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The fishing crew handpicks the carp to be scanned and loaded into transfer bins before being weighed and hauled across the country.

CARP CAPTURE TRANSFER

Thousands of invasive carp removed from Lake Winona

By Thalen Zimmerman
Alexandria Echo Press

About 4,500 invasive carp with a combined weight of over 26,000 pounds were removed from Lake Winona in Alexandria on Oct. 19 from the lake's south shore.

Commercial fishing crews did the job in coordination with the Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District (ALASD), DNR Fisheries and Santec and WSB staff. The Alexandria Airport also helped by allowing its runways to be used for access to the lake.

The fish were removed because of the damage they cause to submerged aquatic vegetation, according to Scott Gilbertson, executive director of the ALASD.

"Without the aquatic vegetation, water quality will continue to suffer," said Gilbertson, "Carp cause re-release of internal phosphorous, which produces algal growth and turbid water conditions by stirring up sediments from the bottom of the lake."

Gilbertson said the removal of the fish was accomplished through seine fishing — a method that uses a net, which hangs vertically in the water with its bottom edge held down by weights and its top edge buoyed by floats to surround the carp. They also used sound to push the carp into a specific area.



Live carp in their transfer bins were later loaded into a water-filled semi-trailer to be hauled across the country.

"A long net called a seine was laid out around the southwestern bay of Lake Winona to surround the carp. The net was dragged through the lake with gas-powered winches until it slowly contracted the fish," said Jordan Wein, an environmental scientist from WSB, whose headquarters is based in Minneapolis, was personally involved in the extraction. "Eventually, the carp were funneled into a holding pen near the shore where they waited until they could be trucked out of the lake."

Once in their holding pens, fishermen waded in the pen and hand loaded the carp into transfer bins located inside boats

that float parallel to the pens. As the fishermen loaded the bins, personnel inside the boats used a scanner to check for carp with tags — some of the carp were tagged earlier to estimate how many were in the lake and their migration patterns.

After the bins were filled, the boats would head one at a time to the designated boat landing to get put onto a boat trailer, and then driven a short way to a water-filled semi-trailer to haul the carp. The bins are weighed before being dumped inside the water-filled trailer where the carp remained alive for transfer.

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What are the responsibilities, roles of a school board member?

Superintendent explains at Listen and Learn event

By Celeste Edenloff
Alexandria Echo Press

Did you know that school board members operate as a whole board and that board members don't have individual authority? This is unlike a city council where members have more of an individual voice.

School board members have a "unified voice" after board action whereas city council members maintain an "individual voice" after council action.

That information and more was shared by Alexandria Superintendent Rick Sansted during a Listen and Learn virtual event Tuesday, Oct. 26. With the Nov. 2 Election Day fast approaching and as the race for a seat on the Alexandria School

Board heats up, Sansted explained the roles and responsibilities of school board members during the Listen and Learn event, sponsored by the Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Two candidates — Maureen Eigen and Jeff Patience — are vying for the open seat on the Alexandria School Board. Patience was appointed to the board after a member moved away from the area.

Only residents in the Alexandria School District may vote in the school board election. Parents whose children are open enrolled to the district may not vote for the school board race, Sansted shared after he was asked the question.

He also shared information about who can file for the position of school board member. Candidates must be eligible to vote in Minnesota, may not have filed for any

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Alex opts-in for share of opioid settlement money

By Al Edenloff
Alexandria Echo Press

A nationwide settlement was recently reached in class-action lawsuits related to the opioid epidemic.

At its meeting Monday Night, the Alexandria City Council authorized staff to complete the online process of receiving a tiny share of the settlement money.

In a notice sent to government subdivisions in the state, including Alexandria, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison said that any subdivision that doesn't participate in the settlement can't directly share in any of the settlement funds, even if the subdivision's



state is settling and other participating subdivisions are sharing in settlement funds.

An advisory panel has been formed to decide how to allocate the funds.

City Attorney Tom Jacobson said it would be better for the city to participate in the settlement instead of trying to go at it alone.

Under the settlement, the three largest

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Crowds of adults and children, many in costumes, trick-or-treated in downtown Alexandria several years ago.

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A spooky weekend

By Karen Tolkkinen
Alexandria Echo Press

With Halloween on a Sunday this year, spooky treats and activities will be spread out over the whole weekend instead of concentrated on just one day.

About 40 kids have already signed up to paint salt-dough ornaments in Halloween shapes such as pumpkins, ghosts or cats, on Saturday at the Douglas County Library.

"I didn't expect this many people to sign up," said children's librarian Sarah Wethern. "I'm excited."

The ornament activity

is full, but kids are still welcome to come to the library and get a piece of candy, she said.

Two morning runs are planned for Saturday, Oct. 30. Kalon Prep Academy will hold its first-ever Spooky Sprint 5K, starting at 9 a.m. from City Park to the Central Lakes trail. Proceeds will go to the Pinky Swear Foundation that provides financial and emotional support to children with cancer and their families. It's a 5K (3.1 mile) costume run. To register, go to www.kalonprep.org.

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LAKES AREA FORECAST

We were blessed with nice weather earlier this week. We had sunshine with temperatures generally in the low to mid 50s.



Mark Anthony
Meteorologist

The wind picked up on Tuesday ahead of a storm system that arrived late Tuesday night into Wednesday.

On Tuesday, wind advisories were issued for parts of Minnesota for gusts to 50 mph.
Rain pushed through the region on Wednesday. Some areas picked up more than an inch of rain, with heavier amounts found across southern Minnesota. Thankfully, severe

weather was limited with this system.

On the backside of this system, drier weather returned by Thursday afternoon and we should see a nice day on Friday as high pressure settles in across the area. High temperatures on Friday should be in the lower 50s.

Our weekend will start off pleasant with highs in the low to mid 50s on Saturday with plenty of sunshine. However, it will turn cooler for Halloween for the trick-or-treaters. Highs will tumble into the lower 40s by Sunday. It will be chilly for the trick-or-treaters after sunset as temps will fall into the mid to upper 30s.

Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 a.m. is when we turn back the clocks as daylight saving time ends.

WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1905, records show that several inches of snowfall accumulated in south central Minnesota. Snowfall totals from 3-7 inches of snow fell across parts of central and southern Minnesota.

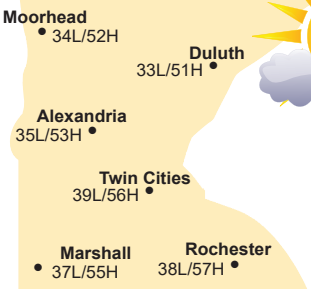
WEATHER FACT

Wind chill factor is the "perceived decrease in air temperature felt by the body on exposed skin" due to the flow of the air over the skin. The wind chill is always lower than the actual air temperature.

MN AT A GLANCE

Sunrise: 7:59 a.m. Sunset: 6:13 p.m.
Normal High: 49 Normal Low: 29

FRIDAY



High **53°**
Low **37°**

Mostly sunny.
Winds: NW 10-15 mph
Prec: None

We should have a pleasant start to the weekend with lots of sunshine and highs in the low to mid 50s on Saturday. A weak cold front will arrive by Saturday night and we will see cooler temperatures on the backside of this for Sunday and into next week.

OUTLOOK

SATURDAY Mostly sunny.



High **53°** Low **31°**
Winds: SW/NW 5-15 mph
Prec: None

SUNDAY Partly cloudy and cooler.



High **42°** Low **26°**
Winds: WNW 10-15 mph
Prec: None

MONDAY Mostly sunny.



High **40°** Low **25°**
Winds: WNW 5-15 mph
Prec: None

TUESDAY Mostly sunny and cool.



High **38°** Low **23°**
Winds: NW 10-15 mph
Prec: None

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Photo of the Week



Tom Mastellar took this photo of sunrise over a pond while duck hunting in Grant County on Sept. 30. If you have a great photo, email it to Lowell Anderson at landerson@echopress.com.

FOR THE RECORD

Douglas County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 2
Location: Douglas County Administration Building Board Room, 821 Cedar St., Alexandria
9 a.m. Call to order, approve agenda, approve minutes of Oct. 19 regular meeting
9:02 a.m. Dawn Dailey, library director
1. Request to fill vacancy for part-time library clerk — action
2. Upcoming Library Board appointment — informational
9:07 a.m. Laurie Bonds, Community Human Services director
1. Approve contracts — action
9:12 a.m. Dave Rush, Land & Resource Management director
1. Conditional use — Douglas County — action
2. Sauk River 1W1P adopt and implement and cooperative agreement — action
9:32 a.m. Tim Erickson, Public Works director
1. Approve leased vehicles — action
2. Approve filling vacancies: engineering technician — action
3. Resolution — Chippewa Park donation — action
4. Approve County Ditch No. 9 access easement

— action
5. Joint County Ditch (JCD) No. 2: set hearing date — action
6. JCD No. 3 and JCD No. 4: Approve 2022 levy amounts — action
9:52 a.m. Julie Anderson, Emergency Management/Public Information officer
1. Approve and sign updated 2021 Emergency Operations Plan — action
10:02 a.m. Break
10:07 a.m. Vicki Doehling, auditor-treasurer
1. Resolution for gambling permit for the Lake Oscar Association — action
10:09 a.m. Jill Frisell, Finance director
1. Bills — action
10:11 a.m. Board
1. Per diems — action
10:16 a.m. Items from the floor
Adjourn
Upcoming meetings: Douglas County Board of Commissioners will attend the Public Works fall planning meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Public Works meeting room, 526 Willow Drive in Alexandria.
These items are as of Wednesday, Oct. 27, and are subject to change.



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A fond farewell to fall



A group of geese enjoy the sunshine of a fall day at Noonan Park in Alexandria on Oct. 22.

Lowell Anderson / Alexandria Echo Press

Dump truck crashes into WCA school bus

A West Central Area school bus carrying about 20 students was struck by a dump truck on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 26 near Elbow Lake.

No one on the school bus was injured but the truck driver was transported by ambulance to the Prairie Ridge Hospital in Elbow Lake and later taken by air ambulance to Sanford Hospital

in Fargo. His condition is not known.

The crash was reported at 3:30 p.m. to the Grant County Sheriff's Office at the intersection of County Highway 21 and 240th Street in Grant County.

Deputies, Elbow Lake First Responders and Prairie Ridge Ambulance responded to the scene.

After the impact, both vehicles ended up in the road ditch. Both vehicles sustained significant damage and were towed from the scene, according to the sheriff's office.

The accident is being investigated by the Grant County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota State Patrol, according to Sheriff Mark Haberer.

Masters of Soul to perform Saturday in Alex

The Masters of Soul will offer up some legendary music from Motown and Soul Music when they perform in Alexandria at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

The group is coming to the area for the Central Lakes Concert Association concert season and will perform in the Tastefully Simple Performing Arts Center in the Alexandria Area High School.

The Masters of Soul features three lead male vocalists and three lead female vocalists backed by a four-piece band. Together for decades, they tout their stylish costumes, choreographed moves and "incredible harmonies."



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Masters of Soul

Their music can provide a stroll down memory lane for older generations, while younger generations can glimpse a notable era in our country's musical history.

Masters of Soul's program highlights include music by Gladys Knight & The Pips, Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, and many more that became famous in Detroit.

COVID-19 CASE COUNT

Total number of COVID-19 cases confirmed by the Minnesota Department of Health in Douglas County and the surrounding area as of Oct. 27 (cumulative):

- **Douglas County** – 6,441 (91 deaths).
- **Grant** – 816 (9 deaths).
- **Otter Tail** – 8,258 (107 deaths).
- **Pope** – 1,646 (8 deaths).
- **Stearns** – 28,957 (257

deaths).

