

State leaves bases full

Bonding bill fouls out DL ballpark delayed

By Michael Achterling
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Members of the Detroit Lakes Washington Ballpark committee began planning financial contingencies for the ballpark's \$2.34 million renovation project during a meeting on June 16.

After Minnesota state legislators failed to pass a bonding bill during the 2022 regular legislative session, which included \$1.17 million in state-matched funding for the ballpark in the proposal from Gov. Tim Walz, committee members were at odds on how to fill the gap caused by the unexpected loss of state funding.

"I think one of the frustrating things, this being a bonding year, the fact that neither the (Minnesota) House or the Senate released any type of bonding worksheet is something that is, I'd say, atypical," said Kelcey Klemm, city administrator for Detroit Lakes. "Usually, they are working on a project list and they'd release what that project list is, and the (Minnesota) House had a bunch of hearings on

it, supposedly, the House had a bill, no one saw it. It never saw the light of day."

Adding to the confusion, Klemm said, he didn't even know if the ballpark renovation project was included in the Minnesota House's version of the bill.

"We were in the governor's bonding bill," he said. "We can certainly pick (the ballpark project) up after the election. Next session, it'll be an odd-year, so they'll be back into crafting a state budget ... they'll have the extra \$9 billion dollars, or whatever surplus, that they didn't spend this last year, and then they'll also have a bonding bill on their to-do list because they didn't pass one last year."

If no special session of the state legislature is called in coming months, committee members said they would resubmit the proposal during the 2023 session, but will also prepare backup funding options so construction on the renovation project could begin in 2023.

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Artist rendition aerial view of a renovated Washington Ballpark in Detroit Lakes.



Photos by Barbie Porter / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Nancy McDaniel has completed bicycle rides in all 50 states and is gearing up to tackle another long-distance ride in Minnesota this month.

KEEP ON BIKIN'

DL WOMAN HAS PEDALED IN ALL 50 STATES

By Barbie Porter
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Nancy McDaniel recently finished a bicycle journey that began about 40 years ago.

"I've joined bicycle tours in all 50 states, and in three provinces in Canada," the 72-year-old Detroit Lakes resident said, noting the tours averaged 350 to 400 miles.

"The planned rides are in sections of a state and they showcase the best parts of those areas," she said. "For me, my favorite was the jagged peak of Mount Olympus; I cried the first time I rounded the bend."

While the scenery on the rides often takes McDaniel's breath away, bicycling has added true

value to her life.

The Tamarac Wildlife Refuge volunteer recalled she was a self-conscious and overweight child. When she was 7 years old, her father upgraded her brother's Coast to Coast vintage rider and gave her the hand-me-down.

"My brother was very determined, and I'd watched him try to ride that bike, fall and come into the house with nose bleeds," she said. "I grew fearful of the bike."

Her dad saw the bike was not getting used and offered McDaniel some advice. He told her to use the back step to find her balance on the bike and once she found it, to simply start pedaling.

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Nancy McDaniel prefers the hybrid bike, which offers a smooth ride on pavement and rough surface roads, for long-distance rides.

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Family first pays off

Forget racing for points, Dent man now just enjoys thrill of the track

By Barbie Porter
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Before Ryan Satter slides into his race car for laps of high speed fun, he spends time with a notebook. In the pages are words of advice to his future self.

"I've kept notes on every race and every track," he said, adding he uses past experiences to improve the handling of the car and remind himself of mistakes that



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Ryan Satter has collected several wins in the Wissota Street Stock competition this year. He began racing after growing up at the track with his father, Mike, who was also involved in racing.

have been made.

After taking stock of past moments of regret and glory, Satter gets

into his Wissota Street Stock race car, buckles

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The Jaycees are looking for Water Carnival helpers

By Barbie Porter
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Kasey Fetzer and Andrew Lessin don't want the Jaycees to hog all the fun. The two co-admirals of the Northwest Water Carnival in Detroit Lakes invite all (who are 18 and older) to volunteer during the 10-day city-wide bash.

From July 8-17, events are scheduled day, afternoon and night, and all require volunteers.

"There is something for everyone," Fetzer said.

There are many options for volunteering. For example, those who enjoy helping

organize kids events, or playing referee during a competition. People who are not fans of big crowds can consider helping with setup prior to a popular event, such as the Bash on the Beach. People watchers also have many opportunities to jump in and help.

"We need help at the kickoff party carding and serving people and monitoring what's going on," Fetzer said, adding similar help is needed for the Bash on the Beach, which boasts two nights of concerts — one geared toward rock and the other country.

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Lake Park man faces child porn charge

Austin David Saarinen, 28, of Lake Park has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony possession of child pornography.

According to court records, on March 24, a Becker County sheriff's investigator received a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, stating a suspect phone with corresponding email had uploaded child pornography using the Snapchat phone app.

The photo depicted a young girl, who appeared to be under the age of 14, posing naked. The investigator obtained a search warrant for Saarinen's phone after learning his phone number matched what was reported in the cyber tip. About 80 images were found on his phone exhibiting child pornography. Saarinen admitted those images were on his phone. He is currently in custody in the Becker County Jail serving a sentence on a recent possession of child pornography conviction where he was sentenced on March 16.

On April 8, cash bail for Saarinen was set at \$40,000 or bond at \$40,000, under standard conditions of release, or \$80,000 bond with no conditions. He remains in the Becker County Jail. A plea hearing is set for July 8.

Two accused of seasonal cabin burglary

Dale Edward Defoe Jr., 27, of rural Ogema and Natasha Louise French, 25, of Mahanomen have both been charged in Becker County District Court with felony second-degree burglary.

According to court records, they are accused in the March 4, 2021, burglary of a seasonal residence on East Height of Land Drive in Becker County. A passerby saw the two stuck in the driveway and gave police a license plate number and description of French, who had bright red hair.

The cabin owners said that they were missing a lot of property, including an ATV, and a deputy noted pry marks on the front door. The homeowners also said all the keys that had been hanging on the wall were missing, and that a cigarette butt was found on the floor in the living room. The cigarette was found to have Defoe's DNA on it. A flashlight was later found at the scene, after the snow melted, that had "FRENCH" engraved on one side and "DEFOE" engraved on the other.

Arrest warrants were issued for both Defoe and French after they failed to show for their first-appearance hearings on May 26.

Assault charges filed in domestic case

Robert Dean Bakken, 38, of rural Waubun has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony second-degree as-

sault and felony domestic assault.

According to court records, on March 23, a White Earth police officer responded to the intersection of Becker County Road 21 and County Road 14 to meet with a man who said that he had seen a woman with blood on her face walking down County Road 21 in a tank top and no shoes. The motorist had stopped, picked up the woman, and called the police.

The officer spoke with the woman and noticed that she had a cut on her right eyebrow and a large red mark on her right upper arm. She said she had been picked up at her residence north of Detroit Lakes by Bakken, the father of her child. She said she told him that she no longer wanted to be with him and he flipped out. Adding, he started to swing a knife around and in her direction. She was able to get out of the vehicle and Bakken continued westbound. She said that the attack occurred in the vehicle on County Road 26 near the Tamarac Refuge, and that he threw the knife out the window shortly after the assault.

On April 18, cash bail for Bakken was set at \$500 or bond at \$5,000, under standard conditions of release, or \$50,000 bond with no conditions. The next day he posted \$500 bail and was released.

A settlement conference is set for July 6 and if no plea agreement is reached, a jury trial will start on July 20.

DL woman faces meth, DWI charges

April Ann Miller, 43, of Detroit Lakes has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime and misdemeanor DWI.

According to court records, on Sept. 29, 2021, she was pulled over for erratic driving on Highway 34 in Becker County. She showed numerous signs of impairment during field testing. She was arrested and a search of her vehicle located a capped syringe in a bag next to her purse in the back seat. An uncapped needle in a clothes basket in the hatchback area of the vehicle was filled with about 22 ccs of a clear substance that tested positive for meth.

On May 26 Miller was released without bail, under standard conditions.

Man accused of threats, assault

Ronald Corey Laducer, 57, of White Earth has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony terroristic threats, misdemeanor domestic assault, and misdemeanor fourth-degree damage to property.

According to court records, on March 1, he broke down his girlfriend's door on Richwood Road and threatened to knock her out.

The woman said that he had been intoxicated the night before, and was going to sleep in a vehicle that was parked in her driveway. She told him to come inside and sleep on the couch.

In the morning, he woke up, came into her bedroom, and began to argue with her. She said that she chased him outside and locked the front door, but he forced the door open, damaging the frame.

That's when Laducer told her that he was going to knock her out, and she was worried that he would. Surveillance video showed Laducer using his shoulder to push open the front door.

His request for a public defender was approved, and an omnibus hearing was set for July 18.

Man faces felony drug, fleeing charges

Percy Leonard French Jr., 27 of Mahanomen has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime, felony fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, and misdemeanor DWI.

According to court records, on April 6, a White Earth officer attempted to pull him over on County Road 21 for driving with a revoked license.

Instead of stopping, French sped up and went several hundred feet before driving into a ditch and then into dense brush, where he left the vehicle and ran on foot towards the South Projects area.

The officer found him shortly after as French was standing on the highway out of breath. French said he ran because he had used methamphetamine "a little bit ago." He added that he had smoked some weird dope and was "seeing faces." During a search of the vehicle, the officer found suspected methamphetamine that weighed about a third of a gram. A blood draw was sent to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for testing.

On April 11, French posted a \$1,000 bond and was released with conditions. A settlement conference is set for July 6 and if no plea agreement is reached, a jury trial will start on July 20.

Fargo woman accused of check forgery

Amy Izsola Murray, 38, of Fargo has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony check forgery.

According to court records, she is accused of writing a bad check in November of 2020 at the Detroit Lakes Menards.

The check was made out in the amount of \$504.74, dated "11/27/2020" and purported to be written from a Bank of North Dakota account for "Ashley Lافرينiere." The store manager stated that the check came back to Menard's as "unable to locate account." The manager said that he had not turned the check over to the police because the identity of Murray was unknown at the time, but her name came up during a recent investigation at the same Menards.

An arrest warrant was issued May 26 after Murray failed to make her first court appearance that day.

News Staff

Man drowns attempting to save dog on South Lake Lida

Forum staff reports PELICAN RAPIDS, Minn. — A 48-year-old Pelican Rapids man died Saturday, June 18, after he tried to rescue his dog after it fell into South Lida Lake, east of Pelican Rapids, according to a report released by the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office.

According to the report: The sheriff's office received a call about

1:16 p.m. Saturday of a possible drowning. It was learned that Eric Fife was boating with friends when he entered the water to help his dog, which had jumped off the boat and into the lake.

Moments later, it became clear to his friends that Fife was in distress and struggling to stay above water. A friend entered the water and pulled both

Fife and his dog back to the boat, where efforts were made to provide Fife with CPR until first responders arrived at a nearby lake access and took over efforts to revive Fife.

However, those efforts were not successful and Fife died at the scene, the sheriff's office report said. The incident remains under investigation.

BRIEF

Motorcyclist clocked at 144 in 65 in Rochester hits cop with motorcycle

ROCHESTER — A 22-year-old Pine Island man was arrested after being clocked going 144 mph in a 65 mph zone on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, according to Olmsted County Sheriff's Lt. Lee Rossman.

According to Rossman, a deputy clocked the Pine Island man speeding while heading northbound on U.S. Highway 63 near 80th Street Southeast at about 3:10 p.m.

The deputy followed the motorcyclist but did not attempt to pull him over due to the high rate of speed the man

was traveling. After the motorcyclist stopped at a red light at the intersection of South Broadway and Third Avenue, the deputy pulled his vehicle next to the Pine Island man's motorcycle and told him to turn off the motorcycle.

Rossman said that after the officer exited his vehicle and approached the motorcycle, the man continued to rev his engine causing the motorcycle to lurch forward, pushing the deputy into his squad car's door. The driver then lost his balance and laid the bike down.

Rossman said the Pine Island man did not follow the deputy's commands to get

on the ground until the deputy drew his Taser.

While the deputy was attempting to handcuff the man on the ground, a passerby stopped to help the deputy, according to Rossman.

The driver told law enforcement that it was hot out and that's why he was going too fast. The driver also told law enforcement that he had headphones in and could not hear the commands from the deputy.

The Pine Island man was taken to the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center on charges related to obstruction and speeding.

The deputy suffered bruises and scraps but has since returned to duty, according to Rossman.

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CRIME AND FIRE REPORT

Thursday, June 16

► **8:34 p.m.**, Burglary was reported at a storage unit on Jackson Avenue, Detroit Lakes. The owner of the storage unit reported a latch had been cut.

► **12:06 p.m.**, Sockets were stolen from a garage on Rossman Avenue, Detroit Lakes.

► **2:45 p.m.**, Female, 40, was arrested for a DWI on U.S. Highway 10. While in jail, she reported an assault that happened on Rivercrest Drive, Frazee, before she was arrested.

► **9:25 a.m.**, Female, 22, residing along County Highway 6, Lake Park, reported a sexual assault. The woman was taken to a clinic.

► **2:17 p.m.**, Camera was stolen from a residence on County Highway 35, Ponsford.

► **7:28 p.m.**, Head-on collision between 2002 Honda XR motorcycle and 2003 Ford Escape. The motorcycle was driven by a 14-year-old male and the SUV a 52-year-old male. The motorcycle driver was lying next to the vehicle with a knee injury. The air ambulance was called, but canceled.

► **9:21 p.m.**, Defibrillator continuously shocked a resident along Fourth Street, Lake Park. An air transport service

was called for the 54-year-old man.

► **9:33 p.m.**, Fire was extinguished along U.S. Highway 10 by the Audubon Fire Department. The fire was later determined to be a campfire that was made near the railroad tracks.

► **9:38 p.m.**, Female ran into a store along County Road 143, Ogema and locked the door behind her. A man pounded on the door, attempting to get into the store, but made no threats and eventually left.

► **10:45 p.m.**, Male, 47, was arrested for a DWI on Pow Wow Highway.

Friday, June 17

► **12:52 a.m.**, Adult female dropped off prescription drugs medication at the Frazee Police Department for disposal.

► **5:30 a.m.**, Adult female overdosed on pain pills at a residence along Moose Street, Ogema. The woman reportedly took five pills and vomited, at which time three pills came up. She was also heavily intoxicated and was transported to Essentia Health-St. Mary's.

► **9:14 a.m.**, Fraudulent check was written. The owner of the checking account, who resides along County Road 110, Callaway, reported the incident.

► **10:58 a.m.**, Boat motor was stolen from a boat that was on a lift at a residence on Tanglewood Road, Audubon.

► **2:40 p.m.**, Fire started on a deck at a residence along Second Street, Lake Park. The property owner was on scene and the fire was extinguished before it got close to the structure. Lake Park Fire Department was also called and cleared the scene.

► **7:42 p.m.**, Baby mallard was stuck in a drain along Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes. A police officer retrieved the baby duck and returned it to its mother, who was waiting nearby.

► **8:32 p.m.**, Juvenile males on Main Avenue, Frazee, were making threats through texts. The officer told the young men to avoid each other.

► **9:06 p.m.**, Garage was vandalized with spray paint on Andrews Avenue, Detroit Lakes.

► **10:13 p.m.**, Fire started at the bottom of a power pole along Cozy Cove Road, Detroit Lakes. The Detroit Lakes Fire Department and Wild Rice Electric responded.

► **11:31 p.m.**, Intoxicated neighbor on Union Street, Detroit Lakes, entered the wrong

house. The adult male promptly left when he realized his error.

Saturday, June 18

► **12:06 a.m.**, Gas was siphoned out of a truck parked on Fern Beach Road, Detroit Lakes.

► **2:00 a.m.**, Adult female created a disturbance at a business on West Lake Drive, Detroit Lakes. After profanely expressing her opinions, the woman left the business at the request of police officers.

► **1:45 p.m.**, Fire started when a tree fell and toppled on a live wire along Catherine Lane, Waubun. The tree was smoldering when the White Earth Fire Department arrived.

► **4:14 p.m.**, Wind blew a garbage can into a vehicle at a business along Second Street, Lake Park. Damage was reported to a vehicle door.

► **4:45 p.m.**, Fire started in the grass along County Highway 11, Audubon. The Audubon Fire Department extinguished the flames.

