it. They're exploited!"

But to get a sense of how the mood in the country has shifted, it's the two John Deere strikes that offer the clearest contrast, according to Marick Masters, a Wayne State University business professor who specializes in labor issues.

"(In the 1980s) you had very much of an aggressive

anti-union environment in which employers were very aggressively willing to try to outsource jobs, and that gave them a lot of leverage and they used it to their great advantage and that resulted in the strike. And now you have a situation in which the balance of power seems a little bit more equalized and employees are in a stronger position," Masters said.

Now, for instance, companies are complaining of a labor shortage, so it makes it a bit harder to find or bring in temporary workers during labor disputes, which would otherwise put pressure on striking workers. But workers are also feeling pressed to act by a combination of increased inflation, which hurts the buying power of just about everyone, and years of lagging wage gains, Masters said.

"All these things sort of combine to ... create a situation where in some instances where the scales are going to probably be tipped more in favor of the employee than they have been in recent history," Masters said.

The specific pace of actions, however, has been dictated more by the expiration of labor contracts, he said, noting that these aren't wildcat strikes or more general actions across industries. There have been more major strikes, those involving 1,000 workers or more, this year than last — 15 compared with 8 — but it trails 2018, with about 20 major strikes, Masters said.

"(2018) was considered to be in recent times a relatively active year in terms of strikes," Masters said.

That was followed the next year by a nationwide strike against General Motors involving 48,000 UAW-represented workers.

For Jane McAlevey, a senior policy fellow at the University of California, Berkeley, organizer and author, the pandemic simply paused momentum that had been building in 2018. That was the year teachers striking in West Virginia over pay and health care costs led teachers in other states to launch similar actions.

The impact of the pandemic, however, has now also helped reenergize workers toward strikes as a tool against inequity, McAlevey said.

"I think the pandemic has really ripped the sort of blinders off about that fact



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Kellogg's Cereal plant workers demonstrate in front of the plant in Battle Creek, Michigan, on Oct. 7. Workers at Kellogg's cereal plants are striking over the loss of premium health care, holiday and vacation pay and reduced retirement benefits.



Scott Olson / Getty Images / TNS
A truck hauls a piece of John Deere equipment from the factory past workers picketing outside of the John Deere Davenport Works facility on Oct. 15 in Davenport, Iowa. More than 10,000 John Deere employees, represented by the UAW, walked of the job after failing to agree to term of a new contract with corporate officials.

that all of these employers don't care at all about their workers," McAlevey said, noting that many workers risked their lives during the pandemic while lacking adequate personal protective equipment.

Momentum is a key driver of strike activity, she said.

"Workers will take the risk and go on strike to win when they see other workers taking that risk and winning. The momentum in 2018 is because so many workers saw so many workers striking and winning," McAlevey said.

McAlevey pointed to wealth disparities that have been on display, such as the image of Jeff Bezos, Amazon's executive chair, heading to space while Amazon workers have complained about an unforgiving work culture and reports of delivery drivers having to urinate in bottles.

"Workers are watching their bosses like sail away, rocket off into space, make a killing and then leave them high and dry, so yeah, there's a kind of worker anger," she said.

John Deere might not be launching its CEO into space,

but John May's \$15.6 million in compensation last year at a company projected to make as much as \$5.9 billion this year when compared with a contract offer that would boost worker pay by 5% or 6%, according to the Des Moines Register, highlights a disparity that's tailor-made for mobilizing workers to strike.

Mix that with headlines about how the world is minting a new billionaire every 17 or 18 hours at a time of pandemic upheaval and there's incentive for change through collective action, according to McAlevey, who sees worker action as a necessary counterbalance to an out-of-kilter system.

Not everyone is convinced of the longevity of the moment. Wayne State's Masters said he believes the willingness to strike is more a reflection of the current climate and structural problems in the economy and won't result in much of a shift in labor power over the long term.

Jarrett Skorup, a spokesman for the conservative Mackinac Center for Public

Policy, disputed the notion that unions are gaining an advantage, pointing to Michigan in particular.

Despite its historical reputation as a center of unionism, Michigan is no longer even one of the top 10 states for the percentage of workers in a union, noted Skorup, pointing to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Skorup said strikes are counterproductive.

"I think strikes from private sector unions are often shortsighted and one of many reasons that businesses resist unionization since they are another, often unnecessary, added cost of doing business. These costs are a key reason manufacturing has moved, over the years, from states with a strong union presence to states with a weaker union presence," he said. "If there is a unionized workplace, it's smart for a no-strike clause to be negotiated into contracts."

He also pointed to scandals involving the UAW, which is currently dealing with the aftermath of a corruption probe that led to convictions against former top union officials and auto executives at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, now Stellantis. That scandal, which included the misuse of millions of dollars meant for worker training on things like booze, dinners and travel, has been cited as one of the reasons workers at John Deere and earlier this year at a Volvo truck plant in Virginia rejected contracts negotiated between their union and the company. The union, some argued, needed to fight for a better deal.