- **Stevens** – 1,282 (11 deaths)
- **Todd** – 4,114 (37 deaths).
- **Statewide (cumulative)** – 781,548 (8,612 deaths).
- **Active cases in Douglas County** – 176 (according to Horizon Public Health as of Oct. 21).
- **People (16 and older) with at least one vaccine dose in Douglas County** – 20,342 or 64.8% of the population (as of Oct. 26).

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GABE PIPO

- ★ He was part of the inaugural law enforcement class at what is now the Alex Tech, then started as an officer in Springfield, where he worked for about four months before receiving his draft notice.
- ★ Gabe decided to enlist in the navy after talking to a recruiter.
- ★ After serving four years in the Navy, Gabe went back to law enforcement where he spent his time as a deputy and eventually a sergeant for Douglas County.
- ★ He is a part of many veteran organizations and had a big role in getting the Veterans Memorial Park going, as he was the chairman.

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I've held different roles as a businesswoman. Currently, I work as a Realtor with RE/MAX Lakes Area Realty. I am also on the board of a ministry organization building a school in Malawi, Africa.

- I would like to see greater transparency from our school board and district, fostering community trust.
- I am against early sexualization of our children. I want to ensure sex education is age appropriate and safe for our students.
- I support parent choice regarding masks and am against mandatory vaccination.
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AN ECHO PRESS EDITORIAL

THUMBS UP/ THUMBS DOWN

Do your civic duty

Thumbs Up: Those who have already voted in their local school district elections or referendum deserve a thumbs up. Those who haven't voted yet still have some time; the special elections will take place Tuesday, Nov. 2. There are decisions to make in five school districts in the county. Alexandria, Osakis and Parkers Prairie school districts will each be having elections to fill a seat on the school board, while Brandon-Evansville and West Central Area school districts will be voting on bond issues. More information about those elections was printed in Wednesday's Echo Press.

Making sense of alphabet soup

Thumbs Up: Do you know what FRA is? How about PIA? Or COLA? Acronyms can get confusing. All three of those are used when talking about Social Security. Fortunately, the Social Security Administration is trying to clear the gobbledygook with an online glossary at www.ssa.gov/agency/glossary. And for those wanting to know, here's an explanation of those acronyms: If you're considering retirement, you may want to know your FRA (full retirement age) and your PIA (primary insurance amount). These terms determine your benefit amount based on when you start getting requirement benefits. The PIA is the amount payable for a retired worker who starts his or her benefits at full retirement age. If you start your retirement benefits at your FRA, you'll receive the full PIA. Most years, your benefit amount will get an increase. "If one of these terms or acronyms comes up in conversation, you can be the one to help clarify the meaning, using our online glossary," the administration said. "Learning the terminology can deepen your understanding of how Social Security programs work for you."

Viking Bank's impact

Thumbs Up: Viking Bank will take a much-deserved turn in the spotlight next week as the recipient of the Business and Industrial Appreciation Day Award. Sponsored by the Alexandria Area Economic

Development Commission and the Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, the history of the award dates back to 1984, and is recognized as one of the largest and longest standing annual events of its type in greater Minnesota. The award is based on several factors: Impact of the business on the job market, impact of the business on the local economy, capital investment; an indication of commitment by the business to increase community capacity and community contributions; and evidence of the business' investment of time, skills, and resources to assist in community oriented projects. The BIAD luncheon will take Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. For tickets, visit alexandriamn.org. The Echo Press published a 16-page booklet spotlighting the bank's impact, which was inserted in Wednesday's issue.

Stupid people tricks

Thumbs Down: There seems to be a lot of fraud, attempted fraud and senseless vandalism in the police and sheriff blotter recently. During just a three-day period, Oct. 18-20, authorities investigated nine cases of fraud or attempted fraud, most of them involving the internet. Examples: A caller was asked to divulge personal financial information over the phone; someone asked for \$75 over Snapshot and the caller sent that amount but \$220 was taken from his account; and a caller reported being the targeted for a scam through PayPal. Recent acts of vandalism included items in a garage were damaged and windows on a house were broken; a row of mailboxes were repeatedly torn down; water was dumped into a diesel tank; and someone put ketchup in mailboxes and on garages. Another stupid and senseless act of vandalism: Twenty headstones were toppled and damaged at Kinkead Cemetery some time between 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 and 6:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22. The lesson: Stay vigilant, beware of who you are dealing with on the phone or online, and report crimes and suspicious behavior to law enforcement.

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

PAID LETTER

Rebuttal: Eigen hasn't received direct donation from 1776 Project PAC

To the editor:
In rebuttal to the Oct. 27 paid political letter from Andrew Wiener. He stated that Sen. Ingebrigtsen made no mention of "...the national 1776 Project PAC endorsement of a candidate or the resources they've poured into this local race." He was referring to Senator Ingebrigtsen's letter as if the senator would know the details of Eigen's campaign. I confirmed with the Eigen Campaign there was one email exchange between the PAC and

Eigen. She appears on their website as an endorsed candidate. Eigen has not received any direct donation. The PAC has spent no known money in our area. If they do, they will be identified as having paid for the advertisement as required by campaign finance law.

Maureen Eigen has worked hard in her campaign, resulting in an unprecedented level of financial donations and volunteer hours. Watch for campaign finance reports to be made public to confirm this.

Laura Knudsen Nelson, MN
(A paid rebuttal letter)

Submitting letters to the editor

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The many faces of Halloween

Are you ready for Halloween? I sure was when I was a kid growing up in Parkers Prairie in the 1960s. Halloween was a highlight, bested only by Christmas, of course. And it was definitely, through a kid's eyes, much more fun than Thanks-giving. I could never figure out why adults

were so obsessed with mashed potatoes and gravy, a weird looking turkey, and something called dressing. Give me a big orange plastic pumpkin bucket overflowing with candy any time.

Not only were there treats, Halloween also provided the chance to get together with my buddies, bravely knock on stranger's doors and, of course, wear a costume. My mom went all out for Halloween. She put her craft skills to the test and came up with all kinds of creative outfits for me. They weren't scary but they were elaborate. One that stands out was an Uncle Sam get-up where she transformed glue and cotton balls into a big, fluffy white beard and festooned a ridiculously tall top hat in red, white and blue colors, complete with stars. I also wore red-striped pants and a blue jacket. It won a prize in a costume contest when I was 5 or 6.

Over the years, Halloween changed. There is that weird transition period when costumes suddenly aren't as cool anymore. I still hung out with my buddies but we took a minimalist approach to the holiday. In my early teens, I remember wearing



Contributed

This Uncle Sam costume earned a first place prize in Parkers Prairie back in 1966. Although I looked somber in the photo, I was very much looking forward to Halloween.

the old "big nose and glasses" disguise but that was about as far as it went. In those years, we mainly focused on what the girls were doing in our grade and we tried to track them down and scare them on Halloween night.

Later, in college, Halloween evolved into an excuse to go to a bar and party. On a few occasions, we'd go to a costume party, but again, I never went all out. One year, I found an old suit coat and a hat that belonged to my dad. I put a press card in the hat, wore clunky glasses and said I was Clark Kent. I completed the look with a Superman T-shirt under my buttoned shirt but I knew it wouldn't come close to winning a prize.

After college, Halloween kind of faded. I remember getting together with friends to watch a scary movie on TV, maybe eating some candy, but that was about it.

It stayed like that for a few years until, like Jason in the horror movies, my interest in Halloween was revived again, thanks to my nieces, Katelyn and Carly. When they were younger than 10 or so, they would come knocking on my apartment door on Halloween, dressed as

princesses, witches or the latest movie characters and I'd load up their pumpkin baskets with candy while they excitedly told me about the places they were going to go trick-or-treating.

I was hooked on Halloween all over again.

Flash forward another 15 years, and I still look forward to putting out Halloween decorations and seeing the excited trick-or-treaters who stop by my wife and I's house. We keep track of how many kids visit each year, tallying up the numbers as they go. We can't hold a candle to the hundreds, even thousands, of kids who descend on the Douglas Street neighborhood on Halloween. The most we've had is around 70. It's still a fun night, seeing the costumes (feigning fright over the scary ones), handing out the treats and watching how excited the kids get over just a couple of pieces of candy.

But, of course, there's more to Halloween than sugar. It's a night for childhood adventuring, continuing traditions and sharing some spooky fun.

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

1996: Runestone Museum takes down a wobbly Big Ole

This Week in 1971 – 50 years ago McCarthy's Drive-In wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the people of Alexandria and also the

people from other areas who have patronized us for the past eight years. We are starting our NINTH year in this fine city and promise to give you the same fast service and good food that we have been

serving since 1963. Only U.S. Government Inspected Meat at McCarthy's on South Broadway in Alexandria.

1981 – 40 years ago: Ron's Warehouse Sales is celebrating its 13th anniversary with a grand opening celebration in a new building at a new location – two blocks east of the old store on Hwy 27 East. Ron's handles new, close-out, damaged and discontinued merchandise. The new store is double the size of the original building.

1971, 50 years ago: Nearly 200 Bellanca dealers came to town, and most, as you can guess, came by plane. Highlight of the weekend as far as the public was concerned, was the dizzying aerobatic demonstration by Bobby Bishop. During the weekend meeting the airport looked like a vast used airplane lot,

glistening with literally millions of dollars worth of aircraft.

A \$32,000 loan to construct rental housing for rural senior citizens and low income families has allowed the start of a duplex building in Miltona. The loan was made to Miltona Homes, Inc., a local corporation made up of Miltona businessmen and area farmers, by the Farmers Home Administration. The new home is located just across the street from the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church on the south side of Miltona. The loan secured to build the home is to be paid over a 50-year period.

1996, 25 years ago: Big Ole the Viking was taken down and will be stored in the agricultural-display building of the Runestone Museum until enough funds can be raised for a structural diagnosis and repairs. In recent months the museum staff noticed that the stalwart sentinel was beginning to wobble at the slightest breeze. If all goes as planned, the statue will be up again in the spring. Fun fact: In August, 1980, Big Ole was moved about one block north just before spotlights were installed at Broadway and 3rd.

2011, 10 years ago: Imagine an igloo, 50 feet by 50 feet, that's 77 stories high. That's how much snow the Alexandria Street Department hauled away last winter, according to Public Works Coordinator Bryan Bjorngaard.

Just For Fun, 1971

– 50 years ago: Free snowmobile drawing – register from now until Dec. 22 at Bob's Clothes Shop in Alexandria for a free 1972 SNO-JET electric start. Alexandria Boat Works – two full-time mechanics on duty six days a week. Three miles east of Alexandria on Highway 27.

1996 – 25 years ago: Big Ole made his debut in 1965 after being created by Gordon Displays of Minneapolis. The steel-reinforced fiberglass giant, which weighs about four tons, cost \$15,000. Shortly after he was made, Big Ole stood guard over the Kensington Runestone at the New York World's Fair in the Minnesota Pavillion.

Sports Trivia, 1971 – 50 years ago: Fred, Bernie, Tom and Ted Steidl all bagged a moose on a jaunt into the wilds of Canada. The area they hunted was at Earl Falls, Canada, a 500 mile jaunt by vehicle and then an additional 75 miles into the brush by water on the English River system. A big game Canadian license is \$125 this year and an import fee of \$15 if a moose is obtained. The Steidls dressed out their animals in six pieces each and had a big break when Danny Reis of Carlos, in an adjoining area, flew out their meat with his airplane. The group of Carlos hunters, of which Reis was a member, had good luck too.

