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# ASKED ANSWERED

# Making the calls about COVID in the county

Eissa reaches out to help combat the the virus in region

**BY RANDY PETERSEN** Post Bulletin

The continued spread of COVID-19 in Olmsted County has started to overwhelm public health staff who call residents after they've tested

positive for the virus. The goal is to help contain further spread.

Among the registered nurses making the calls is Tamara Eissa, who took time to answer a few questions.

#### Is this a job you volunteered to do?

"No, actually, I had started with the county in the role of doing public health nursing in the healthy children and families department. I had just started toward the end of November 2019, so I was just really in training for that new

"I went to England to visit my family in February and when I came back ... I was just told, 'We are activating you. This is the role we're going to put you in case interviewing."

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# 'We've got the trickle right now'

# Wabasha County looks to speed up rural internet

**BY BRIAN TODD** 

Post Bulletin

KELLOGG — A million dollars won't get the job done,

Goihl

but the Wabasha County Board of Commissioners hopes it makes a dent in the gap between internet have's and have-not's across the

county.

Comparing her internet service to a shower with no water pressure, Gretchen Miller said, "That's the trickle. We've got the trickle right now. We don't have the full speed."

Miller, one of several county residents from the West Newton area south of Kellogg along the Mississippi River, said she's tried different internet providers, and called

customer service multiple times, but the infrastructure to bring faster internet to her home just isn't in place.

"It sounds like such a firstworld complaint, but COVID has exploded these issues," she said.

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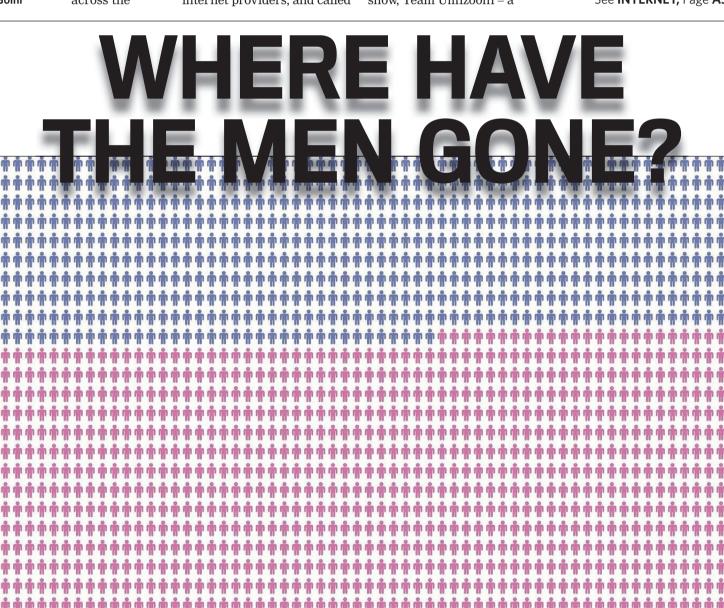
Right now, she said, it's just her and her husband, Mark Miller, who use the internet, although that will soon change as the couple's two children, ages 4- and 1-year-old, use more internet services. Already, her son gets frustrated when his favorite show, Team Umizooni – a

show that teaches math concepts to preschoolers buffers.

"I don't know how many times he yells upstairs, 'Mom, it's not working,' because it's buffering, and I have to tell him to wait," Miller said.

And when work-fromhome became more common during the pandemic, the speed of the internet in her neighborhood slowed even more. Miller said they're lucky to see a download speed of 0.8 megabits per second and an upload speed of 0.1 mbps.

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At the close of the 2020-21 academic year, women made up 59.5 percent of college students, an all-time high, and men 40.5 percent, according to enrollment data from the National Student Clearinghouse, a nonprofit research group.

# Area colleges and universities are seeing a widening gender gap

# **BY MATTHEW STOLLE**

Post Bulletin

oth nationally and in southeastern Minnesota, men are a shrinking presence on college campuses.

They are rejecting higher education in such numbers that the gender gap on college campuses has reached record

levels.

The trend is not a new one at Rochester Community and Technical College and Winona State University. Both campuses have had sizable gender gaps for years. What is striking is that the gap continues to widen.

The gender gap at RCTC, for example, stood at 59 percent women and 39

percent men in fall 2015. (Two percent of the total was not reported.) Six years later, the gap is closer to 2-to-1 (64 percent women and 35 percent men).

At WSU, the ratio of women to men has gone from 61-39 in 2015 to 67-33 in 2021. At Riverland Community College, it stands at 60-40.

The numbers echo national

trends. At the close of the 2020-21 academic vear, women made up 59.5 percent of college students, an all-time high, and men 40.5 percent, according to enrollment data from the National Student Clearinghouse, a nonprofit research group.

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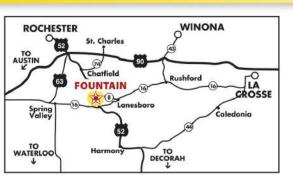


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# It was a fantasy; it was the best day of their lives

his week marks the eight-year anniversary of when I quit — cold turkey - my fantasy football leagues.

I realized I'd hit rock bottom on Sept. 23, 2013, when I found myself, well past midnight, sitting on our couch, watching the end of a meaningless Monday Night Football blowout.

I was a grown man screaming at New Orleans Saints' quarterback Drew Brees to throw the ball to his tight end, Jimmy Graham.

The ordeal had started in 2000, when I was asked to join a fantasy football league run by co-workers.

I had always mocked my fantasy footballplaying friends.

But I was new to town. I didn't know anybody. So I agreed. And, while it wasn't

exactly like I was some naive teen runaway stepping out of a bus station and accepting a ride from a middleaged man driving a 1980 Camaro, it felt that way. At first.

When I got home, I was afraid to tell my wife what had happened.

Few things are more annoying than listening to adults spend Monday mornings talking about "their teams."

"Did you see how my



Steve Lange

Dalvin Cook ran through Arizona's defense? I knew their linebackers couldn't contain him."

Fantasy football works like this: A group of people draft teams of NFL players. After every game, they tally scores one point for every 10 yards rushing, six points for a touchdown, five points for a field goal of 50 yards or more, etc.

Internet sites update the scoring regularly, yet hard-core players, watching the games with their phones, aggressively click their refresh buttons to update the scores more quickly.

Inside on an entire fall Sunday! Clicking your refresh button!

But that first year, after a solid draft and savvy trades, Lange's Lions won the Rochester Fantasy League and the glory and cash that came with it.

That summer, I purchased my first fantasy football magazine. By midway through year two, I was emailing home (with subject headings such as "fantasy notes") info

to myself — injury updates and cornerback matchups for my receivers.

Late one Sunday night, as we sat on the couch watching football, my wife turned to me and throatily whispered, "Oooooh. I'm Sebastian Janikowski, and I just

long field goal!" "What the hell are you doing?" I asked.

kicked a really, really

"I saw your fantasy email," Lindy whispered. "And my field goal kick is goooood! It's soooo gooooood!"

She may mock me, but then there's this.

We've been part of an

NFL football pick-'em pool for 25 years. Lindy, it turns out, is a footballpicking savant, despite the fact that many of her picks are based on which NFL city she'd rather live in.

Then there was the night in December 1998. Lindy was tied for the lead going into the Monday night game and needed a Miami Dolphins victory to win the pool.

In a subplot, Lindy was pregnant with our first child.

We arrived at the hospital two hours before kickoff. Lindy's normal

mild-manneredness intersected with her inability to tolerate pain at 7:40 p.m., when she yelled the following to the nurse: "I don't care if you have to stick the needle in my eyeball, I want that epidural NOW!"

Expletives deleted. They finally administered the epidural, reversing Lindy's mood. We

watched Monday night

football while we waited. After a nip-andtuck first quarter, the nurse said we (Lindy specifically) could start pushing at any

time. Lindy jokingly

suggested we wait until halftime. We did. The doctor watched the end of the half with us, then

kicked off the birthing procedure. We didn't miss a down. Our beautiful daughter, Hadley Jean, was born at 10:21 p.m.,

mid-third quarter. Hadley was healthy, Lindy was fine, and Miami beat Denver 31-21 to give Lindy the football pool win. We cried tears of joy.

It was the happiest day of our lives.

Steve Lange is the editor of Rochester Magazine. His column appears every Tuesday.

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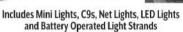
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# Runners raise \$5K in 5K organized by Mayo HS student to send aid to Lebanon

BY JOHN MOLSEED Post Bulletin

A return of summer weather greeted nearly 70 runners for a 5K run Sunday to raise money for the Lebanese Red Cross.

Marc Zoghby, a Mayo High School junior, whose parents came to the U.S. from Lebanon in 2001, planned and organized the fundraiser.

Although Zoghby was raised in the U.S., he has watched and empathized with the hardships people in his parents' home country have weathered in recent

vears. More than a year ago, the country reeling from economic hardships as well as COVID-19 was struck by another disaster when an explosion ripped

through the capital city

of Beirut, killing more than 200 people and displacing thousands. "It was really hard to

see that," Zoghby said. "I wanted to do something to help.' Along with

registration, Lebanese artists and other vendors set up in Soldiers Field Park, where the event began and ended, to raise money for the effort Zoghby, along with

some high school friends, began planning the fundraiser in June. More than 65 runners and walkers registered for the event, which raised about \$5,300.

"It really shows there's a really great community here that comes out to support

other people," he said. Zoghby said he is considering holding the

event again next year.

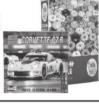
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A satellite image shows an overview of the Pentagon and National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial on July 27, 2020, in Arlington, Virginia.

# AUDIT: PENTAGON LAGS IN FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

BY JOHN M. DONNELLY CQ-Roll Call

**WASHINGTON** 

he Pentagon is falling short in its efforts to combat fraud in defense contracts, according to a draft federal audit obtained by CQ Roll Call.

The Government Accountability Office report, to be made public Monday, credits Defense Department leaders with making some progress in establishing systems to find and root out fraud. But the audit nonetheless documents several ways military and civilian officials are lagging in their efforts.

The auditors cited examples of major defense organizations, such as the Army, not naming representatives to a yearold task force on fighting fraud and not conducting assessments of risks that are recommended in official guidance.

The audit focused on

activities during fiscal 2020, when the Pentagon spent \$422 billion on contracts.

From fiscal years 2013 to 2017, over \$6.6 billion was recovered from defense contracting fraud cases, the report said. In 2020, nearly 20 percent of the 1,716 investigations run by the department's inspector general were about procurement fraud.

"The scope and scale of this activity makes DOD procurement inherently susceptible to fraud," the GAO

The Pentagon's efforts to fight such crimes is "a work in progress," the auditors concluded.

"Given the billions of dollars DOD spends annually on procurement, failing to manage and mitigate fraud effectively may ultimately adversely affect DOD's ability to support the warfighter." they said.

The lawmakers who requested the report expressed dismay about its findings.

"The Pentagon doesn't seem to want to get serious about combating the fraud, waste, and financial mismanagement that has been its legacy for decades," said Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., chairman of the Budget Committee, one of two lawmakers who requested the report.

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., who chairs the Committee on Oversight and Reform, was the other.

This failure to safeguard taxpayer dollars is completely unacceptable, and I urge the Biden Administration to quickly and fully implement GAO's recommendations and put the Defense Department on a path to operate more efficiently and effectively, with the confidence that it is not spending money on fraudulent contracts," Maloney said in a statement

# **SLUGGISH RESPONSE**

In the auditors' report, they cited signs that some in the Defense Department may not be treating the problem with the urgency it deserves.

For example, the department created in 2020 a task force to improve officials' focus on fraud and gave the military services and other components one week to name representatives.

A year later, nearly 20 percent of the 59 seats on the task force were not filled, the GAO said. The Armywhich spent about \$100 billion on contracts in fiscal 2020, or nearly a quarter of the department's total — is among the components without a representative, the report said.

Another sign of a torpid response to the problem, the auditors said, is the failure of major parts of the Defense Department to conduct fraud risk assessments. In fact, three organizations that together obligated \$180.1 billion in fiscal 2020 have so far failed to conduct the reviews.

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# 6 killed in Russian university shooting

BY GABRIELLE TÉTRAULT-FARBER AND TOM BALMFORTH

Reuters

MOSCOW - A student armed with a hunting rifle opened fire at a university in the Russian city of Perm on Monday, killing at least six people and wounding many others, investigators said.

Video shown on news websites showed panicked students leaping from first-floor windows to escape Perm State University, around 1,300 km (800 miles) east of Moscow, landing heavily on the ground before running to safety.

"There were about 60 people in our classroom. We closed the door and barricaded it with chairs," student Semyon Karyakin told Reuters.

The gunman was wounded after resisting arrest, and was being treated in hospital, the Investigative Committee law enforcement agency said in a statement.

University spokesperson Natalia Pechishcheva earlier said the shooter had been "liquidated" but later said he was in police custody. Footage from the scene showed his body lying on the ground outside the university building.

The Investigative Committee had initially said eight people had been killed.

The gunman was identified as a student at the university who had obtained the hunting rifle in May, it said.

Local media identified the gunman as an 18-yearold student who had earlier posted a photo of himself on social media, posing with a rifle, helmet and ammunition. That photo could not be independently verified.

"I've thought about this for a long time, it's been years, and I realized the time had come to do what I dreamt of," said a posting on a social media account attributed to him that was later taken down.

It indicated that his actions had nothing to do with politics or religion but were motivated by hatred.

# France questioned commitment to submarine deal

BY ELIZABETH PINEAU Reuters

PARIS - France began doubting Australia's commitment to a \$40 billion submarine order in June and President Emmanuel Macron was only informed by Canberra of the deal's collapse in writing hours before it was announced, a French presidency official said.

The official said there had been no hint of the contract cancellation when Macron met Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison in Paris in mid-June, shortly after a meeting of G7 leaders in Britain.

"We started hearing echoes of Australian concerns about the execution of the contract from June," the Elysee Palace official told Reuters on

Australia said last week it



**Gonzalo Fuentes** / Pool / Reuters

French President Emmanuel Macron delivers a speech during a ceremony in memory of the Harkis, Algerians who helped the French Army in the Algerian War of Independence, on Monday at the Elysee Palace in Paris, France.

was canceling the contract for conventional submarines from France and would instead build nuclear-powered

submarines with U.S. and British technology after striking a security partnership with those countries.

Canberra's move enraged Paris, triggering an unprecedented diplomatic crisis that analysts say could do lasting damage to U.S. alliances with France and Europe. It has also riled China, the major rising power in the Indo-Pacific region.

France discussed the contract for the diesel-powered submarines with its allies at the G7 summit, the official said. Australia is not a G7 member but was invited by Britain as a guest country.

On June 15, when Macron hosted Morrison for dinner, Morrison set out Australia's concerns but there was no suggestion that he was considering tearing up the contract, the official said.

'Morrison said nothing to suggest this and they agreed to continue working. The president later wrote at length to Morrison to address his concerns," the official continued.

For months, Australia had issues over the delivery time and cost of the project, but it was not clear what concerns Morrison presented to Macron.

On Sunday, Morrison said Australia had formed the view that the French Attack-class submarines were not going to meet Australia's needs for protecting its sovereign interests. A second Elysee official said

Canberra did not once indicate it was studying an alternative to the French deal.

France also sought answers from the United States but received none, the first official

Morrison informed Macron that the deal was dead in writing hours before the official announcement.

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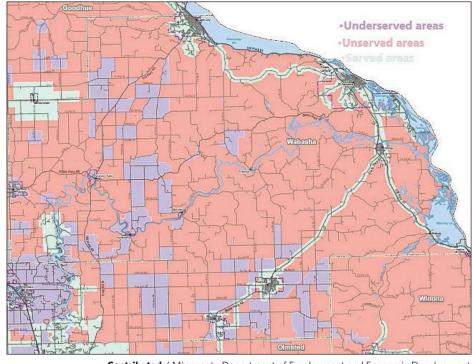
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"When you're on a webpage, you'll have it slowly block in," she said. "You'll see the words, and vou'll wait for the image to load. You can read, scroll down and scroll back up, and it's still not there.'

#### THE COUNTY **INVESTMENT**

Wabasha County Administrator Michael Plante said the county board voted to commit \$1 million of its \$4.2 million American Rescue Plan money to expanding rural broadband access. While counties across the country still have questions on the federal guidelines for spending those funds – Plante said the county will hire a consultant to ensure it follows those guidelines to the letter once their hammered out – he envisions a grant program where internet providers can apply through a request for proposals, letting the county know what projects they prioritize in rural areas for their

"Land-wise, a significant portion of the county is either unserved



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The map shows the served (green), underserved (purple) and unserved (rose) areas of Wabasha County for broadband access.

or underserved," Plante said. "Primarily, we're good in the cities. Population-wise, a substantial portion does have those internet capabilities. But businesses and families in the more rural areas need access to that.'

According to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, underserved areas are places with wireline

broadband of at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload, but less than 100/20 Mbps. Unserved areas are places with no wireline broadband of at least 25/3 Mbps.

The West Newton area qualifies as unserved.

"All of our famers in the area are businesses, and businesses are clamoring for better internet," Plante said. So are families who

use the internet for education, whether they are using some distance learning model or just using the internet for homework research.

Plante said expanded rural broadband will put a dent in the lacking coverage and allow for future expansion in some areas.

## **OTHER SPENDING PRIORITIES**

Not everyone was

supportive of the plan to spent \$1 million on rural broadband. Wabasha County Commissioner Brian Goihl said that between the lack of guidance from the federal government, the fact that the county has until Dec. 31, 2023, to put plans in place and another three years for project completion, and other pressing spending needs in the county, he'd prefer to spend the \$1 million on other projects.

"I think we should spend the money internally first, Goihl said, pointing to everything from recapturing lost revenue, to spending on highway projects. "I support broadband, but there's other priorities.

Goihl pointed to Wabasha County Road 86, which runs north of Plainview toward Thielman before terminating at Minnesota Highway 60 near Dumfries.

"We had to cut it out of the budget because we just don't have the funds to fix it," he said.

#### **GREATEST NEED, BIGGEST BENEFIT**

Still, rural residents - four of them at the county board meeting last week - lobbied

for rural broadband funding.

"I try to work from home occasionally,' said Laura Schmoker, who spoke during the meeting. "We get 1.5 (Mbps) for speed. My son also works from home, but we can't work from

home at the same time." Schmoker said that in her house, you can't have one person on the internet if someone else wants to stream a Netflix show

"We're not the only ones in Wabasha County with this problem," she said.

Miller added that having to go to Rochester for work means she ends up shopping in Rochester for groceries rather than driving to Wabasha for groceries. That, she said, is one of the many economic impacts that the county will enjoy if more people have access to high-

speed internet. "We need to look at where's the greatest need, where can we get the biggest bang for our buck," Miller said. "This is the future, and we need to advocate for this stuff for our future."

Contact regional reporter Brian Todd at btodd@postbulletin.com.

# Men

clients.

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universities had 1.5 million fewer students compared with five years ago. and men accounted for 71 percent of the decline, The Wall Street Journal reported.

And the gap is only expected to grow.

"It's a huge concern," said RCTC president Jeffery Boyd. "The message of the importance of higher education – it's a marathon, not a sprint has gotten lost.

Many are aware of gender imbalances on college campuses, but even educators are surprised at how lopsided it has become.

College-age students who pass on college often begin flashing warning signs as early as elementary school.

"Some of it goes back to middle school and elementary school, where they have an interest and then they start losing that interest," said Denise McDowell,

WSU vice president for enrollment management and student life. "Once they sort of get behind, we see that even the drop-out rate for young men is higher than for young women."

The problem is not a new one. At a previous job at Kansas City **Kansas Community** College, McDowell was grappling with the issue as far back as 2008. The school created a program for young men called "The Fringe Benefits of Education."

"It was an issue for young men and particularly young men of color," McDowell said. Men often reassess

their attitudes toward college several years after earning a high school diploma. After they go out and work for a time, a light switches on. They begin to appreciate a college education's value. And universities need to be prepared and help navigate them at that point, McDowell said

The current economic climate may be a contributing factor to

the yawning gap. Many young men are jumping into construction trades, lured by the good pay and benefits. After hearing harrowing tales about a lifetime of student debt, many are opting to shun higher education's costs, and finding the rewards of blue-collar work more

"They're jumping right straight into the workforce, and they are making good money these days," said Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools Superintendent Mark Matuska. "Carpenters are making good money. Welders are

certain.

making good money.' Educators say that college-bound students often have a parent advocating for higher education. Young people are likely to pursue college where parents

talk about its value. But the COVID-19 pandemic has put financial pressure on families due to lost income or jobs. And young people are feeling the pull to work and help out at home, McDowell

said.