Masters, however, said that although the scandal has been widely reported, it's likely much less a factor than the specific circumstances at each individual workplace.

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GM to restart limited Bolt production

By Jamie L. LaReau
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General Motors is restarting the plant that makes its Chevrolet Bolt electric vehicles for a limited time to strictly make courtesy loaner cars for the 140,000 Bolt owners affected by global recall.

On Tuesday, GM said that starting Monday, it will bring back the 1,000 workers at Orion Assembly in Orion Township, Michigan, to start making 2022 Bolt EVs.

Orion, which is a one-shift plant, has been shutdown since Aug. 23 so that GM and its battery-maker LG Electronics Inc. could find a fix for 2017-22 model year Bolt EVs and EUVs, a compact SUV body style of the electric car, for possible fire risk. GM has confirmed 13 Bolt

fires since last year with minor injuries.

GM and LG starting fixing recalled Bolts earlier this month by installing five new battery modules, essentially an enhanced battery pack, in them. GM spokesman Dan Flores said the new cars will have defect-free batteries.

"We are prioritizing customers based on their charging behavior and the dates on which their batteries were produced," Flores said. "We're a couple weeks into completing customers repairs and things are going smoothly, but obviously the focus is to ramp-up volume and repair more vehicles as quickly as we can."

Limited run

LG Electronics, which is a division of LG Chem, said it will reimburse GM

for \$1.9 billion in costs and expenses associated with the Bolt recall due to manufacturing defects in battery modules that LG supplied.

Flores declined to provide details about the battery-production dates that will get priority or other factors that will influence which Bolts will be pulled into dealerships for repairs first.

As for Orion's operations, GM will reassess that after two weeks and decide to continue Bolt production or pause it again, Flores said.

"This is a limited production run for specific allocation," Flores said in a statement. "Vehicle production during this timeframe will help optimize LG battery production and supply chain repair logistics, and also support other customer and dealer needs related

to the recall, including providing EV courtesy transportation to dealers who have a high volume of customer repairs."

Most GM factories running

The restart of Orion also means that for the first time since Feb. 8, GM will have all but two of its North American factories running. But four of them will operate only on one shift.

GM has 15 assembly plants in North America and throughout much of the year most of them have had to either eliminate shifts or outright stop production for weeks at a time due to a global shortage of semiconductor chips used in a variety of vehicle parts.

Factory ZERO in Detroit, which used to be called Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly, will



General Motors / TNS
GM's Orion Assembly builds the all-electric Chevrolet Bolt used for testing its GM Cruise self-driving fleet.

go down for a scheduled tooling changeover to start building production models of the GMC Hummer EV pickup that will go to dealerships later this year.

As the Free Press first reported, the plant started making pre-production Hummers earlier this fall. It will start calling back and hiring more workers early next year and GM has said

the plant will eventually employ 2,200 people.

The GM plant that will remain idle is GM's Spring Hill Assembly plant in Spring Hill, Tennessee, as GM installs new tooling there to build the 2023 Cadillac Lyriq all-electric SUV starting next year.

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William Jackson Harper headlines the second season of "Love Life" on HBO.
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William Jackson Harper has reached a GOOD PLACE IN HIS CAREER

Actor making his mark as leading man

By Yvonne Villarreal
Los Angeles Times

As recently as five years ago, William Jackson Harper's career goals were simple: He wanted to reach a level of success where he wasn't worried about rent or in need of several roommates.

To be where he is now — in London, shooting a film he can't discuss — is, to his mind, a wild turn of events.

Until 2016, when he landed the role of Chidi Anagonye, the endearingly indecisive and anxious former ethics scholar, on NBC's "The Good Place," Harper was the definition of "working actor," competing for on- and off-Broadway roles and landing guest spots on shows like "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" and "30 Rock."

"Just before booking 'The Good Place,' I was at this place in my career where I was like, 'I'm not sure that I like this anymore,'" he says. "I'm not sure having several roommates and living paycheck to paycheck and being in my mid-30s and wondering, 'Is this what my life is going to be forever?'" is it. Where I'm just always a little bit scared about rent, and I can never take the vacation, or I can never visit home for weddings or a funeral. I can't do any of the normal stuff people do in life because I have to make sure I'm making money to get to next month and also auditioning enough to get the job that will give me the money to get to next month. I was always just a little bit freaked out."

He hoped that Chidi and "The Good Place" would result in steady work for a season, at most. The series lasted four and gave him the momentum to snatch up roles in the 2019 films "Midsommar" and "Dark Waters."

So Harper, 41, can breathe a little easier now.

Not only is he appearing in a secret film project, but he's also headlining the new season of HBO Max's anthology series "Love Life." Premiering Thursday, the show explores the ups and downs of adulthood and the romantic escapades that present themselves along the way.