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

OBITUARIES

Crystal Lamae (Nelson) Dougherty

CRYSTAL LAMAE DOUGHERTY was born October 5, 1934, in Rock County, MN to Oluf and Gladys (Lee) Nelson. She attended first grade in country school, District #38, and the remaining years at Hills, MN, graduating in the class of 1952. Following high school graduation, she attended Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She taught fifth and sixth grade in Sutherland, Iowa, for two years and then fourteen years in Worthington, MN.

Crystal married Erich Fuhrmannek, a German refugee, on June 29, 1958. Erich had come to America in 1956 and as a tailor, eventually became part-owner of Bishop's Clothing, Worthington, MN. Their two children, Gretchen and Andrea were born while they lived in Worthington. They moved to Pipestone, MN, in 1970 where Erich taught tailoring at the Pipestone Area Vocational Technical School.

During those years, Crystal was very active in Girl Scouting—as troop leader for her daughters' troops, as well as Service Unit Chairman for local and area girl scouts. She was an active member at First Lutheran Church in Pipestone, serving in many capacities—as president of the women's organization, Circle leader, Educational Secretary and library board member. She was also president of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) and a Current Events Club.

In 1976 she and her husband purchased Timberlane Resort on Lake Ida near Alexandria, MN. She and her daughters spent summers there with Erich coming up from Pipestone on weekends.

Erich died on February 3, 1983. The following year, Crystal and the girls moved to Alexandria. She then decided to go to the Alexandria Vocational Technical Institute and graduated from the Professional Office Management class in 1985. She worked for the Northern Lights Library Network for about a year and then was hired at Calvary Lutheran Church as office manager—a job she held for 17 1/2 years and loved. She married Keith Dougherty, who was then treasurer of Calvary, on October 1, 1988.

She loved to travel, and she and Keith visited many wonderful and interesting places abroad: Alaska, Hawaii, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, England, Wales, Ireland, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Hungary, New Zealand, Australia, and both East and West Germany.

Crystal passed away on October 23, 2021, at Grand Arbor in Alexandria, MN at the age of 87. She is survived by her husband, Keith Dougherty; daughter, Andrea (Mike) Kloubec, Buffalo, MN; two sisters: Marcie Muckey, Spencer, IA and Dianne (Dennis) Van Goor, Sioux Falls, SD; four grandchildren, Amber Johnson, Erich Johnson, Kyle Spaeth, and Ryan Spaeth; two step-children, Todd (Kim) Dougherty and Anne Garret; three step grandchildren, Scott, Sean, and Janae; three step-great-grandchildren Cameron, Parker and Paxton; and family friends, Natalie (Matt) Lanoues and Stephanie Treschek.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Erich Fuhrmannek; brother, George; and daughter, Gretchen Spaeth.

We would like to say a special thanks to the wonderful staff at Grand Arbor Gardens Memory Care and Hospice of Douglas County, Alexandria, MN.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday at the church.

Inurnment to take place at Flowerfield Cemetery, Hills, MN at a time to be given later. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred.

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Leila Mae Hanson

Leila Mae (Peterson) Hanson was born March 26, 1926 in Brandon Township to Edwin and Emma (Hedeem) Peterson. She attended Brandon area schools for her education. On May 10, 1948, she was united in marriage to Conrad Hanson at the West Moe Parsonage. To this union five children were born: Ray, Howard, Dwayne, Charlie, and Anita. Leila was a homemaker all her life, but always a mother first. She took care of the household, helped around the farm all while raising her five children. Conrad passed away in 1995. Leila remained on the farm until she was 89 years old before moving into the Evansville Care Center.

Leila was a longtime member at West Moe Lutheran Church where she was very active in church activities and programs. She also liked to stay active in the Brandon community by volunteering and joining various groups.

Leila Hanson died on Sunday, October 24, 2021 in Evansville, MN at the age of 95 years. She is survived by her children: Ray (Rosie) Hanson, Howard (Ardelle) Hanson, Dwayne (Renee) Hanson, and Anita (Jim) Allison; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren and one on the way; and her sister: Millie Floding. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Conrad; her son: Charlie; 3 brothers: Ralph, Donald, and Lloyd Peterson; and 1 sister: Irene Chattin.

A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 PM on Friday, October 29, 2021, at West Moe Lutheran Church in Brandon, MN. Visitation will be held from 5-7 PM on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at the Anderson Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

A live stream and recording of the service will be available 1:00 PM on Friday, October 29, 2021, on the funeral home website.

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The address of the newly opened Douglas County Administration Building is officially 821 Cedar St. instead of 822 Douglas St.

Douglas County Admin Building gets new address

The newly-opened Douglas County Administration Building has a new address. It's officially 821 Cedar St. instead of 822 Douglas St.

"The main entrance to our new administration building is on Cedar Street so changing the address just made sense," said commissioner and board chair Jerry Rapp in a press release. "We also realize that many people put the address into their GPS and 821 Cedar Street gets them right to the door they need to use."

The administration building houses the Douglas County License Bureau on the main level, along with the board of commissioners meeting room. Downstairs is the Auditor Treasurer's Office which is accessible either by stairs which are to the right of the main entrance, or an

elevator located to the left of the main entrance. The doors on the east side of the building facing Douglas Street are for exit purposes only.

"Please tell your friends and family about the new location and the new address," said Rapp. "If you hear folks talking about getting their license or tabs renewed, let them know about the new location, and that they need to park in the lot off Cedar Street."

Both the Cedar Street and Douglas Street addresses will be used for the next year to ensure all mail intended for the county departments housed in the building will arrive without delay. The county Finance Department and Coordinator's Office are also in the new administration building.

COVID rapid testing offered in Wadena

Free COVID-19 rapid testing is now available at the Wadena Armory.

Rapid testing will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through the month of December. The sites are being supported by the Minnesota National Guard.

Testing is free. Participants that have health insurance will be asked for their insurance information so the state can bill their insurance company on their behalf. If a person is uninsured or if insurance does not cover some or all of the cost, the state will cover the difference, ensuring testing remains open to all at no cost

Testing is recommended for symptomatic Minnesotans and is open to Minnesotans with or without insurance. Rapid test results will be available within approximately one to three hours of processing.

To schedule an appointment, go to www.health.state.mn.us and

click on "COVID-19 Testing."

Walk-ins are also welcome.

"Minnesotans continue to navigate daycare, school, and work all alongside the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Free and fast testing options help families keep their lives on track," said Governor Tim Walz. "That's why we continue to expand testing opportunities in the metro and Greater Minnesota to meet Minnesotans where they are. We are taking action to make sure all Minnesotans have access to testing options at our free community testing network."

"Testing for COVID-19 helps keep our kids safe in the classroom and workers protected on the job," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "Free rapid and PCR testing is just what Minnesota families need right now, and that's why we are setting up new sites across Minnesota to get more tests to Minnesota families."

"The Minnesota National Guard's

motto is 'Always Ready, Always There' and demonstrates our commitment to support Minnesota citizens," said Army Major General Shawn Manke, Minnesota National Guard's Adjutant General. "We have supported public health activities since March 2020 with varying levels of personnel and activities and are prepared to do so, again."

Last week, the state launched new COVID-19 community rapid testing sites in Stillwater, Crookston, and Hutchinson. In just the first week, 635 participants were tested in Stillwater, 157 participants were tested in Hutchinson, and 49 participants were tested in Crookston. These sites are also supported by the Minnesota National Guard. More details on an additional rapid testing site in Albert Lea will be provided in the near future.

The state also began offering rapid tests at existing community testing locations in Moorhead, Saint Paul, Brooklyn Park, and Duluth last week.

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Worship Service: Sunday 8 am Traditional 9:30 & 11 am Contemporary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gospel Light Baptist Church
1210 Broadway St., Suite #265, Alexandria
218-671-0993 / www.glbcalex.com
pastorlbc@gmail.com
Pastors: Silas Clarke
Worship Service: Sunday 3 pm & Thursday 6:30 pm
Join us for our
Sermon Series, The Model Christian Sundays 3 pm
Sermon Series, Godly Success Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other Areas

St. Lukes's, Garfield (LCMC)
201 Ida St., Garfield
320-834-2285
www.stlukeschurchgarfield.org
Pastor: David L. Gran & Susan J. Davidson
Visitation Pastor: David Wallin
Worship Service: Sunday 8:30 & 11 am
Coffee Fellowship & Bible Studies: Sunday 9:45 am
Holy Communion second & last Sunday of the month

Trinity Lutheran Church
16 N. Douglas, Carlos
320-852-7530
Pastor: Mark Schwarz
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am
Communion on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

DEATH

Gloria Setterholm

July 26, 1941 - Oct. 24, 2021
FARGO, N.D. - Gloria Setterholm, 80, Battle Lake, Minn., died Sunday, Oct. 24, in Sanford Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills, Minn. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, at the church.

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COVERING THE
'SNYDERVERSE'

Area native publishes book devoted to film director

By Travis Gulbrandson
Alexandria Echo Press

Alexandria area native Daryn Kirscht was not a film buff until after he graduated from high school, an experience that was kicked off in part when he went to see “The Dark Knight Rises.”

Before that film started, a trailer was shown for Zack Snyder’s upcoming film, “Man of Steel.”

“There was something about ‘Man of Steel’ that really caught me, that really resonated with me, and what’s true about all the movies that Zack has done,” Kirscht said. “It’s so different from the norm. It branches out into its own thing. ...

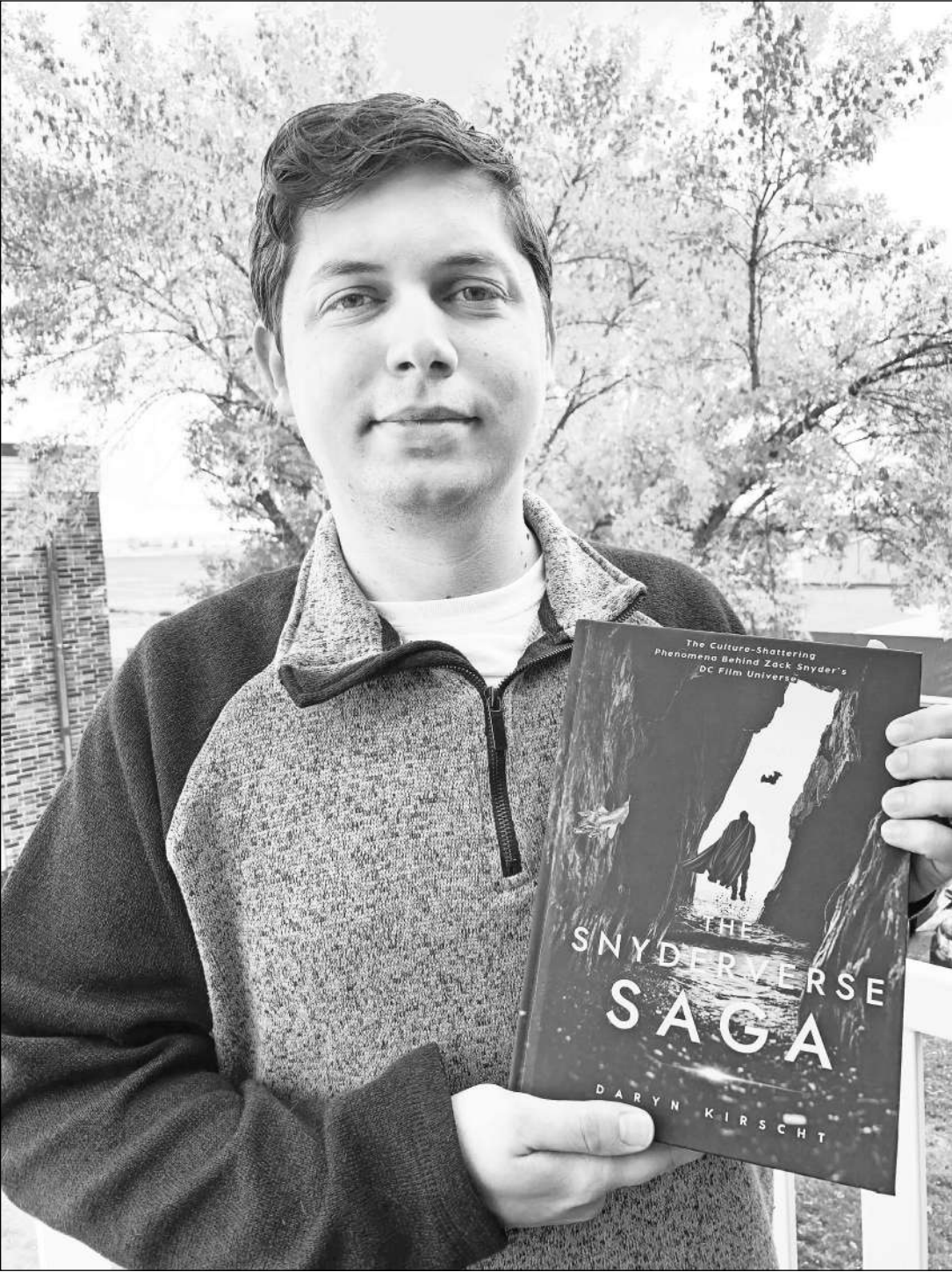
“There’s something about his style and the way he portrays his characters that really resonated with me, and obviously resonated with other people as well,” he said.