► **4:56 p.m.**, Marin Pine Mountain Bike was stolen from the back of a vehicle along 11th Avenue, Detroit Lakes. The bike is gray.

► **4:56 p.m.**, Motorcycle accident reported along Coun-

ty Road 20, Detroit Lakes. No other vehicles were involved. A male reportedly injured his ankle and was transported to Essentia Health-St. Mary's. No age for the injured party was available in the report.

► **5:28 p.m.**, Caller reported an injured animal was moving in the road along West Main Street, Detroit Lakes. The officer found two branches, which the caller had mistaken for an animal.

► **6:01 p.m.**, Fire started in the grass behind Pine Point Clinic. Carsonville Fire Department extinguished the flames.

► **6:22 p.m.**, Tree blew over onto a power line along U.S. Highway 10, Detroit Lakes. The utility company and Detroit Lakes Fire Department were on scene to remove the tree.

► **10:44 p.m.**, Adults arguing in the road way at a business on Lake Street, Frazee. The people were separated and told to go home.

Sunday, June 19

► **2:06 a.m.**, Male, 37, went to the jail in Detroit Lakes and began creating a disturbance. He was asked to leave several times. After about an hour, the male was arrested for disorderly conduct and being a public nuisance.

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► **1:54 p.m.**, Fire started in the grass near a power pole located along County Highway 34. The Frazee Fire Department responded as did Wild Rice Electric.

► **3:29 p.m.**, Motorcycle accident was reported on County Road 141, Detroit Lakes. The driver reportedly struck a mailbox. A broken ankle and head injury were reported and the driver was transported to Essentia. The age of the motorcyclists was not stated in the report.

► **6:43 p.m.**, Syringe with a substance was found on the side of the road along Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes. Officers discarded the drug paraphernalia.

► **6:58 p.m.**, Two adult males, one 39 and the other 31, were fighting on Lake Street, Frazee. Officers are investigating the incident.

► **10:38 p.m.**, Group of adults were arguing outside of a business along West Lake Drive, Detroit Lakes. A fight occurred and while police were en route, the people dispersed in five different vehicles, some of which had out-of-state plates.

News Staff

Sukke won't seek reelection to Detroit Lakes City Council

City passes 2021 official audit with 'no instances of non-compliance'

By Michael Achterling
Detroit Lakes Tribune

As part of closing remarks during the Detroit Lakes City Council meeting on June 14, Madalyn Sukke, alderman-at-large, announced she will not seek reelection to the council this November.

Sukke is joining fellow alderman, Jamie Marks Erickson, Second Ward, in announcing they will be stepping away from their seats at the end of the year, leaving two open seats on the council going into the municipal candidate filing period beginning on Aug. 2 and closing on Aug. 16 at 5 p.m.

During her remarks, Sukke said: "This job has just been terrific for me, but, I think after 14 years, it's time to hang it up and get some new blood on the council. So, I will not be running for that open seat at-large."

She added that anyone who resides within the city limits can run for an at-large council seat. The other open seat, vacated by Marks Erickson, is available to residents in the city's second ward, which is south of Highway 10 and east of Washington Avenue, and ends at Long Bridge.

"Please consider it and think about it," said Sukke. "It's a great opportunity and these are great people."

Detroit Lakes passes official 2021 audit with flying colors

The city of Detroit Lake also passed their 2021 official audit with the investigators finding "no instances of non-compliance" in the audit's three major areas.

The official report was prepared by Brady, Martz and Associates, and delivered to the council by Tracee Bruggeman.

"In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the changes in financial position are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles," said Bruggeman during the meeting. "Our report on Minnesota legal com-

pliance, and we noted no instances of non-compliance."

Heidi Tumberg, finance officer for Detroit Lakes, summarized the 140-page report into a 10-page handout, which she supplied to those in attendance at the meeting.

"The city has four enterprise funds which operate like a business, they are self-sustaining," said Tumberg, during the meeting. "The first one is our electric fund, so operating revenues in our electric fund increased from the prior year by about \$850,000 and that increase was due to the polar vortex that happened at the very beginning of 2021 and then the very hot, dry summer that happened last summer, so we sold a lot more electricity because of the very cold conditions, very early in the year, and the very hot conditions that summer."

According to the report summary, the 2021 end-of-year fund balances for Detroit Lakes are:

► **General Fund:** \$6,511,891 with \$2,172,942 assigned and \$4,169,199 unassigned. The unassigned amount represents nearly seven months of general fund operating expenditures.

► **Electric Fund:** \$20,156,200, a net position decrease of \$1,746,557 from 2020. The decrease was planned due to projects like the AMI electric meter replacement and south substation project.

► **Water Fund:** \$1,352,001, a net position increase of \$892,295 from 2020 due to increased revenues and decreased expenses related to the AMI electric meter replacement project.

► **Wastewater Fund:** \$9,996,298, a net position increase of \$2,786,251 from 2020 due to rate increases and an increase in water use, which determines wastewater charges.

► **Liquor Store Fund:** \$3,952,256, cash and investment balance. The store fund's net position increased \$440,355 from the year before.

"Operating revenues of the water fund also increased from the prior year by just under \$359,000," she said. "This increase was due to the hot and dry summer. We just ended up selling more water than a typical year because people were doing a lot more outdoor watering, mainly."

Nate Marx joins the Detroit Lakes Fire Department

Nate Marx was sworn into service by Mayor Matt Brenk as an official member of the Detroit Lakes Fire Department.

"Nathan Marx has completed his probationary period and the department has unanimously selected him to become a full-time member," said Detroit Lakes Fire Chief

Ryan Swanson before the ceremony.

Brenk then had Marx approach the podium and performed the oath of service.

"Finally, I promise to follow the policies of the fire department, uphold the laws of our state and nation, and the ordinances of the city of Detroit Lakes, and I will faithfully discharge my duties to the best of my abilities, so help me god," Brenk read, and Marx repeated.

Currently, the Detroit Lakes has 23 firefighters on their active roster, seven short of their goal of a 30-man team. Any resident wanting more information about the benefits of the joining the all-volunteer squad, or interested in joining the Detroit Lakes Fire Department, should contact Fire Chief Ryan Swanson at: 218-844-7665.

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Heidi Tumberg, finance officer for Detroit Lakes, presents findings of the official 2021 audit during a regular meeting of the Detroit Lakes City Council on June 14, 2022.

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When a loved one dies, everyone goes through a grieving process. But the process is different for everyone. As society learns more about grieving, the days of telling someone who is coping with a loss to “get over it” should be fading. Using that kind of approach doesn't help those who are experiencing intense and persistent feelings of overwhelming grief. It only makes it worse. In fact, research has identified a new diagnosis – prolonged grief disorder – that was recently added to the latest edition of a diagnosis manual, DSM-5, that is used by mental health professionals. Those who are experiencing this kind of

disorder should know they are not alone, especially here in rural Minnesota. The diagnosis officially recognizes the group of symptoms associated with intense grief that persist over long periods of time, according to the University of Minnesota, which included information about it in its “Driven for Greater Minnesota” newsletter that focuses on Greater Minnesota audiences. The need for this diagnosis is perhaps greater than ever as people continue to navigate the countless losses experienced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the university said. In the newsletter, Fiyaz Karim, a resident faculty member in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies with expertise in behavioral health and

counseling, provided information on how the addition of this diagnosis will help those struggling with loss. “For many individuals experiencing grief, there might be a bereavement period of emotions, behaviors or cognitive changes,” Karim said. “These reactions may reduce over time, but for some, the symptoms of grief persist and impair the individual in one or more areas of their life such as school, work or in their relationships. This is where the grief becomes prolonged or complicated.” The pandemic, according to Karim, elicited a wide array of losses for individuals not only due to death and dying but also losses around identity, routine, structure and interpersonal relationships.

The isolation associated with the pandemic has further shown the need for prolonged grief disorder to assist in destigmatizing this process. “I believe this is an important step in continuing to normalize the grief experiences individuals go through as a result of loss,” Karim said. “It assists in validating the various expressions of grief. The recognition of this disorder will also help practitioners be reimbursed accordingly for providing care around these mental health concerns and aid in the increased research exploring the etiology of grief, diagnostic tools and various forms of treatment. Lastly, it gives a name to the experiences someone may struggle with due to grief and loss.”

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Are we just going to accept rolling blackouts as our new normal?

Minot, N.D.

It's summertime, and that means the scorching weather is coming. Yet our electrical grids may not be prepared for what's coming. North Dakota is served by two power grids. One is the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, and the other is the Southwest Power Pool, and both have been flagged as being at risk for blackouts when summer energy demand spikes. The ratings come from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, and they see MISO at “high risk” for blackouts while the SPP is at “elevated risk.” The plans our power suppliers have for dealing with this situation might make you angry. It boils down to asking power customers such as hospitals to go off the grid and rely on their backup generators. “In a case where demand would be pushing its limit,



ROB PORT
Say Anything

we can call on them to take them off our system and they would go to their backup,” Mark Hanson, spokesperson for Montana-Dakota Utilities, told KFYP television last month. That's our plan, folks. Move the sick people onto generators. How likely is that turn of events? We're always told that it's unlikely, but it sure seems like it's all a lot more likely now than in the past, doesn't it? Blackouts caused not by natural disasters or tragic accidents but plain old supply shortages are, increasingly, a part of American life. It's not couth in many political circles to talk about how we've reached this juncture, but it's staring

us in the face. The political campaign to eliminate dispatchable, base load energy sources like coal and nuclear power has made us too dependent on energy produced by the weather. “When you're dependent on the weather for generating the electricity and have less dispatchable, you're going to have tighter markets and you're going to have times where you have a greater threat of having to have rolling blackouts,” North Dakota Public Service Commissioner Julie Fedorchak has said, noting that we've been too hasty in shutting down coal power. This has us spending more for power even as reliability declines. Pay more, get less. Hell of a deal, isn't it? And remember, but for an extraordinary campaign to save Coal Creek Station, North Dakota's largest coal-fired power plant, we'd be in worse shape. It was scheduled to be

shut down and replaced by wind energy. When it was saved, John Weeda, director of North Dakota's Transmission Authority, said the folks at MISO, the grid Coal Creek serves, breathed a “sigh of relief.” Why are we playing this ugly game of chicken with blackouts? Politics. Many would have you believe that economics are driving this change, but that's not reality. Coal prices are soaring alongside demand for coal-fired energy. Our problem, as is so often the case, is politicians and bureaucrats putting their fingers on the scale to produce a politically-favored outcome, and as usually happens when politicians go mucking about in economic matters, the end result is higher prices and shortages. Rob Port is a columnist, news reporter and podcast host for Forum News Service. Reach him at rport@forumcomm.com.

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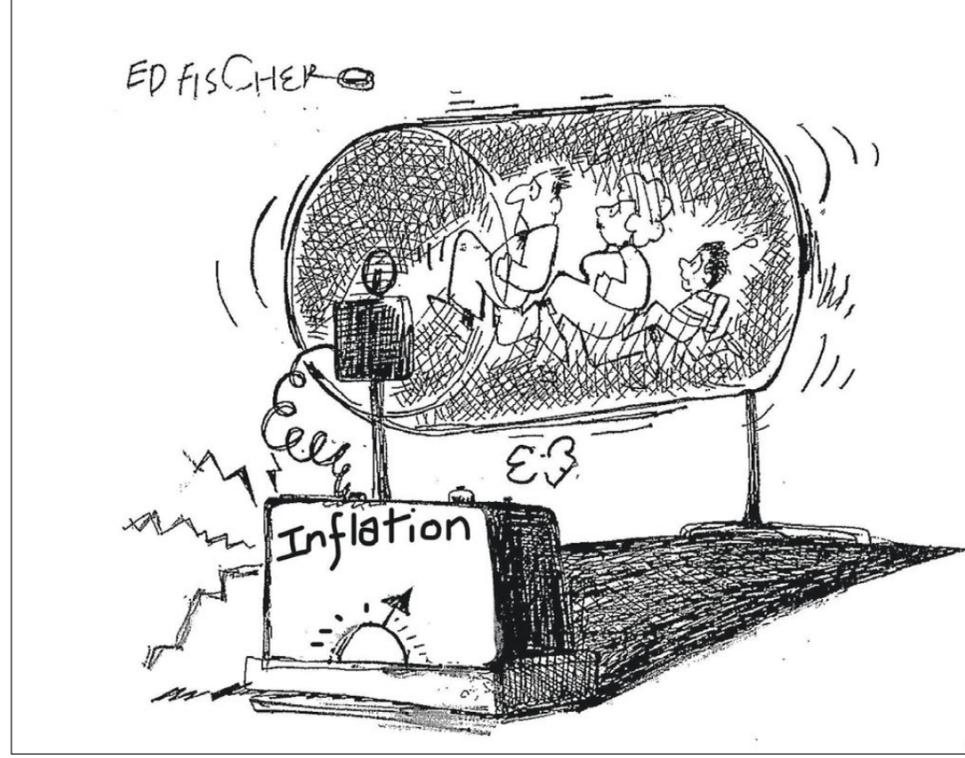
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The rules of life are very simple

Too many Americans, especially laissez-faire Republicans but also neoliberal Democrats, are devoted to the selfish, authoritarian philosophy of Ayn Rand, a woman whose tragic early life experiences turned her into a woman so narcissistic and self-serving that she recommended we let others die on the streets if they don't have enough. That way, she said, we can have more than we need. She never understood that many countries with robust capitalism, like Norway or Sweden, also have Medicare for all, subsidized childcare, sturdy maternal and paternal leave, and subsidized post-secondary education that doesn't require students to go into debt to earn a degree or learn a trade. What matters in life is having enough, not too much. What matters is community, which translates into English as cooperation. Some Americans I've met lately act as if the word comes from across the sea. It doesn't. The laws that are best are the ones that do the greatest good for the largest number of people. Ayn Rand cult members claim to value freedom and individualism but, at one extreme, want to take away Social Security and Medicare, two programs that increase freedom and protect individuals. They also want to restrict a woman's right to choose how to live



their own lives. Some of us, despite inflation, have been lucky. We have enough. We take one day at a time, live each moment to the full, and give back as warranted by our means. We're civil even to those who curse us. We do our best to practice the Golden Rule — do to others as you want done to yourself — and the Serenity Prayer: Give me courage to change things I can, serenity to accept things I can't, and the wisdom to tell the difference. None of us need more. We only need enough. Life is a series of adventures and misadventures. There's

great beauty around us. The earth zips around the sun at 67,000 mph. If you stand still, you can feel it move under your feet. It's fragile. All of us are stuck on it together. The rules, therefore, are very simple:
1. Give sustenance and compassion to everybody you meet.
2. Regulate guns, not women.
3. Work for a society where medical care is available without regard for financial or employment status.
4. Vote for candidates who honor everybody, not just members of their own tribe. The Constitution and its

amendments guarantee the vote to every citizen. Honor that right. Make voting easy for all. And honor the results.
5. Love your neighbor. Love isn't all you need, but it's a place to start and a place to stop. Perhaps JFK, in his famous “Peace Speech” at American University in 1963, the year he was assassinated by a man with a murderous weapon, put it best: “For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal.” — Alan Davis, Moorhead

Carolyn F. Kohler

Carolyn F. Kohler age 89 of Detroit Lakes, MN died June 19, 2022 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND, under the care of Hospice.

Carolyn Frances Kohler was born May 28, 1933 in Syracuse, New York to Carroll and Sara Margaret (Kau) Pratt. She moved to Hamden, CT as a young girl and later to Grand Rapids, MI, where she graduated From High School. She then attended college in Grand Rapids before later moving to Fargo, ND. On May 25, 1955 she was united in marriage to Lyle Kohler. In 1959 they made their home in rural Detroit Lakes, where they lived their entire lives.

Church and family were very important to Carolyn. Her grandchildren were the apple of her eye. She was very active at Bakke Lutheran Church over the years, serving on the Church Council, as church treasurer, secretary-treasurer for WELCA, teaching Sunday School, and even working as church secretary for many years. She also was very active in her community, serving as clerk for Holmesville Township, and as a member of the Becker County Township Association. She also was a 4-H leader for several years. Her hobbies included knitting, reading, deer hunting, and bowling.