Atsushi Nishijima / Amazon Studios / TNS

Royal (William Jackson Harper) provides a different perspective as a freeborn Black man in "The Underground Railroad."

It follows other recent projects that have placed Harper in leading-man territory. Earlier this year, he gave a soulful performance as a freeborn Black man in pre-Civil War America who has a sweeping romance with a runaway slave (Thuso Mbedu) in Barry Jenkins' limited series, "The Underground Railroad"; he also starred in the film "We Broke Up," about a couple who call it quits but pretend to still be together to fulfill a wedding obligation.

"I never thought that being the central character in anything on-screen was in the cards for me," Harper says. "I always figured, at best, I'd get to be a really strong left-of-center supporting character. That was where I thought the journey ended for me. I still would love to play those roles too. But I never saw this side of it for me. And I like it. I feel like I'm reading a book where every time I turn a page, it's empty and being written right in front of me a little bit. And there's possibility."

It's just past 10 p.m. in London, and although Harper began the Zoom conversation resting his head on his hand, he grows more animated as he considers how a life spent chasing down opportunities has resulted in him reaching ones he didn't think were possible.

In the new season of "Love Life," Harper carries the lead baton passed on by Anna Kendrick in Season 1. He plays Marcus Watkins, a 30-something book editor who dives back into the dating pool after blowing up his marriage in ways only he didn't see coming. The story follows Marcus over

several years as he floats in and out of relationships while in various stages of self-discovery.

"It is more than just a story of dating and romance. It's really just a story of a person growing up," says Harper, also an executive producer. "There's so many changes that happen in those years, in your 20s and early 30s. You become — at least I became — a very different person from when I first moved to New York to now. And I feel like a big part of that growing up, a big part of that change, comes from the people you date. And sometimes it's funny, and sometimes it's really uncomfortable and sometimes it's messy."

Harper knew that with a series that revolves around dating, showing a bit of skin was to be expected. Still, the call to show his body provokes a very specific kind of dread.

"I was terrified of taking my shirt off [on 'The Good Place'] because I'd always been made fun of as a kid," Harper says. "And as I've gotten older, and especially as I started to work on TV, I started working out a little bit more and trying to eat a little bit better. Working out was something that was very meditative for me, and I really enjoyed it. But when I got that script, I definitely ramped it up. I found myself at the gym at 5 a.m. before going to set."

"I was fully prepared to just get made fun of and roasted. I do think a lot of dudes have some sort of body dysmorphia, body issues and a lot of fear around it. Men are mean to each other. When I have a show that requires me to take my shirt off, it's a highly regimented,

sometimes destructive process that I go through to get to a place where I feel comfortable with my body."

To add a level of connection to the character, Harper visited the writers room a few times to share his own mistakes and the questionable decisions he's made in relationships, but he's careful to note: "Marcus' journey is not my journey."

For nearly a decade, Harper's own love story has been strong and steady. His partner is Ali Ahn ("Billions," "Orange Is the New Black"); both were in relationships when they began doing theater together in New York. Eventually, they starred in a production of "Romeo and Juliet"; both single by then, "it just spiraled up into the sky from there."

"I feel like I sort of took some lumps for a long time in my career, so with all the things that are happening now, like, when I get to go to those big fancy parties and stuff, it still feels really alien," he says. "I'm not in my element, and I'm sort of waiting for a suitable time to escape and just go hang out with Ali and just be in a dive bar."

Harper was raised in the Dallas suburbs. He was 8 when his father, a computer operator for a power company, died. His mom, an executive assistant until Harper was in middle school, went back to school to get a nursing degree.

"There was a time where all of us were in the house doing homework," Harper recalls. "She was just pounding Dr Pepper and studying — and so was I, and so was my sister. The three of us just three students in the house. My mom gave up a lot and put up with a lot to give us options."

He wasn't a child who showed early signs of being a performer. He took theater in middle school only because his mom made him. "I thought it was corny. I thought it was going to be a whole lot of getting down on one knee in front of a balcony wearing some stockings and some pumpkin pants — I wanted nothing to do with that."

Eventually, however, that ambivalence turned to admiration; acting not only brought him out of his shell but it also became a passion that fulfilled him.

"I just wasn't interested or

excited by the same things as kids in my grade," Harper says. "I didn't care about homecoming or school spirit stuff. It wasn't like an anti thing. I just wasn't invested in it. ... But [theater] was something I was good at in school. I'm not athletic, I'm not the best student. Theater made me feel special. And you need something that makes you feel a little special at that time in life, something to find yourself in."

After graduating from the College of Santa Fe in New Mexico, he moved to New York, working flexible jobs to sustain him in his anxious pursuit of becoming a working actor, always aware that success could fall away just as magically as it was achieved.

Maybe that's why Harper's peers sense both ease and intensity in his work ethic.