It resonated so much that Kirscht has written a book covering the director’s work since 2012, “The Snyderverse Saga: The Culture-Shattering Phenomena Behind Zack Snyder’s DC Film Universe.”

Kirscht is a native of the Alexandria area, having attended high school at Bertha Hewitt. He currently lives in Grand Forks.

“It kind of started off a little bit differently than what it is now,” Kirscht said. “It was going to be a book mainly about ‘Batman vs. Superman’ and the ramifications and fallout, the good and bad that happened after that movie. It was kind of crazy there for a while.

“But then it kind of evolved and turned into more of a story about everything, especially once Zack’s ‘Justice League’ became a thing and was released. It just seemed fitting that I should cover



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Author Daryn Kirscht holds his first book, “The Snyderverse Saga: The Culture-Shattering Phenomena Behind Zack Snyder’s DC Film Universe,” which was published Tuesday.

the whole spectrum, the whole series,” he said.

Covering that spectrum involved going through many articles from trade magazines and backing up the facts contained within them.

“I’m part of the fandom,” Kirscht said. “I’m a Zack Snyder fan. I think you almost have to be to write a book like this. But for the research, being part of the fans, I lived through that, I guess. So I experienced most of this stuff when

it happened. I’ve been following it for a long time. So a lot of it I kind of knew what I was going to write about. The biggest thing with the research was finding the articles and backing everything up. That was a little bit tedious, but definitely worth it.”

In addition to the films themselves, the book also discusses the behind-the-scenes stories, including one acutely painful for the director.

When Snyder was editing

“Justice League,” his daughter committed suicide. Snyder then stepped down from the project, which was retooled in his absence, becoming more of a comedy than it was intended to be, with new footage being shot and other footage being repurposed.

While Warner Brothers assured fans it was still Snyder’s movie, it was clearly not the case, Kirscht said.

This resulted in a campaign to release

Snyder’s cut of the film, which was ultimately done through HBO Max.

“I think the general consensus is that (Snyder’s version) is better, but I think it’s miles and miles better than the one that was released in theaters,” Kirscht said.

Perhaps the biggest difference between the two cuts, aside from the tone, was that the “Snyder cut” runs four hours, compared to the original’s two.

This gives a chance for much more character development than the original film offered, Kirscht said.

“In this version, everybody had a super-important role,” he said. “It was kind of the culmination of everything.”

The book also deals with the charitable side of fandom, directly related to the suicide of Snyder’s daughter. Since that time, fans have raised approximately \$750,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Kirscht said.

Kirscht is donating a portion of the money his book makes in its first two weeks to the foundation, as well.

He is also trying to launch an apparel campaign related to the book, all the proceeds of which will go to the foundation, he said.

Kirscht thanked the company through which he is publishing the book, Paper Raven Books.

“They were really great to work with every step of the way,” he said. “They really helped empower me. They kind of gave me all the tools and resources to bring this book to life in a way that I didn’t feel like I could before.”

He also hopes that news of the book will reach its inspiration.

“I don’t know if Zack knows about it yet, but I’m really hoping he does,” Kirscht said.

“The Snyderverse Saga” was released Oct. 26. It is available on Amazon digitally, in paperback and hardcover.

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'Dune' a spectacle that lives up to expectations

When the movie delays started early in the COVID-19 pandemic, the film I was most bummed about having to wait and see was “Dune.” But I can finally say it was worth the wait.

Denis Villeneuve is one of the best filmmakers on the planet right now. When I heard he was behind the “Dune” reboot, I was over the moon. He’s made some of the best sci-fi movies ever, and there’s nothing more

sci-fi than “Dune.”

The original is a 1984 picture that didn’t live up to expectations. It was a frail comparison to a much more believed sci-fi franchise in Star Wars. Since then, it’s become a cult classic. Both the original and rebooted “Dune” films are adaptations of the novel series. A small pocket of “Dune” fans would go to war for the books and the old movie.

“Dune” is the story of Paul Atreides, a teenager born into a family destiny that’s greater than he understands. His coming-of-age story is heightened in a trip to the most volatile planet in the universe to protect his

family lineage. Nations battle over spice, the most valued resource in existence—those who control the spice control the political landscape. After Paul sees his family ties in the spice game start to crumble, it’s up to him to be the savior he was meant to be.

I gave “Dune” a 98/100. It’s the best new release I’ve seen since “Parasite.” This is part one of a two-part saga, and it hits on every single point for me.

This is the most visually stunning movie I’ve ever seen. If you choose to see this at home instead of in theaters, you are doing yourself a disservice.

This film is the reason why theaters exist. Do not watch this on HBO Max before making a trip to the theater. It’s beyond worth it.

Hans Zimmer is the best in the game when it comes to directing a movie’s music. The score for this film was some of Zimmer’s best. There’s so much weight behind the music that adds to how tense “Dune” feels. It’s supposed to make you understand how life-or-death the predicaments the characters find themselves in, and I believe Zimmer delivered.

The acting is top-notch. You won’t see a cast this stacked for

a long time. Timothee Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebeca Ferguson, Jason Momoa, Oscar Isaac, Stellan Skarsgard, Dave Bautista, Javier Bardem and Josh Brolin all star in “Dune.” Every single one of these people is more than qualified to be a leading role in a film. To have most of these actors take supporting roles for this movie is so awesome. I’ve seen some complaints about the lack of depth in character development. While I don’t agree in this instance, it is a common problem with stacked casts. That’s up to the interpretation of the viewer.

“Dune” is not a

movie for people who don’t like sci-fi. If you couldn’t get into something like Star Wars, you shouldn’t watch “Dune.” If you love projects like Lord of the Rings, this is right up your alley.

Even in my highest expectations, “Dune” found a way to exceed them. Villeneuve’s style of filmmaking combined with the lore of a deep sci-fi story is my kind of movie. Villeneuve also made “Blade Runner: 2049” and “Arrival,” which are two of the best movies I’ve ever seen. I think “Dune” has a chance to be the best of the three.

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Now is the perfect time to seed a bare patch of lawn

The fall chores are winding down, the last-minute scramble to finish outdoor projects are wrapping up, but there may be one more yard chore you can do before the snow covers our landscapes: Late October and early November are the perfect time to “dormant” or “frost” seed your lawn.

If you have an area of your lawn that is bare or thin, one way to get a jump-start next spring is to actually put the seed down in late fall before the ground freezes. Dormant seeding should take place before the ground freezes solid, but after temperatures have dropped low enough so germination will not occur (soil temperatures below 50 degrees). If the temperatures are too warm the grass seed will sprout, only to

not survive the winter because they are too fragile and immature to survive winter’s harsh conditions.

Dormant seeding procedures are the same as warm season procedures. Here are key steps in helping the success of your dormant seeding:

- ▶ Select appropriate seed for the site. Mixes with Kentucky bluegrass, and fine fescues for average, sunny areas, and mixtures with higher concentration of shade tolerant fine fescues for more shaded areas. Note: All grass types prefer sun, so shaded areas will struggle to have an established, thick grass cover.
- ▶ Prep the site by loosening up the top one-half inch or more of the surface soil; deeper cultivation may be necessary in compacted areas. Typically, this can be done using a hand-rake or power rake. Rake up any plant debris to allow the best seed to soil contact.
- ▶ Apply the seed at the proper rate using a spreader, by hand, or with a slit seeder —

typically, three to four pounds per 1,000 square feet. Read the seed bag for specific details.

- ▶ Lightly rake or roll to help increase the seed to soil contact.
- ▶ Water the area thoroughly but avoid having the area become soggy and saturated. If temperatures do rise and the area begins to dry out, it may need an additional light watering, but it often isn’t necessary.
- ▶ Wait until spring! Dormant seeding is a nice way to take care of one more chore this fall that may not have gotten done earlier. It can be very useful for those who have soil conditions that remain wet and poorly drained in the spring.

Be aware that some seed may be lost due to birds or mice, or washing away, which may require additional spot seeding once conditions are right next spring. Receiving a protection layer of snow shortly after seeding seems to minimize loss.

For areas that are sloping additional erosion control may be necessary, such as laying down a light layer of

straw or using an erosion control blanket or other product. Areas with more than a 3% slope might not be good candidates for dormant seeding and instead site prep and seeding may need to wait till conditions are correct next spring.

Once spring arrives, be sure to give the grass some time to germinate. Soil temperatures need to rise above 50 degrees, and air temperatures typically need to be above 60 degrees; also note that some grass species take as long as 10 to 14 days to germinate. Be patient, and only then reseed where spots didn’t come up.

For more information on dormant seeding, visit: extension.umn.edu/lawn/lawn-care/dormant-seeding.

“Is not this a true autumn day? Just the still melancholy that I love—that makes life and nature harmonize.” — George Eliot

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Pope County 4-H member to serve as state ambassador

Imagine representing an entire statewide organization and working with thousands of people from every part of Minnesota... as a teenager.

This year, **L a u r e e n** Walter has exactly that opportunity. Lauren is one of 27 outstanding youth who were selected to serve as a Minnesota 4-H state ambassador.

State ambassadors are the youth leaders and spokespeople for Minnesota 4-H. Being selected as a state ambassador is one of the highest honors that a 4-H member can achieve. Lauren is the daughter of Nathan and Angela Walter and lives in Villard. She just completed the 11th grade and is a member of the Villard Livewires 4-H Club.

“I look forward to representing and promoting Minnesota 4-H in my role as a Minnesota 4-H state ambassador,” Wal-

ter said in a press release.

Throughout this year, the 4-H State Ambassador team will dedicate many hours to organizing, planning and facilitating 4-H activities and events throughout the state, impacting thousands of other youth involved in Minnesota 4-H’s programs. This includes supporting the 2021 Minnesota 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair, coordinating and facilitating statewide leadership events, and sharing their 4-H story with the

general public at businesses, industry associations, schools and community groups.

The state ambassador program is one of several 4-H leadership and civic engagement experiences available to Minnesota youth.

To learn more about the 4-H State Ambassadors, visit z.umn.edu/4-h-state-ambies or contact Meg Clark and Jacquie Lanning, state ambassador advisors, at mn4h-stateambiadvisors@umn.edu.