Carolyn is survived by four daughters, Barbara (Mark) Wagner, of Lake Park, MN; Susan (Glenn) Erickson, of Audubon, MN; Becky (Wade) Tigue, of Dilworth, MN; and Wendy (Michael) Leach, of Coralville, IA; one son, Kerry (Alicia) Kohler, of Kelso, TN; twelve grandchildren, Amanda (Todd) North, Nicholas (Natasha) Erickson, Sara (Jason) Miller, Joseph Wagner, Kyle (Nipawan) Kohler, Caleb Kohler, Rachel Kohler, Ethan (Erica) Kohler, Elli Leach, Casey (Alisha) Tigue, Jade (Brian) Miller, and Stephanie (Kishion) Leach; thirteen great grandchildren, Jackson, Max, Grady, Gavin, Finley, Easton, Harrison, Henry, Callen, Emmett, Lylah, Aiden, and Isaac; one brother, Robert Pratt, of Greendale, WI; brother in law, Lloyd (Pearl) Kohler; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle; her parents; sister in law, Barbara Pratt; and brothers and sisters in law, Eugene (Darlene) Kohler, Royal Kohler, Helen Hendrickson, Archie (Anna) Kohler, Leslie Kohler, Darlene Johnson, and Ronnie (Agnes) Kohler.

Funeral Services will be on Saturday June 25, 2022; 11:00 a.m. at the Bakke Lutheran Church, rural Detroit Lakes, MN. Visitation will be on Friday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the West-Kjos Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes, with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Interment will be in the Bakke Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to the Bakke Lutheran Cemetery. (Where Carolyn served as Sexton for many years.)

Arrangements have been entrusted to the West-Kjos Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.



Loren "Babe" Bekkerus

Loren "Babe" Bekkerus was born June 25, 1958, in Fargo, ND; son of Rosalynn "Rose" and Gordon "Gordy" Bekkerus. Babe passed away after a hard-fought battle with cancer on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at his lake home under the care of Hospice, surrounded by family.

In 1991 he met Cindy, his life partner of 31 years, and made his home in Pelican Rapids. They had two children together, Cody and Alexa Bekkerus. He worked as a site manager for Packers Sanitation (PSSI) at West Central Turkeys for 19 years. Despite working nights at the plant, he did not miss an opportunity to support his children. Babe shared his love of sports and competition with his children and watched them thrive in their activities.

Babe is survived by his life partner, Cindy Trane, Pelican Rapids, MN; his children, Cody Bekkerus, Fargo, ND, and Alexa Bekkerus, Pelican Rapids, MN; his sister, Cindy Bye, Moorhead, MN; his brothers, Bob (Bonnie) Bekkerus, Detroit Lakes, MN; Gary (Ella) Bekkerus, Park Rapids, MN; Joel Bekkerus, Moorhead, MN; John (Mary) Bekkerus, Frazee, MN; and many nieces and nephews. Babe is preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Curt Bye.

There will be a visitation at Faith Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids, MN, on Friday, June 24, 2022, from 5:30-7:30, with a prayer service to follow.



Patsy Sumner

Patsy Lee Sumner, 84, was born in Detroit Lakes, MN, on June 11, 1938, to Floyd and Ida(Lia) Gift. The family moved to Nebraska and Illinois, then returned to Detroit Lakes. Patsy attended Holmes School and then graduated from Detroit Lakes High School with the class of 1956. She worked part-time at Northwestern Bell Telephone during high school and then full time after graduation for the next thirty years. She was forced to retire because of the breakup of the Bell system and the closing of the offices. She then went to work for Hedahls. She helped to care for grandparents and then parents. She volunteered at First Lutheran Church for several years, helped care for several elderly friends, and attended monthly coffee time with graduate friends. She also worked for We-Fest for several of the early years.

Patsy had a great sense of humor. She loved her nieces and nephews with a passion. She kept up with friends and family with a telephone. She made great treats at Christmas, wonderful sugar cookies and jars of Strawberry jam that family fought over. She was a member of First Lutheran Church for over 75 years.

Surviving Patsy are her sister Beverly Olander of Detroit Lakes; niece Laurie (Stephen) Grotnes of Detroit Lakes; great-niece Katie (Jeffrey) Jasch of Detroit Lakes; great-nephew Nathan (Jessica) Olander of Liberty, North Carolina; great-great nieces and nephews Alayna, Kyra, Tate, Brielle, Charles, and Kezzia Olander, Reed and Kelsea Jasch; son-in-law Douglas Sumner, Jacob and Gabrielle of Clear Lake, South Dakota; daughter-in-law Pamela(Timothy) Strom, and Liza and Sumner of Saint Paul, MN.

Preceding Patsy in death were her parents; husband Sam; nephew Steven Olander and grandson Zachery Sumner.

A graveside Celebration of Life for Patsy will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd at 9 AM, at Oak Grove Cemetery on Hwy 59 North.



LeRoy "Jim" Fiedler

May 22, 1942 - June 14, 2022

PELICAN RAPIDS, Minn. - LeRoy "Jim" Fiedler, 80, Pelican Rapids, Minn., died Tuesday, June 14, in his home.

A memorial service will be at a later date at Zion Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids.

Arrangements by Larson Funeral Home.

Randall Riemer

May 23, 1952 - June 13, 2022

HENNING, Minn. - Randall Riemer, 70, Henning, Minn., died Monday, June 13, in his home.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 22, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Henning.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Leslie Gebert

Oct. 28, 1937 - March 27, 2022

PERHAM, Minn. - Leslie Gebert, 84, Perham, Minn., died Sunday, March 27, in Perham Living.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 25, at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena, Minn.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Daniel Leu

March 4, 1959 - June 3, 2022

CALLAWAY, Minn. - Daniel Leu, 63, Callaway, Minn., died Friday, June 3, in his home.

Services were previously held.

Arrangements by West-Kjos Funeral Home.

HAPPENINGS

The Detroit Lakes Tribune accepts community calendar items for publication online and, space permitting, in our Wednesday and Sunday print editions. Submissions must be made at least a week in advance of the event date, in writing, to either dltribune@dlnewspapers.com or vgerdes@dlnewspapers.com. Each submission must include the date, time and location of event, 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.

Thursday, June 23

Outdoor Storytime: The Detroit Lakes Public Library will be hosting an outdoor kids' storytime session, starting at 10:30 a.m. on the library lawn. Event will be moved indoors in case of unpleasant weather. Though intended for kids age 3-6, the 45-minute session is open to children of all ages.

Free Root Beer Floats:

Ameriprise Financial Services of Detroit Lakes will be serving up free root beer floats for all from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Open to

the public.

Summer Library Experience-Shark Sensory Bottles:

Join the staff at the Detroit Lakes Public Library (1000 Washington Ave.) to talk about sharks and learn how to make your own underwater themed sensory bottle to take home, complete with shark inside. Intended for children ages 3 and up; kits available while supplies last.

Live at the Lodge:

The Lodge on Lake Detroit kicks off its Thursday night summer concert series with a 5 p.m. performance by the Deb Jenkins Band in the hotel's Fireside Lobby. Free and open to the public; food and drinks available for purchase at Lola D's.

Quilt Guild:

The Lakes Area Quilt Guild will hold its regular monthly meeting in the meeting room of the Detroit Lakes Police Dept, (807 Summit Ave). The doors open at 6 p.m., Show and Tell items displayed at 6:30, and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Quilt photography will be the focus of this month's presentation. Email LakesAreaQuilters@gmail.com for more information.

Johnny Cash-Neil Diamond Tribute:

Zorbaz

in Detroit Lakes will be hosting a tribute to the music of Johnny Cash and Neil Diamond, starting at 7 p.m.

Friday, June 24

Food Truck Fridays:

Hosted by Detroit Lakes Noon Rotary, Food Truck Fridays will take place every Friday through Sept. 2. Detroit Lakes City Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Food trucks on site may change; event will be held rain or shine.

Music with Siama and Dallas:

Children ages 5-10 are invited to the Detroit Lakes Public Library at 4 p.m. for an interactive music and storytelling experience featuring Siama and Dallas.

Detroit Lakes Baseball Team:

See Detroit Lakes' new amateur baseball club play Erskine at Washington Ballpark, starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Saturday, June 25

Organ Dedication and Recital:

Eksjo Lutheran Church, 11516 U.S. Highway 10, Lake Park, will host a dedication ceremony for its Reuter-Moe organ, as well as a demonstration recital for the new instrument, presented by Pastor Roy

Noel, Dillon J. Swanson and the Allen Moe Pipe Organ Company., starting at 6:30 p.m. No admission fee, but a free will offering for the Red River Theatre Organ Society will be taken. Open to the public.

Detroit Lakes Class of 1972 Reunion:

Detroit Lakes High School Class of 1972 will host a reunion at Shorewood Pub, 5 to 10 p.m. Contact Debbie Disse at 218-849-6747 for more information.

The Great Race:

The Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary Club is hosting an overnight visit by participants in The Great Race at Peoples Park (behind Zorbaz). This race of antique cars traveling from Warwick, Rhode Island to Fargo, North Dakota will arrive in Detroit Lakes around 4 p.m. There will be food trucks, a beer garden, and a display by local car clubs at Peoples Park from noon to 2:30 p.m., followed by the arrival of the racers, whose cars will be at the park until 7:30 p.m. Roughly 130 racers are expected, with the possibility of thousands of spectators.

Sunday, June 26

Wildlife Movie:

A free screening of the family-

friendly, wildlife-themed movie, "The Mighty Weasel," will be held at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge. Rigged with over 50 cameras, an English garden gives rare insight into the dramatic life of a mother weasel as she tries to raise her first family. The movie is approximately 50 minutes long; all are welcome.

Monday, June 27

Anime and Manga Club:

Anime and manga fans are invited to geek out over their favorite shows and stories, starting at 4 p.m. at the Detroit Lakes Public Library. A different theme is discussed at each monthly meet-up, and snacks are always available.

Tuesday, June 28

Frazee Community Blood Drive:

AMVETS Post 612 of Frazee is hosting a community blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Frazee Event Center. To schedule an appointment contact Brett at 218-457-2864, Paul, 218-234-9966, Tim at 218-234-6861 or go online to donors.vitalant.org and use the blood drive code, "FRAZEE."

Have You HEARD?
Presented by **Brian Hillesland, BC-HIS**

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Ask any friends or relatives why they aren't wearing their hearing aid(s) and often they will have one of two responses: "It's uncomfortable" or "It needs to be tweaked." This is where self-fitting hearing aids can be very helpful. Self-fitting hearing aids begin with an initial professional fitting and sound setting and are then adjusted by the user to be more comfortable and more fine-tuned. This can make a huge difference for users because properly fine-tuning a hearing device can take weeks depending on the user's lifestyle. Self-fitting aids enable users to make adjustments as their needs change, which could encourage non-users who don't want the "hassle" of hearing aids to use them.

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Solstice Festival draws crowd despite power outage

By Vicki Gerdes
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Though the atmosphere was a little dark inside Richwood Winery's tasting room on Saturday afternoon, the sun shone brightly on its Summer Solstice Festival, drawing a nice crowd despite a power outage that blanketed much of the region starting at about 2:30 p.m.

"The outage was very widespread, to Hawley, Frazee, Rochert, Ogema, Richwood and up to Mahnomen," said winery coordinator Deb Krogsgaard. "The power was out until 3:30 a.m."

Thanks to a donated generator, however, the music played on, first with local musician Dan Holt, and later with JustUs.

"We were very grateful for the generator which allowed us to continue with our festival," Krogsgaard said.

Though attendance was down somewhat from last year's festival, at around 125-150 compared to 2021's total of 250, she said they were happy with how the festival turned out overall.



Vicki Gerdes / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Despite a regional power outage that blanketed much of the area surrounding Richwood Winery, their Summer Solstice Festival drew a nice crowd on Saturday.

"With great customers, great music, great staff, and great weather — despite the wind!

— how could we not be happy?" said Krogsgaard.

The winery will be

featuring live music every Saturday through Sept. 10, which is the date scheduled for its

annual Grape Stomp Festival.

The schedule for the remainder of the sum-

mer is as follows:

- ▶ June 25: Red Blue Rose, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ July 2: Chris Berstrand, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ July 9: Bruce Williams, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ July 16: "GC" Gordy Christensen, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ July 23: JustUs, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ July 30: Mike Gilson, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ Aug. 6: Old School, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ Aug. 13: Mathew Dauner, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ Aug. 20: Michael "Gordy" Bridgeford, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ Aug. 27: "GC" Gordy Christensen, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ Sept. 3: Mike Morse, 4-6 p.m.
- ▶ Sept. 10: GRAPE STOMP FESTIVAL, with Zach Thomas, 1-3:30 p.m., and Todd Sisson, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Stomping of the Grapes takes place at 3:30.
- ▶ Oct. 29: Last Day of the Season, with Todd Sisson performing.

For more information, visit richwoodwinery.com, send an email to Info@RichwoodWinery.com or call 218-844-5990. Schedule updates are also posted on their Facebook page.

Lake Detroiters elect new board; talk invasive species at annual meeting

By Michael Achterling
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Members of the Lake Detroiters Association held their 77th annual meeting at Detroit Lakes High School on Saturday, June 18.

The group, consisting of about 300 members, heard presentations concerning aquatic invasive species and the future of weed collection along Detroit Lake during the meeting, which also featured the election of new board members.

"Our mission is to enhance and protect the lake," said Laurie Olson, outgoing president of the Lake Detroiters Association. "It's our greatest resource in Detroit Lakes, one of the greatest, I mean, the town is named after it."

She also said they have about 350 members in their organization, but there are about 800 properties around Detroit Lake. Adding, residents don't have to be lakefront property owners to be part of the group.

"Our goal this year was to reach 400 (members), I think we're at about 350," she said. "Our (other) goal is to help communicate different issues to all of our members. Right now, one of our biggest issues is the weed pickup."

Olson said the Pelican River Watershed District facilitated an aquatic weed pickup for years, for the property owners along the lakefront, but that service is ending after 2022. Miller Yard Care was also present at the meeting and said they will be continuing the weed pickup for the lakeside property owners next year, but the owners will have to pay for the service out-of-pocket.

"The homeowners are assessed for (the weed pickup) and they'd kind of like to see that con-



Photos by Michael Achterling / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Jim Wolf, member of the Knights of Columbus, serves French toast and sausages during the 77th annual meeting of the Lake Detroiters Association held at Detroit Lakes High School on Saturday.

tinue," she said. "But that money is now going to go toward chemical treatment, which is important too."

Olson added that she thinks a separate committee will be formed by the association this year, to address the issue going into 2023.

The association also features other committees that are used to better inform the organization about possible policy changes that would require advocacy from the group. Those committees include: Land protection and use, shoreland protection, annual meeting organizing and beach captains, who are each responsible for maintaining sections of beach along the Detroit Lake shoreline.

During the meeting, members also played a video and presented findings from the University of Minnesota's Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, concerning the rising cases of Starry Stonewort, an aquatic invasive species that is becoming more prevalent in Minnesota lakes.

The invasive species is an algae, without a root system, and can usually be plucked out of the lake if it is discovered early enough, one of the members said. However, if it's left alone, a specialized vacuum is needed to ensure all part of the plant are removed from the water.

Laurie Olson was also awarded the organization's 2022 Friend of the Lake Award for her dedication to the organization and its goals.

"Laurie's heart is certainly with Detroit Lakes and Lake Detroit," said Brad Wimmer, member of the Lake Detroiters, during the award ceremony. "She's done more than you can believe for Detroit Lakes and the Lake Detroiters Association."

Elections for new board members also occurred during the meeting. The new board members will serve three-year terms, expiring in 2025.

New board members for the Lake Detroiters Association will be:

- ▶ Craig Caulfield
- ▶ Cheryl Chivers
- ▶ Ross Gontzke

- ▶ Leon Senn
- ▶ Dick Hecock (renewed)
- ▶ Jamie Skarie (renewed)

After the meeting, new board member Ross Gontzke said he moved to Detroit Lakes only five years ago, but felt a strong connection to the area in a short time and decided to join the association's board.

"I love Detroit Lakes, it's the best place I've ever lived," said Gontzke. "I think (the Lake Detroiters Association) will do a lot of good work on the invasive species that are coming, and (will) probably continue to get worse, if we aren't being proactive."

A pancake and French toast breakfast, hosted by the local Knights of Columbus, was also served to members who arrived to the meeting early to participate in the group's social hour.