"He has such ease as an actor. He is one of those people you think might have been born to do it," Bell says. "He is very hard to throw off his game. But he also makes some of the most outrageous outrageous choices I have ever seen made by an actor; particularly when choosing the volume or tempo with which he delivers a line, but somehow they work every single time."

"He's a very methodical and very cerebral performer," is how Jenkins describes Harper. "Once he gets a full understanding of the character, then he kind of becomes more instinctive, like he's moving on intuition."

"I don't know if you've met him in person, but he's kind of an old dude. I don't mean his age; he's my age. He just feels like an old dude. Like in 'Do the Right Thing,' when all the cats are sitting in front of the corner store — William reminds me of those dudes, in his aura, in his personality."

Harper's just happy to leave an impression. Whatever this secret film turns out to be and with whomever he teams up next, it's clear he's enjoying this moment.

"Getting to work with these people I've watched from afar for so long is a privilege that is not lost on me," he says. "It feels like midnight on Christmas Day when you were a kid, but like all the time. I've got these new toys I keep opening up, and I don't want to put them down."



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Tahini is a puree of sesame seeds. Think of it as an alternative to peanut and other nut butters. Food styling by Shannon Kinsella.

How to make, use tahini

Pureed sesame seeds can be used in many recipes

By JeanMarie Brownson
The Daily Meal

Tahini, a staple in my condiment collection, is best known for homemade hummus, baba ganoush and as a key ingredient in sauces to pair with falafel and other Middle Eastern bites. But tahini is the gift that keeps on giving and has uses far beyond the expected.

Tahini is simply a puree of sesame seeds. Think of it as an alternative to peanut and other nut butters.

Bottled tahini takes the work out of grinding sesame seeds. Make sure to read the labels to ensure that nothing else is added.

Soom, made from Ethiopian white humera sesame, is the preferred brand of chefs for its silken texture and rich sesame flavor. However, this brand can be a bit hard to track down in stores. For easy shopping, consider the roasted sesame seed flavor in tahini from the Whole Foods 365 brand or the milder organic tahini from Trader Joe's.

Note that vigorous stirring is required for nearly all tahini brands; the mixture separates out oil, much like natural peanut butters. While it's best used at room temperature, you should store tahini in the refrigerator.

Of course, pretty, creamy white sesame seeds can entice you to make your own tahini. The small bottles sold in the spice section of most supermarkets are pricey so look for bulk sesame seeds instead. In general, hulled sesame seeds, which have a creamy white hue, taste less bitter than beige or grayish sesame seeds which have their hull still intact.

To make your own tahini, toast 1 cup of sesame seeds in a skillet over low heat, stirring constantly, until some of the seeds are just a little bit golden in color, but not browned. Transfer to a plate and cool completely. Then, process the seeds in a food processor or blender until the seeds are the texture of fine sand. With the machine running, drizzle in untoasted sesame oil, grapeseed oil or safflower oil until smooth and mixture has the consistency of very thin peanut butter. Transfer to a jar and refrigerate covered for



Maple tahini glaze. Food styling by Shannon Kinsella.

a week or more.

For breakfast, spread homemade tahini on toast with a drizzle of honey and a sliced banana with a dollop of yogurt. It's also a great addition to smoothies.

Consider the lovely sesame paste for baking. It adds great flavor to cookies, brownies and homemade ice cream. Or, of course, you can use tahini for these recipes.

Creamy lemon hummus

Prep: 10 minutes
Makes 1 3/4 cups
Tahini and garbanzo beans, aka chickpeas, make classic hummus. Replacing some of the garbanzo beans with white beans yields a lighter, creamier version that's a delicious, satisfying dip for raw vegetables and crackers. A garnish of tangy ground sumac underscores the lemon flavors. This recipe doubles nicely and keeps for about a week in the refrigerator.

1 (15-ounce) can garbanzo beans
1 (15-ounce) can white beans
1/4 cup tahini, at room temperature
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Grated rind from 1 small lemon
Extra virgin olive oil, for serving
Optional toppings: crushed red pepper flakes; ground sumac; chopped fresh herbs (such as dill, cilantro, parsley or chives)

1. Strain garbanzo beans and white beans over a bowl to catch the juices. Reserve the juices. Put 4 ounces of garbanzo beans and 4 ounces of white beans into a blender or food processor. Save remaining beans for another use.

2. Add 1/4 cup tahini, 2 tablespoons each oil and lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/8 teaspoon cayenne and 1/4 cup of the reserved bean liquid. Process until very smooth. Taste and add remaining oil and lemon juice as desired. Puree. Add more bean liquid (or cold water) to reach desired thickness. Scrape into a bowl.

3. Stir in grated lemon rind. Taste and adjust salt. Refrigerate covered up to several days.

4. Serve with a pool of extra virgin olive oil poured over the hummus. Top with one or more of the options, as desired.

Green chile tahini sauce

Prep: 20 minutes
Makes 1 1/2 cups

Note: You can substitute 1 can (4 ounces) roasted green chiles, drained, for the fresh chile here. This sauce goes well with grilled lamb chops, salmon or halibut.