STUDENT NEWS

Dean’s lists

▶ The following Alexandria students were named to the North Dakota State University summer 2021 dean’s list for achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher: Eric Buckley, accounting; Alexis Heckert, criminal justice; McKenzie Weigel, microbiology.

▶ Lydia Waage of Alexandria was named to the Dean’s List at Biola University in La Mirada, California, for earning a GPA of at least 3.6 while also maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2. Waage is studying nursing.

2021 AP Scholars

Fourteen Alexandria Area High School graduates and current students earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement exams during the 2020-2021 school year, based on May exams. AP courses are college-level courses taught by high school teachers and can provide college credit.

The AP Scholar Awards are divided into three categories. The AP Scholar designation goes to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams: Anna Dare,



Klimek



Dare



Meehan



Koehn



Welle

Krista Deising, Ethan Johnson, Alexis Klimek, Coltan Koehn, Anna Meehan, Emma Reineke, Jack Struck, and Nicolas Welle. The AP Scholar with Honor designation goes to students who score at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams: Noah Capouch, Nicholas Nelson and Aaron Safarik. AP Scholar with Distinction goes to students who score at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams: Christian Fleming and Jacob Tiegen. Nine of the 14 have already graduated.

Scholarships

▶ Anna Joy of Alexandria was one of 36 Minnesota college students to receive a \$3,000 scholarship through the Affinity Plus Foundation Scholarship Program. The foundation offers scholarships to member

students either from communities where the credit union has a branch or attending a Minnesota-based college where it has a branch.

▶ Julia Schmidt of Alexandria received a Fire Up Scholarship from Minnesota State University Moorhead where she is majoring in education. Julia is a graduate of Alexandria Area High School. She is the daughter of Tiffany Schmidt. The Fire Up Scholarship is an academic achievement award with an award amount of \$5,000 over the course of four years.

▶ Three students from Alex-

andria Technical & Community College — Wyatt Wothe, Hunter Brown and Mason Spindler — were among 39 students in North America to receive scholarships from the Associated Equipment Distributors Foundation because of a \$300,000 donation from The Caterpillar Foundation to aid the heavy equipment industry. The three are studying diesel technology and will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Graduations

The following Alexandria students graduated from the University of North Dakota in August: Lindsey Knoll, magna cum laude and Lauren Savageau, summa cum laude.

Alex, Brandon host November blood drives

The American Red Cross says it is still trying to overcome an ongoing emergency blood shortage, and asks people to donate blood during one of several upcoming local blood drives.

The organization says that the current blood supply is the lowest the Red Cross has seen this time of year in more than a decade.

Those who donate Nov. 1-12 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Hawaii to see where the series “I Know What You Did Last Summer,” was filmed. Those who donate Nov. 1-23 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precau-

tions — including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Upcoming blood drives in Douglas County:

Alexandria

- ▶ Thursday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Alexandria Technical & Community College, 1601 Jefferson
- ▶ Monday, Nov. 15, 1-7 p.m., St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 420 Irving St.
- ▶ Tuesday, Nov. 16, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 420 Irving St.

Brandon

- ▶ Monday, Nov. 15, noon-6 p.m., Village Hall, 105 Holmes Ave.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Oct. 29

4-6 p.m. Harvest Fun Fest, Early Education Center, 1410 S. McKay Ave.

7 p.m. “Cat’s Paw,” Fire Pit Productions, lakesareatheatre.com/firepit

7:30 p.m. Fall Band Concert, AAHS Performing Arts Center, Alexandria

Saturday, Oct. 30

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Kiwanis Craft Bazaar, Broadway Ballroom, Alexandria

10:30-11:30 a.m. Halloween Salt Dough Ornaments for Kids, Douglas County Library. Register at 320-762-3013.

3-9 p.m. Zombie Axe Throw, Woodsman Axe, 124 7th Ave. W., Alexandria

3-4:30 p.m. Trail of Treats at Smokey Timbers Camp in Miltona, followed by a hike through the haunted woods from 7-10 p.m.

7 p.m. “Cat’s Paw,” Fire Pit Productions, lakesareatheatre.com/firepit

7:30 p.m. Masters of Soul concert for Central Lakes Concert Association, AAHS Performing Arts Center. Season ticket required.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Noon-4 p.m. Fall Open House, Legacy of the Lakes Museum, Alexandria

2 p.m. Halloween Parade, from Fairgrounds to Fillmore and 9th, Alexandria

2-3:30 p.m. Nordic Meadow Trick or Treat

2-4 p.m. Trick or Treat, downtown Alexandria

2-4 p.m. Trunk or Treat, Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1204 N. Nokomis NE

3-5 p.m. Fall Fest in the Fort, tentative, Runestone Museum, Alexandria

3-9 p.m. Zombie Axe Throw, Woodsman Axe, 124 7th Ave. W., Alexandria

3:30-5 p.m. Trunk or Treat, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alexandria

4:30 -6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat, Calvary Lutheran Church, 605 Douglas St., Alexandria

Monday, Nov. 1

6-8 p.m. Moving Words, a program with three Minnesota Book Award-winning authors, Douglas County Library, Alexandria

7:30 p.m. Choir Concert, Alexandria Area High School Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, Nov. 3

11:30 p.m. Business & Industrial Appreciation Day, Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria

Thursday, Nov. 4

4-7 p.m. Alexandria Area Holiday Arts & Crafters Tour, facebook.com/crafterstour

Friday, Nov. 5

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Alexandria Area Holiday Arts & Crafters Tour, facebook.com/crafterstour

Send event information to echo@echopress.com, or Echo Press, P.O. Box 549, Alexandria, MN 56308.

BIRTHS

Births at Alomere Health, Oct. 18-22

10/18/21 — Boy born to Tah-lia and Jeremiah Burnham of Alexandria.

10/21/21 — Girl born to Eliz-

abeth and Riley Mickelson of Ashby.

10/22/21 — Girl born to Josephine and Keith Bartlett of Alexandria.

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First, to the person who called in for help and the medical personnel and officers who assisted at the scene of Todd’s accident. We know you did everything you could, but God needed him more.

Second, to all the family and friends who have reached out to offer their help initially, as well as continue to do so. It is a great comfort to know that we are not alone.

Next, to the Parkers Prairie Schools and surrounding communities, the support you have shown us is so amazing to which we are very grateful.

To Anderson Funeral Home for their help with all the arrangements and other items that needed attention, you took care of everything.

And finally, to Todd’s employer - Alexandria Industries for all the love and support you’ve given us and continue to show us to make sure we have what we need. It means a lot that Todd’s co-workers care so much.

There are too many people to name individually, but all of you know who you are. Thank you for your prayers, hugs, phone calls, messages, cards, food, supplies, wood, etc. You have truly made a difference in our lives, and we are blessed to know you. In times like these we are grateful and consider ourselves lucky to have so many wonderful friends, family members and neighbors that we can lean on.

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SOCCER



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Alexandria's Ellie Heydt fires a shot on goal against Benilde-St. Margaret's during the first half of the Class AA state quarterfinals on Wednesday. The Cardinals played right with the No. 1-ranked Red Knights for 32 minutes, but a couple of late first-half goals for Benilde-St. Margaret's ignited them to a 5-0 win.

PLENTY TO BE PROUD OF

Chemistry guides great season for Alex that ends in quarterfinals

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

This fall marked one of the best seasons in Alexandria girls soccer history. The Cardinals advanced to their third state tournament, but the best teams are waiting with them when they get to that level. It just so happened that the best of the best might have been Alexandria's first-round opponent in Monticello on Wednesday night. Benilde-St. Margaret's is the top-ranked team in Class AA with a now 17-0-1 record after a 5-0 win over the Cardinals (15-3-1) in the state quarterfinals. "I could not be more proud of them," Alexandria head coach Tom Roos said of his

team. "The first half, we were just getting after it... We had moments where we had them on their heels where we were mounting some offense and had some cracks at it. But 80 minutes is pretty tough to hold off a team like Benilde." The Red Knights took control in the second half, but Alexandria played right with them for the first 32 minutes. It was scoreless up until that point, and both teams possessed the ball almost equally. Ella Westlund had one of the Cardinals' top scoring chances on a hard-hit shot that sailed just over the crossbar. Benilde-St. Margaret's eventually struck with 7:41 left before halftime when sophomore Kiya Gilliland was first to a ball right at the front,

left corner of the net. She tapped it by Alexandria goalkeeper Sophia Vinje for a 1-0 lead that ignited this Red Knights team. Benilde-St. Margaret's averages more than 5 goals per game, and that firepower started to take over. Sydney Drees scored with 2:46 left in the half before Ashtyn Lowenberg made it 3-0 less than two minutes into the second half. Vinje has been an anchor for this talented Cardinals' defense all season, but Lowenberg's lofted shot from almost 25 yards got through Vinje's hands as she tried to catch it. Red Knights' senior Avery Richardson got two goals after that the rest of the way as she helped secure her team's spot in the semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium.

"They were really good about moving around," Alexandria junior defender Ellen Panther said. "One minute, they would pass to a teammate that you didn't even know was there. It was crazy. They were really good about moving, and we were getting a little sloppy with our marking up. We just needed to really cut down on that, but they're a great passing team, great plays. They were really good." Senior defender Kylee James admitted that the team was a little disappointed to find out that they went unseeded as one of the top five seeds in the quarterfinals and drew the No. 1 seed. "We were just hoping we would get a little

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FOOTBALL

A second chance at the Spuds

Defense, return of Heydt in the backfield spark Alex over Sartell

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria football team played right with Moorhead the first time these two teams played in a 37-31 win for the fifth-ranked Spuds on Sept. 24. The Cardinals led by 10 at the half in that game. This Saturday, they will get another shot at Moorhead, and this time it will come with the season on the line. Fourth-seeded Alexandria (4-5) won its Section 8-5A playoff opener on Tuesday night in a 33-0 win over fifth-seeded Sartell-St. Stephen (1-8). The Cardinals beat the Sabres 43-22 during the regular season, but the rematch played out a little differently. It was not Alexandria's cleanest game, but it was enough to advance after leading 7-0 at the half. "It was playing as a team," Alexandria senior linebacker Wyatt Odland said. "Defense started off hot when the offense couldn't get rolling right away. We just trusted each other and trusted that both sides of the ball were going to get it done eventually." Turnovers prevented Alexandria from running away with this game early. Will Heydt and Kristen Hoskins both had fumbles that Sartell jumped on inside the Sabres' own 20-yard line. Sartell's Parker Knutson and Donovan Lund also intercepted Carter Steffensmeier twice in the first three quarters inside Sartell territory on a night when passing was difficult with winds gusting to nearly 35 miles-per-hour.

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Eric Morken / Alexandria Echo Press

Alexandria senior Will Heydt gets a big push from his offensive line during the first half of the Section 8-5A playoff opener against Sartell-St. Stephen on Tuesday. Heydt gave the Cardinals a boost with his return to running back for the first time since a week-one knee injury at Hutchinson. Heydt had been limited to playing defensively late in the season until this game.