"If they're coming from homes where there are single parents, they feel this need to help out Mom," she said. For Jackson Kennedy, a Kasson-Mantorville graduate, college was never part of the equation. Soon after

moving dirt with a skid loader and other earthmoving equipment. At age 18, he now owns and operates his own excavation firm called GroundWorks. He owns

a truck-and-trailer and

mini-excavator.

graduation, he started

working as an excavator,

Kennedy said the work appealed to him because it was handson. He doesn't expect a college education to be an option for him later in life. Whatever new things he needs to learn can be learned on the job.

"College to me looks like another four years of school," Kennedy said. "And I see a lot of people go into college, they study hard for a degree and it seems a lot of them come out and don't even use that degree."

College may not be for everybody. But on average, a college education confers enhanced earning power. U.S. college graduates earn, over the course of their working lives, more than a million dollars beyond those with only a high-school diploma.

It's a message that Boyd tries to stress. A college education offers flexibility. A college graduate who loses a job is in a better position to rebound and find another job than one than without a degree. College credentials are also more likely to lead to earning a familysustaining wage.

"I think society as a whole, we want the quick-fix solutions,' Boyd said. "OK, I'm making 20 bucks an hour. That seems pretty good, until you get a family and you have kids. And that 20 bucks an hour would seem a lot better if it were 40 bucks an hour."

Boyd points to himself as example. Through the years, Boyd has gone from earning an

associate's degree to a doctorate. And those credentials have led to better-paying jobs. Not once, through economic downturns and recessions over the years, has he taken a pay

Yet, men still make more money than women and are a dominant presence in the upper rungs of corporate boardrooms. So while the trend is concerning, women are still paying catch-up. And that reality may be one reason there aren't more headlines about the shrinking presence of men on

campuses. Women are breaking through careers once viewed as the province of men, but women still lag far behind men in earning power.

"As a mother and an educator. I'm so excited to talk about this, but I would be remiss without saying, 'women still have a long way to go," McDowell said.

Contact reporter Matthew Stolle at mstolle@postbulletin.com.

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So it was completely new to me. A complete surprise."

How many people does the county have interviewing people with confirmed **COVID** cases? "Right now, in COVID

2.0, we have a team of six or seven case investigators. And then we got another three. So I believe it's probably nine or 10 people doing it routinely, plus two team leaders, me and another one, and then somebody overall. So potentially, we have about 12 people working on doing case interviews. The county recently

### reported the numbers are overwhelming your team. What does that mean?

"(Minnesota) Department of Health wants to prioritize cases. ... People below the age of 19 are a priority, and people 50 and older.... So what we do is when we get new cases every day, we focus on those age populations, and once we've made an attempt to call each of those, if we have time and if it's not too late at the end of the day, we start calling

the other populations.



Contributed

**Olmsted County Public Health nurse Tamara Eissa** is part of a team of registered nurses tasked with contacting residents who have tested positive for COVID-19, with the goal of answering questions and helping reduce community spread.

move the cases out to MDH, where they send out a text to the cases, and they ask them to send an email. If they respond, they will get an online interview form." Has the nature of

## calls changed since last vear? "I think there was

a lot of terror around COVID-19, especially in the beginning. And we all felt that scary stories, the ventilators. I think as time went on, treatments have been developed. ...

"And I think as more and more people knew

somebody who had

COVID-19, and maybe

didn't suffer too terribly,

"If we can't ... we then I think I think people have become less frightened of COVID-19. "I do think the

> vulnerable and the elderly or people in certain populations are still very worried about it, but I think for a lot of younger people, they're probably thinking, 'I'll be fine.' I don't think the terror is quite what it was. "Plus, everybody's

been through this for a year and a half. A lot of people know what to do. ... People know to to isolate.'

quarantine; they know Quarantine guidelines have

changed through the

pandemic. Has that

# caused challenges?

I just had a call from a lady who I talked to a couple of days ago. And she was saying, 'I know we talked, but I'm confused, because I have COVID-19, but I'm fully vaccinated, and vou told me that I needed to isolate, but other people are telling me I don't need to.' I said, 'You do, because even though you're fully vaccinated, you tested positive.'

"I think it's so new, and people just are not sure about those nuances. Before it was very clear. We were all unvaccinated. If you were exposed, you did the 14-day quarantine. "Then they change

the guidelines on that, as well. To complicate things even further, you can do seven days or you can do 10 days. It depends on this. It depends on that.

"And now we have this added factor. If vou're vaccinated. you don't need to quarantine unless you get symptoms, in which case you should

quarantine and get tested immediately... "It's new ground and

Do you have any

experiences among

your calls that stand

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angry about that. Not some. I respect that. I

get that. We also have had people who definitely say, 'Well, I don't have any symptoms, and

I think the test was

I don't want anybody wrong' .... All I can say to be recognizable with is you tested positive. ...

"The ones that have always stayed with me, obviously, the sad ones that haven't ended well, and that's always stayed with me.

#### How do you cope with that?

"When a particular case really, really upset me, I cried a lot. I took a break from making calls for a couple of days, I just couldn't.... "I got through it, you

know, I did talk to my co-workers and just told them that it really affected me. Time heals a lot. You don't forget these things, but time heals a lot. What about

#### emotions from the other side of the call? What have you seen? "We get some people

who say, 'How dare you call? How do you have my information?' which I think is a valid point. "I try to explain that

it's an infectious disease and the Minnesota Department of Health has always tracked infectious diseases.

"I've had people very too many, but I have had

checked out, if you're worried about passing it on to somebody else?' Local government report-

er Randy Petersen can be reached at rpetersen@postbulletin.com

# Judge: Clean up Oronoco auto yard within 2 months

# Court order puts teeth behind MPCA demands

Post Bulletin

ORONOCO — Without much resistance from the defendants Friday. Second Judicial District Judge Patrick Diamond turned the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's administrative order against Oronoco Auto Salvage into a court order.

The change from an administrative order to the court order means that the cleanup order now has a body behind it – the court – with enforcement powers.

The MPCA, while a regulatory agency, has no enforcement powers, said J. Qortney McLeod, **Assistant Attorney** General for the state of Minnesota and the attorney for the MPCA in its case against Oronoco Auto Salvage.

The case began after a July 28, 2019, flood along the Zumbro River through Oronoco caused debris and hazardous materials from the former auto salvage vard to be carried downstream along the river toward Lake Zumbro.

Items carried along in the floodwaters, according to court records and previous reporting by the Post Bulletin included tires, car parts, 55-gallon drums of automotive fluids, and chemicals that required community cleanup

efforts. The MPCA later



**Post Bulletin file photo** 

The former Oronoco Auto Parts site is shown July 23 in Oronoco. The site has been ordered to be cleaned up more thoroughly by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and now a Second Judicial District Court judge.

ordered the corporation through its owners

 CEO Clyde Payne, Russ Payne and Chris Ericksson - through a Notice of Violation that it needed to clean up the site to prevent environmental damage from any future flooding.

According to court documents, the MPCA alleges that while Oronoco Auto Salvage did take some corrective action from Dec. 2, 2019, to May 20, 2020, those actions were incomplete based on the Notice of Violation. The MPCA then issued an Administrative Order describing actions that must be completed within 30 to 60 days. However, no further cleanup was observed.

Items still outstanding include failure to dispose of all containers of waste fluids and above ground tanks of used oil on site, at a licensed facility and submit all documentation of the disposal of waste fluids to MPCA; failure to hire a qualified environmental consultant to develop a work plan to characterize contaminated areas at the facility, failure to submit a site investigation report to the MPCA for review and approval, failure to submit photographs to the MPCA documenting that all used oil contaminated floor dry in the shop has been swept up and containerized in containers labeled with the words "Used Oil Contaminated Floor Dry," failure to submit a Hazardous Waste Generator License Application, and failure properly manage the removal and disposal of all solid waste, including waste tires, present at and around the premises of the facility. With the court order

now in place, McLeod said, "Oronoco Auto Salvage will have 30 to 60 days for corrective actions." If the corporation still

does not complete the cleanup order, McLeod said the MPCA will return to court and ask for enforcement through a motion of contempt. While contempt remedies can take many forms from garnishment of funds to jail terms, McLeod said it's unlikely anyone would go to jail. During Friday's court

hearing, both Russ Payne and Clyde Payne were present online. However, the third owner of the company, Chris Ericksson was not present.

Clyde Payne told Diamond that Ericksson was the one of the three owners who had been put in charge of the cleanup efforts.

"That doesn't bode well for the cleanup if the person in charge of the cleanup isn't here," Diamond told the Paynes.

He then went on to say that no matter who was put in charge, all three individuals would be held responsible if the cleanup is not completed in a timely manner.



Troopers from the Minnesota State Patrol work at the scene of a two-car crash at around 4 p.m. Sunday. At least one person was taken to Mayo Clinic Hospital-Saint Marys Campus by medical helicopter.

# Rochester woman seriously injured in Highway 63 crash

**BY EMILY CUTTS** 

Post Bulletin

ELGIN —A Rochester woman suffered lifethreatening injuries in a two-vehicle crash Sunday afternoon in Farmington Township.

A 2016 Ford Escape was eastbound on White Bridge Road and a 2011 Honda CRV was southbound on U.S. Highway 63 when the two vehicles collided in the intersection about 3:55 p.m., according to the Minnesota State Patrol crash report.

The driver of the Honda, 74-year-old Agustina Torres Miller, of Rochester, was taken by ambulance to

Mayo Clinic Hospital-Saint Marys with what were described as lifethreatening injuries.

The driver of the Ford, 53-year-old Eliezer Muniz Soulette, of Arcadia, Wis., was taken to Saint Marys with non-life threatening injuries.

Both were wearing seat belts, according to the crash report.

The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office, Elgin Fire Department and Rochester Fire Department also responded to the crash.

Contact public safety reporter Emily Cutts at ecutts@postbulletin.com.

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# St. Charles mandates masks for elementary students for 2 weeks

**BY BRIAN TODD** 

Post Bulletin

ST. CHARLES — Dig out those masks for elementary school

St. Charles.

Sunday, the

St. Charles

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for students

two-week

On

School

Board

mask mandate

and staff at the district's

"We had to call the

meeting because it was

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Superintendent Jeff

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Apse said there were

six confirmed COVID-19

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one confirmed case at the middle school/high school.

The mask mandate, which started Monday and is scheduled to end at the end of the school day on Oct. 1, applies only at the elementary school.

"We're keeping tabs on vaccination data in the community, too," Apse said. "We'll continue to monitor the data. But it was important we put a start and end date that are specific on this.'

In a letter emailed to district households Sunday night, the district outlined its masking policy, which runs from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. during regular daily operations. Masks are not required during outdoor activities.

All participants in before- and after-school programs, including School Age Childcare and other community education activities sponsored by the school district where students younger than 12 may be participating, must wear face coverings when indoors.

to submit a written

plan for how they will

Staff and students can remove masks while eating or drinking, and staff working alone in a room or office can remove their masks.

Masks must fit securely. Neck gaiters that are double-layered and cover both the mouth and nose are allowed. Bandanas. scarves and masks with valves are not allowed. Face shields are allowed only for staff who have been vaccinated and are providing instruction.

Children younger than 2 are exempt from any mask requirement prescribed by the school district.

Individuals who cannot wear a face covering due to medical/ cognitive/developmental reasons may also be exempt from any mask requirement, but must discuss their proposed exemption with their building principal. Documentation from a medical provider may be required.

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# Recreational fire spreads to nearby garage

Post Bulletin staff reports

An early Saturday morning call to a recreational fire at 315 27th St. NE, Rochester, ended with firefighters putting out a garage fire.

When the Rochester Fire Department arrived at the scene about 6:30 a.m. Saturday, the fire had spread to a detached garage behind

an apartment building.

The initial fire crew put out the fire, and others evacuated occupants of the apartments until the fire was extinguished.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but the fire department is estimating damages at \$20,000.

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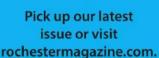
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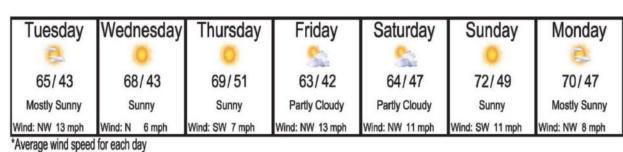
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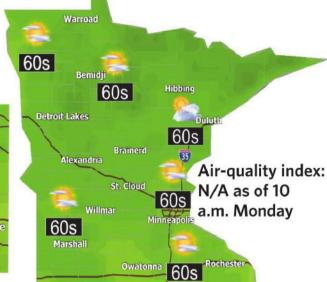


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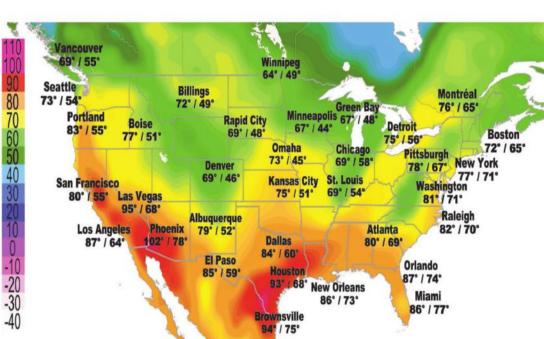


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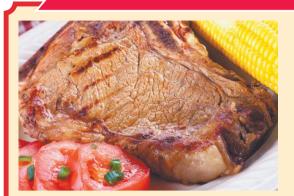
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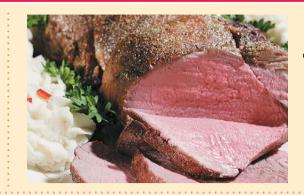
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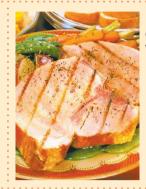
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# How Minnesota's current **COVID-19** wave differs from previous three

# Latest surge will likely worsen after back-to-school, activities move inside

BY CHRISTOPHER MAGAN

St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — Minnesota is in its fourth surge of the coronavirus pandemic, and health experts say this wave of cases and infections is different and doesn't appear to be letting up anytime soon.

Unlike previous waves, this one is driven by the more contagious delta variant that has sickened tens of thousands, sent thousands to hospitals and killed hundreds. Health officials don't see a quick or easy way out.

'We have a lot of COVID right now. It's raining COVID and we need to do everything we can to decrease transmission," Dr. Ruth Lynfield, state epidemiologist with the Minnesota Department of Health, said last week on a call with reporters.

Unlike the past surges, much of the state has been vaccinated against the virus and more vounger Minnesotans are getting sick. And where in the past surges saw a quick spike in infections followed by an eventual retreat, this time the growth has been an unyielding crawl upward.

About twice as many kids are getting sick during the latest surge than last fall when Minnesota saw its biggest spike in COVID-19 cases. More than half of teens are now at least partially vaccinated, but children under 12 are not yet eligible for any of the three shots.

Additionally, the number of severe cases in unvaccinated residents is trending younger; roughly nine out of 10 seniors have been inoculated.

However, more than 2.2 million Minnesotans have yet to get the shot and residents in the 18to 49-year-old age group are the most likely to

Vaccines are not perfect and breakthrough infections

not be vaccinated.

are on the rise. Yet, more than 99 percent of the 3 million fully vaccinated Minnesotans have not reported a breakthrough infection.

Nevertheless, there have been 18,790 breakthrough cases, 1,095 hospitalizations and 108 deaths of fully vaccinated people. Health officials say nearly all vaccinated people with severe infections are elderly and most younger people with breakthrough infections have mild or no symptoms.

#### **TIMING COULD BE KEY**

The fact the summer surge is now stretching toward the fall has health officials concerned.

Schools are back in session and more activities are moving indoors as fall weather approaches. Since the pandemic began, more than 415,000 of the state's nearly 682,000 cases, 19,400 of the roughly 37,000 hospitalizations and 4,820 of the nearly 8,000 deaths have occurred in fall and winter months.

"When people gather, transmission happens. A layered approach to prevention is highly. highly recommended for anytime we are in large gatherings," said Jan Malcolm, state health commissioner. She noted that more than 150 infections have already been tied to the Minnesota State Fair.

Health officials say multiple layers of coronavirus mitigation includes getting vaccinated, wearing masks and social distancing in crowded places, being tested when exposed and staying home when ill.

#### **HOW IS THIS** SURGE DIFFERENT?

So far, this summer's surge has been more of a slow upward crawl rather than the past spikes Minnesota saw earlier in the pandemic. That appears to be almost entirely due to the effectiveness of the

three vaccines available in the U.S. A few key differences:

 The peak in new cases in past surges happened around 30 days in, then the numbers began to fall. The current surge continues to grow,

• It's the same with hospitalizations. The rate of new hospitalizations peaked after a few weeks in past

slowly, as it nears 60

surges. Hospital beds continue to fill up in this surge.

• Test-positivity rates are nowhere near as high as they were before vaccines were widely available.

 Daily deaths are down this time around. The seven-day rolling average of this surge has never topped 10, so far. Each of the past surges did, with the fall of 2020 topping 70.

But that doesn't mean Minnesota is out of the woods. Vaccine hesitancy, younger people who are not yet eligible for the shot and the more contagious delta strain have threatened to push the fourth surge past previous thresholds. And there are no more statewide mandates on masks, business capacities and gathering sizes to help stem the virus' spread.

#### WATCHING **SCHOOLS CLOSELY**

Public schools are one of health officials' biggest concerns, especially considering that vaccines have not been approved for those younger than age 12; and that 47 percent of those ages 12-15 and 41 percent of those ages 16-17 remain unvaccinated.

School has only been in session two weeks and health officials are getting hundreds of reports each day of cases tied to public

schools. Unlike last fall, there is no statewide emergency in place, so districts are left to



Joe Ahlauist / Post Bulletin

Gov. Tim Walz puts his mask back on after speaking to the media Sept. 8 during a visit to Jefferson Elementary School in Rochester as part of an effort to highlight the importance of in-person learning and to encourage people in Minnesota ages 12 and older to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

decide the best ways to manage the pandemic. Approaches vary from mandatory masks, social distancing and quarantining of those who have been exposed to more hands-off approaches.

The number of school buildings with confirmed outbreaks of five cases or more grew from six to 26 in just a week.

Vaughan-Steffensrud Elementary School in Chisholm in northern Minnesota hasn't yet made the state list of confirmed outbreaks, but on Thursday leaders announced students would learn remotely for two weeks because of substantial transmission.

The school is located in St. Louis County, where the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says community transmission of the coronavirus is high. Nearly all of Minnesota's 87 counties have similar levels of virus spread.

"That's exactly the reason for some of the concern at this stage of the game. We start the school year at much higher communitytransmission rates than we were at last school year and more cases among kids," Malcolm

#### **CONCERNS ABOUT HOSPITAL CAPACITY**

There's also continued concern about hospital capacity, especially in rural areas were options may be more limited.

There were more than 700 patients

hospitalized last week, including more than 200 in critical condition. That's the most critical patients recorded all of this year and overall hospitalizations are rivaling the spring 2021 surge.

The number of hospitalized patients peaked at more than 1,800 last December during the state's worst

Hospital capacity is strained with available beds dwindling in much of the Twin Cities and southeastern part of the state, health department data show. Hospital leaders say that's not just due to COVID-19; the pandemic caused many to put off care and the number of patients with ailments like heart attacks and strokes is near double what is normally seen.

But the true concern is over the availability of the highly-trained staff needed to treat seriously ill patients. Doctors and nurses are leaving the profession, health officials say.

'There are fewer health care workers on the job today than there were last year,' Malcolm said, "due to the extreme stress and burnout they have experienced for 18 months now.

Malcolm added: "It is getting harder for some hospitals to find open, staffed beds at the right level of care for critically ill patients. This is an issue statewide impacting small, rural facilities and large metro systems.'

#### WHAT COULD HELP

Health officials maintain that robust coronavirus mitigation measures are one of the easiest ways to slow the spread of COVID-19, including the more

contagious delta strain. But there are also some coming decisions by federal regulators and the CDC and Food and Drug Administration that could help increase protection.

As soon as this week, federal regulators are expected to decide whether vaccine booster shots are needed for much of the population. There are concerns over whether the protection vaccines provide wanes over time and could make people who've been inoculated more susceptible to virus variants.