1 fresh hatch chile or small poblano chile, roasted, peeled, seeded
1/2 of a 15-ounce can cannellini or other white beans, drained
1/4 cup tahini
2 tablespoons avocado oil or extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
Juice of 1/2 lime
1 tablespoon chopped mint
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives (or green onion tops)

1. Set 1 hatch or poblano chile directly over a gas burner or a hot grill, or under a hot broiler, turning often, until chile skin blisters and blackens, about 5 minutes total. Cool, then peel off the blackened skin, remove the seeds and rinse under cool water. Chop.

2. Put 7 1/2 ounces of beans, 1/4 cup tahini, 2 tablespoons oil, 1 teaspoon salt and the juice of 1/2 a lime juice into a blender. Add 1/2 of the roasted chile and 1/3 cup water. Blend smooth. Taste for spice and add remaining chile if desired and blend smooth. Consistency should be that of creamy salad dressing; to thin, add a little more oil or water.

3. Cover and refrigerate for several days. Use at room temperature.

Lamb chops with green chile tahini sauce

Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 8 minutes
Makes 3 to 5 servings
2 pounds lamb chop loins, about 9 to 10 chops
Salt

Freshly ground black pepper
Extra virgin olive oil
1/2 cup green chile tahini sauce, see recipe in notes

1/2 cup cooked or canned white beans (4 ounces)
Chopped roasted green chiles, for garnish
Fresh chives, for garnish

1. Pat 9-10 lamb chops dry and place on a baking sheet. Sprinkle all sides generously with salt and pepper. Drizzle both sides with olive oil and refrigerate uncovered for up to 2 days.

2. Prepare a charcoal grill until coals are covered with gray ash or preheat a gas grill to medium-hot. Remove chops from the refrigerator. Gather all ingredients to the work surface.

3. Place chops directly over heat source on grill. Cover and grill for 4 minutes. Flip chops; close the grill and cook to medium-rare, 2-3 minutes more. Remove to a platter.

4. To serve, put 2 or 3 chops on each serving plate. Drizzle chops and the serving plate with some of the green chile tahini and olive oil. Sprinkle with beans, chiles and chives.

Maple tahini glaze

Prep 10 minutes
Makes about 1/2 cup
To use this as a salad dressing, double the lemon juice and add 1/4 cup olive oil. Use on crisp romaine or over a wedge of iceberg. Sprinkle with chopped nuts and blue cheese.

1/4 cup tahini
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon pure maple syrup
1/2 teaspoon salt
Grated rind of 1/2 lemon
3 tablespoons water
Put all ingredients in a small bowl and stir until combined. The glaze should be about the consistency of barbecue sauce. Refrigerate covered up to several days.

Roasted zucchini with maple tahini and pistachios

Prep: 20 minutes
Cook: 20 minutes
Makes 4 servings

This is also great as a glaze for blanched green beans. Coat the beans in oil, then a few tablespoons of the glaze and roast until glazed, about 10 minutes.

2 large zucchini, total 1 1/2 pounds

Olive oil
Salt
1/4 cup maple tahini glaze, see recipe in notes
Toasted crushed pistachios, hazelnuts or pecans

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit convection or 400 degrees Fahrenheit conventional. Cut 2 large zucchini lengthwise into 1/3-inch-wide slabs. Turn the

slabs and cut into 1/3-inch-wide sticks. Put onto a baking sheet. Toss with oil to coat well. Season with salt.

2. Roast zucchini, stirring once or twice, until nearly tender, about 10 minutes. Toss the zucchini with the maple tahini glaze to coat pieces lightly. Roast until the glaze starts to turn golden, 5-15 minutes more, depending on the oven. Serve hot sprinkled with crushed pistachios.

Sesame cashew and tahini blondies

Prep: 20 minutes
Cook: 35 minutes
Makes 48 small bars or 24 medium bars

Be sure the butter is soft for easy mixing. Sesame honey cashews are available at Trader Joe's. You can also use chopped bits of sesame brittle or any dry-roasted nut.

2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 1/3 cups light brown sugar
1/3 cup tahini
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 large eggs
1 cup chopped sesame honey cashews or dry-roasted unsalted cashews

5 1/2 ounces best-quality white chocolate broken into bits or chips
3 tablespoons sesame seeds
Coarse salt, for garnish
1. Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a 13-by-9 inch baking pan with foil. Spray lightly with nonstick spray or brush lightly with oil.

2. Mix 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a small bowl.

3. Beat 2 sticks of room-temperature butter in a large bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in 1 1/3 cups brown sugar and 1/2 cup tahini until smooth. Beat in 1 teaspoon vanilla, then beat in 2 eggs, one at a time, until smooth.

4. With the mixer on low, beat in flour mixture just until incorporated. Use a spoon to stir in 1 cup chopped nuts and 5 1/2 ounces white chocolate.