FOOTBALL

Chargers close out Bears

Win sets up rematch with top-ranked Verndale in semifinals

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

The Brandon-Evansville football team breezed past Bertha-Hewitt in a 66-6 game on Oct. 15 during the regular season, but things did not come as easy in the rematch during the Section 4, 9-man playoff opener on Tuesday night. The Chargers (5-4) still found a way to beat the Bears (2-7) in a 38-24 final. At this point in the season, that's what matters most as Brandon-Evansville now heads to top-ranked Verndale (8-0) for a 2 p.m. kickoff on Saturday in the

section semifinals. "We made a lot of uncharacteristic mistakes but overcame them," Brandon-Evansville head coach Tim Pattrin said. "Bertha made some good adjustments from the first time we played them, and it took a bit for our guys to settle down and just play Charger football. Playoffs are a different level and we need to up our game." The Bears had a two-point lead in the third quarter at 24-22. The Chargers responded with two

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Brandon-Evansville senior quarterback Titus Fuller looks for an opening on a run against Bertha-Hewitt during the Section 4, 9-man playoff opener on Tuesday. Fuller had 152 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 14 carries to help the Chargers to a 38-24 win. They will now head to No. 1-seeded Verndale (8-0) on Saturday for a 2 p.m. kickoff in the section semifinals.

ALEXANDRIA AREA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 30	
Alexandria (4-5) at Moorhead (5-2) in Section 8-5A semifinals, 6 p.m.	
Brandon-Evansville (5-4) at Verndale (8-0) in Section 4, 9-man semifinals, 2 p.m.	
Osakis (7-1) vs. Wadena-Deer Creek (5-4) in Section 6AA semifinals, 2 p.m.	
West Central Area-Ashby (7-1) vs. Sauk Centre (5-4) in Section 6AA semifinals, 2 p.m.	

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SOCCER

Five named all state for Alexandria

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria soccer programs have put together some of the best seasons in program history between the boys and the girls this fall, and both teams had players recognized for that with statewide honors heading into the state tournaments.

The boys' season came to an end earlier than they wanted against Rocori in the section semifinals, but not until Alexandria racked up a 13-2-3 record overall. Three players were named to Class AA all-state teams from this

group in senior defender Colin Reilly, senior goalkeeper Ryan Meuwissen and senior midfielder Thomas Klecker.

"This is an incredible honor for these players to be chosen as all-state team players," Alexandria head coach Brandon Johnson said. "The competition is intense and the selection process thorough."

Reilly and Meuwissen were both selected as part of the all-state first team, while Klecker is a second-team all-state player.

The awards are through the Minnesota State High School Soccer Coach-



James **Westlund**

es Association. A total of 40 field players and four goalkeepers are honored between the first and second teams.

"The process began with the Central Lakes Conference coaches ranking the top 20 field players and 4 goalkeepers from the CLC," Johnson said. "This 2.5-hour meeting ended with the results being sent to the

MSHSSCA. This process was done for 25 conferences. All 600-plus ranked players are sent to the MSHSSCA, where all 8 sections in class AA are represented, and a 5.5-hour meeting was held to take that list of 600-plus players down to two teams."

The Alexandria girls soccer team also racked up statewide honors as the Cardinals got ready to play in the Class AA state tournament on Oct. 27.

The Cardinals (15-2-1) were recognized with the Sportsmanship Award from the Central Lakes Conference after the regular season. Senior



Contributed photo

From left, Alexandria boys soccer coach Brandon Johnson poses for a photo with his three all-state seniors from this season in defender Colin Reilly (first team all state), goalkeeper Ryan Meuwissen (first team all state) and midfielder Thomas Klecker (second team all state).

defender Kylee James was also named second-team all state, while junior striker Ella Westlund was

first-team all state.
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CROSS COUNTRY

Froemming sets new PR at conference meet

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

Logan Froemming set a new personal-record time by more than 10 seconds at the Park Region Conference meet on Oct. 19 in Wadena.

Froemming finished fifth overall in a time of 18:41.5. Brady Rach won the 5K conference championship in 17:35.1, while Parkers Prairie's James Suchy was second in 17:56.5.

"Logan is really motivated and wants to push the team right now," Ashby-Brandon-Evansville head coach Robert Bosma said. "With a half mile left, he was in 6th place. I told him he needed to make a move now to get 5th and he took off. He found a new gear and held it off."

A-B-E finished third as a team in the 8-team field with 85 points. Bertha-Hewitt won the title with 37 points, and Ottertail Central was second with 70.

Wes Siira was A-B-E's second finisher in 12th place overall with a time of 19:15.6. Jayden Hoidahl (16th, 19:32.7), Micah Fossell (21st, 20:02.4), August Bredberg (31st, 21:14.9), Donell Lee (35th, 21:30.2) and Cohen Reiland (61st, 24:11.4)



Froemming

rounded out the team's lineup.

"Wes was very determined to do well," Bosma said. "He wanted to be one of the top guys again for us this meet and he pushed very hard for the entire race. This was his best race of the year and was good enough to be all-conference (top 15 places). Jayden continues to be hindered by his hip injury, but since he is a senior and doesn't have time to heal, he is pushing through the pain. He came in 16th, which is honorable mention all conference (places 16-20)."

The A-B-E girls did not have the five runners to qualify for a team score as Lacey Siira led the team with a 32nd-place individual finish in 25:31.1. Tuyet Vy Bui was 47th overall in 27:18, and Hope Rovang (54th, 28:44.6) and Quynn Behrens (63rd, 35:28.3) also ran varsity.

"Lacey Siira and Hope Rovang stepped up from normally running junior high races to run with the varsity," Bosma said. "They ran strong throughout and proved to be more comfortable than their last 5k."

Ashby-Brandon-Evansville will run at the Section 6A meet on Friday at Minnewaska Area High School.

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HOCKEY

Blizzard bouncing back after slow start

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria Blizzard hockey team has rebounded nicely from a 0-5 start to the season by winning four of its last five games.

Alexandria (4-6, 8 points) was coming off a weekend sweep of the Milwaukee Power (4-6-0-1, 9 points) from Oct. 15-16 before splitting two games with the Willmar WarHawks (5-4-1, 11 points) and New Ulm Steel (4-7, 8 points) this past weekend. The Blizzard beat New Ulm 4-2 on Saturday night after a 5-2 loss in Willmar on Friday.

Alexandria dominated possession of the puck against New Ulm, outshooting the Steel 62-25. That included a 24-6 advantage in the first period, but the Blizzard still had nothing to show for it at that point. Michael Debritto opened the scoring at 5:42 in the second period off assists from Wyatt Johnson

and Joe Gronholz, and Zachary DeMarce added a goal at 19:12 to send Alexandria into the second intermission with a 2-1 lead. Ethan Moerke and Johnson assisted on DeMarce's goal.

New Ulm tied the game at 2-2 early in the third on a Colby Nickel goal, but the Blizzard closed with two more goals. Justin Wasvick made it a 3-2 game off DeMarce and Johnson assists at 9:49 before Matt McIntyre added an empty-netter at 19:55 off a Logan Lukasezck assist.

Joe Greulich got the win in net for Alexandria with 23 saves, and Zach Foster took a tough-luck loss for the Steel despite 58 saves.

It was a good bounce-back performance from Alexandria after the first period downed the Blizzard the night before



Wasvick

against Willmar. The WarHawks scored four goals on just nine shots in the opening frame on the way to the 5-2 win.

Debritto had a first-period goal for Alexandria off assists from Benjamin Tschida and Gronholz. Tschida scored Alexandria's second goal at 11:44 of the second period off Debritto and Gronholz assists.

Andrew Tuttle took the loss in net for the Blizzard after allowing the four first-period goals. Greulich had 25 saves on 26 shots faced over the final two periods, while Cooper Olson got the win in net for Willmar with 32 saves.

Alexandria is back at home on Oct. 29 against New Ulm at the Runestone Community Center before the two teams head to New Ulm on Oct. 30 for the second game of the series. Both games start at 7:10 p.m.

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The Sabres could do nothing with those extra opportunities. Their one threat came on the final possession of the first half on a drive that ended near the Cardinals' 20 yard line. Alexandria's defense never allowed the Sabres to gain any traction around that.

"When we go out after the defense on the other team makes a big play, we always say we have to put out the fire," Odland said. "I think the whole year it's been back and forth where the defense will have a big game and then the offense will. Against Elk River, the offense kept us in that game. For the defense to keep us in this game, it felt great. That's why it's such a great team game and football is amazing like that."

The Cardinals overcame the turnovers offensively in large part because of the jolt of energy the return of senior captain Will Heydt gave to this team. Heydt injured his knee in the sea-

son opener at Hutchinson on Sept. 2.

"It was quite a process," Heydt said of getting back. "Went to physical therapy after the Hutch game, just tried to get back at it. Coming back finally, full blown on both sides, it felt amazing."

Heydt played defensively down the stretch of the regular season after making his return at Brainerd on Oct. 1. Tuesday was his first time back at running back. He finished with three touchdowns and multiple long, powerful runs that kept drives going.

"I wanted to bring hype," Heydt said with a big smile. "I wanted to get our guys going and just run as hard as I could. This is our last home game."

Heydt, a state champion in track and field in the triple jump, consistently ran through Sartell tacklers. His touchdowns came on runs of 5, 1 and a 12-yard score where he carried multiple defenders with him across the goal line in the third quarter for a 20-0 lead.

"He reads the hole so well, he's very hard to tack-

le," Alexandria head coach Mike Empting said. "He's quick, he's fast. (Sophomore running back) Walker Hennen, he did a wonderful job while Will was out, but this is a senior football player and state champion in track and field. He's a different athlete. It's that dynamic he brings as a runner, and then just also his presence and the peace of mind that he brings to our offense. Our offensive line blocks knowing we just need to do our job, and he's going to hit it. It's a whole lift to that offensive side."

The Cardinals' offense eventually got rolling in the second half. Steffensmeier threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter on a 12-yard connection with Zach Gundberg and a 20-yard catch and run by Kristen Hoskins.

The excitement quickly shifted to a rematch with Moorhead after Tuesday's win.

"It was a good football game here the first time," Empting said. "All we can ask for is another shot. I wish we didn't have to go there, but it is what it is."

The Spuds got a first-round bye by earning the No. 1 seed in the section after a 5-2 regular season. Their two losses are to Class 5A's 7th-ranked Rogers (7-1) and 8th-ranked Elk River (6-2).

The Cardinals have proven all season that they can play right with the best teams on their schedule on any given night. Another opportunity awaits on Saturday in a 6 p.m. kickoff when Alexandria will try to snap a four-game losing streak in this rivalry with a trip to the section championship game on the line.

"We have to start with three really good days of practice this week," Odland said. "It's a short week, so we need to come focused. Every guy should come mentally prepared because of everything (Moorhead) has put us through the last few years. They've had our number. Homecoming, we should have had that one, so going up there and getting a win would feel as good as any win for any of our guys, I would think."

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more credit than we had gotten, but it's just how it went," James said.

Alexandria did not panic as the Cardinals came out aggressive in that first half and ran with the Red Knights. It was not the finish that Alexandria players wanted, but it was living an opportunity that they know is never guaranteed at the start of a season.

"It was amazing," James said. "Our big goal was to make it to the state tournament. It's some of the coaches' last year. It was a big accomplishment just to make it, so I'm really proud of all the girls. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that a lot of people don't get to experience."

James said she will remember the chemistry this group shared and the bond players developed with each other as they racked up wins.

"At the beginning of the year, we talked about what type of team we wanted to create," Roos said. "The girls defined that. What they did day in and day out is went out and did everything to create that culture. The positivity and the work ethic and the sense of team. That's not something a coach can do. The girls have to buy in and have to want to create that. That's what they did. The byproduct of all that is you win a lot of games and you get to a state tournament."

There were hugs and tears shared among players and coaches after the game, but those tears were already giving way to some smiles and laughter by the time they talked with their family and friends around the Monticello Stadium almost 20 minutes after the final buzzer. It's a group of players who could feel good about all they accomplished as one of the final eight teams left standing in the state.