The Lake Melissa and Sallie Improvement Association also held its annual meeting on June 18 at the Shoreham Chapel.

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Laurie Olson, president of the Lake Detroiters Association, delivers remarks during the association's 77th annual meeting, held at Detroit Lakes High School on Saturday.

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Cuban-American flair in northern Minnesota

Exploring Blackness in rural part of the state the subject of Yuniior Rebollar's work

By Shannon Geisen
Park Rapids Enterprise

PARK RAPIDS, Minn. — Cuban-American artist Yuniior Rebollar recently relocated to Osage.

That's right. Little, ol' Osage of rural, northern Minnesota.

This summer, the Nemeth Art Center of Park Rapids was the first to showcase his art regionally. Rebollar's exhibit, entitled "Foresadows," is on display through July 2.

Rebollar is from a small municipality called El Cotorro in La Habana, Cuba.

They were the only Black family in his neighborhood. Revolutionists were neighbors with counter-revolutionists, but they spoke easily and openly with each other, Rebollar recalled.

His parents worked for the government; his father a telecommunications engineer.

"We're talking Cuba in the '80s. There were a lot of things happening, politically speaking, and so coming into and out of Cuba, this was a privilege that you gained only by working for the government. We're talking after the revolution, so all these limitations were already in play about Cubans not being able to travel," he recalled.

Rebollar said he speaks English because his parents traveled to embassies around the world. "English was the easiest bridge between them and the culture that they approached."

His family's openness to eclectic cultures would pave the way for Rebollar's creative expression.

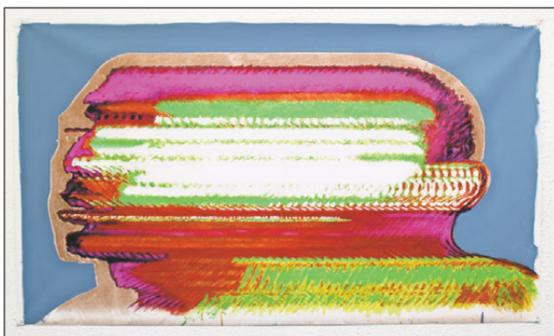
On the Nemeth's Instagram account, he wrote, "That exposed me and my family to all kinds of information about what was happening in the rest of the world, which filled my imagination and gave me an uncommon sense of freedom."

At his artist reception June 11 at Nemeth, Rebollar said, "We're diplomats, as a nation."

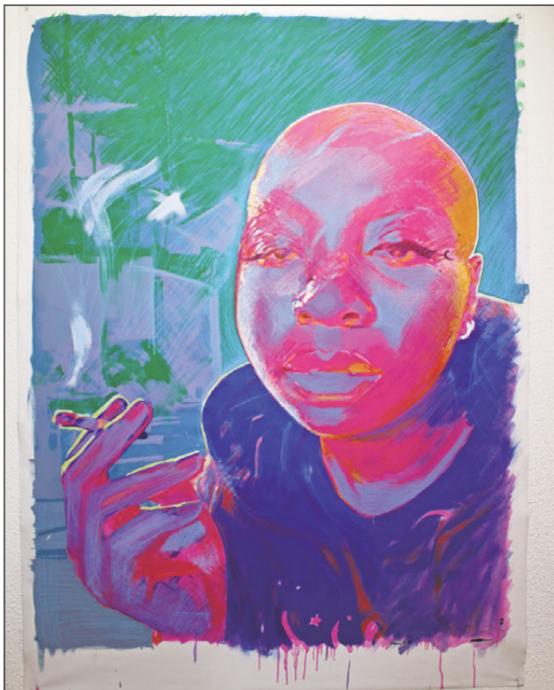
An island has a limited capacity for population, he continued, so its people must explore and migrate.

Introducing Minneapolis

In 2015, Rebollar was part of the U.S. Cuba Artist Exchange, a non-political, non-government-



Photos by Shannon Geisen / Park Rapids Enterprise
Left: Rebollar experiments with digital art. "It Only Took Two Years," a 42-by-72-inch acrylic on canvas, began as a graphite drawing called "Disembodied."



Women are the main subject of Rebollar's exhibit, inspired by their "love and knowledge."

tal and nonprofit organization that supports artists in both countries to connect through art.

"I was a producer and translator for them, and I was also working as an artist, connecting people and going all over Cuba bringing up new art," he said.

Rebollar received a five-year visa from the U.S. embassy to visit Minneapolis through the exchange program.

"That's how I met my wife."

Jovan C. Speller is an accomplished Minnesota-based artist and photographer. Her exhibition at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, titled "Nurturing, and Other Rituals of Protection," runs through June 26.

They have two children: Silas, 4, and Felix, 2.

"Being a dad has filled my life with joy," he shared to Nemeth's Instagram. "These kids keep my senses sharp and my mind focused. They are the strongest motivation for all of my work."

Between 2015 and 2020, Rebollar split his time between Cuba and Minnesota.

His solo exhibition at

the Nemeth is his first personal show in more than a decade.

And moving to Osage was the beginning.

"It's been a long coming and going," he said.

His artistic process

At a young age, Rebollar collected notebooks that his parents were using for agendas.

"I don't know why I got so into that. All I wanted was to have one to draw on," he recalled. "I started copying other people's drawings and stuff. I realized I couldn't stop doing that."

To this day, Rebollar said he is "quietly obsessed with paper and pencil sets."

Rebollar is a mixed media artist, primarily working in portrait drawing and digital art manipulation.

In his artist statement, he says his art "has been used as a tool to communicate and understand the world," "drawing inspiration from music, cinema, fashion, dance and pop culture."

In the Nemeth exhibit, the work "focuses on closing gaps and building bridges to both real and



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Cuban-American artist Yuniior Rebollar poses next to one of his 70-by-50-inch acrylic paintings. Entitled "Keeper of the Flame," the vibrant portrait features his wife, Jovan C. Speller. Rebollar describes his wife as "my guide. I love to float around her."

futuristic representations of Blackness."

"Foresadows" relates to "our Cuban beliefs in terms of the spiritual world," he explained.

Rebollar said Cuban women — his mom, sister, aunts and grandmother — tended to have these "visions" that were "very descriptive."

"For some reason, this dream world would always be about a character or a persona."

They could be very accurate as well, so he grew to appreciate them.

Rebollar said this exhibit is largely focused on female subjects because of that.

"The women in my family were always a container of love and knowledge. I'm the person that I am because of the women in my family," he said. "I'm really motivated by my wife, too. And her sister, too."

His sister and mom still live in Cuba.

Moving north

Through Speller, they met Aaron Spangler, a Nemeth board member and Park Rapids artist. Spangler encouraged them to consider the Park Rapids area in their search for a new home.

When asked about living in Osage, Rebollar said, "It's great."

"I see human beings being human beings around me. I'm like, I don't need you to accept me all the time," he said.

Rebollar wants northern Minnesota to see his images of Blackness.

The vibrant colors in his family-friendly exhibit were inspired by his children's toys.

"This is not in Cuba. I can't see this in Cuba. Nobody makes this. Nobody celebrates Blackness in this way," he said.

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Lake alert: Keep kids and dogs safe from harmful algae

News Staff

Do your kids and dogs love the water? Nutrients in run-off from spring rainstorms combined with persistent hot weather on the way can mean trouble for lakes across Minnesota, triggering algal blooms that can be harmful to people and pets.

Recent reports of blooms already spotted across the state have led to swimming advisories. And with temperatures just now hitting the 90s and above, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency predicts that several more blooms could develop in time for the July 4 holiday weekend.

The MPCA advises people to stay out of lakes and streams if the water looks green and slimy, especially if it has a blue-green tint. The algae could contain toxic bacteria that can sicken people and kill dogs, livestock, and other animals within hours of contact. Unfortunately, you can't tell by looking at a bloom if it is harmful or not.

"If in doubt, stay out," says Lee Engel, surface water monitoring supervisor for the MPCA. "Excess nutrients such as phosphorus



File Photo

Algae on Prairie Lake in 2017 left the Brock Tatge family without their dog, Copper, who loved to swim after tennis balls.

and warm water temps are ideal for growing algae and causing nuisance blooms. Holiday weekends typically see more people out on Minnesota lakes to boat, fish, and swim, and due to this year's conditions, we need everyone to remain vigilant in looking for potentially harmful algae."

Higher temperatures due to climate change have led to warmer lakes, too. The MPCA has documented increased reports of potentially harmful algal blooms in more places that persist throughout the season.

Potential health impacts

In recent years, multiple reports of dog deaths have been attributed to exposure to toxic algae. People can protect their dogs by:

- ▶ Keeping them out of algae-laden water.

- ▶ Hosing them off immediately after playing in any lake or stream.

- ▶ Preventing them from ingesting affected water or licking toxins from their coat.

- ▶ Seeing a veterinarian immediately if your dog may have been

exposed to blue-green algae.

People who come into contact with toxic blue-green algae can experience skin, throat, eye, and nose irritation and nausea. If you come in contact with algae, rinse off with clean water afterward.

Tips to address the main cause of algae

Phosphorus, the top pollutant of concern in Minnesota lakes, fuels the growth of algae. In 25 percent of Minnesota lakes, levels of phosphorus and algae are too high, so the lakes don't meet the water quality standard for recreation. Preventing phosphorus pollution is even more important in lakes warming as a result of climate change; warmer water also promotes algae growth.

An MPCA/Science Museum of Minnesota joint effort is helping solve a mystery about why periods of calm weather with little or no wind can result in algal blooms in Lake of the Woods that are so large they can be seen from space.

While phosphorus and sediment levels are consistently high in the Red River Basin, there are

exceptions. The Otter Tail River Watershed, which includes the cities of Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids, Detroit Lakes, and Ottertail, stands out for generally good water quality and lower pollutant levels due to geography, significant amounts of undeveloped land, and actions taken by landowners and local partners.

More than 3,500 projects in the watershed between 2004 and 2019 are helping to improve and protect water quality.

Landowners and residents can help reduce phosphorus pollution in local lakes by:

- ▶ Reducing urban stormwater with rain gardens, rain barrels, and fewer impervious surfaces.

- ▶ Using phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer, keeping grass clippings and other yard waste

out of storm drains, and picking up after pets.

- ▶ Building soil health to reduce cropland runoff by planting cover crops, increasing organic matter, and reducing tillage.

- ▶ Planting deep-rooted native plants along ditches, lakes, and streams to slow down and filter runoff.

- ▶ Managing manure responsibly to keep it out of lakes and streams.

- ▶ Maintaining a healthy septic system.

How to report suspected harmful algal blooms

Email photos of suspected harmful algal blooms to algae.mPCA@state.mn.us. For more information, visit the MPCA's Blue-green algae and harmful algal blooms web page.



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Optimism linked to living longer, study shows

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Optimistic people have a lot going for them. They tend to be happier and more able to weather stressful situations with a smile on their face than their pessimistic counterparts. A new study shows that they also may live longer.

The study, published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, looked at a racially diverse group of 159,255 women and found higher levels of optimism were associated with longer lifespans and a greater chance of living past the age of 90.

Researchers found that the link between optimism and longevity exists across diverse groups of people.

"Our findings suggest that the benefits of optimism for longevity may hold across racial and ethnic groups," said lead author Hayami K. Koga, of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "Optimism may be an important target of intervention for



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longevity across diverse groups."

The researchers say that lifestyle factors accounted for some of the optimism-lifespan association. But also that

optimism itself may promote health and longevity. They say more study is needed to explore the link between optimism and living longer, especially in less long-lived populations.

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MCDANIEL

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ride a year while I was working, but after I retired I would do a few," she said.

Each ride gifted McDaniel with friends and inspiring beauty. It also inspired her children to ride, which tightened their bond as her two boys became adults.

Her youngest suggested they tackle a ride in Colorado for his 21st birthday. Her oldest son, after he ended his service with the Army, joined on West Coast adventures. Moving several miles an hour on the road gave them moments that became memories. As her voice quivered, she stopped, collected herself and explained that has been the most wonderful gift bicycling has given her.

In 2017, McDaniel moved to Detroit Lakes to be closer to her 102-year-old mother. It was in her new hometown that she crossed out the remaining states on her list — Maryland and Pennsylvania.

McDaniels is picking random bicycle tours nowadays, and is set to take another Minnesota adventure in mid-June.

"You can tell how good a ride is by how quickly it fills up," she said. "For the ride in Minnesota that Jim Klobuchar started (Sen. Amy Klobuchar's father), it is limited to 250 riders. Registration opens in February, and it was full in a few days."

For those interested

"I waited until no one was looking and tried it," McDaniel said. "I took off and kept going. I was so excited to achieve that because I finally felt like the rest of the kids in the neighborhood."

Biking around the block led to riding around town. When she became an adult, her husband, who has since passed, helped her find a new favorite vacation — bike tours around the state.

"This was back before cell phones; he was a ham radio operator," McDaniel said. "They helped communicate between checkpoints at a bike race. He offered to help and suggested that I join the race. Well, I'm not a racer and move at my own pace, but I decided to join. I never expected to get third place (in the mountain bike class)."

During the race, she befriended a biker savvy to longer tours. McDaniel learned about one that was happening in Minnesota and decided to join.

"It was my first long distance ride and it actually went through Detroit Lakes," she recalled. "After that, I was hooked."

As a nurse, McDaniel dedicated some of her vacation time each year to a bike ride, often sticking closer to her home in Wisconsin. "I did at least one



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Nancy McDaniel has a collection of bicycle ride shirts and other memorabilia from her rides in all 50 states.

in long-distance bike rides, McDaniels recommended www.bikereg.com. She said the website covers the nation with planned three-day routes and longer events.

For those considering starting the fun and healthy habit of bicycling in the lakes area, McDaniels said the Heartland Trail extension and original segment in Park Rapids are well worth a ride, as are the Central Lakes

Trail and Paul Bunyan Trail.

And when looking for expert biking advice, she said one need look no further than the DL Bike Shop on Washington Avenue.

McDaniels has traveled a lot of miles since that hand-me-down Coast to Coast bike, and she's looking forward to a lot more. She wants to keep biking "as long as I can," she said with a smile.

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SATTER

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Wisconsin, which started as a Wisconsin-Minnesota racing organization, sets rules for each of its divisions — Late Models, Modifieds, Super Stocks, Street Stocks and Mod Fours.

Its membership now includes about 50 race tracks in Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba. Last year, nearly 2,700 drivers were licensed for competition at member tracks.

The Dent resident has brought home four championship cups so far this race season (as of June 15, 2022), including a recent win at Viking Speedway in Alexandria, Minn. on Saturday, June 11. His career wins on the dirt tracks of the Midwest are nearing 100. While he enjoys taking the checkered flag, the most valuable aspect of the sport is the bond it created with his father.

The 27-year-old got into racing because of his father, Mike Satter, who was just a kid when he was fishing on a lake with his grandpa and heard the zooms, revs and metal nudging metal.

"I asked my grandpa what that was," Mike recalled. "He told me there was a race track nearby. We started going to the track, and when I was 18 I started racing."

When his son, Ryan, was old enough, Mike let him tag along.

"I remember going to the Viking Fall Classic (in Alexandria, Minn.) with my dad; maybe when I was 10 years old," Ryan said. "I spent the night in the pit area



Cody Papke / CRP Photos

Ryan Satter recently took the checkered flag in Alexandria during the Wisconsin Street Stock race. The 27-year-old Dent resident has been racing since he was 17.

sitting on the race car trailer. It was intense and for me, that was it; I was hooked, I remember that moment."

The 2013 Perham High School graduate soaked up all the lessons the race track teaches, whether he was in the pits or a spectator in the stands. When he turned 17, he told his father his intentions to drive.

"I was pretty excited," Mike recalled. "We talked about it, and I told him it would take a lot of time, money and dedication if he wanted to do well. He still wanted to drive. So, that winter, we bought a car and started working on it."

The two stripped the car down to its bare frame and built it up to the specs for the Wisconsin Street Stock race circuit.

"Those cars tend to be the 1980s Monte Carlo or Cutlasses with a Chevy Motor, 255, and PowerGlide Transmission," Ryan noted. "There is a lot of geometry that goes into building a race car so they can handle the track and speeds."