5. Transfer batter to prepared pan, then use an offset spatula to spread into an even layer. Sprinkle with 3 tablespoons sesame seeds and a few generous pinches of coarse salt.

6. Bake until the edges start to pull away from the sides of the pan and the top is golden, 30-35 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes.

7. Use foil to lift the bars from the pan and let cool completely on the wire rack. Cut into small bars. Store in a covered container for several days.



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In this photo from Aug. 21, Hilary Knight of the United States in action against Canada in the 2021 IIHF Women's World Championship gold medal game played at WinSport Arena in Calgary, Canada.

Tomlin not headed to USC

'Not a booster with a big enough blank check'

Field Level Media

Tiptoeing is not Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin's style when it comes to his name being linked to college football coaching jobs.

The rumor mill was stirred to a frenzy by former Southern Cal quarterback Carson Palmer on Monday, when Palmer told "The Dan Patrick Show" that Tomlin was among the favorites to become head coach of the Trojans.

"Guys, I don't have time for that speculation. That's a joke to me," Tomlin said in a stern and flabbergasted tone. "I've got one of the best jobs in all of professional sport. Why would I have any interest in coaching college football? That will be the last time I address it. And not only today, but moving forward. Never say never, but never. OK? Anybody else got any questions about any college jobs? There's not a booster with a big enough blank check."

Hired as a 34-year-old in 2007, Tomlin is in his 15th season as Pittsburgh's head coach and has never had a losing season. The Steelers have been to the playoffs nine times and won the AFC North division seven times.

Tomlin signed a three-year contract extension in April and is tied to the Steelers until 2024.

He is the third-longest-tenured head coach in the NFL behind Bill Belichick of the Patriots (2000) and New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton, who was hired in 2006.

"Anybody asking Sean Payton about that? You know? Anybody asking Andy Reid about stuff like that?" Tomlin asked rhetorically with a clenched jaw, before sliding his stool back from the dais and exiting his Tuesday media session.

The Steelers have been to the Super Bowl twice under Tomlin, winning XLIII in his second season.

Palmer, who started his career with the rival Cincinnati Bengals, also mentioned Penn State's James Franklin, Iowa State's Matt Campbell, Cincinnati's Luke Fickell in addition to Tomlin.



Tomlin

PREPPING FOR BEIJING

Knight, US women's hockey team gearing up for Olympics

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

She was once the youngest, but at age 32, Hilary Knight, a veteran of three Olympic teams, is now the oldest player on the U.S. women's ice hockey national team roster.

Still, Knight, who grew up in California and went to Choate prep in Wallingford, Conn., is not exactly thinking in terms of her last Olympic Games or retiring or anything like that just yet.

"Who knows?" Knight said. "I don't know. We'll see. We got to that world stage [in 2018]. Winning the last Olympics was outstanding, incredible. You kind of feed off that and you want to go do it again."

The U.S. women won the Olympic gold medal in 2018 in South Korea, beating their archrivals, the Canadians, 3-2 in a shootout after finishing second to Canada in 2014 and 2010. They played Canada on Monday as part of the "My Why" Tour, as a pre-Olympic buildup. The 2022 Games will take place

Feb. 4-20 in Beijing.

Team USA lost to Canada on Friday night in the first game of the tour in Allentown, Pa., 3-1, before losing to them again Monday, 3-2 in Hartford, Conn.

This summer, Knight became the leader in career goals at the women's world championships when she scored her 45th goal, against Russia. The U.S. lost to Canada 3-2 in overtime in the final.

Knight is just happy to be back together with the national team after the pandemic shut down the sport for a while. She was also sidelined 10 weeks in the winter after foot surgery.

Knight, who played at the University of Wisconsin, helped the Badgers go to the Frozen Four four times and win two NCAA titles. In 2010, she took a year off from college to play in the Olympics, and at age 20, she was the youngest member of the U.S. team.

In 2018, the Americans finally were able to hold off

the Canadians on the biggest stage and win their first gold medal since the U.S. won the inaugural Olympic women's ice hockey competition in 1998,

"When Maddie [Rooney] stopped the puck that was inching its way closer to the goal line on that last shootout attempt was when it sunk in that we were going to win," Knight said. "But it wasn't until we kind of got back [to the U.S.] that it was like, 'Oh. We won.' We forget — we're over there, it was just us. Our families get to come over, so there's a little bit bigger circle, but then there's a bigger circle of everyone who comes up to you when you're doing random things in your life, and they're like, 'I stayed up till 2 a.m., 3 a.m., watching you guys. Wow, that was quite a victory.'"

"That was really cool. You realize it's so much bigger than you."

Knight was in Canada in March 2020, so she packed up and moved to her home in Idaho before the border

closed due to the pandemic. She built a gym in her garage so was able to keep up her training, but she didn't skate until the end of July.