"I could not be more proud of our team," Roos said. "Not just for what they did tonight, but their approach for an entire season. We as coaches lay the foundation, and then we turn the keys over to them to try to create whatever team they're going to create. Man, they did such a great job. They created quite a sensational team. They have a lot to be proud of all their lives."

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CHARGERS

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unanswered touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Tyler Bitzan scored on an 18-yard run, and quarterback Titus Fuller ran one in from 23 yards out to secure the win.

Fuller had 152 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 14 carries. Bitzan added 126 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries.

Of the 345 total yards the Chargers put up, 283 came on the ground. Bertha-Hewitt put up 280 yards of total offense. Brandon-Evansville turned the ball over three times, but the defense also forced five

takeaways, including interceptions by Bitzan, Lucas Fuller and Titus Fuller.

The Chargers will try to avenge a close loss to Verndale as they shift their focus to Saturday afternoon. Brandon-Evansville lost that regular-season game in a 26-20 final on Oct. 20, and players are eager for another shot with a trip to the section championship game on the line.

"Offensively, we need to stay on blocks and drive our feet," Pattrin said. "Defensively, we need to hold our ground and gang tackle their backs."

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fense - 56-345; Penalties - 6-45; Turnovers - 3; First downs - 17
BRANDON-EVANSVILLE OFFENSE - PASSING - Titus Fuller - 6-10, 62 yards, 2 INT; Micah Fuller - 0-1; RUSHING - Titus Fuller - 14-152, 3 TD; Tyler Bitzan - 25-126, 2 TD; Ryland Yeats - 6-5; RECEIVING - John Roers - 2-25; Dezmond White - 1-14; Tyler Bitzan - 1-9; Stevie Hamilton - 1-8; Ryland Yeats - 1-6
BRANDON-EVANSVILLE DEFENSE - Tyler Bitzan - 9 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT; Aaron Gillespie - 8.5 tackles, 0.5 TFL; John Roers - 6 tackles, 1.5 TFL; Ben Seifert - 5 tackles; Dezmond White - 4 tackles, 0.5 TFL; Ryland Yeats - 3 tackles; Lucas Fuller - 3 tackles, 1 INT; Carter White - 2 tackles; Will England - 2 tackles; Sully Wales - 1.5 tackles; Titus Fuller - 1.5 tackles, 1 INT; Ethan Allen - 1 tackle; Stevie Hamilton - 1 tackle; Micah Fuller - 0.5 tackle
Additional scores from Tuesday, Oct. 26
Section 6AAA playoffs
Pierz (6-3) 48, Minnewaska (1-8) 18
Section 4A playoffs
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10-year-old's first buck is a big one

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

The statewide youth deer hunting season that ran in Minnesota from Oct. 21-24 offered kids a chance to get into the woods over their fall break from school, and the Kryder family took full advantage with a big buck for 10-year-old Will.

Dan Kryder was hunting with his 11-year-old son, Keaton, on their family property around Perham, while his younger son, Will, was with his grandpa, Alexandria's Steve Herzog, in a different blind on the property.

"It was just before dusk and they had their eyes on several does that were grazing across the field when a large buck broke through the trees," Dan said of Will and

Steve's hunt.

Will got his scope on the buck at 60 yards and waited for the deer to turn and offer a shot. He pulled the trigger on his rifle, and his first-ever shot at a deer hit its mark as the 10-point buck went just a few steps before falling.

"The boys helped harvest the deer and they are looking forward to country style breakfast sausage from Mil-tona Custom Meats," Dan said. "They named the deer Larry and plan to mount him in their bedroom. Of course, when Will got home he changed the name of his fantasy football team to 10 point Buck Slayer. A week-end that we will all remember forever."

Email sports and outdoor editor Eric Morken at emorken@echopress.com.



Contributed
Will Kryder, 10, with his first-ever deer, a 10-point buck he shot with his grandpa, Alexandria's Steve Herzog, by his side during the 2021 youth deer hunting season while hunting on the family's property near Perham.

Ammo shortage drags on for second hunting season

By John Myers
Alexandria Echo Press

The great American hunting ammunition shortage that started during the early months of pandemic in 2020 is showing no signs of letting up, and hunters who don't have ammo for their favorite deer rifle by now may be out of luck for the upcoming season.

An informal News Tribune survey of both brick-and-mortar and online sporting goods stores found almost no popular loads in 12-gauge shotgun shells or .30-caliber rifle cartridges, either for birds or big game.

A recent online check of Cabelas found only 1

of 10 calibers of Winchester Super-X deer rifle ammunition in stock (.350 Legend) and no calibers available in Federal Power Shok; "out of stock" was listed next to every load.

L&M Fleet Supply in Cloquet had some .223 cartridges available, but no other rifle or shotgun loads on hand. Fleet Farm in Duluth had some turkey hunting loads, but little else.

Some stores report that it's been nearly two years since they've seen any .30-30 ammo at all.

Pat Kukull, owner of Superior Shooters Supply in Superior, said the ammunition shortage hit with COVID-19, as

plants initially slowed or shut down due to the pandemic's impact on their employees and as supplies from overseas stopped coming into the country. Then the political and social unrest of 2020 sent gun sales soaring, she said.

In 2020, there were a record 39.7 million federal background checks conducted for firearms sales, up 44% from the previous record of 27.5 million in 2016. Of the new guns sold in 2020, 8.4 million were to first-time gun buyers, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade group for the U.S. firearms industry. (Not every check is

a sale, but not all sales require checks, either. Sales between private parties or at gun shows don't require background checks.)

"We have 8 million new gun owners now that we didn't have before the pandemic and they all need ammunition. There's just been this huge increase in demand while the supply has been really slow to catch up because of the pandemic," Kukull said.

Another problem was the bankruptcy and shutdown of Remington Arms, a major ammunition manufacturer, in mid-2020. Minnesota-based Vista Outdoor Inc. eventually purchased the Remington ammunition factories in September 2020, and now has them running again, but the delay helped widen the gap between ammo supply and demand.

This fall, instead of getting hundreds of cases of shotgun and rifle cartridges as hunting seasons approached, stores like Superior Shooters Supply have been getting a few here, a few there. Kukull says it's best to call ahead to see if a specific caliber or gauge shell is available. But even if it is, don't plan on stocking up. Most stores have signs posted limiting sales to two boxes.

In the Duluth area, Federal Cartridge ammunition, made in Anoka, has always been popular.

Owned by Vista, Federal has been unable to keep up with demand, in part because the great pandemic supply problem kept them from getting all the components they need — much like the U.S. auto industry can't get enough computer chips to build new cars.

"We continue to produce and ship hunting ammunition for deer, waterfowl and upland game birds every day," Jason Nash, Federal's vice president of marketing, told the News Tribune. "Like many other companies during the pandemic we face some supply chain hurdles but have increased our production overall and are committed to providing ammo to our customers for the hunting season."

Jason Vanderbrink — president of the Federal, CCI, Speer and Remington divisions of Vista — even went as far as posting a video on YouTube to defend his company, trying to squash rumors that Vista is stockpiling ammunition in "secret warehouses," or has shut down plants to drive prices up. He said all of the company's ammunition factories are running at full capacity.

"I am tired of all the hate mail ... about us not trying to service the demand that we are experiencing," Vanderbrink said in the video. "We're making more hunting ammo, more than we ever have."

In addition to being hard to get, prices for what shells are available have gone up 25%-40% on average, industry experts say, when just two seasons ago manufacturers were offering sale prices and rebates to move their products.

Even people who reload their own shells can't get components. Gunpowder, primer, brass and copper all are in short supply.

"We used to be able to order 1,000 pounds of powder. Now we're lucky to get an order for 30 pounds," Kukull said.

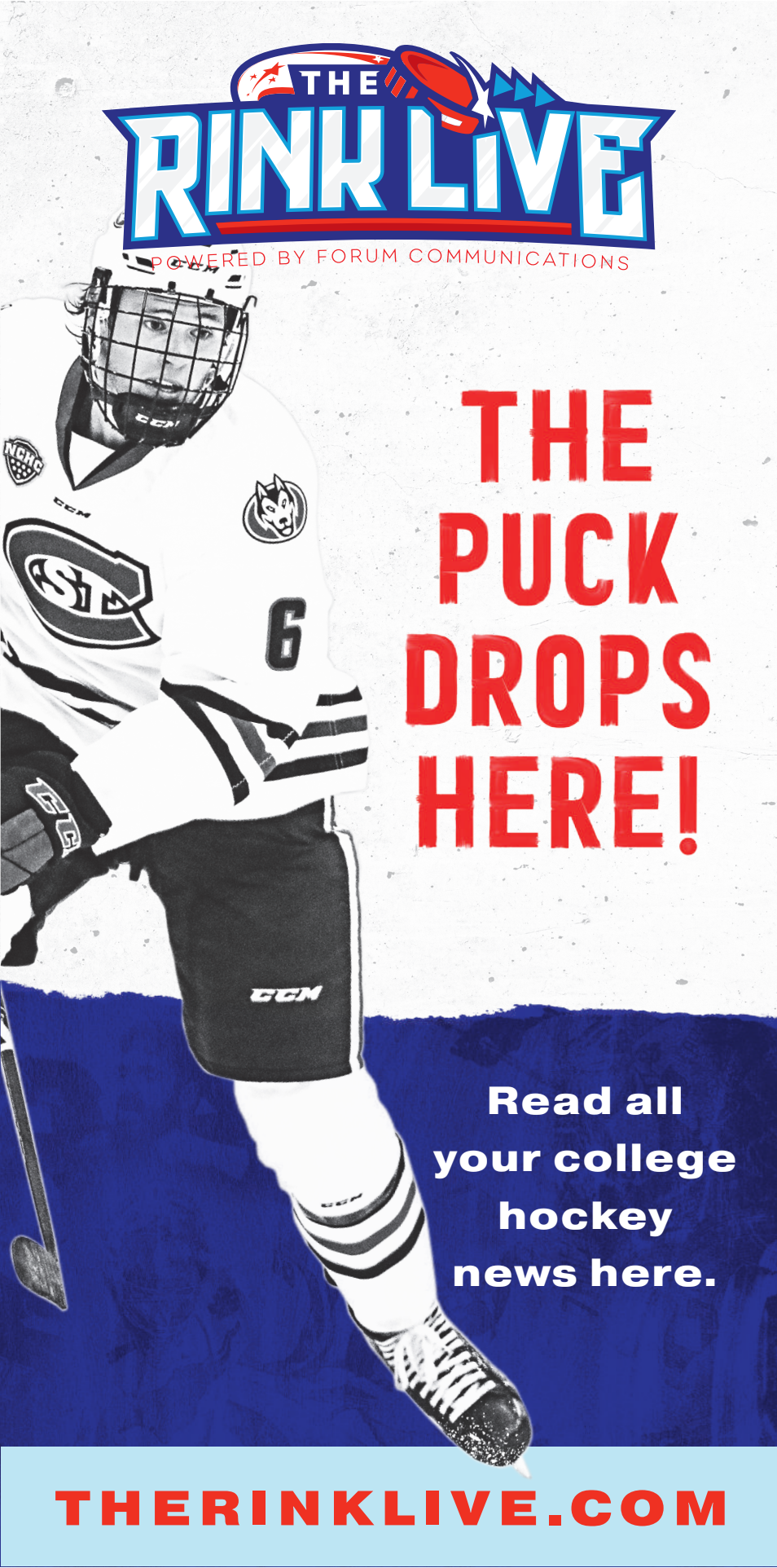
Kukull said industry insiders predicted in 2020 that it would take two years for the ammunition shortage to end.

"At first I thought that was crazy. But now I'm thinking that's right. ... Maybe by next hunting season," she said.