On paper, a car can be different than in practice. Ryan and his father agreed there is no replacement for experience on the track.

"The first year wasn't good," his dad said.

Ryan recalled his adrenaline skyrocketed before his first race, and when the green flag dropped his anxiety mixed with fear.

"Things happen so fast when you're going 80-or-90 miles an hour and are surrounded by 20 other cars," he said. "I wrecked myself right away. It was frustrating and disheartening, but it was good. It made me respect the equipment and car a little more."

As his first season flipped to his second, and so on, Ryan finished more races and found himself in the victory circle more and more. Even with experience behind the wheel, wrecks and rolls are a hazard of the job.

"The first roll was a bit harder to shake than the first wreck," he said. "I was 18 the first time I rolled, and it took a couple of days. I was sore, but it was more of

a mental battle to have that trust in the car and my abilities. It took a few nights."

When a driver is in a mental battle behind the wheel of a race car, they may have to power through six to 10 laps for shorter races or 15-40 laps for feature events.

"I like longer races because I'm good at saving my car and getting to the end of the race with my stuff a little better than the other drivers," he said.

After the checkered flag flaps and the fanfare dies down, the Satters roll the race car into the rig and head towards home. While cranking wrenches, they discuss the night's strategy, fix damaged parts and tweak the race car for the next dirt track.

When thinking back to the day that he declared to his father that he wanted to race, Ryan said his dad was right about several things.

"It isn't cheap," he said with a laugh, noting a race may cost \$6,000 after fixing the car, entrance fee, gas

and travel costs are paid. This year alone Ryan estimates he has spent about \$20,000. "Having local sponsors makes it possible. I was surprised to get as much support as I did."

Ryan used to chase points for the end of the year cup, but the traveling costs increased this season and his priorities shifted to simply spending time with loved ones.

"I've been in the top

10 in the nation the last six consecutive years, and the Minnesota champion in 2020," he said. "When I focus on points it consumes me and takes out the fun. I get focused on finishing and worried about wrecking."

Instead, this season is all about spending time with family and friends at the race track. So far, the new goal seems to be a great formula for winning races.

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Detroit Lakes' Ethan, left, and Mason Carrier committed to play football at the University of Minnesota on June 19. Both were offered positions by head coach PJ Fleck and Defensive Coordinator Joe Rossi on June 5. Ethan, a junior, was offered a preferred walk-on spot as a defensive back. Mason, a sophomore linebacker, is Fleck's first commitment in his 2023 class.

FOOTBALL

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE U

Carrier brothers announce commitment to the University of Minnesota

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes

June 5 was the night Mason and Ethan Carrier had been waiting for since they were little kids.

The two Detroit Lakes football standouts received offers in-person from the University of Minnesota football head coach PJ Fleck and defensive coordinator Joe Rossi following a camp invite. They wanted the Carriers to play for the Gophers, and they only had to wait two weeks to get an answer.

"We've talked about this since we were little kids," Ethan said of playing Division I football. "It feels really good to know that it's actually happening."

Mason, a sophomore, became the first commitment in Fleck's 2024 recruiting class. Ethan, a junior, adds to a hometown list of midwest athletes as a preferred walk-on in Fleck's 2023 class.

"It shows that hard work pays off," Mason said of receiving offers from Fleck and Rossi. "Whatever you do, just keep working hard. It will come through in the end if you keep believing in yourself. Always bet on yourself."

The Carriers helped lead the Lakers to a 6-4 record in 2021 and a trip to the Section 8-4A championship game. The brothers played on both sides of the ball. However, both



Detroit Lakes' Mason Carrier runs the ball in a Sept. 3, 2021 game in Fergus Falls. Carrier accepted an offer to play for the University of Minnesota on Sunday. He is the first in the 2022 recruiting class for PJ Fleck.

are projected to play for the Gophers' defense. Mason was recruited as a linebacker, while Ethan looks to line up in the secondary.

"This whole process isn't a reason to stop working hard," Ethan said. "It's cool that we got the chance to do this, but we also need to take the opportunity and keep moving forward. It motivates me to work harder to prove why we got this opportunity. I'm ready

to prove that I can play Big Ten football."

Power Five football players don't grow on trees, especially in towns the size of Detroit Lakes. It's not often two of them grow up in the same household, much less the same team.

"When a school like that gives you an offer, it proves they want you," Mason said. "There's something in you that they want for their program.

It excites you. That's the home state big school. It's the school you always dream about."

"I think it's pretty special," Ethan said. "It's very rare that two kids from the same school get to go to the same college for a sport. It's even more rare for one kid to go to a Big Ten, Power Five program. It's surreal for it to be both of us. But we have a lot of work left to do."

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FOOTBALL

Solberg, Littlewolf play in North Dakota Shrine Bowl

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

MAYVILLE – Two area football players competed in the North Dakota Shrine Bowl All-Star Game on June 18 at Mayville State University.

Detroit Lakes' Christian Solberg and Mahanomen-Waubun's Justin Littlewolf were invited to play for the 11-Man West team.

The North Dakota Shrine

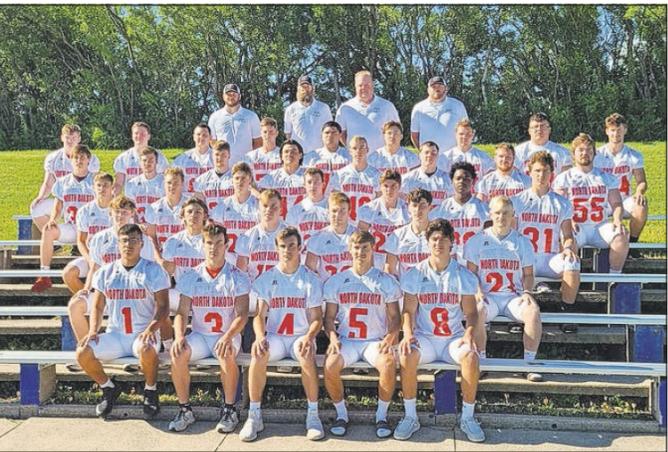
Bowl All-Star Game honors high school athletes who excel on the football field and exemplify high character. The event promotes awareness to the Shriners Children's fund. Shriners Children's is committed to providing care regardless of a family's ability to pay. The Shrine Bowls has been a tradition since 1974.

Players invited to the Shrine Bowl checked in on Tuesday,

June 14, for a week-long celebration of football and fund-raising.

Solberg helped lead Detroit Lakes to a 6-4 record from the running back and defensive back positions. Littlewolf played on both sides of the line for a Thunderbirds team that went 9-2 and won the Section 8A championship.

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Detroit Lakes' Christian Solberg and Mahanomen-Waubun's Justin Littlewolf played in the North Dakota Shrine Bowl All-Star Game on June 18 at Mayville State University.

LEGION BASEBALL

Post 15 continues hot start in split with East Grand Forks

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES – The Detroit Lakes Post 15 baseball team is off to a hot start this summer after a split against East Grand Forks last Monday.

Post 15 took the first game 3-1 before dropping game two 11-8 in extra innings. After trailing 8-1 in the top of the fifth inning, Detroit Lakes sparked its comeback.

Bradly Swiers drove in a run with a single before bringing home two more in the sixth inning on a double. Post 15 tied the game after Mason Omberg doubled in a run and Noah Rieber plated two with

a single and an error in the bottom of the seventh inning.

East Grand Forks retook a three-run lead in the top of the eighth with a sacrifice fly and a double to hand Post 15 its third loss of the summer. Detroit Lakes is now 7-3 after last Monday's split.

In game one, Detroit Lakes staged a more permanent comeback with a three-run sixth inning. Jordan Tucker brought home Grady Kirchner with a double to tie the game before Jacob Thomas and Jordan Tucker singled in runs.

Cade Jackson threw a complete game on the bump. He allowed one earned run on

seven hits with two strikeouts.

GAME ONE
EAST GRAND FORKS 005 120 03 - 11
DETROIT LAKES 100 013 30 - 8
POST 15 PITCHING – Grady Kirchner 2.1 IP, 2H, 5R, 3ER, 0K, 6BB; Brock Swiers 0.1 IP, 0H, 0R, 0ER, 1K, 0BB; Jordan Tucker 1.1IP, 1H, 1R, 1ER, 1K, 1BB; Noah Rieber 2H, 2R, 2ER, 0K, 3BB; Mason Omberg 1.0IP, 0H, 1R, 1ER, 2K, 1BB; Joshua Goodspeed 1IP, 2R, 2ER, 0K, 2BB
POST 15 HITTING– Bradly Swiers 3-4, 2R, 2RBI, 2B; Grady Kirchner 1-1; Brock Swiers 1-4, RBI; Jordan Tucker 1-2; Jacob Thomas 1-5, K; Noah Besser 1-3, R, K; Tyler Johnston 0-2; Mason Omberg 3-4, 2R, 2B, RBI; Noah Rieber 2-2, R, RBI; Joshua Goodspeed 0-3, R, K; Jeffrey Moen 0-2, K; Chase Kukowski 1-3, K; Chaz Eckhoff 0-1; Logan Adams 1-2, R, RBI, K

GAME TWO
EAST GRAND FORKS 000 100 0 - 1
DETROIT LAKES 000 003 0 - 3
POST 15 PITCHING– Cade Jackson 7IP, 7H, 1R, 1ER, 2K, 1BB
POST 15 HITTING– Bradly Swiers 0-2, BB; Grady Kirchner 0-1, R, BB, K; Jordan Tucker 1-3, 2B, R, RBI; Jacob Thomas 2-3, R, RBI; Tyler Johnston 3-3, 2B, RBI; Noah Rieber 0-3, 2K; Mason Omberg 0-3, 2K; Hunter Korh 0-2, 2K; Joshua Goodspeed 0-2, K

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Detroit Lakes' Cade Jackson pitches in the Lakers' 16-5 win over Pine River-Backus on May 23 at Washington Park. Cade Jackson threw seven innings against East Grand Forks on June 13 in a Post 15 doubleheader.

STATE GOLF

'We got to do this together'

By Jared Rubado
Perham Focus

JORDAN – Mallory and Marcus Belka have golfed together for as long as they can remember.

On Wednesday, their high school careers came to an end at Ridges at Sand Creek Golf Course with medals around their necks. Mallory won her second consecutive Class 2A state championship, while Marcus tied for third place.

"It feels good to know that all of the hard work and time paid off," Marcus said. "There were a lot of days on the range and a lot of work put into this. It just feels really good."

Mallory won the 2021 individual title with a two-day score of 148, beating the next best competitor by nine strokes. This time, the task at hand was much different.

Thunderstorms hindered the field on Wednesday, forcing the Minnesota State High School League to shift to a nine-hole day two instead of the traditional 18. Mallory, who led by two strokes after day one, had only the back nine to close out her state championship.

"My original tee time was 12:36, so we got there at about 10:45," Mallory said. "It just started pouring, and we had no idea when it was going to end. We waited around. It felt like forever. Once they made the decision to only play nine holes I felt more pressure. One bad hole can change everything. I didn't know if I was going to have a good or bad nine, and there's no way to recover in nine holes."

Mallory finished with a two-over-par day two for a total score of 114. She beat Lake City's Ella Matzke by three strokes, and was one of four Section 8-2A golfers on the podium.

"This whole season has been about going to state and doing it again," Mallory said. "I definitely felt more pressure this year than I did last year, and most of that pressure was put on myself. Knowing that you're good enough to win it all year is different when you try to do it again, so it felt really good." Mallory finished her round with 12 groups behind her. Waiting to find out if she would win a second state championship was the hardest part.

"It wasn't fun," Mallory said on watching the other golfers



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Mallory, left, and Marcus Belka finished first and third at the Class 2A state championships at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan on June 14-15. Mallory finished with a two-day score of 114. Marcus recorded a 145. Mallory will golf at the University of St. Thomas next fall, while Marcus will play at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

come through. "The reception on the back nine is really bad. We got the scores from the first three holes, but it kind of paused after that. Then all of the scores just started coming in and I felt so relieved—just so happy."

It's great to see all of the hard work pay off at Ridges at Sand Creek has been good to Mallory rain or shine.

"The front nine is laid out

really well. You can take your driver and just kind of go for it," Mallory said. "The back nine is a lot different. You have to lay up in front of the creeks and be more strategic about everything. It's really cool to play a course where it lets you play both ways."

While Mallory's goal was to notch a second state title, Marcus was hoping to rewrite his finish from last year. A tough day-two landed him in 57th

place. This time, he had the third lowest score at 145.

"I was really nervous last year," Marcus said. "It was my first time at state, and I didn't really know what to expect. I just took it all in this time. Like I said before, it's just great to see the hard work pay off."

"I just wanted to take it one shot at a time. was only focused on hitting the next fair way, getting the next shot on the green and making the next

putt. It felt really good to put it all together."

Marcus was in the middle of his round when the storms rolled through. The rain challenged the golfers to play on a different landscape after the delay.

"I was three-under-par through eight before the rain," Marcus said. "It was really tough. We stayed there for about two, maybe two and a half hours before we could go back out. We didn't get a chance to warm up either. The greens were really slow and everything was wet. After a few holes, I got the hang of it again. But it was definitely something to figure out."

The Belka twins are both headed to play golf at the collegiate level. Mallory is going to the University of St. Thomas, while Marcus will be a Maverick at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

I had six great years playing for Perham "I can't wait," Marcus said on playing college golf. "I'm ready for the next chapter. I'm excited to meet all of the new people and play on the new courses. It'll be fun to play at that next level, and I'm really excited to be going to Mankato."

"I had a great six years playing for Perham, but I'm ready for something new," Mallory said. "I fell in love with UST the second I got there. The coach is great, and I already know some of the girls. I'm excited to see what it's like playing at new courses with new people."

The Belkas have played hundreds of rounds together, leading them to a pair of podium finishes at the state championships. Ending their high school careers with medals was the goal, but doing it together made it special.

"I'm so proud of him," Mallory said of Marcus. "He wanted to do well after not having his best day last year. We practice all the time together and we push each other to do well. It meant a lot for us to play good at state together."

"It's really cool we got to do this together," Marcus said. "We've been playing together for as long as I can remember. We push each other. It's cool to see us both finish high school at state like that."

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BROTHERS

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The Gophers' 2023 recruiting class is currently ranked 10th in the nation, according to 247 Sports. Ethan joins Osseo's Jerome Williams, Prior Lake's Greg Johnson and Marin Owusu, Kasson-Mantorville's Reese Tripp, Maple Grove's Sam Peters, Hutchinson's Alex Elliott and Shakopee's Garrison Monroe as a Minnesota recruit headed to Minneapolis.

Ethan is heading into his final year of high school in the fall. The three-sport athlete shifts from playing for opportunities to playing for something to prove.

"We want to be humble about the whole thing and keep working hard," Ethan said. "If you have something to prove, you can do it out

there on the field. That's not just a football thing. That's how I want to play every sport. That's when everybody will get to know you."

Mason, who's also a three-sport athlete, feels like he got one of the most challenging parts of prep athletics out of the way. For him, his commitment wasn't just about fulfilling a childhood dream but also about "representing the community of Detroit Lakes."

"After the two offers, all of the family members and friends cheer you on. They like to bully you about it," Mason said with a laugh. "We got the offers when we were getting ready for track and stuff. It's a lot on the mind and the body. We just try to take it one thing at a time."

June 5 capped off a "surreal" five days for the Carrier

boys. Earlier that week, both qualified for the Section 8-2A finals in the 100-meter dash. Before racing together to a state berth in the 4x100-meter at the 8-2A championships, the two brothers went head-to-head just as they've done growing up.

"He's usually the faster one, and I'm usually the stronger one," Mason said. "As little kids, we used to mess around and fight, like normal brothers, ya know? We're a little more mature now. Whenever he gets hurt, and we race, that's my only chance to beat him, but I still haven't done that yet."

"When we race, I always know he's right behind me," Ethan said. "I like to keep it that way because he ain't catching me."

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Ethan Carrier runs in a 16-yard touchdown in the first half of Detroit Lakes' 21-20 win over Rocori in the Section 8AAAA semifinals on Oct. 29, 2021. Carrier committed to the University of Minnesota after being offered a preferred walk-on spot on June 5.