"The way I looked at it was less tread on the tires," she said. "It's easy to sit there and go, 'Oh man, I'm in my prime...' I get to play longer now. That's how I looked at it."

"I was traveling every 2 1/2 weeks before that. I was like, 'This is really nice, to stay home.' My dogs get sad when I leave."

It has been a little more difficult to build chemistry on this team because of the limitations initially placed on the players due to COVID-19.

"It's hard to replicate the chemistry you develop just doing things together," she said. "You would go to practice, put your mask on and essentially leave the rink. Then you'd see everybody on Zoom. It's not the same. I think our group did a good job, all things considered, trying to stay connected."

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Stan Bowman out as Blackhawks GM

Law firm announces findings of 2010 misconduct investigation

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A law firm working for the Chicago Blackhawks has completed an independent review of a former player's 2010 sexual misconduct allegations against then-video coach Brad Aldrich as well as the team's handling of his complaint at the time, the team announced Tuesday.

The results of Chicago-based Jenner & Block's findings were announced at 1 p.m. Blackhawks owner and Chairman Rocky Wirtz, Blackhawks CEO Danny Wirtz and Reid Schar, partner at Jenner & Block, were present.

Wirtz announced that Stan Bowman, the general manager and president of hockey operations, has "stepped aside." Kyle Davidson will take on the role of interim GM.

The anonymous former player, using the pseudonym "John Doe," has an ongoing lawsuit against the team alleging negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Aldrich pleaded guilty in 2013 to misdemeanor criminal sexual conduct with a former Houghton (Mich.) High School hockey player who later also sued the Hawks.

The Hawks have filed motions to dismiss both cases.

While announcing the law firm's findings, Danny Wirtz also apologized to John Doe.

"I am confident this would not be tolerated in our organization today," he said. "We must and will do better."

Danny Wirtz called the report "disturbing and difficult to read. It speaks for itself."



Kim Klement / USA Today Sports

Chicago Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman talks with media during media day the day before the 2015 Stanley Cup Final at Amalie Arena.

Rocky Wirtz said neither he nor his son knew of the allegations until the lawsuit was filed.

"If we had, we certainly wouldn't be

standing here today," he said. Schar said the four-month investigation included interviews with 139 people, including 21

current Hawks players and 14 members of the 2009-10 team. The firm also interviewed both John Doe and Aldrich, with attorneys pres-

ent, and Schar said they offered different views of the 2010 encounter.

He said the Hawks placed "no limits" on cooperation with the investigation.

Schar said that several Hawks executives and coaches met within an hour of the team's Stanley Cup-clinching victory in June 2010 to talk about the allegations against Aldrich and that no action was taken for three weeks.

"At a minimum the senior leaders ... were informed of alleged sexual harassment of a player by a coach," Schar said. "The failure to properly and thoroughly investigate the matter ... had consequences. During that period, Aldrich continued to work with and travel with the team."

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PODCAST:

Minnesota State head coach Mike Hastings talks about his team following a bye week, playing for Herb Brooks and more on the podcast.

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TRL reporters' question: Which upset was the most surprising?

By Mick Hatten
Forum News Service

Answers:
Hatten (SCSU): Colorado College beating Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass., for Kris Mayotte's first win as head coach was an eye-opener. The Tigers have a ton of new faces and that's an impressive road win for any team.

Wellens (UMD): My upset came Saturday when St. Thomas picked up its first win eight games into its inaugural NCAA Division I season by beating Ferris State 5-2. Granted the Bulldogs have fallen on hard times after winning one game a year ago, but that was a convincing victory for the Tommies on Saturday as they went up 5-0 before Ferris struck back.

Schlossman (UND): I wouldn't have been shocked to see Colorado College beat Boston College in a low-scoring game with goalie Dominic Basse locking it down. But CC scoring five goals and rallying in the third period makes it a stunner.

Myers (Minnesota): By season's end this might not look like an upset, because Western Michigan is clearly a team on the rise, but seeing the Broncos go to Michigan and give the previously unbeaten Wolverines all they could handle was an eye-opener.

Feldman (MSU-Mankato): The NCHC is college hockey's toughest conference, top to bottom, on an annual basis, and CC's win at BC showed why that's the case. The Tigers were outshot more than 2-to-1 (43-20) in the 5-3 win yet they took advantage of their opportunities, scoring four times against Bowling Green transfer Eric Dop. CC also got 40 saves from Dominic Basse in the win, which should prevent any NCHC opponent from overlooking the Tigers this year.

Babcock (BSU): Western Michigan beating Michigan caught my eye. The Broncos (3-1) are a good team, but the margin of victory (5-2) over a Michigan team with that much NHL talent merits attention.

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Wisconsin forward Roman Ahcan (13) checks Minnesota Duluth defenseman Owen Gallatin (20) into the boards during the second period of play on Oct. 3 at the Chippewa Area Ice Arena in Chippewa Falls. Ahcan was given a 5-minute major penalty and received a game misconduct on the play.