Background checks for new gun purchases slowed some over summer, down 5% in July from 2020. But Kukull said her customers are still gobbling up guns as fast as she gets them in. The hardest part, she said, is keeping a box of shells around for each new gun sold.

"My gun sales haven't dropped off at all," she said. "People are still buying more guns, and new people are buying guns. And they all need ammunition."

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CARP

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“This was the first time the netter had worked this lake before, and was he a bit skeptical it could be done,” said Wein. “Now, with one effort under his belt, I think we have set the stage for repeat efforts.”

“Our goal is for Lake Winona to continue its water quality improvement through ALASD’s Adaptive Lake Management Strategy,” said Gilbertson, “ALASD is doing all we can to reverse existing lake quality impairments found in Lake Winona.”

According to Gilbertson, the harvested carp were transported to be used for human consumption. A market for carp is located in New York.

“FisH2O (a WSB company) brokers the sale of the carp to the fishermen and then will likely be stored in managed ponds in Michigan. When a final buyer desires the fish, the fish will be easily netted



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Invasive carp swim in their holding pen to be hand grabbed and transferred into designated transfer bins.

and trucked, likely to New York for final sale,” said Wein, “The last portion of the carp will go to a buyer in Omaha, Nebraska who sells fresh carp at a specialty carp restaurant.

After removal costs and consultant fees, the project will cost roughly \$60,000, according to Gilbertson. Grant money from the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund and

the Legislative–Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources helped fund the removal.

Initial planning and tagging activities started in 2018, with final carp density estimates performed in the fall of 2021, and the actual netting harvest took place on October 18–21.

The process was given the OK by the ALASD board of directors, the Minnesota

Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The WSB and Stantec are consulting companies that were brought in the delegate and manage the operation. According to Wein, WSB coordinated all the different personnel, including ALASD staff, Stantec staff, fishing crews, airport crews, truck drivers, buyers of carp, DNR Fisheries staff, and WSB support staff.

Gilbertson said he appreciated the cooperation of the Alexandria Airport in the carp removal effort.

“Kreg Anderson and the staff at the Alexandria airport were extremely helpful in working with the crews to allow access to their boat launch area,” said Gilbertson, “The project was successful because of airport staff allowing us access to their boat access.”

According to Gilbertson, the ALASD was created by enabling legislation in 1971 to protect water quality in the Alexandria lake area from failing septic systems and upgrade existing treatment

plant facilities that were not performing adequately. ALASD provides sanitary sewer services to an estimated population of 27,000, covering over 100 square miles, including the cities of Alexandria, Nelson and Forada, and the townships of LaGrand, Alexandria, Carlos, Ida, Lake Mary, Hudson and Leaf Valley. ALASD collects and conveys wastewater to its advanced wastewater treatment facility for treatment.

“We will need to monitor the efficacy of the carp harvest performed this fall,” said Gilbertson. “There is a high probability we will need subsequent harvesting efforts in the spring of 2022 and beyond.”

“Not confirmed yet, but WSB recommends further removal activities to occur,” said Wein, “With what we have learned, WSB believes carp present in the upper portions near the upstream ponds could be removed into the netting area, and we can pick up where we left off.”

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5 THINGS

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pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and Amerisource-Bergen, and one manufacturer, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, agreed to pay \$26 billion. A total of \$22.7 billion is earmarked for use by participating states and subdivisions to address the impacts of the opioid crisis.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, nearly 50,000 people in the United States died from opioid-involved overdoses in 2019. The misuse and addiction to opioids, including prescription pain relievers, heroin and fentanyl, created a serious national crisis that affected public health as well as social and economic welfare.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the total “economic burden” of prescription opioid misuse alone in the U.S. is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement.

Will your street get an overlay?

Eight street projects are set to get new overlays next year as part of the city’s 2022 local street improvements.

The streets include:

- Jasmine Drive, from County Road 22 to the east end.
- Abbygail Drive, from Jasmine Drive to Jasmine Drive.
- Derek Drive, from Jasmine Drive to Jasmine Drive.
- Benjamin Drive, from County Road 22 to Jasmine Drive.
- The alleys between Jasmine, Abbygail and Derek Drives.
- Highland Trail, from Latoka Drive to the east end.
- Highland Court, from Highland Trail to the east end.
- George Street, Nelson Street and Dale Street.

The total budget for the project is \$403,189.

“This is probably one of the most important projects we do,” City Engineer Tim Schoonhoven told the council. “It extends the life of our streets dramatically.”

The council voted to approve \$76,000 in engineering work for the project.

As in past years, all the streets will be bid under separate schedules and bids will be adjusted to meet the available budget.

The projects are included in the city’s capital improvement budget, with \$283,189 coming from state aid maintenance funds and \$120,000 from the city’s street program paving levy.

A big birthday or city worker

Tuesday, Nov. 2 is Merrill Reuben Kiehne Day in Alexandria.

The council proclaimed the day to celebrate Kiehne’s 100th birthday.

A lifelong resident of Douglas County, Kiehne built his first house on the corner of 12th Avenue and Jefferson Street in Alexandria and advanced into commercial construction management. He played a key role in the construction of many public buildings – Alexandria Downtown Liquor, Washington Elementary School’s expansion, Lincoln Elementary School, Jefferson High School’s expansion and the Alexandria Community and Technical College.

He also worked for the

Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District for nearly 20 years before retiring in 1984.

Kiehne earned the nickname of “The Raspberry Man” because of his compassion for gardening, according to the proclamation. He raised four children in Alexandria with his wife, June, and he continues to live independently on Eighth Avenue East.

Mower quote higher than expected

A purchase of a tractor and a mower for the public works department turned out to be \$7,920 more than expected.

Back in August, the council authorized the purchase based on a quote of \$37,471.

In early October, the city was notified that the actual quote should

have been \$45,391. The regional sales representative apologized for the error and took responsibility for the mistake, said City Administrator Marty Schultz.

Since the city already executed documents for lease-purchase financing, the additional cost will come out of the public works equipment fund, which is projected to have a cash balance of \$187,125 at the end of this year.

Toward Zero Deaths grant

The council agreed to accept a grant of \$18,400 on behalf of the police department that will come from the state’s “Toward Zero Deaths” traffic program next year.

As in the past, the police will partner with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office to use the money

for enforcement, equipment and administrative costs for efforts aimed at drunk driving, speeding and seat belt use.

The city will act as the fiscal agent for the grant.

Police Chief Scott Kent told the council that with the 2021 Toward Zero Deaths grant, officers and deputies worked about 240 hours, wrote 106 tickets and made 21 arrests for violations that included drunk driving, outstanding warrants, driving after suspension or revocation of licenses, and other moving violations.

“Despite these traffic enforcement efforts locally, we have continued to see a rise in traffic related crashes, serious injuries and death,” Kent said.

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6 things to do with leftover Halloween candy

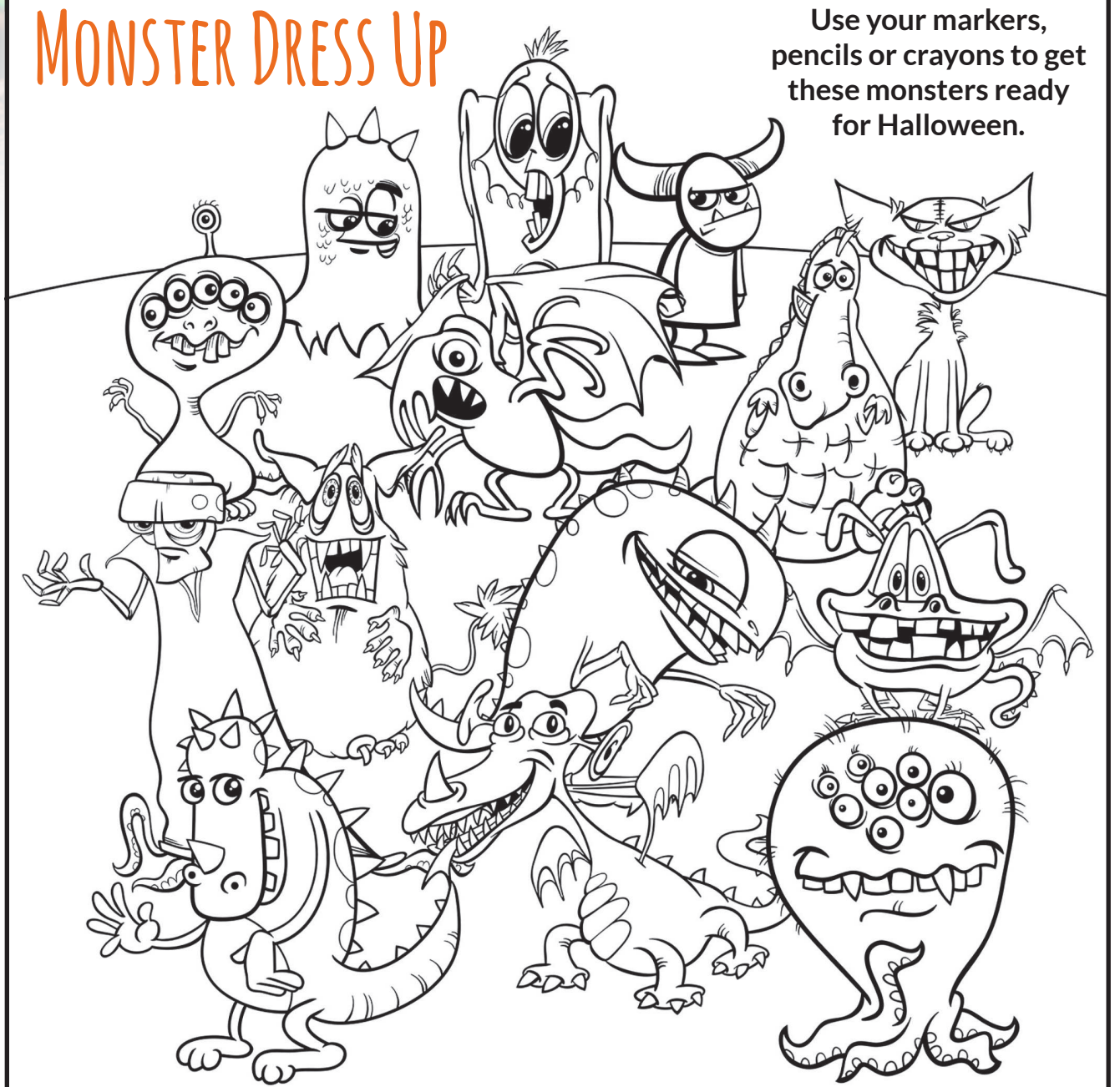
Do you have a ton of leftover Halloween candy? Instead of throwing it away, here are six things you can do with it.

- **Bake it.** Break your candy into small pieces and use it in your cookies instead of chocolate chips, or sprinkle it on top of your cupcakes, pies and other baked goods.
- **Donate it.** Find a local charity that's willing to accept candy donations. Don't donate anything that's not properly sealed.
- **Freeze it.** Candy stays good for a long time, but you can extend its shelf life by chopping it up and freezing it for later.
- **Reuse it.** Save your candy so that you can reuse it at Christmas, Easter or your kid's next birthday party. Halloween candy is great for filling piñatas and loot bags.
- **Drink it.** Use lollipops and other hard candies to sweeten your tea or cocktails. You can also melt hard candy in your kid's hot chocolate.
- **Trade it.** Check with your dentist to see if they have a buy-back program where they trade toothbrushes, floss and other items for candy.

Remember to involve your kids in the process. They're sure to have some good ideas about what to do with the excess candy.

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