The White House has encouraged boosters for everyone eight months after their last dose of vaccine. The World Health Organization has criticized the idea while so many in developing countries haven't had

access to any vaccine. "We will learn more very shortly about the data and (federal regulators) deliberations," Dr. Lynfield said.

There's also continued talk about whether Pfizer, and possibly Moderna, will apply for emergency authorization to administer their vaccines to children ages 5 to 11. That decision is anticipated sometime this fall. possibly by the end of October.

# **NEWS BRIEFS**

### PRESTON MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN KASSON **CRASH THIS WEEKEND**

KASSON – A Preston man suffered life-threatening injuries in a three-vehicle collision Saturday, Sept. 18, on US Highway 14 in Kasson.

Javier Itehua Quiahua, 26, was driving a 2002 Ford Explorer, and Madison Elizabeth Ryg, 20, of Janesville, Minn., was driving a 2010 Ford Taurus eastbound on Highway 14 at 10:46 p.m.

Devon Arren Block, 27, of Preston, was driving a 2007 Chevy Impala westbound and entered into the eastbound lanes where the three vehicles collided, according to a Minnesota State Patrol report. The report noted that Block may have been under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision.

Block was taken to Mayo Clinic Hospital-Saint Marys. Rvg and Quiahua were taken to Saint Marys with non-life threatening injuries.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office, Kasson Police Department and Kasson Fire Department responded to the

#### **ROCHESTER MAN INJURED** IN TWO-VEHICLE CRASH IN OLMSTED COUNTY

MARION — A Rochester man suffered non-life threatening injuries in a twovehicle collision Saturday, Sept. 18, on US Highway 14.

Miguel Angel Ramirez Carmona, 45, of Rochester, was driving a 2008 Toyota Camry, and Tang Nguyen, 43, also of Rochester, was driving 2018 Toyota RAV4 when the two vehicles collided while traveling eastbound on Highway 14 at 7:50 p.m., according to a Minnesota State Patrol report.

Nguyen was taken to Olmsted Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. Carmona was uninjured.

The Rochester Fire Department and Olmsted County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene.

#### **AUSTIN TEEN ACCUSED OF BURGLARY, STOLEN HANDGUN**

AUSTIN — An Austin

teenager was arrested Monday morning after police say they found a handgun and ammunition at his residence that was reported stolen during the weekend.

Austin Police Chief David McKichan said in a news release that an 18-year-old man was arrested Monday, Sept. 20, in the 500 block of 18th Street Northwest after police, assisted by the Mower County Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant at the residence. Officers reportedly found a handgun and ammunition that had been reported stolen Sunday from a residence in the 600 block of 19th Street Northwest.

The homeowners on 19th

Street called police Sunday after finding that their vehicles had been gone through during the night. The vehicles, which had been in a garage, were missing money, ammunition and a .380 handgun.

"A neighbor's camera system captured a subject attempting to steal a package off their porch but returned it," McKichan wrote in a news release. "Officers and Deputies were able to make an identification based on that surveillance video."

The case is being sent to the Mower County Attorney's Office for charging review.

Post Bulletin staff reports

Civic League will act as

hostesses. A musical program

will be a feature of the open

# 1971: US Army all-volunteer deadline nearly impossible to meet

1996 - 25 years ago · Kate Krenzke was crowned

Miss La Crescent, Apple Queen of Minnesota. More than 500 people attended the coronation banquet at the La Crescent High School.

 A 1910 Honus Wagner baseball card, considered the Holy Grail of baseball collectibles, sold at auction for \$640,500.

1971 – 50 years ago

 Arvid "Swede" Hagberg of Rochester, a Minnesota State Department of Corrections



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supervisor, has been selected as "Corrections Man of the Year" by the Minnesota Correctional Association.

· Lt. Gen. George I. Forsythe, who is in charge of

an all-volunteer force, stated it will be impossible to meet the deadline of mid-1973. 1946 – 75 years ago

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• A Great Western Railroad

freight car was overturned, and another derailed, and a Chicago & North Western locomotive left the track in a collision about a mile west of St. Charles. There were no

injuries. Twenty-two people were arraigned in Preston for

charges of illegal liquor sales.

All paid fines ranged from \$50 to \$300.

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 Carleton College at Northfield started the fall term with 725 students enrolled. That is the largest enrollment in its history.

· Nearly 40 men are on the

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### HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST | TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A positive attitude will make a difference in the outcome of a personal situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look at what you are up against, and weigh the pros and cons before agreeing to something

questionable. .  $\star\star\star$  GEMINI (May 21-June **20):** Prepare to question everything and everyone before you agree to something that will disrupt your life.  $\star\star\star$ 

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July 22): Mood swings will slow down productivity and cause problems at home and work.  $\star \star$ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Getting together with an old friend or relative will spark your imagination and help you confirm what you can do to make your life better.  $\star \star \star \star \star$ 

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put more thought into what you want to accomplish, and press forward without giving in to interruptions.  $\star \star \star$  LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

22): Expand your interests,

and you'll meet people who stimulate your mind and push you to be your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Dig in, and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you accomplish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. **22-Dec. 21):** A change of pace will spark your imagination and encourage you to consider a new and exciting way to use your skills and experience. 🛨

.per leffce. \* \* \* \* \* CAPRICORN (Dec. **22-Jan. 19):** Avoid getting in the middle of someone's dilemma..★★ AQUARIUS (Jan.

**20-Feb. 18):** A chance to partner with someone will grab your interest and motivate you to act.

PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20): Listen to what others have to say before you make a decision that will alter your financial situation. .  $\star\star\star$ 

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

# 'Our Kind of People' lands with a thud

melodrama of class and caste, "Our Kind of People" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) takes place in the town of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, long an enclave of wealthy Black families. The soap opera has been adapted from Lawrence Otis Graham's "Our Kind of People: Inside America's Black Upper Class.

With executive producers Karin Gist ("Star,") and Lee Daniels ("Empire"), this series sports a melodramatic pedigree. But shows like this often show how deceptive family roots

Yaya DaCosta stars as Angela Vaughn, a proud woman who is a genius when it comes to Black hair care. She aims to open a shop, Eve's Crown, in the Bluffs, located in an old building left to her by her late mother. Momma had not been part of the island's smart set, but worked as a maid. Angela arrives to fulfill her mother's dream.

The reigning families, the Franklins and the Duponts, don't welcome her ambitions. Angela's efforts to donate money at a classy charity dinner is seen as gauche. It doesn't help when Angela's daughter, Nikki (Alana Bright), is seen getting drunk with the locals. Veteran actor Joe Morton

stars as Teddy Franklin, the patriarch of the island's ruling elite. He's introduced by giving a boardroom speech about buying a Boston sports team and building a stadium in the heart of a rundown area. His soaring rhetoric puts the emphasis on both profit and community service. His



**TUNE IN TONIGHT** Kevin McDonough

daughter doesn't exactly buy his exalted noblesseoblige.

Teddy's halo is tarnished by flashbacks to stories about Angela's mother, her illegitimate birth and hints as to her paternity. Will the arrival of a hair salon upset the enclave's social firmament? If you have to ask, then this is not the show for you.

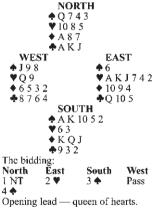
I realize the description may make "Our Kind" seem like a great soap. Don't be deceived. The dialogue is jaw-droppingly stiff. People don't conduct conversations; they deliver speeches.

When introduced to a snooty crowd and asked about her business, Angela gives an undergraduatelevel dissertation on the importance of hair to Black women and Black society. A father-son chat is similarly stilted. It's as if these characters had never met and were describing their feelings and motivations rather than acting like human beings.

Can't anyone engage in small talk without invoking their caste or their struggle? Apparently not. It's like the writers could not imagine Black characters who were not obsessed with talking about being Black. "Our Kind" promises escapism, but only succeeds in being humorless, dated and odd.

# PUZZLES | SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

# **BRIDGE** | KING FEATURES



#### In many suit contracts, declarer is faced with the threat

of being overruffed by one of the defenders. When the overruff seems imminent, declarer should study his options carefully before committing himself in one direction or the other.

#### **Consider South's problem** in this deal where he reaches four

spades on the bidding shown. East overtakes West's queen-ofhearts lead with the king, cashes the ace and continues with the jack at trick three.

The bidding and East's first three plays combine to make it a virtual certainty that West is out

of hearts at this point, and the question is whether or not to ruff with the ten. To defuse the immediate threat, South could trump with the king, but the trouble with this is that it might promote the missing jack into a trick. In the actual deal, if declarer

trumps with either the ten or king, he will go down one. Both plays establish a trump winner for West, and when South later tries a club finesse, East's queen scores the setting trick.

If ruffing high or low were declarer's only options, he could not succeed as the cards lie. But there is a third option that makes declarer a very strong favorite to finish with ten tricks.

His best play is to discard a club at trick three instead of attempting to win the trick. By doing so, declarer telescopes both of his potential losers into one trick, leaving him in the driv-

## **Regardless of what East** plays next, declarer is home free.

Another heart lead by East can be overruffed by dummy if West ruffs, after which South has the rest of the tricks.

**Tomorrow:** A drop in the

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# **CRYPTOQUOTE** | KING FEATURES

#### AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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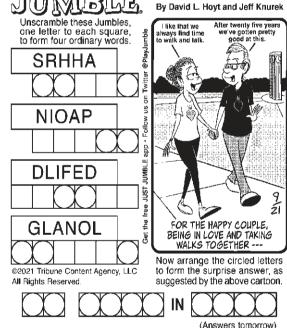
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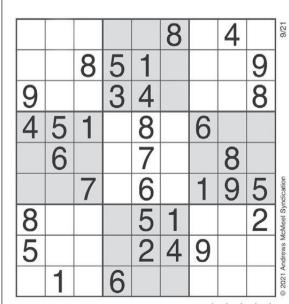
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# **SUDOKU** | UNIVERSAL FEATURES



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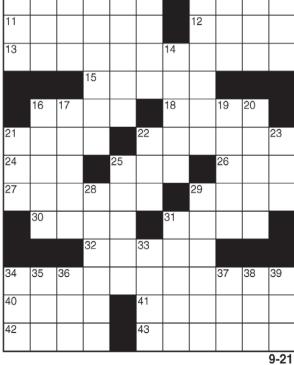
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# **Vikings** keeping up Vigil

New Minnesota linebacker shows up on special teams, defense

**BY DANE MIZUTANI** 

St. Paul Pioneer Press

Linebacker Nick Vigil was a two-way player at Utah State, and he looked the part in Sunday's one-point loss at Arizona.

Vigil, a 28-year-old linebacker in his first season with the Vikings, returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown on the second play of the second half to give the Vikings a 30-24 lead, but it was the execution that brought out the athleticism.

Vigil extended his arms like a wide receiver to grab the pass from Kyler Murray on the left side of the defense, then demonstrated his ability to escape on the way to his first career touchdown in the

After stiff-arming speedster Rondale Moore at the 20, Vigil slithered past guard Josh Jones to get into the end zone before rolling to a finish.

Nothing, really.

"Just dropped to my spot, read (Murray's) eyes," Vigil said. "He was staring it down, so I was able to break on it and catch the ball. I thought (Moore) was gonna get me from behind. That guy's a little faster than me, so he caught me pretty quick, but I was able to escape him.

"Ahh... I don't know if you can say 'due,' but it felt good to finally get one."

Vikings cornerback Patrick Peterson, a former Cardinals player who knows something about State Farm Stadium, was dropping into his zone and did not see the play develop, but the crowd reaction tipped him off.

"I just heard the crowd kind of take a gasp for air, so I good," said Peterson, who spent his first 10 pro seasons with Cardinals.

See VIKINGS, Page B4



Chileshe Chitulangoma, a senior on the Mayo boys soccer team, has refused to let cerebral palsy slow him in school or on the

# 'No reason to be quiet'

# Mayo senior Chileshe Chitulangoma using cerebral palsy as inspiration in life, soccer

**BY PAT RUFF** 

Post Bulletin

hileshe Chitulangoma runs with a slightly crooked left arm and a weakened entire left side of

The Rochester Mayo senior has cerebral palsy, a diagnosis first given him when he was 2.

Tim Jennings is the firstyear coach of the Mayo boys soccer team. He knows about Chitulangoma's condition but spends little time thinking about it. That's because Chitulangoma also happens to be one of his top and most versatile players on a strong Spartans team.

'I don't think that (cerebral palsy) is a big problem for Chile," Jennings said. "That's a compliment to him. He does have some things to deal with, but not anything that we have to think a lot about. Chile has grit and he's always willing

to put in extra work and effort. He made the team based on his abilities. But his having cerebral palsy has not been an issue that's come up."

Nothing makes Chitulangoma happier than knowing that Jennings loses track of his condition. What the Mayo senior has forever wanted is to simply be a "player" and to be regarded as "able."

He's certainly both. Along with the forever help of his mother, physical therapist Jillene Chitulangoma, he's done everything he can to make sure of it. There have been countless surgeries through the years, weight training, balancing exercises, stretches, and on and on.

"I've worked a lot on my left-footed balance," Chitulangoma said. "I've gone from not being able to balance on my left leg for even a second, to sometimes

balancing on it for 10 to 15 seconds now. And I used to not be able to do a real pushup. Now, I can do 15 to 20 of them."

Chitulangoma has an unwavering love for soccer, which is a family thing. Older brother Daliso, a Mayo graduate and former Spartans soccer star, and his brother Kymani, a sophomore at Mayo, cling to the game just as Chile does.

# **DEVOTED TO THE GAME**

But Jillene places her middle son in an unmatched category. She imagines no one his age knows soccer better than him, with all of the time he's put into watching it, studying it and working at it.

Chitulangoma picks things up quickly, which helps explain his wizardry in the classroom (a nearly 4.0 grade point average), where he's relentless.

But soccer, there is nothing

more special to him.

"I love being around the game," said Chitulangoma, who got his soccer start in the third grade. "I'd like to be around soccer in some way for the rest of my life. Since the days that I played (for the Rochester Youth Soccer Association), it's been my main passion.

"I try to be as smart in the game as possible. I've watched a lot of soccer, so I've picked up a thing or two. Anything in my power to compensate for my cerebral palsy, I do that. That's always been my mindset.'

These days, Chitulangoma also has a new mindset. It's to stretch well beyond himself. It's to reach out to others who have cerebral palsy, or as he puts it. "anyone who has any disability or even those without a disability."

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# H.S. FOOTBALL FOCUS

# 2021 could be Year of the QB in SE Minnesota

**BY PAT RUFF** 

Post Bulletin

This is shaping up to be the "Year of the Quarterback," in southeastern Minnesota.

There are so many making tremendous impacts on their teams, led by a group of six - Blooming Prairie's Drew

Kittelson, Lake City's Justin Wohlers, Mayo's Bennett Ellsworth, LeRoy-Ostrander's Chase Johnson, Stewartville's Eli Klavetter and Kasson-Mantorville's Matthew Donovan.

Good luck picking the top one from that group. Now let's get to what's developed in the past week.

**WEEK 3'S TOP PERFORMERS** 

1. QB Eli Klavetter. Stewartville

Klavetter, a strong-armed, 6-foot-3 senior, waited until three-year starter Will Tschetter finally graduated from Stewartville in the spring. Klavetter is proving the wait to have been worth it as he keeps tearing things up for a Tigers team that's 3-0. Klavetter threw for 292 yards and five touchdowns Friday as No. 9-ranked Stewartville beat No. 10-ranked Faribault 35-26.

2. QB Justin Wohlers,

Lake City

Wohlers, the Tigers' 6-5 star quarterback, has guided his team to a 3-0 start. On Friday, he tore Lourdes up

with 286 yards passing (22for-25 accuracy) and four touchdowns, as well as rushed for 86 yards and two TDs.

3. DE Ezra Kiley, Blooming Prairie

On a somewhat discombobulated night for the No. 1-ranked Blossoms, Kiley helped restore order from his defensive end position. The 6-0, 190-pound senior totaled three sacks and finished with four solo tackles and five assists in Blooming Prairie's 33-6 win over United South Central.

4. QB Tate Gilbertson, Winona Cotter

Cotter is not in the habit of winning games. Going into

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Blooming Prairie quarterback Drew Kittelson (4) rushes with the ball during the 2020 Section 1A championship game against Randolph at Blooming Prairie. Kittelson has led the Blossoms to three straight wins this season and a No. 1 ranking in the Class AA state poll.

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# Stephen-Argyle's record preserved after Caledonia loss

# Storm still hold Minnesota's longest football winning streak

**BY TOM MILLER** 

Post Bulletin

Former Stephen-Argyle football standout Matt Gratzek, now a 33-year-old living in rural Argyle, Minn., wasn't tracking high school football scores on a nightly basis by any means.

But last week, he learned Caledonia's 71-game high school football winning streak was snapped by Lake City, ending the nation's longest active winning streak and securing Stephen-Argyle's place as the No. 1 longest winning streak in the

The Storm won 76 straight games from 2003

Someone in town at the local coffee shop told me," Gratzek said. "In small towns, that's how it goes.'

Reaction from former Stephen-Argyle standouts wasn't exactly that of the 1972 undefeated Miami Dolphins, whose living members notoriously popped champagne every time an NFL team fell short of an unbeaten season.

Perhaps, though, it was simply an opportunity to reminisce about the unique nature of the Storm streak.

"I didn't (follow Caledonia's streak) as much as some of the other assistants I worked with and some other local people," former Stephen-Argyle head football coach Mark Kroulik said. "I really thought they had a heck of a program. It was a surprise. If they broke it, I wouldn't have felt bad with a program like

"It's still kind of surreal in the sense that you take it a season at a time. You don't always piece them altogether. We tried not to make a big deal of it at the time just because the kids didn't need that extra pressure for something that was not directly related to our target goals for the year.'

that rolling by us.

Another former Stephen-Argyle standout, Blake Sczepanski, now a 32-year-old farmer in Stephen, had heard some talk about Caledonia challenging the streak.

but I saw (they lost) on Twitter," Sczepanski said. "I was aware they were close. The streak as you get older, it's a lot more impressive. Talking to buddies, it's quite the accomplishment ... just how hard it is to make the championship, let

"I didn't follow it

alone win it."

Sczepanski never lost in his career, while Gratzek did just once as a freshman in the state semifinals.

"As you get older, you realize it's more special than you do at the time, Gratzek said. "You're a high school kid, you're having fun with friends and winning football games and working hard. It's probably more special than you realize at the time.

Kroulik, who will be 70 vears old in November. will be honored at UND's Potato Bowl game Saturday against Drake at the Alerus Center.

Kroulik is a Minnesota Football Coaches Association Hall of Famer, leading Stephen-Argyle to seven state championships (1999, 2003-07, 2009). He'll receive the UND Coaches Award of Merit.

When Kroulik retired from coaching in 2009, he held a 168-12 all-time record as head coach.

"You have to have so many things fit together in the right way," said Kroulik, who still follows lots of area football including Clearbrook-Gonvick where his son is head coach. "We didn't try to make a big deal out of it. It was a positive motivator for



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Caledonia players celebrate their win over Minneapolis North in the Class AA state football championship on Nov. 29, 2019, at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. The win was the 68th in a row for the Warriors, who saw their impressive streak snapped three weeks ago by Lake City, at 71 games.

kids to work out and get stronger because they didn't want to see it end, but we didn't want that kind of burden to set a record or make a streak.

"It was a little different every year. Some years we were physically dominant in the Gratzek years (Matt and his brother Kyle were standouts). You have a player like that and everyone follows. We had good depth, too. We had 80 percent of our boys play football. Some of those marginal sophomores followed the leadership of some really good leaders. (Nevin) Lubarski and Gratzek and those guys made them better so when they were seniors they were dang good high school football players. Success feeds on itself.'

Sczepanski said commitment to the program was a key to the

"We always played for each other and no one person wanted to stand out," he said. "The team was always first, whether it was on or off the field. We were committed whether it was the weight room or practice."

Players also say Kroulik was a significant force in the streak.

"He knew the game very well, especially the defense," said Sczepanski, who played two years of college football at North Dakota State and two at Bemidji State. "He'd set up whoever we were playing against. He knew exactly where the play was going to go. We were prepared mentally. We respected him tremendously. He knew how to work with 16, 17, 18-year-olds. It was more than playing football; we had lots of other things on our mind and he mentally prepared everyone single player. When he told us something ... I wouldn't say we were afraid ... but we just respected him

so much, we knew what he said was the right thing."

Gratzek, who played at NDSU from 2006-10, agreed.