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BALLPARK

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“It just seems like that bonding bill, and the \$1 million, was really the crux that moved (the ballpark project) along,” said Klemm. “We certainly could look at other options, or try to move ahead without it, but it seems like, at this point, it’s prudent just to wait and hopefully it gets funded next session, if they don’t do a special session.”

He also said the committee was waiting for the bonding bill to be finalized, and the ballpark projects funding secured, before starting their fundraising push. Now, he suggested they should probably start fundraising before next year’s legislative session before any bonding bill is finalized.

However, one committee member said, it becomes difficult to fundraise for a project when there isn’t a timetable for construction and half of the project’s funding is caught in legislative limbo.

Another concern for the ballpark committee is a letter they received from the Min-

nesota State Historic Preservation Office, which included 13-bullet-pointed questions about the renovation proposal that the committee will have to address.

“There’s a lot of keywords in here, ‘should,’ and ‘may,’ and ‘shall,’ it’s not, ‘you are

required to,” said Matt Malone, ballpark project manager for BHH Partners. “In historical preservation, you are ‘supposed to’ follow the guidelines of the National Park Service, as the owner, you don’t have to, but then you run the risk of being de-listed and so there’s

a trade off with that.”

One committee then exclaimed, “Is that a bad thing?”

Some of the items in the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office included:

► It is recommended to identify, retain and preserve features of the building site that are

important in defining its historical character, such as fencing, circulation systems, light towers and benches.

► The historic 1947 Cyclone fencing should be retained.

► The historic light towers should be retained, repaired and reused, if possible.

► The bleacher seat backs should be retained.

► Additional information is needed concerning the artificial turf.

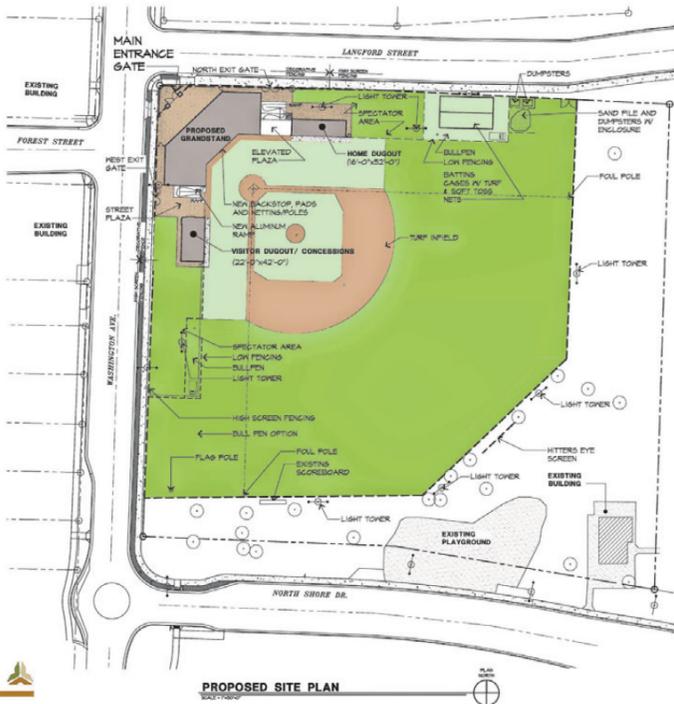
Washington Ballpark, as part of Detroit Lakes City Park, joined the National Registrar of Historic Places in 2008.

“It’s a double-edged sword,” said Klemm. “We have to deal with (the preservation office letter), but, when we’re doing the bonding presentation, that’s part of thing we’re hanging our hat on. The state should help us because this is listed on the historical register.”

Malone said the letter from the state preservation office isn’t out of the normal routine and added he was just happy the letter didn’t just say ‘no’ to the proposal.

“The optimist in me says, that gives us another year to deal with (the letter from the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office) and refine plans and then, if they pass a bonding bill next spring, maybe next fall we could have all of our fundraising and have everything ready to go after baseball season,” said Klemm.

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Designs for the renovation of Washington Ballpark in Detroit Lakes.

CARNIVAL

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Lessin said his early days of volunteering with the Northwest Water Carnival began when he attended the family day and saw an opportunity to jump in and help with a kids’ activity. He explained it

was fun to be in the thick of an event, and providing those experiences for residents and visitors gifted him with a sense of community building.

Fetzer emphasized volunteers don’t need to sign up for an eight-hour commitment; just an hour or two would be appreciated.

To review potential events for volunteer-

ing, the full schedule of the Northwest Water Carnival is posted on the Jaycee’s website (www.dljaycees.com/water-carnival-3) and on their Facebook page.

Lessin said if someone wanted to sign up to volunteer, simply message the Jaycee’s Facebook Page or email detroit-lakesjaycees@gmail.com.

“Or, just show up and let people know you are interested in helping out,” Lessin said. “That’s what I did.”

The Jaycees have about 25 volunteers, not including the past members who return to help boost the numbers.

“When you think of how many thousands of people come to the Northwest Water Carnival, we can easily use 60-plus volunteers,” Fetzer said. “A lot of people don’t realize how much it takes to put on these events; it really is a huge production.”

Fetzer noted in addition,

tion to the volunteers, the beloved celebration heading into its 86th year wouldn’t be possible without the businesses and individuals who donate to host more

than 60 events.

“We’re lucky to have such great financial support, volunteers to host the events and the people who come to participate,” Fetzer said.



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Andrew Lessin (left) and Kasey Fetzer are the co-admirals for the 2022 Northwest Water Carnival in Detroit Lakes. With more than 60 events on the roster, the two are seeking volunteers to help.

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BOMBING AND BLOCKADES

MOSCOW FUMES OVER LITHUANIA RAIL BAN TO RUSSIAN REGION

By Natalia Zinets
Reuters

Kyiv

Russia warned Lithuania on Tuesday that it would face measures of a “serious negative impact” for blocking some shipments by rail to Moscow’s Baltic Sea enclave of Kaliningrad, in its latest dispute over Western sanctions imposed on the country for the war in Ukraine.

Russian forces and separatists in eastern Ukraine made further advances, pushing towards the city of Lysychansk, the Ukrainian forces’ main bastion in an area that is part of the Donbas region Moscow claims for the separatists.

Ukraine continues to ask the West to send more artillery. Defense Minister Oleksiy Reznikov announced on Tuesday the arrival of powerful German self-propelled howitzers.

In retaliation for Western sanctions, Russia has begun pumping reduced volumes of gas to Europe via Ukraine. European Union states from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Adriatic in the south have outlined measures to cope with a supply crisis after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in late February put energy at the heart of an economic battle between Moscow and the West.

German Economy Minister Robert Habeck said the diminished flows amounted to an economic attack on Germany that “cannot be allowed to succeed.”

Diplomatic attention has turned towards Kaliningrad, a Russian city situated between Poland and Lithuania with nearly a million residents. It is connected to the rest of Russia by a rail link through EU- and NATO-member Lithuania.

Lithuania has shut the route for transport of steel and other ferrous metals, which it says it is required to do under EU sanctions that took effect on Saturday. Lithuania is also blocking the transportation of food, jeopardizing the region’s food security,



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Soldiers survey damage and salvage items Tuesday after a projectile and subsequent fire destroyed a warehouse building on Monday night in Druzhkivka, Ukraine.

TASS news agency cited a foreign ministry spokeswoman as saying.

‘Consequences’

Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of Russia’s Security Council, visited Kaliningrad to chair a security meeting there. He said Lithuania’s actions showed that Russia could not trust the West, which he said had broken written agreements over Kaliningrad.

“Appropriate measures” were being worked out in response, Patrushev was quoted as saying by state news agency RIA, and without elaborating said, “their consequences will have a serious negative impact on the population of Lithuania.”

Moscow summoned EU envoy Markus Ederer to the Russian Foreign Ministry on Tuesday. EU spokesperson Peter Stano said Ederer asked the Russians at the meeting “to refrain from escalatory steps and rhetoric.”

The standoff creates a new source of confrontation on the Baltic, a region already set for a security overhaul that would hem in Russia’s sea power as Sweden and Finland apply to join NATO and put nearly the entire coast in alliance territory. The EU sought to



deflect responsibility from Lithuania, saying the policy was collective action by the bloc.

In a symbolic decision, Ukraine is set to become an official candidate for European Union membership on Thursday, EU diplomats said.

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland became the latest international dignitary to visit Ukraine, affirming on Tuesday

Washington’s commitment to identify, arrest and prosecute those involved in war crimes during Russia’s invasion.

In some of the bloodiest fighting seen in Europe since World War II, Russia has made slow progress in the Donbas since April in conflict that has cost thousands of soldiers’ lives on both sides.

Some of the fighting has spanned the Siverskiyi

Donets river that curls through the Donbas, with Russian forces mainly on the east bank and Ukrainian forces mainly on the west.

But Ukrainian troops – and an estimated 500 civilians – are reportedly still holding out at a chemical plant in the east bank city of Sievierodonetsk, despite weeks of heavy bombardment.



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Then-President Donald Trump and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows at the White House in 2020.

Committee to receive Trump family footage from election, insurrection

By Sarah D. Wire
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — British filmmaker Alex Holder on Tuesday complied with a subpoena to turn over to the House Select Committee to investigate Jan. 6, 2021, documentary footage he filmed during the final six weeks of President Donald Trump’s reelection campaign along with footage of the attack on the Capitol.

The footage includes exclusive interviews with President Trump, his children Ivanka, Eric and Don Jr., and son-in-

law Jared Kushner, as well as Vice President Mike Pence.

The videos could give the committee a never-before-seen view of the president and vice president’s thoughts and actions before and after the election.

“As a British filmmaker, I had no agenda coming into this. We simply wanted to better understand who the Trumps were and what motivated them to hold onto power so desperately,” Holder said in a statement. “We have dutifully handed over all the

materials the Committee has asked for and we are fully cooperating.”

Holder said he will sit for a deposition Thursday, the date of the next scheduled committee hearing.

The footage, which Holder said he did not previously have legal permission to release, will be part of a series titled “Unprecedented,” scheduled to be released in three parts this summer on a streaming service Holder did not name.

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Abortion rights supporters and anti-abortion demonstrators protest outside the United States Supreme Court on Tuesday in Washington.

Heat wave will test power grid

Officials advised to prepare for emergencies across Midwest

Reuters

The power grid operator in the central United States said Tuesday that it started to take some steps to make sure utilities are ready to keep the lights on as consumers crank up their air conditioners during an extreme heat wave this week.

Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) said in a release that it told utilities to delay any discretionary equipment maintenance and to prepare emergency resources.

MISO operates the grid for some 42 million people in 15 central states from Minnesota to Louisiana and the Canadian province of Manitoba.

MISO, which has already warned of potential capacity shortfalls and other reliability concerns in parts of its region this summer, said it will take other emergency steps, if necessary, to maintain reliability.

These include, but are not limited to, emergency pricing, emergency energy purchases and calling on emergency-only generation resource reserves, MISO said.

"Using emergency operating procedures is typical during challenging grid conditions," MISO's Executive Director - System Operations Jessica Lucas said in the release.

In the past, MISO said the northern and central regions are at "increased risk of temporary, controlled outages to preserve the integrity of the bulk electric system."

AccuWeather forecast high temperatures in Indianapolis, a big city in MISO, would reach 96 degrees on Tuesday and Wednesday before easing to around 90 by the weekend. The normal high is about 86 at this time of year.

MISO said power demand hit a year-to-date peak of 118 gigawatts last week and projected use on Tuesday will reach 122 GW. The grid hit its all-time peak of 127 GW in July 2011.

One gigawatt can power about a million U.S. homes on average, but as little as 200,000 on a hot summer day.

In Texas, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates the grid for more than 26 million customers representing about 90% of the state's power load, has said it has enough resources available to meet demand.

COURT BACKS STATE AID FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

Justices rule on Maine case about using public funds for church schools

By David G. Savage
Los Angeles Times

Washington

The Supreme Court on Tuesday extended its support for religious schools, ruling that parents who send their children to such institutions have a right to tuition aid if the state provides it to other similar private schools.

The 6-3 decision in the Carson vs. Makin case from Maine could open the door to including religious schools among the charter schools that are privately run but publicly financed.

In the past, the high court had said that giving public funds to church schools violated the First Amendment's ban on an "establishment of religion."

But in the past five years, the court's conservative majority has flipped the equation and ruled it is unconstitutional discrimination to deny public funds to church schools simply because they are religious.

Maine has an unusual subsidy program because many of its small towns do

not have a high school. In such cases, students may enroll in a private school or in another public high school, and the state pays their tuition.

Since 1980, however, the state has not extended these subsidies to students in church schools, apparently fearing it would be unconstitutional to do so.

The court majority said that was a mistake.

Among the six conservative justices in the majority, all of them attended Catholic schools, except for Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., who went to public elementary and secondary schools in New Jersey.

The conservative justices in recent years have cast aside the principle of church-state separation and argued it grew from an anti-Catholic bias in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"It was an open secret that 'sectarian' was code for 'Catholic,'" Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. wrote in 2020, describing the common state laws that prohibit sending tax money to schools affiliated with a church. These restrictions were "born of bigotry" and "arose at a time of pervasive hostility to the Catholic Church and to Catholics

in general," he said in Espinoza vs. Montana.

The First Amendment prohibits government endorsement of any particular religion in what is called the "establishment clause." The liberal justices said the ruling forces states to fund religious education despite establishment clause concerns.

"Today, the court leads us to a place where separation of church and state becomes a constitutional violation," liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in dissent.

In other news, the Supreme Court on Tuesday:

- Declined to hear a UnitedHealth group challenge to a government rule requiring private insurers that administer federally funded Medicare plans to return potentially billions of dollars in overpayments they receive based on incorrect diagnoses. Turning away the Minnetonka, Minnesota-based insurer's appeal, the justices left in place a lower court's decision reviving the rule after a federal judge had previously struck it down. UnitedHealth said in a statement that it would continue to comply with federal rules and "remain focused on providing high quality and affordable health

care to millions of seniors."

- Rejected kidney dialysis provider DaVita claims that an Ohio hospital's employee health plan discriminates against patients with end-stage renal disease by reimbursing them at low rates in hopes they would switch to Medicare.

- Rejected a challenge brought by a former Xerox Corp. executive and backed by Elon Musk to a Securities and Exchange Commission rule requiring people who agree to settlements with the agency not to deny its allegations against them.

- Rejected Bayer AG's bid to dismiss legal claims by customers who contend its Roundup weedkiller causes cancer as the German company seeks to avoid potentially billions of dollars in damages. The justices turned away a Bayer appeal and left in place a lower court decision that upheld \$25 million in damages awarded to California resident Edwin Hardeman, a Roundup user who blamed his cancer on the pharmaceutical and chemical giant's glyphosate-based weedkillers.

This report includes information from Reuters.

U.S. rallies allies against forced labor

Import ban begins as abuses in China's Xinjiang region called out

By Michael Martina
Reuters

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Tuesday that the United States is rallying its allies against forced labor as it begins implementing an import ban on goods from China's Xinjiang region, where Washington says Beijing is committing genocide.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Tuesday began enforcing the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), which President Joe Biden signed into law in December.

CBP has said it is ready to implement the law's "rebuttable presumption" that all goods from Xinjiang, where Chinese authorities established detention camps for Uyghurs and other Muslim groups, are made with forced labor and barred from import unless it can be proven oth-

erwise.

The agency has said a very high level of evidence would be required for importers to receive an exception to the law.

"We are rallying our allies and partners to make global supply chains free from the use of forced labor, to speak out against atrocities in Xinjiang, and to join us in calling on the government of the PRC (People's Republic of China) to immediately end atrocities and human rights abuses," Blinken said in a statement.

China denies abuses in Xinjiang, a major cotton producer that also supplies much of the world's materials for solar panels.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said earlier in Beijing that claims of forced labor in Xinjiang were a "big lie concocted by anti-China forces."

"With this so-called law,

the United States is trying to create forced unemployment in Xinjiang and to push for the world to decouple with China," Wang said.

Beijing initially denied the existence of any detention camps, but then later admitted it had set up "vocational training centers" necessary to curb what it said was terrorism, separatism and religious radicalism in Xinjiang.

Last week, CBP issued a list of Xinjiang entities presumed to be using forced labor, which includes textile, solar-grade polysilicon, and electronics companies. It has said imports from other countries would be banned if related supply chains include Xinjiang inputs.