TRUE GRIT

Wisconsin's Roman Ahcan, Tony Granato find playing style similarities

By Mick Hatten
Forum News Service

MADISON, Wis. — When Roman Ahcan and Tony Granato look at how they approach the game as players, they see some similarities.

At 5-foot-10 and 185 pounds, Granato played 14 seasons in the NHL as a forward for the New York Rangers, Los Angeles Kings and San Jose Sharks after a four-year career (1983-87) at the University of Wisconsin. Granato had 492 points and 1,425 penalty minutes in 774 NHL games.

At 5-9 and 181 pounds, Ahcan is in his fourth season as a forward at Wisconsin and has 29 goals, 63 points and 148 penalty minutes in 102 college games following 5-1 and 4-1 losses in St. Cloud last weekend.

"I'd say I'm a gritty player who is not scared to go into the corners against a guy who is bigger than me," said the 22-year-old from Burnsville. "I'd say that I'm a guy who is going to produce offense by going into corners and coming out with the puck and finding my teammates wherever they may be. I'm a good defensive zone, 200-foot player. My grit is what makes me the player that I am."

"Me and Tony since my freshman year have had plenty of talks about what type of player I am and what type of player he was. We can connect on being the same type of player, very gritty and smaller than everyone. He worked with what he had."

Granato, who is in his fifth season as Wisconsin's head coach, had an interesting twist when he was asked about the similarities in style between he and Ahcan.



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Wisconsin forward Roman Ahcan (13) carries the puck with Army's Andrew Garby defending in October 2021 at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

"I think that would be a good compliment to me because I think the world of Roman and his competitiveness, his intensity and his courage," Granato said. "There are some similarities with how I used to play. Roman's one of those guys that, at the end of a game, everybody knows he played. He's not going to go unnoticed. He's going to compete for every loose puck. He's going to be in every battle. Everyone on the other team is going to get bumped by him. That's his strength, his competitiveness and why he's such a tough player."

"Is he going to beat you by picking up the puck behind his net and going end to end? No. He's going to beat you by winning every little battle and race and compete for every situation."

Almost a Husky ... like his brothers

Ahcan seriously considered playing for St. Cloud State when he was going through the

recruiting process. He played for Burnsville High School before playing junior hockey. He made a recruiting visit when his older brother, Jack, was playing for St. Cloud State.

Former St. Cloud State forward Nick Oslund was also an assistant coach when Roman was at Burnsville. Jack ended up earning All-America status for the Huskies and is the third St. Cloud State defenseman to score more than 100 points in a career (103, 2016-20).

"I was either going to have to follow in my brother's footsteps or take a different path," Roman said of possibly playing for SCSU. "When I was recruited by St. Cloud State, I was young. I didn't really know what I wanted. I kind of leaned on my brother, Jack, a little bit. I said, 'How did you know this was the school for you?'"

"He said that when he went on his visit and they showed him around, there was a hard feeling that 'I want to go here, this is the spot for

me.' I don't think that I really had that same feeling at St. Cloud that I did at Wisconsin. Me and Jack are way different as people. He might be more of a smaller school and less people type of person. I kind of wanted to explore other options and see what Wisconsin had for me with being a bigger school and a bigger program."

Roman said that another factor was that he thought he would have played only one season with Jack before Jack left school.

While Roman decided that playing for the Huskies was not for him, that did not stop another Ahcan from saying that it is. Grant Ahcan, a 19-year-old forward and the younger brother of Roman and Jack, has verbally committed to play for St. Cloud State.

Grant is playing this season for the Cedar Rapids Roughriders in the United States Hockey League in his second season of junior hockey. With Roman playing at the Brooks Center last weekend, it may have provided a bit of a

preview for Huskies fans of what to look for when Grant gets to campus.

Grant, Roman and Jack have all played for Cedar Rapids under head coach Mark Carlson.

"I think Grant relates more to me than to Jack because Jack is more of a calm defenseman who is very active in the play," Roman said. "Grant is more like me where he's a gritty forward, slimy in the corners and he can produce offense. We have the same grit pattern."

"I keep in contact with him pretty well," Roman said of Grant. "With his schedule being a little more flexible in juniors and not having school, I text him or call him whenever and he'll get back to me. I've been talking with him with what's going on at Cedar Rapids."

"It's kind of funny because he's in a similar position of where I was at his age. It's kind of cool to look back at and say, 'That's where I started and I worked through this and worked through that.' He told me that Carlson had a two-hour practice. I said, 'Yep, that's what Carlson's going to do. He's going to work you to make you better.' I think the feedback I can give him is going to make him a better player and helping him with the whole process."

Jack, by the way, has begun his second pro season in the Boston Bruins organization. He played in three games in the NHL for the Bruins and 19 for the Providence Bruins in the American Hockey League last season. He has one assist and is a plus-1 in two games for Providence this season.

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