"I think he was successful as a coach and other things in life because he knows how to treat and talk to people to get the most out of them," Gratzek said. "I give him a lot of credit for that. It's not one style of coaching or treatment. He has the ability to see on an individual level how that person needs to be approached.'

If Stephen-Argyle's streak comes to an end some day, Kroulik won't be disappointed.

"It's not that important," he said. "I would take the memories working with the players and the section championships and the state championships ... those are bigger memories than the pieces of the streak.'

# Rochester coaches take cautious approach to Legion softball

merican Legion baseball has been a summer staple for youth players in Minnesota for decades.

Now American Legion



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will offer fastpitch softball as well. Minnesota American Legion

mander Tom Fernlund announced

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late last week that the Minnesota American Legion would offer fastpitch softball for girls beginning in 2022.

But girls who play fastpitch softball in the summer have a number of league options and it will be interesting to see if the Legion program catches on. Some of the high school coaches in Rochester seemed to have mixed views.

"I think it's going to be tough to get traction," Lourdes coach Becky Macken said. "They'll have plenty of competition.'

John Marshall coach **Thang** Nguyen said another option could be exciting to check

"JM would definitely look into it and see what the Legion could offer," he said.

"There's so many options right now with ASA/USA Olympic style or USSSA,' Mayo softball coach Steve Lewison said. "It might grab ahold of it. It's hard to say what their format is going to be and how they'll play it."

Lewison said his players who are on summer teams play in both ASA/USA and USSSA. He likes the USSSA style of play, which allows

in their lineup and make free substitutions. "I personally like that one because it gives more kids the opportunity to play and hit," he said. "And you don't

teams to use up to 11 hitters

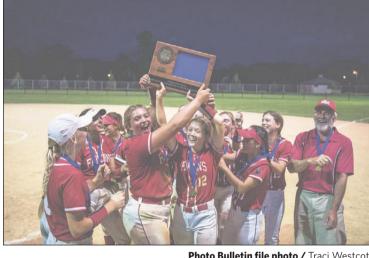


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Wabasha-Kellogg players celebrates after winning a Section 1A softball championship on June 10 during the high school season. Beginning in the summer of 2022, fastpitch players in Minnesota will have the option to play American Legion softball in the summer.

have to worry about your substitutions, you can switch people around every inning if you want."

anything about the Legion program right now. "I'm interested if I get more

Nguyen doesn't know

information about it," he said. Girls have been playing fastpitch softball in the

summer for decades, but the Minnesota American Legion decided to offer softball during its meeting on Aug. 7. "I played in the summer and

I graduated in 1980," Macken said. "That's how long that's been going on. There's a lot of associations that pop up, and then they pop out. "I think that things are

pretty well established for competition and club softball," she said. "And if they want to have events, there's a lot of competition out there.'

Macken is also the president of Rochester Youth Fastpitch

Association. RYFA is a member of USA Softball. "The biggest reason why we are that is because that's what the umpires support," Macken said. "They have a

great training program. So I

soon."

don't see us changing anytime

Minnesota is following in the footsteps of the North Carolina American Legion, which fielded a softball program starting in 2018. It had 11 teams its first year and now more than 50 teams are signed up. Several other states sought to launch American Legion softball programs in 2020, but efforts were stalled by the pandemic. Registration for Minnesota

American Legion Fastpitch Softball will open after Jan. 1. Lewison might take a wait-

and-see approach to American Legion softball. "I think it almost has to

explode in the Twin Cities area first before it gets to outstate," he said.

"As a coach I would be very interested in looking into it and see what they're offering

and go from there," he added There are currently 115 teams in the Rochester Youth **Fastpitch Softball Association** 

that are playing fall softball in the city, with players ranging in ages from 8-18. Guy N. Limbeck is a sports writer for the Post Bulletin. His Local

Notebook appears each Tuesday.

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# NASCAR playoffs field down to 12 drivers

Field Level Media

Kyle Larson added to his NASCAR Cup Series-leading win total on Saturday night when he passed Kevin Harvick for the lead with four laps to go to win the Bass Pro Shops Night Race at Bristoi Motor Speedway in Tennessee.

Larson's sixth win of the season came by fractions of a second over Harvick. "It was so cool to race

there for the win. So cool," Larson said. "I love this place. It's by far my favorite

Harvick and Larson are two of the 12 drivers who survived and moved from the field of 16 to the field of 12 in the Cup Series playoffs. Harvick remained winless

this season and finished as runner-up on Saturday, .227 seconds behind Larson in the second race of the year at

After the race, Harvick and Chase Elliott got into a shoving match on pit lane. The fracas stemmed from contact the two drivers made with 35 laps to go and as they were competing for the lead. Harvick appeared to

move up into Elliott and the contact cut down one of Elliott's tires, forcing him to Elliott got back in the mix.

One lap down toward the end of the race, he appeared to block race-leader Harvick. which allowed Larson to move in and take the lead.

Asked about the pushing incident, Harvick said, "I just told him it was kind of a chicken (stuff) move that he did there at the end. We're racing for the freaking win at Bristol. We're three wide in the middle and he throws a temper tantrum. I was just trying to get the lead and race hard and he pulls up in front of me and just sits there until

I lose the whole lead. "I'm ready to rip

somebody's freakin head off."

In Elliott's view, the move

mirrors a Harvick tact.

"It's something he does all the time. He runs into your left side constantly,' Elliott said. "He did it to me at Darlington a few weeks ago because he was tired of racing with me. Where he does it on purpose, it doesn't matter. At some point, I ve got to draw the line. I don't care who he is or how long he's been doing it, I'm going to stand up for myself and my team.'

William Byron, Larson's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports, finished third to squeeze his way into the Round of 12 of the Playoffs.

Joining those three topthree drivers in the Round of 12, which begins this weekend at Las Vegas Motor Speedway: Ryan Blaney, Joey Logano, Kyle Busch, Christopher Bell, Alex Bowman, Chase Elliott, Martin Truex Jr., Denny Hamlin, Brad Keselowski. Bounced from the Playoffs

were Daytona 500 winner Michael McDowell, Tyler Reddick, Kurt Busch and Aric Almirola. Team Penske's Blaney

finished fourth in the race and Hendrick Motorsports' Bowman was fifth. Two-time champion

Kyle Busch appeared to be cruising into the next round. But with 45 laps to go, his Joe Gibbs Racing car had a tire go down. He had to pit and when he returned to the track, he was just two points above the cutline. With 26 laps to go, Bell

scraped the wall and had to pit. His seemingly comfortable position vis a vis advancing to the Round of 12 vanished as he was just 10 points above the cutline. But the key battle for the

final berth in the second round of the Playoffs saw Reddick, Byron and Almirola just a couple of points apart over the final laps.

Byron finished two points ahead of Reddick and Almirola.

# Are Gophers primed for a big winning streak?

**BY ANDY GREDER** 

St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Gophers football players were only able to remove one of P.J. Fleck's shoes during the head coach's crowd-surfing stint inside Folsom Field's visiting locker room in Boulder, Colorado, on Saturday.

After wins, the players' goal is to nab both shoes, but stealing that one white Nike can help represent the 100-gamescoached milestone Fleck reached in a 30-0 rout of Colorado. Athletics director Mark Coyle presented Fleck with a specialty game ball and his wife, Heather, gifted him a commemorative

"That's awesome for him," said Gophers defensive end Thomas Rush, who had two sacks against the Buffaloes. "I had no idea, but to hear that and know that it was a shutout, that's great that we could do it for him.'

It was Fleck's first



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Minnesota defensive linemen Thomas Rush (8) and Boye Mafe (34) combine to sack Colorado quarterback Brendon Lewis (12) on Saturday.

shutout at Minnesota, and it comes two weeks after Ohio State ran wild in a 45-31 seasonopening loss and a week after Miami (Ohio) was allowed back into the game before the U closed a 31-26 victory.

Fleck did his postgame radio interview with one socked foot before his shoe was retrieved. During the interview, he called Saturday's game "pivotal." Back with two shoes on, he clarified

that comment in his next interview.

"We didn't know what was going to come out," Fleck said, adding they were "a little bit flat" against the RedHawks and "got ourselves in a hole" against the Buckeyes.

"I thought we handled business through four quarters" on Saturday, Fleck continued. "And that's why I said pivotal, not for the season, just right now. Pivotal in the week that we needed to

be able to show what kind of team we can be moving into the future."

The win could be pivotal for the season, too. With Bowling Green (1-2) coming to Minnesota this week, the U can get off to a 3-1

Saturday's road game had a distinct Outback Bowl vibe with Gophers fans traveling en masse to see a victory. What also could be similar to the 2019 season is Minnesota has a real chance to go on a winning streak.

After Bowling Green, which was picked to finish last in the Mid-American Conference East division, Minnesota travels to Purdue (2-1) to restart Big Ten play Oct. 2; the U then hosts Nebraska (2-2) and Maryland (3-0) before a road trip to Northwestern (1-2) and a home game against Illinois (1-3).

That means Minnesota has a foreseeable path to being 8-1 going to Iowa City to face the Big Ten front-running Hawkeyes on Nov. 13. Iowa has had a lights-out defense, and Minnesota showed one for the first time this season on Saturday.

The U was allowing 152 rushing yards per game (80th in the country) through two games, but sent the Buffaloes backwards with minus-19 yards rushing. Colorado's leading rusher was backup quarterback Drew Carter (9 yards).

The Gophers had zero sacks in the first two games but got four in Saturday's first half. They had five tackles for lost yards in the opening eight quarters of the season and added four more on Saturday. They had two pass breakups across 120 minutes to start the season, and produced four on Saturday.

Minnesota had three takeaways in the first two games and added another on Saturday. (Special teams got a second turnover.) After Ohio State stacked up explosive plays over

20 yards and Miami had its fair share, too, Minnesota's biggest play allowed on Saturday was a 12-yard pass.

"We talk about stopping the run, eliminating explosive passes and then creating takeaways," linebacker Mariano Sori-Marin said. "We did all three of that. It starts with the guys up front."

For the Gophers to go on a winning streak, the defense will have to resemble more of what they showed on Saturday. And Fleck wasn't willing to call Saturday's blowout a complete game.

He compared Saturday's game to a gluttonous meal at a fancy steakhouse, where you go big with the "48ounce T-Bone tomahawk steak."

"You ordered it, get the appetizers, you get the salad, get the soup and by the time you get (the steak), you only eat three quarters of it," Fleck said. "We still left a lot of meat on the bone.

# Twins' Donaldson enjoyed return trip to Toronto

BY BETSY HELFAND St. Paul Pioneer Press

TORONTO — As Josh Donaldson walked closer to the batter's box, the crowd at the Rogers Centre on Friday got louder and louder, roaring in appreciation.

Most stood, cheering especially as Donaldson took a moment to tip his helmet back to them in appreciation. It played out much the same the next two days with Donaldson, the former Blue Jays star who now plays third base for the Twins, receiving a big ovation from the crowd the first time he strode to the plate, though he didn't doff his helmet either of the next two

"From day one, since was traded over here to Toronto, the fans have received me well," Donaldson said. "And since I've left, they've always shown their appreciation for me, and I've tried to return that to them as well. I can't lie, it's nice to get back here playing in front of these fans and in this stadium that had so many good memories.'

It was in Toronto where Donaldson had some of the best years of his career, taking home the American League Most Valuable Player Award as a Blue Jay in 2015. Blue Javs fans have that fresh in their memories: As Donaldson stepped into the box this weekend, he was often treated to chants of "MVP."

Donaldson was twice an all-star while playing in Toronto, and helped lead the Blue Jays to the playoffs in back-toback seasons. The 2015 team won the AL East and made it to the AL Championship Series before falling to the Kansas City Royals. They nabbed a wild card the next year, beating the Baltimore Orioles in the one-game showdown before falling to the Texas Rangers in the AL Division Series. His Blue Jays tenure, which began in 2015, ended during the 2018 season when he was

"It's special," Donaldson said. "Toronto's a special place, the fans are special. ... When it's packed, this place is kind of hard to

traded to Cleveland.



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**Minnesota Twins** designated hitter Josh Donaldson, left, and **Toronto Blue Jays first** baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr. exchange jerseys after a game **Sunday at Rogers Centre** in Toronto.

Donaldson relived some good times at the Rogers Centre over the weekend, hitting a home run in each of the first two games, both blasts receiving a mixed reaction — some cheers, some boos, from the Toronto faithful. Unlike his first trip back in 2019, with the Braves in which he went 0-for-7 in two games, Donaldson finished this trip with three hits and three runs scored.

He capped off his return to the Rogers Centre by meeting Blue Jays star Vladimir Guerrero Jr. behind home plate as the two signed and then exchanged "Everything that JD

did while he was here, I don't think a speck of that was forgotten," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "They treated him as if this is the first time they've seen him in a long time and they wanted to let him know ... just how they remember him and just what he did for this team. He's one of the best players that this team, this organization, has ever had, that they've ever seen, and they let us hear it — and they let us hear it actually all three games.' **BRIEFLY** 

# Joe Ryan is listed

as the Twins' probable starting pitcher for Wednesday against the Cubs, which would be his first start since taking a comebacker off his wrist last Tuesday. ... Griffin Jax is scheduled to start the first game of

the series today.

# **FIELD LEVEL MEDIA**

Aerial Powers scored 27 points, Napheesa Collier recorded a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, and the Minnesota Lynx rode a third-quarter run to an 83-77 defeat of the host Washington Mystics on Sunday in the regular-season finale for

Minnesota (22-10) went on 18-2 run in the third quarter to build a 13-point lead, then held Washington (12-20) to a doubledigit deficit for much of the fourth quarter en route to its fourth straight win and ninth in 10 games.

The late-season surge earned a Minnesota team that faced roster absences for much of the campaign the No. 3 seed in the upcoming WNBA playoffs.

Sunday's loss ended

Mystics came into the day in a three-team race with New York and Los Angeles, needing both a win over the Lynx and a Sparks loss to Dallas later in the day. Powers continued to be critical

Lynx earn No. 3 spot with season-finale win

Washington's playoff hopes. The

to the end-of-season push, with her game-high in scoring marking her fourth 20-plus-point outing in the Lynx's last six Layshia Clarendon scored

10 points — two of which were free throws with 27.5 seconds remaining to effectively seal the win — and dished a game-high six assists in her first appearance for the Lynx since sustaining a leg injury on Aug. 24.

Kayla McBride added another 10 points, Sylvia Fowles chipped in eight points and matched a game-high with 13 rebounds, and Crystal Dangerfield scored eight points off the Minnesota bench.

The Mystics rallied with an 11-1 run in the late fourth quarter, cutting the deficit to two points in the final minute.

Natasha Cloud led Washington with 22 points, Ariel Atkins registered 17 points and Tina Charles closed out a Most Valuable Player-contending season with 14 points and 13

rebounds.

The WNBA playoffs are scheduled to begin with two firstround games on Thursday. The Lynx will host a second-round, single-elimination game on Sunday, Sept. 26. The semifinals and championship will be determined by best-of-5 series. The semifinals are set to begin on Sept. 28, with the WNBA Finals to begin Oct. 10.

# Wolves hope offseason acquisitions change culture

**BY JACE FREDERICK** St. Paul Pioneer Press

Jarred Vanderbilt had fallen out of the rotation early in Chris Finch's tenure. The new Timberwolves coach was tinkering with various lineup looks, and Vanderbilt wasn't in any of them.

Over a span of eight games from late March to early April, Vanderbilt played a total of seven minutes.

But then came a pair of blowout defeats at Target Center at the hands of Brooklyn and Milwaukee that changed everything. With the Timberwolves down big in the second half of each game, Vanderbilt was inserted into the lineup, and each time provided a needed jolt. Vanderbilt blocked

four shots in 21 minutes against Brooklyn. He grabbed 10 rebounds in 19 minutes against Milwaukee. At that point, Finch

felt he had no choice but to re-insert the young power forward into his rotations. In the following game, Vanderbilt grabbed 14 rebounds in a home victory over Miami. "He did earn his

position back in those garbage-time games,' Finch said. "He went out there, when we were down 20, and played inspirationally. And, when you're trying to change the culture, that has to be rewarded.' The culture-changing

process within the Timberwolves is ongoing. The attempt to do so was very much present on the stage of the team's press conference last week

to introduce their



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deal. It was important

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Anthony Edwards (1) is one of the standout players the team will rely on this year to jell with some newcomers acquired in the offseason.

offseason acquisitions and re-signings. "I think we made great

strides in addressing the needs to continue to go forward," Finch said. "I think the front office, Gersson and his crew, did a really, really good job. We had limited bullets this year. We weren't in the draft. But we had priorities, and we nailed every single one.'

The most important one was to get tougher. Minnesota has talent. A look at a team featuring the likes of Anthony Edwards, **Karl-Anthony Towns** and D'Angelo Russell, and one would figure it should be, at minimum, a fringe playoff team. The Timberwolves can score. But can they get stops? Can they make the key, gritty winning

plays? Can they bring a consistent effort? The answers to all of those questions have been a resounding "No"

for too long. That's

why it was important

Minnesota bring back

offseason, on a 3-year

Vanderbilt, a 22-year-old

restricted free agent this

the Timberwolves sign 2020 draft pick Leandro Bolmaro and trade for a defensive gnat like Patrick Beverley, who has never missed the playoffs in his 9-year NBA career. He knows the type of consistent effort and focus that type of success requires. "I think my biggest

focus is seeing how locked in we can be each and every night consistently, over a preseason, a season and eventually if we're doing the right things getting to the playoffs," Beverley said. Timberwolves

president of basketball operations Gersson Rosas said Minnesota needed to add Beverley's 'We need that fire.

urgency to the mix. There's no difference to him Day One to 10 years in the league. That's what he's going to bring. His ability, his experience, where he's been throughout the league, to impact not

only the defensive end.

Rosas said. "His fit with

but the offensive end,"

us of how we play, the

tenacity, the intensity, we needed that as a group."

The Timberwolves were again terrible defensively last season.

But it starts with accountability. That's where Beverley needs to shine. His reputation should give him clout to hold his offensiveminded teammates' feet to the fire on the defensive end when they aren't doing what is necessary to win. He seems to have a mandate from the organization to

acquisition where you pick up a guy that can change the whole defense," Rosas said. "We have to change the culture, change the environment and we have a guy that has the urgency, that fights, that'll do whatever it takes to make sure we're successful." Beverley said there

"It's hard to get an

will be a "good pressure" on this team to be locked in every day. The Timberwolves, he said, need to be honest with one another on top of the accountability piece. "If everyone is

accountable, we put ourselves in position to be successful," Beverley said. "It comes from a place that I'm not trying to put you down. I'm trying to win. Is the Timberwolves'

culture where it needs to be at the moment? No. But they do seem to think they're closer to that point today than they were at the end of last season. "It's a process. And it

takes time and it takes effort, but it takes the right people," Rosas said. East

Philadelphia Dallas Washington

N.Y. Giants

Carolina Tampa Bay New Orleans

Atlanta

Chicago

Green Bay

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San Francisco Seattle

**Monday's Games** 

Miami at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m. Seattle at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.

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Penn State 1-0

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Michigan 0-0

**West Division** 

Minnesota 0-1

Nebraska 0-1

Wisconsin 0-1

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Rutgers

Iowa

Illinois

**Purdue** 

**TOP 25** 

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Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 3:25 p.m. Green Bay at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m. **Monday's Games** Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

Detroit

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Harper, PHI, 33; Arenado, STL, 32; Baez, CHC/NYM, 31; Votto, CIN, 31; Freeman, ATL, 30; 2 tied 29. RUNS BATTED IN

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99; Albies, ATL, 94; Aguilar, MIA, 93;
Machado, SD, 93; Tatis Jr., SD, 92;
Riley, ATL, 89; Votto, CIN, 89; Gold-

schmidt, STL, 88; Alonso, NYM, 87.

Urias, LAD, 18-3; Wainwright, STL, 16-7; Scherzer, WAS/LAD, 15-4; Bue-hler, LAD, 14-4; Gausman, SF, 14-6; Hendricks, CHC, 14-6; Wheeler, PHI,

14-9; Morton, ATL, 13-6; Mahle, CIN, 12-5; Suter, MIL, 12-5.