The United States, Britain and other countries have called for the United Nations' International Labor Organization to set up a mission to probe alleged labor abuses in Xinjiang.



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Shemsiye Ali, 22, weeps as she talks about her family at her apartment in Istanbul, Turkey, where she is a third-year university nursing student. Her father is among the Uyghurs swept up in China's crackdown in Xinjiang.

Musk: Tesla job cuts will reduce workforce by 3.5%

By Dana Hull
Bloomberg News

Elon Musk confirmed the salaried workforce at Tesla Inc. would be cut by about 10% over the next three months, but said the overall reduction in the electric-car maker's headcount would only be some 3.5% as hourly staff numbers are still expected to grow.

"We grew very fast on the salaried side," Musk said in an interview with Bloomberg News Editor-in-Chief John Micklethwait at the Qatar Economic Forum on Tuesday. "A year from now, I think our headcount will be higher" in salaried and hourly workers, but for now the reduction will be 3% to 3.5%, he said.

The comments brought more clarity to the situation with Tesla's staffing, after Musk made varied internal and public statements about reductions over the past month.

Tesla, now headquartered in Austin, Texas, has grown to about 100,000 employees globally, hiring rapidly as it built new factories in Austin and Berlin. The cuts, which have affected human resources representatives and software engineers so far, caught many by surprise, with several employees told they were being terminated immediately. Two workers at Tesla's battery factory near Reno, Nevada, allege the company didn't comply with



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Tesla's Gigafactory in Nevada. Tesla CEO Elon Musk said the company's salaried work force would be cut by 10% over the next three months.

the 60-day notification requirement under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, according to a lawsuit they filed late Sunday in federal court in Austin.

"Let's not read too much into a preemptive lawsuit that has no standing," Musk said in Tuesday's interview via video link.

The reductions come as Musk, 50, wades into the debate over work-from-home, a polarizing issue for employees and companies alike as

they navigate the return to normality as the pandemic recedes. Earlier this month, the Tesla chieftain issued an ultimatum for staff at the company to return to the office — or leave.

"Everyone at Tesla is required to spend a minimum of 40 hours in the office per week," Musk wrote in an email titled "To be super clear." "Moreover, the office must be where your actual colleagues are located, not some remote pseudo office. If you don't show up, we

will assume you have resigned."

"The more senior you are, the more visible must be your presence," Musk wrote. "That is why I lived in the factory so much — so that those on the line could see me working alongside them. If I had not done that, Tesla would long ago have gone bankrupt."

The mandate has also spooked workers at Twitter Inc., who have had a work-from-anywhere policy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before sealing his deal to buy the social-media platform, Musk floated the idea of turning its San Francisco headquarters into a homeless shelter because "no one shows up anyway."

In contrast, he has praised workers at Tesla's Shanghai factory. Many lived and worked on-site to keep production running through much of the Chinese city's two-month COVID lockdown earlier this year.

"I am very impressed with the car companies

in China, just in general companies in China," Musk said Tuesday. "I think they're extremely competitive, hard-working and smart."

As for competition from the world's leading automakers, Musk said Tesla doesn't really think about possible rivals. The main issues the company face are to do with supply chains and its own production capacity.

"Demand for our cars is extremely high and the wait-list is long," he said. "We really don't think about competition — we just think about how do we address the limiting factors in the supply chain and in our own industrial capacity."

"Basically, we need to build the factories faster," he said. "And then we need to look ahead to whatever the choke points are in the whole lithium-ion battery supply chain from mining and refining to cathode and anode production and cell formation."

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JetBlue again ups Spirit offer

Move could stall Fort Lauderdale growth

By David Lyons

South Florida Sun Sentinel

The bidding war between JetBlue and Frontier to acquire Broward County, Florida-based Spirit Airlines now involves the future of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

JetBlue Airways, determined to wrest Spirit away from rival bidder Frontier Airlines, has added millions more to its offer to Spirit shareholders.

But JetBlue, which is one of the biggest operators along with Spirit at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood, says it would sell any assets Spirit holds in New York and Boston as it seeks to ease antitrust concerns by federal regulators — their Northeast Alliance with American Airlines, in which the two carriers market and sell each other's tickets in the region, has raised concerns among those regulators.

The move, however, would result in JetBlue not expanding its presence at the Broward County airport. Previously, expansion-minded JetBlue has said it wants to take over Spirit for its planes, route system and workforce. The takeover would make JetBlue the nation's fifth-largest air carrier.

In a late Monday announcement, JetBlue served up the following to Spirit's board of directors and shareholders:



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A JetBlue airliner lands past a Spirit Airlines jet on the taxi way April 25 at Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport.

Its per share cash offer would bump from \$31.50 per share to \$33.50, or \$3.64 billion.

Robin Hayes, JetBlue's chief executive officer, said he is now more confident than ever that his airline can complete a takeover of Spirit after holding more discussions with what has been a reluctant Spirit management. Spirit had been leaning toward Frontier's \$2.9 billion bid since it materialized in early February.

"The dialogue and information provided

strengthened our conviction," Hayes wrote in a letter to Spirit's board. Over the last three and a half months, Frontier's stock and cash offer has diminished in value as its own stock price has declined.

Frontier has shown no inclination to increase its offer.

All along, Spirit has insisted that a Frontier deal was easier to consummate because regulators would view it as being more favorable for consumers. But JetBlue's persistence and

continued willingness to throw more cash at a deal forced Spirit to delay a shareholder vote on the Frontier offer set for earlier this month while it considers the New York-based airline's sweetened offers.

JetBlue's latest offer would still contain a previous commitment of a \$350 million reverse break-up fee, with an accelerated prepayment of \$1.50 a share, if it fell apart over regulatory concerns. The JetBlue breakup fee exceeds the fee offered by Frontier by

\$100 million.

Addition by subtraction?

And as a salve to reluctant antitrust regulators at the U.S. Justice Department, JetBlue served up a "remedy package" that would see the airline divest itself of all Spirit assets in New York and Boston.

That gesture is designed to calm the Biden administration over JetBlue's Northeast Alliance with American Airlines. Both JetBlue and American are defendants

in a 2021 lawsuit brought by the Justice Department, which asserts that the arrangement is not in the interest of consumers.

But a line contained in JetBlue's discussion about divesting assets could well raise concerns in the Broward County economic development community, which counts aviation as a target industry for growth, not contraction.

After offloading Spirit's New York and Boston assets, the airline said, "JetBlue will not increase its presence in the airports covered by the Northeast Alliance, as well as gates and related assets at Fort Lauderdale."

The statement offered no details or elaboration.

Another review for Spirit

As it has in the past in response to previous JetBlue efforts to raise the stakes in what is now a highly public takeover battle, Spirit said its board would evaluate the latest offer "in accordance with the terms of the company's merger agreement with Frontier Group Holdings, Inc."

It added that it would update Spirit stockholders before a meeting scheduled for next Thursday, June 30. The airline added that its stockholders "do not need to take any action at this time."

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Chappelle turns down theater naming honor

By Kate Feldman
New York Daily News

Dave Chappelle still stands by his transphobic “Closer” comedy special, but he won’t force outraged students to face his name every day in the hallway.

The comedian announced Monday during a scheduled renaming that he would not allow his name to go above the theater at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts as planned.

Instead, he said, he would “defer” the renaming of his alma mater’s theater to emphasize “the nuance of art” as well as “my right, my freedom of artistic expression,” according to USA Today. The facility will now be called the Theater of Artistic Freedom & Expression.

Last year, Chappelle called the announced renaming at the Washington, D.C., school “the most significant honor of my life.”

Then, he was met by widespread backlash over his Netflix special, including at Ellington, where students confronted him in November about his transphobic comments during a surprise school visit.

“I’m 16 and I think you’re childish, you handled it like a child,” one student told him, calling him a “bigot,” Politico reported at the time.

In response, Chappelle pointed out that he was more famous than anyone else in the auditorium.

At the renaming Monday, the comedian said the criticism “sincerely hurt me.”

“I took a lot of cold shots in business... but that day, they hurt me,” he said, according to USA Today.

“No matter what they say about ‘The Closer,’ it is still (one of the) most watched specials on Netflix. The more you say I can’t say something, the more urgent it is for me to say it. It has nothing to do with what you are saying I can’t say. It has everything to do with my freedom of artistic expression.”

“The Closer” caused considerable consternation when it hit Netflix in October, chock full of dismissive remarks about trans people’s bodies. Despite massive backlash, Netflix and CEO Ted Sarandos stood by him repeatedly.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, meets with Hollywood actor, director, screenwriter and producer Ben Stiller, during his visit as a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador to the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, Ukraine, on Monday.

BEN STILLER VISITS UKRAINE

After meeting Zelenskyy, Stiller called visit ‘shocking’ and ‘distressing’

By Christi Carras
Los Angeles Times

Ben Stiller is still processing the devastation he witnessed while visiting Kyiv, Ukraine, this week to meet with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

In a Tuesday interview with “BBC Breakfast,” the actor and director reflected solemnly on his trip to the besieged nation, which has been under attack from Russia since February. On Monday, Stiller spoke with Zelenskyy after spending time with survivors living in occupied settlements of the Kyiv region.

Stiller, an ambassador to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, told the morning program that he had never entered “an area that’s in conflict” before his visit to Ukraine.

“It’s really strange, because when you drive into the ... west of the country, you don’t feel the conflict, except for the curfew at

night, where it gets very quiet and a little bit eerie,” he said.

“And then as you get closer and closer to Kyiv ... you start to see the roadblocks and see the destruction, which is really shocking when you haven’t seen anything like that up close.”

During his appointment with Zelenskyy, Stiller hailed the Ukrainian leader as his “hero” and praised his “great acting career.” (Before taking office in real life, Zelenskyy portrayed a fictional president of Ukraine on TV, among other characters).

“Not so great as yours,” Zelenskyy quipped, to which Stiller laughed and replied, “No, but pretty great.”

“What you’ve done and the way that you’ve rallied your country, and for the world, it’s really inspiring,” he told Zelenskyy.

While appearing Tuesday on “BBC Breakfast,” Stiller said his first thought on seeing the wreckage in Ukraine was, “It looks like a movie,” but “the scale

of it is even bigger, and it’s real, so that’s really distressing.”

“The thing that gets me is these are just people like you and I who have been caught in a circumstance totally beyond their control.”

“Nobody wants to flee from their home. Nobody wants to have to go out into the world and have to start afresh, or even just trying to find a way to survive.”

The “Night at the Museum” and “Zoolander” star also recounted a conversation he had with a Ukrainian mother of young twins who was forced to flee their family home amid rocket strikes.

“They went to the basement and had to wait till the sound of the rockets had gone away ... and then not know where to even go for safety,” he said.

“You just try to place yourself in that situation, [and] think, ‘What would happen if a rocket came screaming by my apartment?’”

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Audible scores deal with Higher Ground

By Matt Pearce
Los Angeles Times

Barack and Michelle Obama’s production company, Higher Ground, has signed an exclusive, multi-year, worldwide first-look deal with Amazon subsidiary Audible, the audio content company announced Tuesday.

Audio competitor Spotify recently opted not to extend its 2019 deal with Higher Ground, which produced Spotify shows including “The Michelle Obama Podcast” and “Renegades: Born in the USA,” featuring former President Obama and Bruce Springsteen.

“At Higher Ground, we have always sought to lift up voices that deserve to be heard — and Audible is invested in realizing that vision alongside us,” Barack Obama said in a statement released by Audible. “I’m looking for-

ward to partnering with them to tell stories that not only entertain but also inspire.”

Michelle Obama added: “Together, we will keep striving to tell compelling, provocative, and soulful stories — while doing everything we can to make sure they reach the folks who need to hear them.”

“We have long recognized President and Mrs. Obama’s historic capacity to captivate,” Don Katz, Audible’s founder and executive chairman, said in a statement. “We are thrilled to welcome two of the most profound voices of moral and intellectual leadership of our times into the Audible fold, and to be able to elevate President and Mrs. Obama’s singular ability to provide hope and uplifting guidance — needed now more than ever — through their voices.”

Further terms of the deal

with Audible were not immediately disclosed.

Launched in 1995 as an audio books company and acquired by Amazon in 2008, in recent years Audible has been seeking to expand its entertainment offerings and appeal to more consumers. The company says it provides more than 700,000 audio programs from audiobook publishers, broadcasters, entertainers and other media companies.

When negotiating with Spotify, the Obamas had been seeking a deal in which Higher Ground’s podcasts would be widely available and not exclusive to one platform, sources previously told the L.A. Times.

Higher Ground separately produces film and television exclusively with Netflix.

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Former President Barack Obama and former first Lady Michelle Obama arrive for the 59th presidential inauguration on Jan. 20, 2021, in Washington, D.C.



Frankfurters bourguignonne or franks in sour cream sauce?

Questionable Tribune hot dog recipes over the years

By Nick Kindelsperger
Chicago Tribune

Chicago
Although the Chicago-style hot dog is arguably the greatest hot dog in the country, for most of the 20th century, Tribune reporters and recipe writers mostly acted deeply embarrassed about the dish.

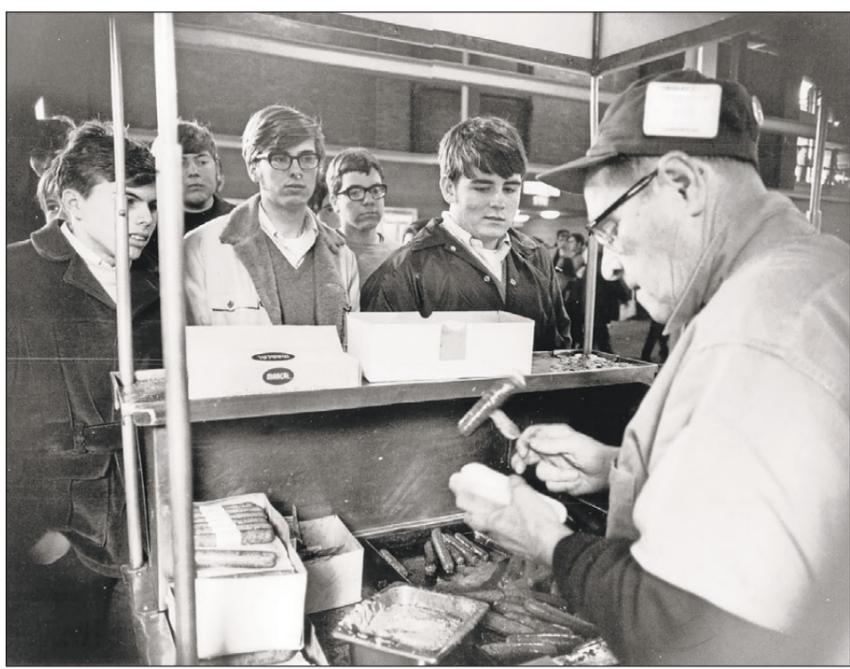
“Americans in general and housewives in particular are derelict in their duty to the hot dog,” starts a July 6, 1961, article by Thomas Wolfsmith. He then quotes a German chef, Otto Schuetz, who explains that Americans “bury” hot dogs in buns “with no elegance,” unlike Europeans who serve them as a delicacy.

Schuetz recommended serving a dish that combined asparagus, apples, mushrooms, sliced hot dogs and French dressing. Wolfsmith concluded: “Thus does the hot dog gain a place in ‘haute cuisine,’ instead of merely languishing under mustard, relish, chopped onion, and a bun.”

In the mid-20th century, French food was regularly considered fancier and outright better than whatever most Chicago restaurants were serving. This explains an article from March 30, 1960, titled “A Magnificent Hot Dog? This One, Prepared French Style, Is” by Mary Meade. She wrote that chef John Bandera from the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel created a frankfurters bourguignonne “in honor of a 100-year-old Chicago firm whose founder, David Berg, helped bring the hot dog to America.” The recipe, evoking the name of a French beef stew braised in red wine, featured eight frankfurters bathed in a sauce made with butter, shallots, garlic, brown gravy and 3 cups of red wine.

Tribune writer Mary Meade also created her own hot dog recipes over the years, though she almost always read like she was gritting her teeth while doing so. An article on June 25, 1943, by Meade begins: “Mustard and piccalilli covered ‘red hots’ are fine fare for picnics and ball games, but have you figured on the possibilities of frankfurters in your everyday meals?” She then goes on to give a recipe for frankfurters with fried rice and tomatoes.