**Professional** 

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**AUTO RACING** 

**NASCAR CUP SERIES** 

2. Martin Truex. Jr.

3. Denny Hamlin

4. Ryan Blaney

5. Kyle Busch 6. Chase Elliott

7. Alex Bowman

8. William Byron

10. Brad Keselowski

11. Christopher Bell

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Sept. 26 at Las Vegas Motor

at Talladega Super-

at Charlotte Road

at Texas Motor Speed-

at Kansas Speedway

12. Kevin Harvick

Round of 12

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**BASKETBALL** 

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Freeman, ATL Riley, ATL HOME RUNS

PITCHING

Connecticut Chicago New York

Washington

Atlanta

Las Vegas

Minnesota Seattle Phoenix

Los Angeles

Standings

1. Kyle Larson

# SCOREBOARD

## ROCHESTER **CALENDAR**

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21 **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** John Marshall at Albert Lea quadrangular, 4 p.m. Schaeffer Academy at Lake City Invitational, 4:30 p.m. **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** John Marshall at Albert Lea quadrangular, 4 p.m. Schaeffer Academy at Lake City Invitational, 4:30 p.m. **BOYS SOCCER** John Marshall at Mankato East,

5 p.m. Winona at Century, 7 p.m. Mayo at Owatonna, 7 p.m. Stewartville at Lourdes, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER** Mankato East at John Marshall, Owatonna at Mayo, 7 p.m. Century at Winona, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING** Mayo at Century, 6:30 p.m. (at John Marshall) **GIRLS TENNIS** Cannon Falls at Lourdes, 4:30 p.m. (at Rochester Outdoor

Tennis Center) Winona at Mayo, 5 p.m. (at John Marshall) HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL John Marshall at Faribault, 7 p.m.

Century at Albert Lea, 7:15 p.m. Mankato West at Mayo, 7:15 p.m. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22 JR. COLLEGE SOCCER RCTC at St. Mary's University,

JR. COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Western Technical College at RCTC, 6:30 p.m.

## NEXT 3

Next 3 games and TV info. for Minnesota sports teams: **TWINS** Tuesday, Sept. 21: at Chicago

Cubs, 6:40 p.m. (BSN)
• Wednesday, Sept. 22: at Chicago Cubs, 6:40 p.m. (BSN) • Thursday, Sept. 23: Toronto, 6:40 p.m. (BSN) MINNESOTA UNITED

• Saturday, Sept. 25: Houston, 7 p.m. (BSN Plus) • Wednesday, Sept. 29: at D.C., 7 p.m. (BSN Plus) • Saturday, Oct. 2: at FC Dallas, 7

p.m. (BSN Plus) MINNESOTA VIKINGS • **Sunday, Sept. 26**: Seattle, 3:25 Sunday, Oct. 3: Cleveland, noon

Sunday, Oct. 10: Detroit, noon MINNESOTA LYNX

• WNBA Playoffs, TBD GOPHERS FOOTBALL Saturday, Sept. 25: Bowling Green, 11 a.m. (ESPNU) • Saturday, Oct. 2: at Purdue, 11 a.m. (TBD) • Saturday, Oct. 16: Nebraska,

TV HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Toronto at Tampa, 6 p.m. (MLBN) Minnesota at Chicago Cubs, 6:30 San Francisco at San Diego, 9 p.m. (FS1)

Live from the Ryder Cup, 8 a.m. (GOLF) Live from the Ryder Cup, 2 p.m. (GOLF) Live from the Ryder Cup, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, OR Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 11:30 a.m. (MLBN)

N.Y. Mets at Boston, 6 p.m.

(ESPN) Minnesota at Chicago Cubs, 6:30 p.m. (BSN) San Francisco at San Diego, 9 **PRO GOLF** 

Live from the Ryder Cup, 8 a.m. Live from the Ryder Cup, 6 p.m. (GOLF)

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Houston	1	1	0	.500	58	52
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	46	68
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	34	60
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	40	55
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Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	63	68
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	60	54
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	44	44
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	40	42
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# **Professional**

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**BASEBALL** 

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Cleveland	73	74	.497	11.0	
Detroit	72	78	.480	13.5	
Kansas City	67	82	.450	18.0	
Minnesota	65	85	.433	20.5	
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Houston	88	61	.591	_	
Oakland	82	67	.550	6.0	
Seattle	80	69	.537	8.0	
LA Angels	72	77	.483	16.0	
Texas	55	94	.369	33.0	
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NY Mets	73	77	.487	5.5
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Cincinnati Chi. Cubs Pittsburgh

San Francisco LA Dodgers San Diego Colorado

8:40 p.m. National League

(Suarez 6-4), 6:05 p.m.

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American League
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(Manning 4-6), 5:40 p.m. Texas (Alexy 2-0) at NY Yankees (Cortes Jr. 2-2), 6:05 p.m. Toronto (Ray 12-5) at Tampa Bay (Baz 0-0), 6:10 p.m. Kansas City at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m. Houston (Valdez 10-5) at LA Angels (Barria 2-3), 8:38 p.m. Seattle at Oakland (Manaea 10-9), 8:40 p.m.

Monday's Games Washington at Miami (Luzardo 3-4), 5:40 p.m. Pittsburgh (Peters 1-2) at Cincinnati

Pittsburgh (Peters 1-2) at Chichinati (Gutierrez 9-6), 5:40 p.m. St. Louis (Woodford 2-3) at Milwaukee (Peralta 9-4), 6:40 p.m. Atlanta at Arizona, 8:40 p.m. Interleague Monday's Games Baltimore (Means 5-7) at Philadelphia (Suaraz 6-4) 6:05 p.m.

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Lopez, KC 139 449 70 135 301
Mullins, BAL 150 561 88 159 301
Tucker, HOU 128 461 77 137 297
Bichette, TOR 148 589 113 173 294
HOME RUNS

HOME RUNS Guerrero Jr., TOR, 46; Perez, KC, 45; Ohtani, LAA, 44; Semien, TOR, 40; Gallo, TEX/NYY, 37; Olson, OAK, 36;

Judge, NYY, 35; Ramirez, CLE, 35; 4 tied 34.

Abreu, CHW, 113; Perez, KC, 113; Devers, BOS, 107; Hernandez, TOR,

Cole. NYY. 15-8: Matz. TOR. 13-7: Ryu, TOR, 13-9; Bassitt, OAK, 12-4; McCullers Jr., HOU, 12-4; Ray, TOR, 12-5; Rodon, CHW, 12-5; Flexen, SEA, 12-6; Cease, CHW, 12-7; Berrios, MIN/

106; Guerrero Jr., TOR, 105; Olson, OAK, 103; Meadows, TB, 100; Alvarez, HOU, 98; Bichette, TOR, 97; Seager,

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originally scheduled for last year but pushed back a year due to the pandemic.

It's the second time in five in the northern part of the Chaska.

# Koepka-DeChambeau rift 'could work in US favor'

Reuters

The long-running feud between Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau has the potential to inspire the American team at the 2021 Ryder Cup, Team Europe captain Padraig Harrington

said last week.

The Ryder Cup runs Friday through Sunday at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wis.

Koepka and DeChambeau have been involved in public spats for more than a year, with U.S. Ryder Cup captain Steve Stricker having to step in last month to broker peace.

Harrington, however, said that the animosity could be of benefit to the U.S. team and lift all the players as they look to wrestle back the Ryder Cup from their European counterparts.

The 50-year-old gave the

Spain's Sergio Garcia, saying that the two were able to overcome their differences for the greater good of the team. Both played in many successful Ryder Cups and have since ended their feud. The 2021 Ryder Cup was

years the event has been held U.S. The 2016 Ryder Cup was held at Hazeltine National in

# Vikings

From page **B1** 

"I looked up on the big screen and Nick was going the other way with the football." Vigil also joined the

Vikings' defense as a free agent this season after playing his first four years with Cincinnati then joining with the Chargers in 2020. He signed a one-year, \$1.75 million contract in

"Nick has been phenomenal for us since he got here in OTAs, throughout minicamps, and he's been making plays for us thus far throughout the season," Peterson said.

Principally a linebacker at Utah State, Vigil also spent time as

a running back, and had 169 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

Vigil also was involved in a disputed play late in the first half, when he came up with a fumble that was disallowed after On second down from

the Vikings' 5-yard line, Moore ran a jet sweep over the right side and lost the ball when cornerback Bashaud Breeland popped the ball loose on a tackle.

The ball popped into Vigil's hands, but a review indicated that he did not have both feet in bounds after gaining possession, and the Cardinals retained possession.

"No, just kinda popped into my chest," Vigil said. "I was joking with guys on the sidelines



Joe Camporeale / USA TODAY Sports

Vikings linebacker Nick Vigil (59) celebrates after returning an interception for a touchdown against the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

(that) I gotta start working on my toe-taps. Get two feet down."

A.J. Green was called for holding on that play to move the ball back, but Murray scored on a designed quarterback keeper up the middle on

the next play, following center Rodney Hudson. "They had a good play

called," Vigil said. "In that situation, there's not much you can do. We've just got to see it a little faster and all rally to it before he gets in."

# Chitulangoma

From page B1

Chitulangoma is done being quiet about what he's dealt with. In fact, he's now determined to embrace it, to talk about it and to even give thanks for

The soccer standout and honor student says starting with this article, he's on a new mission. It's to reach out to anyone he can by letting them know more about himself and his journey with cerebral palsy.

"I've not been open about it for most of my life, and I think most people don't even know I have (cerebral palsy)," Chitulangoma said. "But my being

quiet about it doesn't do anyone any favors. If I can be inspiring to kids who have cerebral palsy, or anyone, I want to do that."

His first step there is to stop hiding his condition, but rather to embrace it.

Chitulangoma credits cerebral palsy for helping shape him. He wants to get that out there.

"It's made me a stronger person,' he said. "Having cerebral palsy is not something that I can change, and it's not even a bad thing. There is no reason for me to be quiet about it anymore.'

# Football

From page **B1** 

this season, the Ramblers had won just one of their last 23 outings. But now look at them. Cotter is 2-1. The latest triumph came behind Gilbertson. The senior threw for 285 vards and four touchdowns Friday in a 33-12 win over Wabasha-Kellogg.

#### 5. RB Sam Backer, Chatfield

Backer was all over the field in a 30-0 win over Caledonia. There was a 53-yard interception return for a TD, a 67-yard TD run and an 8-yard pass for a touchdown. He also finished with 163 vards rushing as Chatfield beat Caledonia for the first time since

#### **WEEK 3 POWER RANKINGS EDITORS NOTE:** These

rankings are considered "pound-for-pound"

rankings, similar to many rankings systems in boxing and mixed martial arts. They represent the best teams in southeastern Minnesota, relative to the class they play in. 1. Mayo (3-0)

The Spartans are 3-0 and untested. On Friday, they put up 42 points against Century. And to give even more credence to this lofting ranking, they did it while playing their best defensive game of the season, pitching a shutout. If Mayo can keep this kind of defense up, it will be a serious state title contender.

# 2. Lanesboro (3-0)

The Burros have already had three big tests, all against teams considered section contenders when the season started — Grand Meadow, Southland and LeRoy-Ostrander. The Burros have passed all of them. Big, fast and skilled. That describes the Burros.

# 3. Lake City (3-0)

All right Tigers, we get it. You really are for real. When a team goes a combined 6-24 the previous four seasons, it's tough to immediately buy into a resurrection. But we've seen enough now. The Tigers, behind stellar quarterback Justin Wohlers, are the real deal.

## 4. Plainview-Elgin-Millville (3-0)

P-E-M also goes up one spot here. This is a nasty bunch of Bulldogs, one that plays defense better than anybody in southeastern Minnesota. In three games, P-E-M has given up a total of six points. It can score, too, managing 34 points per game.

# 5. Blooming Prairie

(3-0)The Blossoms didn't have longtime coach Chad Gimbel in a perfect mood following their 33-6

win Friday over United

sounds good enough.

South Central. The score

But his team wasn't nearly crisp enough for Gimbel's taste.

# 6. Stewartville (3-0)

Stewartville struggled slightly defensively in the first half against No. 10-ranked Faribault on Friday. But after that, the ninth-ranked Tigers were lights out, pitching a shutout the rest of the way in a 35-26 win. They also feature a quarterback, Eli Klavetter, who passed for five touchdowns and for nearly 300 yards through the air. 7. LeRoy-Ostrander

# (2-1)

There's no shame in losing to No. 5-ranked Lanesboro, which the Cardinals just did, 38-27. That's not a bad score against a team as loaded as the Burros. L-O is loaded, too, with speed and an ability to pass or run on offense. The Cardinals have an

emerging star at receiver,

Tristan Lewiston. He had

three TD grabs against

Lanesboro, all more than 50 yards.

# 8. Cannon Falls (3-0)

The Bombers had looked good, but not quite great on offense the first two weeks of the season. That changed in Week 3. Cannon Falls put up 57 points against Pine Island, doing all kinds of damage on the ground. They racked up 400 yards rushing, Carson Hammel leading the way with 145. 9. Rushford-Peterson

Here's another team without a loss. The Trojans' latest win was their most impressive yet, 42-14 over Kenyon-Wanamingo. R-P is playing consistently great defense, allowing just 12 points per game. 10. Chatfield (2-1)

# The Gophers make

their first appearance in this poll. They deserve it as they've seemingly gotten better every week since losing their opener

Plainview-Elgin-Millville.

to defensive-minded

Chatfield is coming off a 30-0 win over Caledonia and has one of the best running backs (Sam Backer) and offensive lines around.

### **LOOK AHEADS** • There's a heck of a

test waiting for LeRoy-Ostrander, which just got done going against No. 5-ranked Nine-Man team Lanesboro on Friday (losing 38-27). L-O hosts No. 1 ranked Mountain Lake Area on Friday. Mountain Lake has already played two top-10 ranked teams, including blasting No. 9 ranked Edgerton 43-0. Three teams from

southeastern Minnesota are ranked in the top 10 in Class AAA. Two of them will meet Friday, with No. 4 Lake City traveling to take on No. 10 Plainview-Elgin-Millville. It marks Lake City's prolific offense taking on a Bulldogs defense that's allowing

two points per game.

# Obituaries

### Lawrence "Larry" Gray

"Larry" Lawrence longtime Gray, 96. Stewartville, MN resident, businessman civil servant, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family Sunday, on September 19, 2021. The Christian Mass of Burial will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday,



September 25, 2021, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church with Rev. Kevin Connolly officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery with military honors by the Stewartville American

Lawrence Hubert Gray was born on December 20, 1924, at Shanavon, Saskatchewan, Canada to Bernard and Cecelia (Fitzgerald) Gray, the fourth of five sons. In 1911 Larry's parents left Rochester, MN, to homestead a parcel of land in Saskatchewan, where they farmed and raised their five sons. In 1936, at the height of the Great Depression, they returned to Rochester and in the fall of that year, moved to Stewartville.

attended school in Stewartville, graduating from Stewartville HS in 1942. He was then employed at the Mayo Clinic in General Service until February of 1944 when he enlisted into the U.S. Navy. He served in the Pacific theater with U.S. Fleet Hospital #116 on Okinawa Island. Upon his discharge from the navy, he to Stewartville, graduated from Rochester Junior College, and received a degree in Mortuary Science from the University of

On June 12, 1948, Larry married Geraldine 'Gerri" Griffin at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Stewartville. Larry and Gerri worked side-byside in the family businesses throughout their marriage, celebrating their 73rd anniversary in

Larry was involved with the Griffin-Gray Funeral Home for the past 60 years: as an employee from 1948 – 1960 when Pat Griffin retired; as owner from 1960 – 1990, when Larry and Gerri sold the firm to their son Christopher. Larry and Gerri have continued their involvement with the firm throughout their retirement. They also owned and operated Griffin Furniture in downtown Stewartville until closing and selling the building in 1978.

Larry was a longtime active member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, serving on various boards, with the Men's Club, and on the committee to build the new church. Larry was also actively involved in many Stewartville organizations. He was a longtime member of the Stewartville Commercial Club (now Chamber of Commerce), Stewartville Jaycees, Lions Club, American Legion, and VFW.

Larry also served the City of Stewartville for 28 years: from 1969 - 1983 on the City Council and 12 years, 1985-1996, as mayor. Larry was a lifelong contributor to Stewartville's civic life—promoting and supporting, with many others, numerous city projects, including Root River restoration, Florence and Bear Cave Parks, the Tebay Industrial Park, downtown redevelopment, the building of a new public library and the civic

Larry enjoyed gardening, numerous do-ityourself projects, and following local and national politics. He was also an avid and long-suffering Minnesota Vikings and Gopher football fan.

The Gray family would like to thank the staff of Mayo Hospice for their care and support. The family suggests memorials to St. Bernard's

Cemetery. Larry is survived by his wife Gerri; four daughters and three sons-Nora (Eric) Garland of La Crosse, Kevin (Susan) Gray of Stewartville, Mary Gray of Rochester, Christopher (Diane) Gray of Stewartville, Brian (Lynn) Gray of Forest Lake, Bridget Hermans of Stewartville, and Megan (Dan) Burick of Salt Lake City. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, Katherine (Shannon) Martin and Michael Steele; Kate (Arie) Kroeger-Gray and Karin Gray; Noah Gray; Cecelia, George, and Henry Gray; Hannah (Jake) Chambers and Lilli (Matt) Carlson; Connor, Olivia, and Rosemary Hermans; Emma and Tess Burick; and greatgrandchildren, Cora Martin, Frances Jagodzinske, and Theo Chambers.

The time of visitation for family and friends will take place on Friday, September 24, from 11 AM to 2 PM at Griffin-Gray Funeral Home and from 5 PM to 8 PM at St. Bernard's Church and at 10 AM at the church on Saturday morning. Arrangements are with Griffin-Gray Funeral Home, with assistance from Macken Funeral Home and Hindt Funeral Home.

Condolences and memories of Larry are welcome at www.griffin-gray.com. A livestream of the funeral service will be available at the Griffin-Gray Funeral Home website on Saturday morning beginning at 10:45 AM.

### Jay Louis Heider

Jay Louis Heider, 90, passed away Saturday, September 18, Rehabilitation and Living Center within Homestead The Complex in Rochester.

He was born October 15, 1930, in Abrams, Wisconsin to Alex and Florence (Knowles) Heider. He attended

grade school at the Knowles School in the Abrams vicinity. Then at the age of thirteen he left Abrams and went to live and work with relatives in the Escanaba, Michigan vicinity. He worked in the pulpwood cutting industry until enlisting in the Army in 1948. Early in his Army days he tested for and obtained a GED High School diploma.

He then attended Army Training Courses and became an electrician. He served two years at Fort Churchill, Canada, as part of an Engineering Research and Development Group out of Ft. Belvor, VA. He left the Army in August, 1951, and returned to the Abrams WI area. After a time, Chicago beckoned. He went there in October, 1952, and went to work at the Ford Aircraft Engine Plant as a shipping clerk. A year later he left Ford and spent the next year attending the DeVry Technical School studying basic, nuclear, and industrial electronics. With that background Jay went to work for IBM as a Customer Engineer servicing IBM equipment in the customers'

In 1956 he married the love of his life, Arlene. They lived in the Chicago vicinity (primarily Streamwood, IL) for the next ten years. They added two children to the family, James and Debra, before moving to Rochester.

He helped organize the AMVETS Post 238 in Streamwood and became its 2nd Post Commander. He has been a life time member of the AMVETS since 1960.

In 1966 Jay became an Instructor in the IBM Education Center, training new hires in the servicing of IBM equipment. He stayed in the Education Department until his retirement in 1990. During that time he had many tasks including stand-up-instruction, developing new training courses, writing technical manuals, developing training films, and his favorite - the developing of computer directed courses for the Field Instruction System.

Throughout the years in Rochester, Jay stayed involved in many areas. The Heiders bought farmland forty miles south of Rochester and until his death Jay was involved with farming. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, and above all, his children and grandchildren. He loved to write and would often write poems, etc. to the family members. He had a great sense of humor and could find a laugh in almost anything. He will be

Jay is survived by his wife of 65 years, Arlene; son, James (Donna) Heider of Alpharetta, GA; daughter, Debra (Richard) Nichols, Lakeville, MN; grandchildren: Michael Heider, and Jennifer ( Adam) McClish, and Derek, and Megan Nichols; great-granddaughter, Anna McClish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, one brother, a special nephew raised as a brother, and a daughter-in-law, Tracy Heider.

The Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 24, 2021, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1315 12th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Rochester.

Memorials can be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, American Macular Degeneration Foundation, and

St. Pius X Catholic Church. are MACKEN Online condolences welcome at FUNERAL HOME www.mackenfuneralhome.com

# Lowell F. Campbell

Age 89 of New Hope, MN passed away Sept. 16, 2021. Lowell was born in Kasson to Russell and Florence Campbell. He spent his career in public service for the city of New Hope as a police officer, volunteering as a firefighter and EMT and as a Zuhrah Shrine Horsemen. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. Lowell was preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret and parents, Russell and Florence. He is survived by daughter, Kim (Ronn) Van Krevelen; son, Scott (Judy); grandchildren, Maxx (Hannah) and Olivia; brother, Max Campbell and longtime companion, Pauline Van Krevelen. Memorial service 1:30 Thursday, Sept 23 at Gearty-Delmore Robbinsdale Chapel, 3888 W. Broadway with visitation 1 hour prior. Interment Gethsemane Cemetery, New Hope. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mpls Children's Shriners Hospital.

Gearty-Delmore

### **Orville Finne**

Orville Finne was the loving father, grandfather. brother and friend. He always people's put other needs before his own and would do anything he could for others, strangers. He even passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, September 16th at the



age of 78 after a 2 1/2 year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Orville was born to George and Norma (Esther) Finne on July 8th, 1943, in Owatonna, MN. After graduating from West Concord High School, he enlisted in the Air Force and served from 1961-1965. He was stationed at Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan and then at Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska. He returned to West Concord and worked at the State Hospital in Faribault for a few years and then sold life insurance for many years. He married Katherine Langerud in 1967 and they raised four children together. They were later divorced, but remained friends. Orville later drove taxi cab and limousine for Yellow Cab where he met his special friend, Margie Creech. They were together for 13 years before she passed

Orville loved his children and siblings dearly and was never afraid to say, "I love you very much" to them. His 10 grandchildren and 1 greatgrandchild were such a joy to him. He loved to play with them, tease them, take them fishing, and take them to the "Gucci warehouse". Orville an avid gardener, fisherman and collector/treasure hunter. If he was not at home, he was either gardening, fishing or finding a good deal somewhere. He was always willing to share his vegetables and help his neighbors, friends, and family. He knew a lot of random things and was always willing to share his knowledge, whether you wanted it or not. Orville's kind heart, generosity, and sense of humor will be missed by everyone that knew him.

He is survived by his children, David, of Lake City, MN; Traci (Scott) Hammer, of Elgin, MN; Mitchell (Sara), of Eden Prairie, MN; and Jason of Mendota Heights, MN; grandchildren, Lindsey (Zac) Webb, Hannah (Andy) Erickson, Nelson Finne, Isaac Hammer, Anya Hammer, Eleanor Finne, Johan, Greta, Kaia, and Gunnar Finne; great-grandchild Laurana Webb; daughter-in-law Nicole Finne, of Elgin, MN; siblings Anna Mae (Charles) Victor, of Marysville, OH; LuVerne (Paula), of West Concord, MN; Russell (Audrey), of West Concord, MN; and Ginger (Don) Tune, of New Richland, MN; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life will be held at the West Concord Historical Society on Sunday, September 26th from 1-4 pm with a remembrance at 3 pm. A private family burial will take place at Concord Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to SEMCAC Senior Nutrition to support their wonderful Meals on Wheels program. The family would also like to send a special thank you to Erin Gilbertson for the wonderful care she provided to Dad for the last 2 1/2 years and also to all of the St. Croix Hospice aides and nurses

who helped care for Dad. Rochester Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and condolences of Orville may be shared at rochestercremationservicesmn.com

### **Richard Cutshall** M.D.

Sept. 22, 1935 -Sept. 9, 2021 GREELEY, Colo. Richard Cutshall M.D., 85, Greeley, Colo., died Thursday, Sept. 9, in Greeley from cancer.

Arrangements Northern Colorado Crematory.

### Averyl "Dusty" Heiserman

Sept. 17, 2021 ROCHESTER, Minn. "Dusty" Averyl Heiserman, Kasson, Minn., died Friday, Sept. 17, in Season's Hospice House Rochester.

Arrangements Dibble Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Kasson.

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# Obituaries

#### **Lois Emerson**

(Affeldt) 90, Emerson, Faribault and long time resident of the Kenyon area died Sept. 7, 2021 at her home She has written:

"I was born Oct. 23, 1930 at the farm home of my parents, Emma (Fitztum) and Arthur in Fillmore Affeldt County, Minnesota. I



had one sister, Bernice May, and one brother, Lyle Arthur. I was baptized, confirmed and married before the altar of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wykoff. I attended our one room District School for four years and finished my education in the Wykoff School system graduating in 1948. I then was employed at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester in the registrar's office. My high school sweetheart, Douglas Emerson, and I were married in December of 1949, and were blessed with three children: David, Jane and Timothy.

We made our first home in Wykoff. Job changes then led us to South Dakota, Rochester, Kenyon and a farm in Holden Township. I was a stay-athome wife and mother, and so was available to take phone calls from Doug's customers, as he was out every day covering a large territory. In whatever community in which we lived, I

volunteered time in civic, school and church activities. When we decided to crop farm, I worked alongside Doug. We were privileged over the years to be able to

travel extensively - both abroad and exploring North America from east to west, and north to south in our motor home. Some of my favorite things: Reading, sewing,

and quilting, card games, pets, crossword puzzles, hosting family gatherings, but most of all being Mom, Grandma and GiGi. For 50 years, I was a member of the Kenyon

Literary Guild, ladies' afternoon bridge club and Wykoff Couples 500 Card Club. Since Doug and I spoke our vows Dec. 30, 1949,

how could we have dreamed they would sustain us through life's ups and downs for 71 years -

Being a part of the evolving lives of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren has been a treasured part of life: David and wife, Bev; their son, Christopher and wife, Christa and their children Porter and Hadley; Jane and husband, Steve Nesseth, and her daughter, Emmy and husband Kevin Kruger and their children, Hannah, Henry, and Hudson; Steve's daughters, Erin Nesseth and her son, Tyler Buecksler, and Bruce Hillman and sons, Grayson and Dalton; Carly and husband Shane Ziehme and their children, Cameron and Evelyn; Timothy and his wife, Janet and his children, Zachary, Sadie and Nathaniel; Janet's sons, Jamaar Salsbery and son Rashaun, and Justin McPeak and son Makai.

Long standing connections with Stuart Campell, a foreign exchange student from New Zealand and his family, and Florian Reider, a Lion's Club exchange student from Germany and his family, meant a lot to both of us.

I thank God for the abundant blessings all these

many years.

There will be no formal service, however, a gathering for family and friends will take place on Lois' birthday, Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church Parish

Memorial gifts respectfully requested to Luther Seminary, Ruth's House of Hope, Faribault, MN or Holden Church Park.

Hall, Kenyon, MN, Lunch will be served

# **Barbara Beranek**

Barbara Beranek, age 64, of Punta Gorda, FL passed away on September 16, 2021 at Seasons Hospice House. Barbara was born on December 18, 1956 to parents Clarence and Patricia (Marcou) Zirbes in Rochester, MN.

Barbara worked as a restaurant server,

which allowed her to travel the United States. She married Robert Beranek of Stewartville, MN, on August 27, 2006 in her hometown of Rochester. The couple moved to Florida in 2014.

Barbara volunteered at the thrift store for the Lee County Hospital (FL), and was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary in both Rochester, MN, and Cape Coral, FL. She loved animals; and her hobbies included genealogy, gardening, canning, and sewing.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Robert Beranek; her mother, Patricia Zirbes of Byron, MN; brothers Gary (Judy) Zirbes of Madison, FL, Michael (Carol) Zirbes of Rochester, MN, and David Zirbes of Crookston, MN; sisters, Linda (Michael) Henry of Rochester, MN and Rhonda (Michael) Franken of Red Wing, MN.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father, Clarence "Red" Zirbes, and brother, Randy Zirbes.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home, with a visitation to be held one hour prior to the memorial service. Burial will be at Grandview Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to

Paws & Claws Humane Society of Rochester. Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Beranek family. To share a special memory or please condolence, visit www.ranfranzandvinefh.com.



### **Donald Bourquin**

Bourquin, 85, of Byron, passed away peacefully with family by his side Wednesday, on September 15, 2021 at Cottagewood Senior Communities in Rochester due to complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Don was born on January 7, 1936 in Olmsted County to John and Clara (Behnken) Bourquin. He attended country school and graduated from Rochester High School. married Elaine Reinecke and together they had

Suddendorf.

He was a fourth-generation dairy and crop farmer. He took over the family farm at the age of 17 when his father became disabled. He milked cows until 1979. He received many awards including Outstanding Young Farmer, River Friendly Farmer, and Farm Family of the Year. He served on the Rochester Township Board as well as the Farm Service Agency County Committee and the Soil Conservation Board.

three children. Elaine passed away in March of

1988. In July of 1989, Don married Dorothy

Don attended church faithfully and was a deacon and usher at Peace United Church of Christ in Rochester and later at Byron United Methodist Church. He loved family and friends, animals, John Deere tractors, and ice cream.

Don is survived by his wife of 32 years, Dorothy; daughter Glenda (Brian) Mueller; sons Kenneth (Mary) and Alan; step-children Scott Suddendorf, Susan (Sam) Smith, and Stephanie Suddendorf; granddaughters Melissa (Ben) Stetson and Samantha Kraft; step-grandchildren Michael Pfiefer, Mallory Smith, Laura Suddendorf and Alyssa Suddendorf; and many step grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

The family would like to extend a special thank you Susan Smith, Stephanie Suddendorf, Mavo Hospice and Cottagewood Senior Communities for the excellent care and support they provided.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Byron United Methodist Church. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, September 21 from 4-7 p.m. at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Internment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Rochester.

Memorials are suggested to Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Research or Byron United Methodist Church.

Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Bourquin family; to share a special memory or condolence

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# Lloyd A. Reimers



Lloyd A. Reimers, age 72, of Rochester, Minnesota

passed away Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Hos Rochester, MN.

Lloyd Allen Reimers was born July 28, 1949 in Rochester, MN the son of Clarice Thayer

and John Reimers. After graduating high school, he enlisted into the United States Navy in 1968 and served as a medic for both the Navy and Marines until his honorable discharge in 1972. He then joined the MN National Guard Reserves. He reenlisted in 1995 and served in the Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1999. Lloyd met his future wife, Kathleen Strickler, while working in the lab at the Veteran's Hospital in Minneapolis. They were married on May 4, 1985. They resided in MN and Texas. In 1999, they moved to Rochester, MN when Lloyd accepted a position as a registered cardiac nurse. He retired in May of

Lloyd enjoyed the outdoors, camping, and deer hunting. He also enjoyed the occasional trip to the casino.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Reimers of Rochester, MN; siblings, Audrey (Carmen) Pace of Oskaloosa, IA, Thomas (Sissy) Reimers of Ogilvie, MN, Don Carlson of Ogilvie, MN and Brad Carlson of Rochester, MN; sister-in-law, Deb Reimers and brother-in-law, Gary Copeman; also many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, John Reimers, Carol Copeman, Larry Reimers, Gregory Carlson and infant twin sister, Linda Reimers.

A visitation for Lloyd will be held 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes, 5421 Royal Place NW, Rochester, MN and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. A Funeral service will be held 11:00 am Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes. A private family interment with full military honors will be Minnesota held at State Veterans Cemetery, Preston.

Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Reimers family; to share a special memory or condolence please visit www.ranfranzandvinefh.com







Steven Merle Colebeck

Steven Merle Colebeck, 72, of Rochester, MN, died Wednesday, September 15, 2021, in the Grand Rapids Hospital.

Steve was born November 11, 1948, in Rochester, MN to Merle and Bette (Brown) Colebeck. Growing up, he was active in Boy Scouts, high school wresting and football. Steve graduated from Mayo High School's 1st graduating class in 1967. In March of 1969, he met the love of his life, Loyola "Loy" Hockert. They were married July 11, 1970. Steve served in Vietnam, for the United States Army from 1970-1971 in the 86th Transport Company, receiving the Bronze Star. In 1974, he graduated from St. Cloud State in Business and Finance. Steve worked as a stockbroker for 40 years with Stifel Nicolas, retiring in 2014.

Steve was a devoted husband, proud Dad and Grandpa and loyal friend. He enjoyed hunting, fishing. hiking, rock tumbling, photography, golfing, woodworking, and collecting coins and stamps. Steve was an avid reader and loved to journal. He was known to be a "grill master" and known by his children to be a dadjoke aficionado.

Steve was the President of the Ice Cream Club with his 6 grandchildren as honored members. He was a lifelong member and sponsor of Ducks Unlimited, Foundation Board member at RCTC, Optimist Club member, and participated on the Committee on Urban Environment.

He is survived by his wife, Loyola "Loy"; children, Loyola "Loey" (Phillip) Colebeck, Kyle (Suzy) Colebeck and Katherine (Nick) Stiles; grandchildren, Carolyn, Meghan and Benjamin Colebeck, and Lauren, Graham and Lyla Stiles; siblings, William, and Diane Colebeck.

The Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021, at The Church of The Resurrection with the Rev. Peter Schuster officiating. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Rochester.

Memorials are preferred to Tunnels to Towers Foundation or the Disabled

American Veterans Foundation.

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# Robert I. Richardson

Robert Irwin Richardson, Rochester passed away on September 17, 2021 quietly surrounded by at Rochester family Health and Rehab East. He was born on August 30, 1932 in Austin, MN Dr. Doyle and Dr. Lois (Irwin) Richardson.

graduated Robert

from Austin Central High School in 1950 and Carleton College in 1954 where he played basketball, baseball and golf. He served in the United States Army from 1954-1956. He received his Master's Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Northern Illinois in DeKalb, Ill. Robert taught at Ellis Jr. High and Central High School in Austin. He married Mary Jane Runquist and later divorced. On July 11, 1992 he married Beverly Harms-Jenkin in Rochester. He enjoyed spending time with family, eating out, playing cards, (especially Cribbage), golfing, baseball, basketball, reading and was the author of four books and multiple articles. He also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico and following the Minnesota Twins.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly of Rochester; two daughters, Mary Jane (Jim) Highum of Northfield, MN, and Donna (Jeff) Skrukrud of Rochester, MN, one son, Keith (Kathy) Jenkin of Rochester, MN; five grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one sister, Margaret Richardson of Iowa City, IA. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, two children, Barbara and Ann, one brother, Harper and granddaughter, Ashley.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes in Rochester. Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral

Homes and also one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are directed to SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education) or the Humane Society.



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# Obituaries

## William C. Bradbury



William Clifford Bradbury, 88, passed away unexpectedly

Monday, September 13, 2021 at his home in Rochester.

William was born on December 24, 1932 in Westbrook, Maine to Rolfe and Vivian (Boynton) Bradbury. He was united in marriage to Marilyn Hamlin on September 7, 1963 in Toledo, Ohio. William spent four years in the U.S. Navy and thirty years at IBM in Rochester. After his retirement from IBM he worked at Sears. William was active in his church and always looked forward to seeing his grandkids.

William is survived by his son, Mark (Michelle) Bradbury of Newark, Ohio; grandchildren, Alaina (Joshua) Greer of Newark, Ohio and Collin Bradbury of Newark, Ohio; great-granddaughters, Grace and Allison Greer; brother Harold Bradbury of Chillicothe, Ohio; nephews, John (Patti) Bradbury of Hernando, Florida and James (Karen) Bradbury of Anderson, South Carolina.

William is preceded in death by his parents; Marilyn, his wife of 56 years and his brother Doug Bradbury. The Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 28 at The Rochester Church of the Nazarene (3343 East Circle Drive NE) with Pastor David Petersen officiating. Visitation will be Monday September 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Mahn Family Funeral Home-Rochester Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences are welcome

be shared may mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.



# Donald L Lewis and Pelegia Marie Lewis

A graveside memorial service will be held on September 25 for Donald L Lewis and Pelegia Marie Lewis (Prodzinski) at 1:00 pm at the Saint Rose of Lima Catholic church in Lewiston Mn. with Pastor Will Thompson presiding.

Don and Peggy met in Winona and were married in Rochester in 1953. Peggy passed away on March 18, 2020 and Don passed away on December 6, 2020. They are survived by their 3 children, David Lewis of Rochester, Brutscher of Little Falls, Minnesota, and Beth Black of Rochester; Don's sister Arlene (Paul) Spitzer of Rochester, as well as 6 grandchildren, great grandson and many nieces

Don was originally from Lewiston Minnesota and came to work in Rochester after service in the Korean war. He was a long time salesman and while employed at Davies printing was a familiar figure to many of his customers and friends at the Mayo clinic. He loved his dogs, fishing in Canada and feeding his beloved birds and squirrels. Peggy was born near Stockton but grew up in Winona and spent much of her career as an elementary school teacher. For a time she taught at St. Pius X in Rochester where she and Don were parishioner for over 50 years. Peggy was also an award winning master gardener and flower arranger and the gardens in her yard in Rochester was a sight

A gathering of friends and family is planned after the service at Farmers park on Highway 14 east of Lewiston.

## Averyl J. "Dusty" Heiserman

Averyl Jean "Dusty" Heiserman, 92, Kasson, passed Friday, away on September 17, 2021 at Season's Hospice House in Rochester.

Dusty is survived by husband, Jack; children Les Spearfish, SD, Grace (Wavne) Steele of

Owatonna, MN, Jim (Mary) of Kasson, MN and JeanE (Gary) Brannon of Owatonna, MN; ten grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two greatgreat grandchildren and nephew David (Judy) Rockwell and family of Beaufort, SC.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, September 22 at 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 6th Ave NW, Kasson, MN with Pastor Amanda Boss officiating. An inurnment and graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, September 27 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Spearfish, SD.

Memorials are preferred to the First Presbyterian Church, Kasson or the charity of the donor's choice.

Dibble Funeral Home Cremation Services - Kasson is arrangements. handling the condolences may Online be www.dibblefuneralhome.com.



# **Donald Scovill**

Jan. 10, 1922 -Sept. 16, 2021 ROCHESTER, Minn. Donald Scovill, 99, Rochester, Minn., died Thursday, Sept. 16, in his home.

Arrangements Macken Funeral Home.

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# Man arrested after allegedly setting fire, choking police dog

**BY EMILY CUTTS** 

Post Bulletin

A Stewartville man was arrested Saturday after he



Rudlong

reportedly broke into a Rochester apartment, trashed it and then lit some of the items on fire before attempting to choke a police dog.

Trenton Rudlong, 21, was arrested Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, on suspicion

of eight charges including felonies of arson, burglary and controlled substance possession. He had not been charged in Olmsted County District Court as of 9 a.m. Monday.

Rochester police and fire were called about 6:30 a.m. Saturday to the 300 block of 27th Street Northeast for a report of a fire. Emergency responders found that a grassy area between a fourplex and a set of detached

garages was on fire. The fire spread to the garages and caused an estimated \$20,000 in damage, according to a news release from the Rochester Fire Department.

Upon further inspection, officers determined that some household items in the area also had been lit on fire.

Officers learned that Rudlong allegedly entered an apartment in the fourplex through a secondfloor and trashed it, tipping furniture over, putting holes in the walls, writing messages on the walls and throwing some of the household items through a window.

The resident of the apartment, a 22-year-old woman, told officers she has had trouble with Rudlong in the past and had an order for protection against him, according to Rochester police Capt. Casey Moilanen.

Rudlong was not at the residence when officers arrived. Police later learned he showed up at a different apartment the woman had been at and that he

climbed in through a third-floor balcony.

About 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Rudlong allegedly returned to the 22-year-old woman's apartment where the apartment manager was assessing the damage. Police were able to locate Rudlong and tried to arrest him, but Rudlong was not cooperative, according to Moilanen.

As Rudlong continued to not obey the officer's commands, the officer told him that he would release a police dog.

Moilanen said when the officer released the dog, Rudlong "got down and was ready for the dog" and started to choke it. The officer was able to intervene and used a stun gun twice to subdue Rudlong.

He was taken to the hospital for evaluation before being booked at the Olmsted County Adult Detention.

Contact public safety reporter Emily Cutts at ecutts@postbulletin.com.

# Rochester man arrested for slashing tires, threatening pair with knife

**BY EMILY CUTTS** 

Post Bulletin

Rochester police had to use a stun gun on a man early Sunday morning after he allegedly slashed the tires on a vehicle and then threatened a man and a woman with a knife.

Police were called about 3:30 a.m. Sunday to the 900 block of Fourth Avenue Southeast for a report of an assault, according to Capt. Casey Moilanen.

A man and a woman were in a residence in that block when the woman noticed someone crouching by the man's vehicle. The pair went outside and noticed all four of the man's tires had been slashed. While they were outside looking at the damage, a man reportedly ran around the corner of the house at them with a knife in his hand.