More than 20 years later, Meade didn’t



Phil Mascione / Chicago Tribune / TNS
Hot dogs were popular at ball games and here, a hot dog vendor sells to fans at Wrigley Field during a game on April 14, 1970.



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Earl Pionke peddles hot dogs from a stand in front of his pub, Earl of Old Town, in Chicago in June 1977.

think much of the hot dog. In an article from June 9, 1966, she starts with this put-down: “A red snapper is a delicate and delicious fish. It says ‘gourmet’ to you when you think about preparing it. That’s not what a wiener says!” Then you can find a recipe called Barbecued Southern Pups, where she recommended covering the sausages in a chili sauce, wrapping them in cornmeal pastry and then baking them.

Not to pick on Meade, but she spent an inordinate amount of time figuring out ways not to use hot dog buns. On June 3, 1958, Meade suggested making “frankfurters in tomato rolls.” “The franks are wrapped in yeast dough — there are seasonings of onion juice, cheese, parsley, and tomato juice. Doesn’t it sound delicious?” On May 30, 1960, she gave a recipe for Ring-a-Rosy Hot Dogs made by “shaping hot dogs like hamburgers,” so they could fit on round buns. To be fair, the April 2, 1971, recipe for frankfurter and sauerkraut skillet sounds like something I’d enjoy.

(While she certainly had her fair share of questionable recipes with hot dogs, there’s an explanation for her mercurial takes on hot dogs. Turns out Mary Meade wasn’t a real name. Instead, the pseudonym was used by a succession of women writers, a common newspaper practice at the time.)

But it’s still hard to imagine enjoying Meade’s Supper Salad Bowl from June 25, 1943, which combined hot dogs with French dressing, green pepper, cottage cheese, grated raw turnip, raw carrot,

mayonnaise, lettuce and coleslaw.

I’m also not sure you could pay me to try a “frankfurter skillet supper” (from May 15, 1964), which combines a pound of hot dogs with green onions, chopped green pepper, lima beans, tomato sauce and a whole cup of sour cream. I also would probably pass on the “franks in sour cream sauce,” which can be found in a July 19, 1957, post by Doris Schacht.

Male recipe writers didn’t fare much better. In a recipe column genuinely called “For Men Only!,” not to be confused with another one titled “Wife’s night out,” Morrison Wood called for making Creole frankfurters. The designation is charitably a stretch; I suppose he got that name because of the dash of cayenne pepper and Tabasco.

Even readers got in on the questionable hot dog action. On July 2, 1958, a reader sent in a recipe for Hot Dog Surprises, which combined 1 pound of “frankfurters, chopped fine” with shredded sharp cheese, grated hard boiled eggs, chili sauce, pickle relish, mustard and garlic salt. This mixture was spread on a foil-lined baking sheet and topped with halved buns.

Thankfully, by the 1980s, writers and readers alike seemed to finally understand that Chicago’s best hot dog dish was staring them right in the face the whole time.

Test out the recipes yourself.

Frankfurters bourguignonne

By Mary Meade, March 30, 1960

Ingredients:
8 frankfurters
2 tablespoons butter
3 teaspoons chopped shallots, onions or chives
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

3 cups claret or Bordeaux wine
24 cooked pearl onions
1/2 pound whole button mushrooms (fresh)
2 cups brown gravy
24 small potato balls, browned in deep fat

Instructions:

1. Cut frankfurters into thirds and saute in butter for about 5 minutes. Remove meat and add shallots and garlic to fat. Simmer 2 or 3 minutes.

2. Add wine and simmer to reduce liquid to 1 cup, which will take about 8 minutes. Add onions, mushrooms and gravy.

3. Cover and simmer 15 minutes.

4. Add cooked potatoes and frankfurters and serve over fluffy wild rice. Makes 4 servings.

Supper salad bowl

By Mary Meade, June 25, 1943

Ingredients:
1/2 pound frankfurters
1/2 cup French dressing
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup cottage cheese
1 cup grated raw turnip
1 cup grated raw carrot
Mayonnaise and lettuce

Coleslaw

Instructions:

1. Simmer frankfurters in water for 5 minutes and cool.

2. Slice frankfurters and cover with French dressing. Let stand in refrigerator for half-hour.

3. Combine green pepper and cottage cheese.

4. Combine grated turnip and carrot; moisten with mayonnaise.

5. Arrange lettuce in salad bowl. In separate lettuce cups, arrange frankfurters, cottage cheese, grated carrot, and turnip, and coleslaw. Serve with mayonnaise.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Barbecued Southern pups

By Mary Meade, June 9, 1966

Ingredients:
10 wieners
1/4 cup butter
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard

1 tablespoon chopped onion
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/2 cup chili sauce
Cornmeal pastry:
3/4 cup flour
1/4 cup cornmeal
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup lard

Instructions:

1. Make cornmeal pastry first. Sift together flour, cornmeal and salt. Cut in lard and add just enough water to moisten, about 3 to 4 tablespoons.

2. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and roll out to about 1/8 inch in thickness. Cut into five 5-inch squares.

3. Melt butter for sauce and add the dry mustard, onion, lemon juice, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce

and chili sauce. Simmer 15 minutes.

4. Cut wieners lengthwise, almost to the ends, but not completely through. Place two wieners diagonally on each cornmeal square.

Place a tablespoon of barbecue sauce in each. Fold corners of pastry over the wieners, moistening corners and pressing together.

5. Bake on ungreased baking sheet for 12 minutes at 425 degrees. Makes 5 servings.

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Study: 1 sugary drink a day increases chance of liver cancer in women

By Nancy Clanton
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Consuming just one sugary drink a day can increase a woman’s chance of developing liver cancer, according to research by various institutions that was presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Nutrition. Researchers, including those from the Har-

vard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and the University of South Carolina in Columbia, analyzed data from 90,504 postmenopausal women, ages 50-79, for nearly 19 years.

Subjects were part of the Women’s Health Initiative observational study and clinical trials excluding Dietary Modification Trial participants. According to the data,

women who had one sweetened drink each day were 73% more likely to develop liver cancer than women who had three or fewer such drinks in a month. Women who drank one or more sweet beverages daily had a 78% higher risk, the data showed.

Consuming sugary drinks has previously been linked to developing cardiovascular and heart diseases.

Although soft drink consumption in the United States dipped again for the 13th straight year in 2018, we still drank 38.87 gallons per person. The U.S. has some of the highest consumption rates in the world, with over 50% of respondents of a recent international survey stating that they consumed soft drinks at least multiple times in a week, if not every day, according to Statista.

“If our findings are confirmed, reducing sugar-sweetened beverage consumption might serve as a public health strategy to reduce liver cancer burden,”

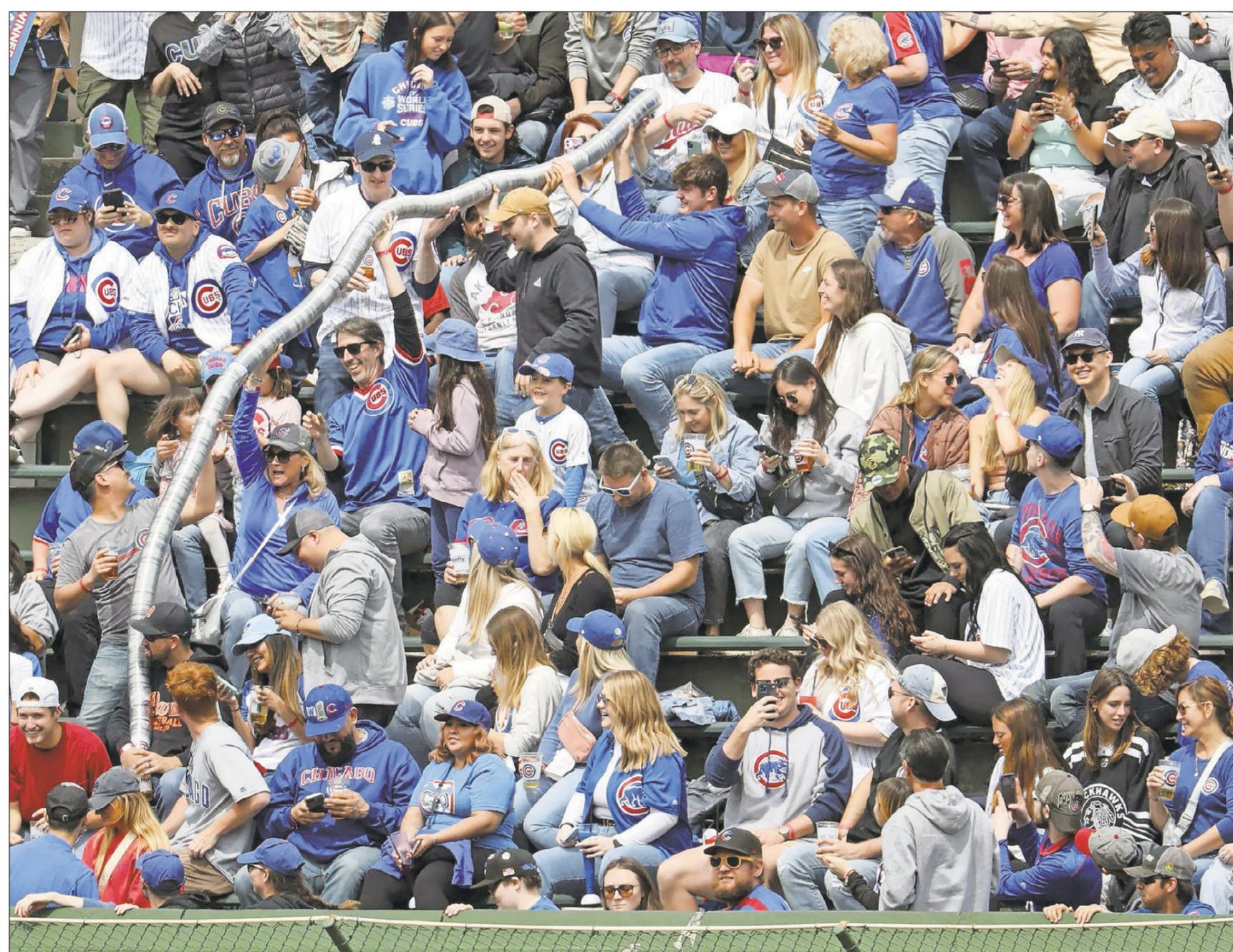
According to the World Cancer Research Fund International, liver cancer is the sixth most commonly diagnosed cancer in the world, with both diagnosed cases and related deaths on the rise in the U.S.

Replacing sugar-sweetened beverages with water, and non-sugar-sweetened

coffee or tea could significantly lower liver cancer risk.”

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Cubs fans make a beer cup snake in the bleachers on May 22 at Wrigley Field.

Bleacher Bums got something right

From yuppies to 'Cuppies,' Wrigley Field bleachers still place to ignore Cubs' failures

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune

Chicago

It was a beautiful afternoon for baseball Saturday, so I ventured out to the Wrigley Field bleachers to see how Chicago Cubs fans were coping with the rebuild that can't be called a rebuild.

The bleachers were packed for the game against the Atlanta Braves as fans stood behind the last rows in left and right field and congregated behind the concessions to socialize without the obligation of watching the actual game.

In other words, business as usual at the corner of Waveland and Sheffield avenues.

Cubs owners throughout the years have counted on fans being oblivious to the failures of the team on the field, knowing that no matter how bad it gets there always will be young fans looking for a party atmosphere at Wrigley.

The bleachers have been a prime spot for tanning, beer drinking and people watching forever, which is why tickets are so expensive for seats so far away from the action. Even former Cubs President Theo Epstein made a trip out to the left-field section Friday afternoon to soak in the sun and have a few cold ones with friends.

After selling the White Sox in 1981 to a group led by Jerry Reinsdorf, Hall of Fame owner Bill Veeck spent his summer days sitting in the

front row of upper center field at Wrigley, which he called the "best seats in the house." In an interview from his perch in 1983, Veeck told me: "It's one of those rare places where people of my generation can get along with young people."

Back in the days when bleacher tickets went on sale only on the day of the game, regulars would line up early along Sheffield to ensure their favored spots. But the former owner, Tribune Co., did away with that long-standing policy in 1985 in a money grab that changed the bleacher vibe.

Veeck, who helped plant the ivy on the outfield walls in 1937, began his celebrated boycott of the bleachers because of that policy change.

Every generation of Bleacher Bums decries the younger generation encroaching their territory at least since I was a 20-something sitting in right field in the 1980s before heading to work on the Chicago Tribune city desk. Years later, after becoming the Cubs beat writer, I spoke with longtime Cubs fan and rock star Billy Corgan about the trendiness of celebrities attending games.

"The emphasis has to be on the people who support the team — day in, day out — and I always defer to that," Corgan said in a 2004 interview. "I'm a common Cubs fan. I was a common Cubs fan long

before I became famous. I'll never forgive the yuppies for moving in back in '84. I'm still mad about that.

"When the Cubs stopped selling bleacher tickets the day of the game, that was the end of that old Bleacher Bums culture. Now it's just fake Bleacher Bums."

The yuppies may have caused the demise of the bleacher culture four decades ago, but now it's the "Cuppies" who've taken center stage. You may have caught them on recent national TV broadcasts, including Fox Sports and ESPN telecasts of the Cubs-Cardinals series two weeks ago.

The Cuppies are young fans who spend a significant part of the game collecting empty beer cups to stack high enough to cover several rows. These are usually referred to as beer snakes or cup snakes. It has been going on for at least five years but lately has become a nuisance to some.

The regulars I spoke to Saturday in the left-field bleachers were adamant: The Cuppies are ruining the bleacher experience. But they also agreed there was nothing anyone could do to stop them.

A security guard I spoke to said orders from on high were to stop the Cuppies from going section to section collecting cups and to remove those tossing cups for beer snakes from one section to another. When I

mentioned that beer snakes received obsessive coverage on both Fox and ESPN, the guard said the Cubs couldn't do anything about the national telecasts but that Marquee Sports Network won't allow shots of cup stacking during its telecasts.

The security guard asked not to be named to avoid being reprimanded by the Cubs.

At least Cubs security bosses have their priorities in order. As someone once ejected from Wrigley Field for accidentally spritzing a fan with a water mist from a spray bottle on a sweltering afternoon in 1983, I can attest that bleacher high jinks can lead to a life of crime. Fortunately, I turned my life around by moving from the bleachers to the press box, where I'm no longer a threat to the organization.

I asked some of the Baby Boomer bleacherites if the current Gen Z and Millennial inhabitants really are any worse than the Boomers were during their heyday. In case anyone had forgotten, I reminded them the Cubs installed the baskets at the bleacher wall in 1970 because fans had been jumping onto the field after wins, a deed far worse than stacking beer cups.

They assured me the original Bleacher Bums were there only to root for the Cubs and have some fun, while the Cuppies are a blot on bleacher society

and not even "real" Cubs fans. Someone pointed out that one fan caught a Manny Machado home run during the Cubs-San Diego Padres game Wednesday and refused to throw it back. Oh, the horror!

I have no quarrel with the Cuppies. They have the right to be oblivious to the Cubs' plight, just like the generations that came before them. If someone wants to pay \$100 or more to not watch the Cubs from the bleachers, that's their prerogative.

Back in the summer of 1987, for an article on the 50th anniversary of the construction of the bleachers, I interviewed 57-year-old fan Marv Rich, a Bleacher Bum since 1943. Rich insisted the yuppies had taken over the bleachers and spoiled the vibe for everyone else.

"They don't care about watching the game," he said. "All they care about is getting a good tan and being able to tell everyone later that they got it in the bleachers."

The Cuppies have taken over from the yuppies, but the song remains the same. The bleachers are part of Wrigley Field, but watching the game isn't mandatory.

It's going to be a long, hot summer. The Boomers and the Cuppies will have to coexist.

Can't we all just get along?
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Fans in the bleachers stack cups to create a "cup snake" on opening day at Wrigley Field on April 7.



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Fans take in a Cubs-Padres game from the right-field bleachers on June 15 at Wrigley Field.



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White Sox fans fly the L flag in the bleachers May 4 at Wrigley Field. The White Sox defeated the Cubs 4-3.