The pair ran back toward the house and were uninjured. The suspect, later identified as 26-year-old Michael Shulze, of Rochester, left the area.

Officers found Shulze

in the 700 block of Sixth Street Southeast. Moilanen said officers saw Shulze throw an item, believed to be a bat, in the river. Officers ordered

Shulze onto the ground, but he reportedly did not comply. He removed a knife from his waistband and threw it toward the river, Moilanen said.

Police used the stun

gun because Shulze "kept putting his hands down to waistline" and officers were unsure if he had additional weapons, according to Moilanen.

Shulze had not been officially charged in Olmsted County District Court as of 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Contact public safety reporter Emily Cutts at ecutts@ postbulletin.com.

# **BRIEFS**

#### MAN'S BODY PULLED FROM MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN **DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL**

ST. PAUL — A man's body was pulled from the Mississippi River in downtown St. Paul on Friday, and law enforcement is investigating the circumstances. the St. Paul Pioneer Press reported.

The operator of a boat made the discovery, according to police.

Ramsey County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the area of the Robert Street bridge about 10:50 a.m. and they recovered the body about 1 p.m., according to the sheriff's office.

The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy and work to determine the man's identity.

#### **CHARGES: ST. PAUL MAN RAN OVER GIRLFRIEND WITH CAR DURING FIGHT**

ST. PAUL — A St. Paul man was charged this week after authorities say he ran over his girlfriend with his car in August, the St. Paul Pioneer Press reported.

Rominyck Robert-Jamie St.

Hilaire, 22, was charged via warrant Tuesday in Ramsey County District Court with one count each of second- and thirddegree assault.

According to the criminal

complaint, on Aug. 7, St. Hilaire and his girlfriend were in his car taking Xanax, doing heroin and arguing. She got out, saying she wanted to leave. As she went to the back

passenger door to get her purse, St. Hilaire drove the car forward, knocking her to the ground. The rear tire ran over her, breaking several ribs, her collarbone and collapsing a lung.

He took her to Regions Hospital, where he dropped her off and told emergency staff that he found her on the road and did not know her, the complaint

Authorities said St. Hilaire and his girlfriend had been dating since November 2020 and that he had moved in with her within the last two months.

According to the complaint, St. Hilaire has choked and punched her in the past and has told her on multiple occasions that he will kill her.

In an interview with police, the girlfriend, who was not named in the complaint, said she did not think St. Hilaire intentionally tried to run her over, but that he was trying to prevent her from getting her purse.

— Forum News Service

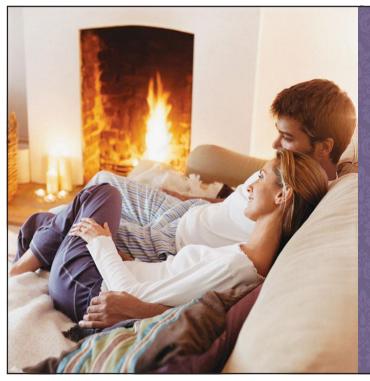
#### 11 PEOPLE WOUNDED AFTER **7 WEEKEND SHOOTINGS** IN MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS — At least 11 people are injured, three of them critically, after a violent weekend in Minneapolis.

The men and women wounded in seven separate shootings spanning less than 30 hours across the city are the latest victims of gun violence in one of the city's deadliest years in a generation. The uptick in violent crime has troubled some parts of Minneapolis in particular, such as the Phillips neighborhood, where two men were shot at 3 a.m. Sunday

There have been 71 homicides so far in Minneapolis in 2021, and the city is on track this year to surpass 2020's record-high 9,600 gunfire reports.

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# Pfizer/BioNTech: Data show COVID vaccine safe in kids

# Induced 'robust' immune response in 5-11 year olds

BY MICHAEL ERMAN

Pfizer Inc and BioNTech SE said on Monday their COVID-19 vaccine induced a robust immune response in 5 to 11 year olds, and they plan to ask for regulatory authorization as soon as possible to use the shot in children in that age range in the United States, Europe and elsewhere.

The companies said their two-dose vaccine generated an immune response in the 5-to-11 year olds in a Phase II/ III clinical trial that matched what was previously observed in 16-to-25 year olds. The safety profile was also generally comparable to the older age group, they

The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine already has won U.S. regulatory authorization for people age 12 and up, including full Food and Drug Administration approval last month for ages 16 and up.

Top U.S. health officials believe regulators could make a decision on whether the shot is safe and effective in younger children within three weeks of the companies submitting a request for authorization, two sources told Reuters this month.

COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths have surged in the United States in recent months due to the highly contagious delta variant. Pediatric cases are also up, particularly as children under 12 are all unvaccinated.

FDA acting Commissioner Janet Woodcock said that once the agency receives the application, its process for determining if the



A woman holds a small bottle labeled with a "Coronavirus COVID-19 Vaccine" sticker and a medical syringe in front of displayed Pfizer logo in this illustration taken Oct. 30, 2020.

vaccine is safe and effective for children in the younger age group includes verifying the manufacturing processes for the lower concentrations of the shots and any study of its safety.

**DATA FOR YOUNGER** CHILDREN The Pfizer/BioNTech

vaccine, called

for use in children as young as 12 in many countries in addition to the United States. It was originally authorized for emergency use in people 16 or older in the United States in December 2020.

Comirnaty, is authorized 12 and older.

The 5-to-11 year olds were given two shots of a 10-microgram dose of the vaccine, a third the dose size given to people Unlike the larger

clinical trial that the drugmakers previously conducted in adults, the 2,268-participant pediatric trial was not primarily designed to measure the vaccine's efficacy by comparing the number of COVID-19 cases in vaccine recipients to those who received a placebo.

Instead, it compares the amount of neutralizing antibodies induced by the vaccine in the children to the response of older recipients in the adult trial.

The vaccine was around 95% effective in the adult clinical trial, but Pfizer has said that immunity wanes some months after the second dose. U.S. regulators are expected to authorize a third, booster dose of the vaccine for older and high-risk Americans early this week.

The companies said the vaccine was well-tolerated, with side effects generally comparable to those observed in participants 16 to 25 years of age.

The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is one of three shots authorized in the United States, along with Moderna's two-dose vaccine and Johnson and Johnson's one-dose shot. The Moderna and J&J shots have not yet received full FDA approval for any age

# Minnesota announces latest vaccine incentive

BY CHRISTOPHER MAGAN

St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL - Minnesota's latest push to get residents vaccinated against the coronavirus will focus on providing incentives to residents living in communities hardest hit by COVID-19.

Gov. Tim Walz announced on Thursday that the state would tap \$4 million in federal aid and \$400,000 from private foundations to offer \$100 worth of rewards for people who complete their vaccination

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses, spaced weeks apart, while the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is one shot.

"Every shot in the arm is a critical step in stopping the spread of this virus, and local organizations around Minnesota know how to best encourage the communities they serve to get their vaccine," Walz said in a statement announcing the program. "We are taking every opportunity we can to meet Minnesotans where they are especially in communities hit hardest by COVID-19." State and federal data have

shown low-income communities, people of color, residents with disabilities and the LGBTQ community have been hard hit by the pandemic, both in terms of increased illness and economic misfortune.

The latest vaccination

push will focus on providing incentives in-person, rather than online, at the community clinics and federally funded health centers that serve those communities. "Our administration is deeply

committed to ensuring equity within all aspects of our COVID-19 response," Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan said in a statement. "By providing funds directly to our COVID-19 Community Coordinators, community clinics, and Federally Qualified Health Centers for culturallyrelevant and on-site incentives, we will be able to better serve communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19." Incentives will include

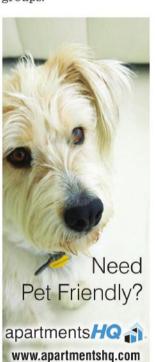
grocery store vouchers, Target

gift cards or culturally specific

Previously, more than 80,000 residents applied online for \$100 gift cards that were part of incentive programs the state held in early August and at the

Those incentives, worth more than \$8 million, were also paid for with federal pandemic aid, state leaders said.

For more information on COVID-19 services in hardhit communities visit: www. health.state.mn.us/ccc. More details about COVID-19 testing and vaccines are available at mn.gov/covid19.



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Please contact Tanner Sorensen, Purchasing Manager at 507-328-4410 with any questions. (Sept. 18, 21, 25 & 28, 2021)

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535 ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING School Board Regular Meeting This upcoming Rochester Public School

Board Meeting will be held at the Edi-son Building, 615 7th Street SW, Roch-ester, MN 55902 at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. The School Board Agenda and supporting documents can be found here.

documents can be found here. The School Board's meeting schedule, recaps of meetings, and more is available at rochesterschools.org.

The Rochester Public School Board is meeting in person. School Board Policy 808 requires all persons wear face coverings at school board meetings. Exceptions to this requirement can be found in Policy 808. The District will attempt to arrange spaces to allow physical distanctions. range spaces to allow physical distanc-ing. Sanitizing surfaces before meetings and between different users is strongly recommended, and materials to sanitize between presentations will be available School Board meetings will also be live

streamed at www.you tube.com/ISD535 for anyone wanting to watch meeting live from their own location and/or watch a

from their own location and/or watch a meeting playback. The School Board welcomes input from our community. The best way to share your thoughts and ideas with Board members is through email. To contact all RPS School Board members, please email SchoolBoardMembers@ro chestweeheale. terschools.org.
District stakeholders have opportunity to

District stakeholders have opportunity to address the Board directly during "Comments to the Board" at a Regular School Board meeting. To schedule a speaking time at Comments to the Board, please email asb@rochesters chools.org by 3:00 on the day of a meeting to reserve a time-slot. The process for Comments to the Board can be found here: https://www.rochesters chools.org/about-us/school-board/pub-

chools.org/about-us/school-board/pub-lic-comment. Comments to Board are not live-streamed or taped for later viewing. (Sept. 21, 2021) 2904894

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the fol-

lowing described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 26, 2017
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF
MORTGAGE: \$154,200.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Kalvin Payton, A Single

MORTGAGEE: Think Mutual Bank DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: June 12, 2017 ( County Recorder

County Recorder
Document Number: A-1425698
Transaction Agent: Not Applicable
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification
Number: Not Applicable
Lender or Broker: Think Mutual Bank Residential Mortgage Servicer: Think Mu-Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LO-

CATED: Olmsted

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Property Address: 2824 15th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901-7759
Tax Parcel ID Number: 74.22.43.004681
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Seven (7), Block Three (3), Crescent Park Fourth Addition to the City of Roch-ester, according to the recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the office

thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds, Olmsted County, Minnesota AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$166,989.62 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured

by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sher-lift of said county as follows: iff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office Civil Division, 101 4th Street SE, Roches-

ter. Minnesota to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from

redemption within six (b) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns. If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. \$580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. \$580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on April 13, 2022, or the next business day if April 13, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. Mortgagor(s) released from financial obli-gation: NONE THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A

DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED

BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS AC-THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR RE-DEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESEN-

TATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESO. TA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DE-TERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICUL-TURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABAN-DONED. DATED: August 20, 2021 MORTGAGEE: Think Mutual Bank Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Willott, deske & CORF.R. Attorneys for Mortgagee 7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300 File Number: 044242F01 (Aug. 24 & 31; Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2021) 2900669

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF OLMSTED THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE
DIVISION
Court File No. 55-PR-21-3821
Estate of Dennis Joseph Wingert,

AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON AMENDED
PETITION FOR FORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND
NOTICE TO CEPUITORS

SENTATIVES AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
It is Ordered and Notice is given that
on October 6, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., a
hearing will be held in this Court at 151
S.E. 4th Street, Rochester, Minnesota by
Zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the De-cedent dated, January 2, 2020, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Brenda Wingert, whose address is 3816 Sunnydale Lane SE, Rochester, MN, 55904 and Kevin Wingert, whose address is 17705 County Road 9 East, Dover, Minnesota 55929 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPER-VISED administration. There will be no in person appearances.

Any objections to the amended peti-

Any objections to the amended perition or Will must be mailed or filed by paper or in the electronic filing system, together with the Court filing fee, to Olmsted County District Court, 151 4th Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904 prior to the hearing instead of made in person. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to col-lect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all nec-essary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801)

all creditors having claims against the Es-tate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims BY THE COURT Dated: Sept. 3, 2021

> Judge of District Court Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner Daniel P. Doda

/s/ Kathy M. Wallace

Hans Holland

Doda & McGeeney, P.A. 421 1st Avenue SW, Suite 300 East Rochester, MN, 55902 Attorney License No: 318875 Telephone: (507) 536-0555 FAX: (507) 536-0558 Email: daniel@dodamcgeeney.com (Sept. 14 & 21, 2021) 2904091

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Rochester Public Schools Tuesday, September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting, 5:30 pm 1. CALL TO ORDER 1.01 Call to Order and Pledge of Alle-

APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2.01 Approval of Agenda - September 21,

COMMENTS TO THE BOARD 3.01 5:30 -5:33 Confirmed Speaker #1 3.02 5:34-5:37 Confirmed Speaker #2 3.03 5:38-5:41 Confirmed Speaker #3 3.04 5:42-5:45 Speaker #4

3.05 5:46-5:47 Speaker #5 3.06 5:48-5:51 Speaker #6 3.07 5:52-5:55 Speaker #7 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICA-TIONS

4.01 Rochester Area Foundation Grant Recipients and Marco Donation 4.02 Board Member Committee Updates 5 CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Minutes: September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting 5.02 Policy Recommendations 5.03 Human Resources Actions 5.04 Substitute Pay for Health Office

6. HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 7. SAFE & WELCOMING LEARNING EN-VIRONMENT 7.01 Overview of school-based efforts to help students trasition back to school **EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE OPERA-**TIONS 8.01 Memorandum of Agreement - Main-

tenance Workers Hiring Incentive 8.02 Termination of contract with Lyon Group Holdings, LLC 8.03 Preliminary levy discussion 8.04 Policy Recommendations - 2nd

9.0THER BUSINESS 9.01 September 28, 2021 - Tentative Study Session 5:00 pm October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting

9.03 October 12, 2021 - Study Session:

Board Annual Calendar 5:00 pm 9.04 October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting 10. ADJOURNMENT 10.01 Meeting Adjourned (Sept. 21, 2021) 2904900

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF OLSTED DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 55-PR-21-4948

Warren Robert Farr
Decedent
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIR-

SHIP AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO

REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held by this Court at the Olmsted County Government Center, 151—4th Street SE, Rochester, Minnesota 55904 by Zoom for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent and for the appointment of testaby and observational to the appointment of:
Dawn Farr whose address is: 11 East
Chestnut Street, Apt 105, Trimont, Minnesota 56176 as personal representative
of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsay pervised administration. There will be no personal appearances.
Any objections to the petition must be mailed or filed by paper or in the electron-

ic filing system, together with the Court filing fee, to Olm-sted County District Court, 151 – 4th Street SE, Rochester, Minnesota 55904.

proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and per-sonal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal repre-sentative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be given by:

Publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in the county where the hearing is to be held, the last publication of which is to be at least ten (10) days before the time set

for hearing; and - Mailing via U.S. Postal Service a copy of this Notice and Order at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date to all interested parties and parties who have filed a demand for notice.

Dated: September 13, 2021 /s/ Kathy M. Wallace Judge of District Court, Hans Holland Attorney for Petitioner

Name: Frank J. McAnulty 1801 Greenview Dr. SW Suite 102 Rochester, MN 55901 Attorney License No.: 0181213 Telephone: (507) 529-2211 FAX: (507) 288-5589 e-mail: frank@mcanultylaw.com (Sept. 21 & 28, 2021) 29050 2905028 own/rent

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NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: 4 Square, LLC Address: 2712 1st Avenue SW Rochester

MN 55902 USA Name: Joshua Winter Address: 2712 1st Avenue SW Rochester MN 55902 USA

Name: Jason Winter

Address: 9004 80th Avenue SE Chatfield MN 55923 USA

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Dated: September 10, 2021 SIGNED BY: Alyssa K. Jerde, Attorney MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: jonapaw-inter@yahoo.com (Sept. 18 & 21, 2021) 2904212

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVID-ED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default

has occurred in the conditions of the fol-lowing described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 6,

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$89,250.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Nelson Lecea & Sharice Lecea, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

istration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1000619-0230800008-3

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORT-GAGE: Summit Mortgage Corporation SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed No-

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 21, 2002, Olmsted County Recorder, as Document Number A-941805
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: CitiMortgage Inc.; Dated: July 10, 2013, recorded as document number A-1326786; thereafter assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Dated: September 7, 2016 filed: September 8, 2016, recorded as document number A1405786; thereafter assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

LLC; Dated: January 26, 2018 filed: January 26, 2018, recorded as document number A1442426 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The East 20 feet of Lot Thirteen (13) and the West 20 feet of Lot Fourteen (14), Block Fourteen (14), Northern Addition PROPERTY ADDRESS: 225 9th St NW,

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 743512015736

743512015736
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LO-CATED: Olmsted
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON
THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE
NOTICE: \$79,995.22

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law 

iff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 3.

Sheriff's Main Office, 101 4th Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPER-

TY: If the real estate is an owner-occu-pied, single-family dwelling, unless oth-erwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must va-cate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580,30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2022 or the next business day if May 3, 2022 or the next business day in May o, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holi-

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Dated: September 9, 2021
Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP

Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070 Attorneys for Mortgagee LOGS Legal Group LLP 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337

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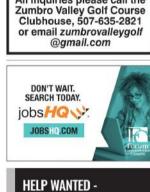


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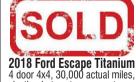
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Paula Poundstone.

# You are Paula Poundstone's best friend

Comedian talks about her return to live audiences ahead of show

#### BY JOHN MOLSEED

jmolseed@postbulletin.com

Paula Poundstone has had her fill of Zoom, virtual performances and is glad to be back in front of live audiences.

"It's great, I missed the audience," she said. "They're my best friend, which I'm sure is a sign of poor mental health, but it's where we're at."

Poundstone performs Thursday at the Mayo Civic

Having a live audience is not something Poundstone. comedian and panelist on NPR's "Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me," is taking for granted. Things can change quickly, she

"Who knows, maybe the antivaxxers will drive us to a new variant of COVID," she said. "For now, here we are."

The comedian said she needs an audience to read how her jokes are landing, prompt her directions for the next joke or build off ideas she's sharing on stage.

"I think that collective experience of seeing something together, reacting to something together, is so powerful," she said. "When you're on a stupid Zoom, you can't measure a response.'

Some bold comedians did routines for the camera, she

"If you're bold enough, you can just say it to the camera, it's out there and you call it a win," she said. "I'm not that bold."

Musicians were able to perform remotely, but their performances are different.

"In music, there are so many emotional chords you can hit and be successful," she said.

A comedian is soliciting one response — laughter. For someone who doesn't script her shows, laughter is her helpful prompt.

"I'm a terrible memorizer," she said. "I have memory problems caused by stress."

That makes her shows spontaneous, unique and her comedy a stream of consciousness, or, as she describes it, "half-baked ideas."

"You know that arcade game where someone goes into a booth and the person has to grab as much money flying around in there as they can," she said. "That's sort of what my act is — me grabbing any joke I can grab hold of in my brain.'

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# If you go

WHAT: Paula Poundstone WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,

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Drew Sincebaugh, director of operations and co-owner, left, and co-owners Andy and Kari Friederichs at The Workshop Food Hall

# Right at home

# European food hall concept lands in Rochester



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** Holly Ebel

ne of Rochester's newest dining venues was once a maintenance and storage

facility for trucks. Those days are long gone and in their place is the European concept of a food hall. Both the idea of a food hall and the total renovation of the building in Southeast Rochester were the brainchild of Andy and Kari Friederichs, of Rochester.

Renovating old properties is their passion, and The Workshop is their fifth project here. They have also done two hotels top to bottom as well as two apartment buildings.

The Workshop Food Hall, is in the former Reid and Murdoch & Co. building from the early 1930s at 1232 Third Ave. SE. The city's iconic earof-corn water tower is across the street, where the Libby's and Seneca foods plant once

The Friederichs purchased the property in 2019 and renovation work began in March 2020, just as COVID was making its mark.

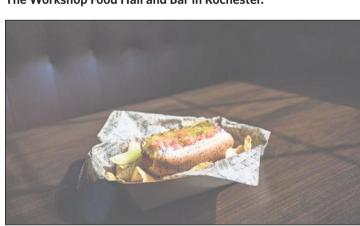
'We kept going in spite of it, though progress was very slow. We were happy with what we could get done, regardless," said Kari.

Through their construction contacts the couple met Drew Sincebaugh whose specialty is restaurant design and operations. He joined in and is now a partner and operations manager.

This unique, colorful space opened on July 21. It's a very large area with long cafeteria-



The Workshop Food Hall and Bar in Rochester.



A Chicago dog from Murdoch's Place at The Workshop Food Hall and Bar in Rochester.

type tables, booths and hightops. The area can seat 300.

In fact when I went in the ambiance reminded me of a German beer hall with its fun, welcoming atmosphere.

There are five food vendors so far with a good selection and a variety of things to eat, among them:

► Reid's Detroit-style pizza (a thick crust, but not like Chicago deep dish).

► Murdoch's Place serves Angus beef burgers, handdipped corn dogs and gourmet all-beef hot dogs. (The Chicago-style is the real deal including a poppy seed bun)

► Then there is Birdie's Coop whose specialty is Nashville hot chicken and ► Want tacos? Julio's is a

street taco concept and what he offers is delicious. ► Opening soon — perhaps

by the time you read this -Cobs Kitchen. There you'll be able to get special soups, salads and sandwiches.

"There really is something here for everyone," said Kari.

The trouble as I see it is choosing what to eat. Coming here, don't expect a fullservice restaurant. Once you have checked out all the options and ordered, you are given a number which you take to where you are sitting. A server then brings it to you. A full-service bar is at the far end and in the front outside is a generous patio for outdoor

# Workshop **Food Hall**

LOCATION: 1232 Third Ave. SE, Rochester

**HOURS:** 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Monday.

dining. Entertainment is scheduled for the weekends.

That's not all. There is a large room adjacent to the main hall called the Minnesota Room which is available for private parties, conferences or overflow seating. Old photos of Rochester decorate the walls as well as items unique to Minnesota, much of it from the Olmsted County Historical Society. (That area was formerly the garage for repairing trucks.)

There's more: For 11 years, Andy ran a barber shop in Park Rapids, and decided that was just what this new venture needed. To the left of the Workshop's entrance is an old-fashioned barber shop. Nothing too "old" about it — sleek and modern, when I peeked in all the chairs were

While there are a good number of dining options in town, this will appeal to everyone — singles, marrieds, families, youngsters and everything in between. It's a great addition.

Food writer Holly Ebel knows what's cookin'. Send comments or story tips to life@postbulletin.com.



The Workshop Food Hall and Bar in Rochester.

# 'Tough as a WWII Jeep'

### **BY MARK SANNES**

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Who loves him because, He's her jeep.

The Post Bulletin publishes poetry by local and area writers every Tuesday. Send poems to life@postbulletin. com with the subject line "Poetry submission."

# Husband is always on the go

ear Annie: My husband and I have been married for nearly three decades. Up until seven years ago, my husband, who is very sensitive, had a difficult time making friends. Oh, he's super funny, charismatic and adventurous, but he struggled outside the home.

Then he started finding groups of guys who were as adventurous and fun as he was. However, my husband has always been self-centered and took off on loads of trips.

For the past seven years, it has been trip after trip of four to seven days. He asks me to celebrate his kids' birthdays, and sometimes he doesn't even consider that his kids are on winter or spring vacation because he always seems to make other plans.

My kids are resentful, and I'm tired of making excuses. I'm not unhappy or looking for a divorce. Should I just continue to let this go? He's not open to change, even if it could and neglect makes you and



Annie Lane

affect his family relationships. I'm going with immature and selfish because his behavior makes no sense. — Single Parent in a Two-Parent Family Dear Single Parent in a

Two-Parent Family: I believe that you're correct that he is immature and selfish, though communication is the key to understanding why he is acting this way. Some people try to push the limits about what is acceptable until they are corrected, and if this is what he is doing, he will not recognize it until you speak with him.

You need to sit down with him and talk with him about how his constant travel

your family feel. Ask him for more attention to your needs. You will want to form a compromise that allows him to still spend time on trips with friends but carves out time for you and the children. If that doesn't work, then add insensitive to immature and selfish, and get into couples counseling.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been together for 28 years. He's a very sweet and loving man, but his watching other women really bothers me. It happens whenever we're out together, even in church! I know there will always be

women who are better-looking or better built; but it's really demeaning and leaves me with such an empty feeling. I've talked to him about this, and he doesn't seem to take my concerns seriously. A simple glance, not a problem, but to continue watching is just too

What do I do? Do I keep smiling and pretend not to notice? What can I do? At this point, I don't like going out. -Feeling Insignificant in Florida

**Dear Feeling Insignificant** in Florida: On a positive note, wandering eyes are better than wandering hands. I am glad that you aren't concerned that something more serious is happening, which implies that the foundation of your marriage is strong.

Given that, you should be able to have a direct conversation with your husband. Let him know that this makes you feel insignificant to him and that it hurts. Understand that he will likely continue to notice attractive people but that he shouldn't look more than a simple glance. Offer to come up with a cue that will recall his attention if he lapses, such as a tug at his hand. It will likely take a bit of training because he probably isn't aware that

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

he's even staring.

# Comedian

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Performing that way in front of a camera doesn't work as well, she said.

During 2020, she continued recording her podcast, "Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone," recorded character skits, started an online gameshow and held other virtual

Aside from messages that she would read later, Poundstone mostly hated it.

"Years from now ... the words 'unmute yourself' are going to give us all PTSD," she

Her early involvement with "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me" helped prepare her for some of the virtual projects, she said. She and other panelists and the host all recorded their parts remotely.

It was later the show was recorded in front of a studio audience.

"We have fantast live audiences," she said. "But the truth is we don't play to them, we play to each other."

On Sept. 23, people attending the show will have her full attention.

"I love the audience," she said. "Maybe I'm just a poorly socially acclimated human being that I need the attention, but whatever it is, I love them.'

Contact reporter John Molseed at jmolseed@postbulletin.com.

# Mind manners when making a complaint

ear Heloise: Speaking as someone who's been in business for over 57 years, I have a suggestion if you have a problem with the product or service you received from a small business.

First of all, don't take it out on the person who answers the phone. Calmly ask for the manager or owner. If it's a problem with the product, remember the store didn't manufacture it. Say something like, "I realize it's not your fault, but ..."

If it is a problem with the service or installation, say something like, "I'm sure you didn't mean to, however ..." Remember, you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar. The nicer you are, the more likely your problem will be resolved to everyone's satisfaction. — Sally Rice



**HINTS FROM** HELOISE

Sally, this advice is spot-on. Have all of your information at hand bills, receipts or emails - about the problem you are having. Discuss the issue calmly to work it out and get the result you want. — Heloise

Dear Readers: If you use a curling iron, it's likely that hairspray will accumulate on it. Here's how to remove that sticky spray. First, after using the curling iron, unplug it and allow it to cool. Then use one of these two ways to get the spray off:

Pour a couple of drops of rubbing alcohol on an old washcloth or terrycloth towel. Wipe over the surface of the

iron. Then clean off with a water-dampened cloth.

► Make a paste of equal parts baking soda and water. Rub this mixture over the surface and wipe off with a slightly wet cloth. Baking soda is so

useful around your home, and it saves you money. For more helpful hints about baking soda, order my six-page "Baking Soda Hints and Recipes" pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (75 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: Sprinkle a bit of baking soda onto your pet's bedding to keep it smelling fresh in between washings! — Heloise

Dear Heloise: While on my honeymoon in Hawaii, we had a twohour layover before boarding our plane. We decided to take a walk

on the beach. We put our luggage and valuables in the trunk. Everything was stolen. While making a police report, the policeman informed us that the trunk is much easier to break into than the interior of the car. I now carry a towel the color of my floor mats. I place my valuables on the floor of the passenger side and cover them with the towel. Live and learn. Judy Feldmeth

Dear Readers: When you are going to boil hot water for pasta and you don't want it to boil over, here's what to do. Rub a bit of vegetable oil or butter around the inside top inch or two of the pot before you add the water. And here's another hint passed down by our grandmothers. Put a wooden spoon across the pot to stop it from boiling over. But always pay close attention to a boiling pot. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: When packing items for disaster relief donation, please put clothing in waterproof, sealed bags, or sealed bags inside of boxes. Volunteers will be handling these donations in not always ideal conditions. Put items in a sealed bag and then test drop it. Imagine that a volunteer will be putting this onto a truck, in the rain. Will the packing hold up under these conditions? Put a label on the box or bag, and then put clear packing tape over the label. If you use contractor bags, you can twist the top and knot it. Be sure to label the outside with tape about the contents. Thank you! — Natalie Zanin

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ochester has a reputation as a city of transients. Sometimes

even its heroes come and go. Take, for instance, the three Civil War soldiers associated with Rochester who were awarded the Medal of Honor for their military service. Not one of the three was born here, and not one of them stuck around long enough to die here.

The three Medal of Honor recipients — John Vale, Alonzo Pickle and John Johnson — are listed as Olmsted County men in "Muskets to Missiles: A Military History of Minnesota."

Not only were they not born in Olmsted County, all were immigrants to the United States who voluntarily took up arms to preserve their new homeland.

Vale was born in 1835 in London, England, came to the U.S. when he was 16 years old and eventually settled in Minnesota, where he farmed in Blue Earth County. Shortly after the war began in April 1861, Vale came to Rochester and on July 15 enlisted in



THEN AND NOW Thomas Weber

the 2nd Minnesota Volunteer

Regiment. That regiment fought primarily in the western theater of the war, and it was near Nolensville, Tenn., on Feb. 15, 1863 that Vale was engaged in the action that would result in him receiving the Medal of Honor. While keeping watch as part of a patrol protecting a wagon supply train, Vale warned his small detachment that a force of 125 mounted Confederates was about to crash down upon them. Thanks to his early warning and bravery in the fight, the northern troops

After the war, Vale settled briefly in Rochester before moving to Davenport, Iowa, where he was chief mail clerk in the post office for 26 years.

were able to fend off the



Alonzo Pickle, John Vale and John Johnson.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor on Sept. 1, 1897, and died on Feb. 4, 1909.

Pickle was born in 1843 in Quebec and at the age of 14 moved with his family to a farm located between Dover and Eyota. In August 1862, Pickle went to the recruiting station in St. Charles and joined the Union army.

He was one of the survivors of the First Minnesota's famous charge on July 2,1863, at Gettysburg. Pickle received the Medal of Honor for gallantry in action Aug. 14, 1864, at Deep Bottom, Va.

In that battle, he went to the aid of a wounded officer and carried him to safety under

In April 1865, Pickle was present when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his Confederate Army at Appomattox, Va. After the war, Pickle returned to the family farm before eventually settling in Sleepy Eye, Minn. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1895, attended the 50th anniversary of Gettysburg, and died on May 24, 1925 in Sleepy Eye.

When it comes to common

names, John Johnson had a corner on the market. He was born in 1842 in what is now Oslo, Norway, and at some point moved to America. He enlisted in the 2nd Wisconsin Regiment in Janesville, Wis., and fought in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg. At Fredericksburg, Johnson joined a gunnery crew in the heat of battle, had his right arm severed by shrapnel, and continued to load cannons until he passed out from loss of blood.

Because of his name, it can be difficult to trace the Olmsted County connection of Johnson, who apparently farmed in Salem Township for a time in the 1880s. He was possibly still living there when he received the Medal of Honor in 1897 – the Olmsted County Directory of 1896 lists two John Johnsons residing in Salem Township.

Johnson died in 1907 and is buried in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Weber is a former Post Bulletin reporter who enjoys writing about local history.

# **AMISH KITCHEN**

# 9 months have passed since Mose's death

**BY LOVINA EICHER** 

Special to the Post Bulletin

'm Lovina's daughter Susan. I wanted to write for Mom this week since she is very busy preparing for church services that will be held at her home on Sunday. Then less than two weeks later will be my sister Loretta's wedding.

Today I sewed my dress for Loretta and Dustin's wedding. Now I need to do my cape and apron. Jennifer's dress and apron are all finished. Ryan's shirt and pants are finished, also, so I am almost done with my sewing for the wedding. It's heartbreaking to not have my dear husband Mose here. He would have loved to help Dustin

build his pole barn. Mose's sister Esther and her son Darrin were here for the day. Esther's husband, Wayne, dropped her off and went to do some horseshoeing in the area. He came to shoe my horse Mighty last. Meanwhile, Esther cleaned out my pantry and helped me do some sewing. It really gave me a boost.

On Sunday Mose's dad and mom, his sister Hannah and Leroy and their children, and his sister Esther and Wayne and their son brought lunch in. They brought potato casserole and baked chicken. It was enjoyable to have them all here. Jennifer loves to try to get her grandpa to

play dolls with her. Tomorrow sister Verena, Jennifer, Ryan, and I all go to Mom and Dad's. We are going to help Mom clean for church services that will be held there Sept. 19. Sister Elizabeth and children, Aunt Emma, cousin Emma and her children, cousin Elizabeth and Aunt Verena all will be coming too. We should get a lot done.

Today marks nine months since Mose passed away. It's hard to grasp that the person you were closest to becomes just a memory. Without God and the support of our community, we would be

Monday was Jodi's husband Dan's birthday. He would've turned 55. Jodi, her motherin-law, sister-in-law, and niece all brought flowers in memory of

Dan. Jodi picked sister Verena, Jennifer, Ryan, and me up to go along with them to plant the flowers around the two crosses that stand where the accident was. They did some landscaping and mulch and planted the flowers around the crosses. Keep Jodi in your prayers. She has some hard days also without her dear husband.

I canned quite a lot of tomatoes this year. Pizza sauce goes fast around here. I canned 46 pints. I wanted to do more, but ran out of some of the ingredients. I also canned salsa and tomato juice. Gardening season is almost done this year. I have to dig up my potatoes yet since they are ready. I'm actually ready for canning season

to be over with this year. Tim and Elizabeth had to go to town tonight so Verena and I watched their three children. Jennifer and Ryan love to have their cousins over. Seems they always get into more trouble

when they are together. Abigail started school on Monday. She got dropped off here and she really loves to tell us about her friend. We asked her who her friend is, and she always says "I don't know, I never asked

We had a thunderstorm go through tonight and Jennifer came to me and said, "Mom don't be scared, Jesus will take care of us." Children have a way to make the day look brighter.

# **PEACH COBBLER**

- 1 stick butter
- 2 cups sugar 1 tablespoon baking
- powder 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 cups flour

2 pounds ripe peaches, peeled and sliced

Melt butter in a 9x13 inch pan. Combine sugar, baking powder, milk, and flour; pour mixture over butter. Spoon peaches on top and bake at 325 degrees until golden brown. Serve with ice cream or milk.

Lovina Eicher is an Old Order Amish writer, cook, wife, and mother of eight. Readers can write to her at PO Box 1689, South Holland, IL 60473 (please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply); or email LovinasAmishKitchen@MennoMedia.org and your message will be passed on to her.



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Universal Ford was aglow with neon at 420 First Ave. SW in Rochester.

# Unveiling of new car models rivaled a Hollywood premier

utomobile manufacturers liked to introduce their new models in the fall of the year. There was a time when the new car showing carried with it all the excitement and drama of a Hollywood movie

premier. Weeks before the event, newspaper ads would hint at new features or styling cues. New cars would be delivered at night and hidden out of sight.

Days before, cars would



LENS UN HISTORY Lee Hilgendorf

"simonized" to perfection, while the showroom was detailed as well. When the big day arrived, showroom windows were covered as the newest offerings

At the allotted time, doors were thrown open and neon flashed as the faithful, dressedmore-for-church crowd arrived to see the newest ideas from

For Byron Hughes, the introduction of the 1941 models of Mercury held an extra thrill; it would be his first as president of the new Universal Ford.

"Lens on History" is a weekly photo feature by Lee Hilgendorf, a volunteer at the History Center of Olmsted



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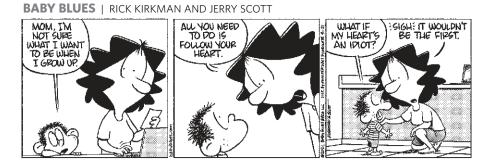
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REMEMBER LAST WEEK WHEN YOU SAID, "RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY. COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY"? YOU DIDN'T SPECIFY THE DAY!

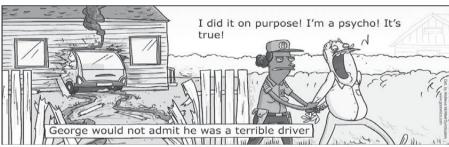
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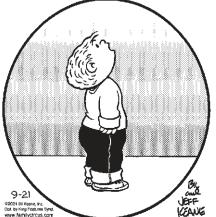


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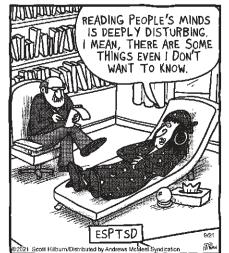
"I hope I don't get so tall that my head hits the ceiling."

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"There is no way I'm going to share with you if each of us is taking one bite at a time."

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# Front-seat change of clothes should be a yoga pose

o I did something new last week. I changed clothes in the front seat of my car. While parked downtown.

At 5 p.m. Maybe not my

smoothest moment. Let me back up a bit. I think most of you know I work remotely - which is to say I work

from a home office most days of the week. It's a pretty nice arrangement. and, overall, I feel lucky to be able to do it. But sometimes I just have to get out of the house. Mostly, for my sanity.

And sometimes for other reasons, like our carpets are being cleaned or my husband needs the space for something, or stuff like

that. At any rate: Last Thursday was one of those days that I had to be out of the house for the whole day for the



Jennifer Koski

latter reason. So I spent the morning working from Dunn Bros. North, my very favorite officeaway-from-the-office. (You have no reason not to believe me about this, but here's proof anyway: When co-owner Lynn Wong saw me there that morning, she said, "I almost missed you! You're not at your usual table!")

While I was there, working and drinking chai from my not-usualtable, my friend Christy sent me a text: "Want to do yoga in the park at

Indeed I did. I think

the fancy way to say this is that "I've been cultivating a yoga practice over the last year." But what that means, really, is that I've managed to do yoga every single day since Jan. 5. Mostly I do it at home, on the floor next to my bed, through Yoga With Adriene's YouTube channel.

So the chance to get some poses in with a friend, under the oaks of Central Park, on a gorgeous fall day? Count me in. The only problem? I was away from home for the day. In a knee-length dress. Not exactly appropriate attire for downward facing dog.

I checked my calendar and realized, that if I timed it right, I could run home for a few minutes at lunch to grab a change of clothes and my yoga mat. Then I

could finish my workday at the library, change in the bathroom after work, and make it to Central Park with time to spare. I am woman, hear me roar, etc. etc.

So I dashed home and grabbed a pair of black shorts and a tank top, my mat, and booked it to Rochester Public Library, Which is probably my second favorite office-away-from office. I have no stories to prove this one, but I can recommend the table next to the magazines with a great view of the river and Second Street.

The afternoon flew by, and before I knew it, it was 5 o'clock. I packed up my laptop, shot Christy a message that I was heading over, and found the perfect parking spot on First Street. I was really feeling it — woman roaring and all that —

when I realized I was still in my dress.

Which is how I found myself, in the front seat of my car on a sunny day, with a dozen or so of my fellow Rochesterites crossing the sidewalk in front of me, while I undressed.

Getting my shorts on under my dress was a piece of cake. The tank top was the challenge. I tried pulling my arms into my dress and using it as a shield, but then I couldn't get my shirt in there. I tried pulling the tank up through the bottom of my dress. But THAT wasn't happening. I tried to lie across my two front seats to be more discrete, but the drink holder/cubby thing in the middle forced me to stick my butt up like an inchworm, and you can see how that was less than ideal.

Finally, I thought: OK. I guess we're giving a show. I whipped the dress over my head, replaced it with my top, and checked for damage out my window. No one looked too shocked or distraught, except for maybe the guy cruising behind my car on his skateboard who made wide-eyed, side mirror eye contact.

Maybe that part was just my imagination. Or maybe that skateboarder got a good story out of it, too — about the day he went out for a ride on a perfectly nice day and saw someone's mom throwing her dress over her head in the front seat of her car.

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# Finding things in common with Clint Eastwood as part of aging

hen the Fitbit, the health and fitness tracker, was first popular, my wife bought me one. She trusted me to take care of it, but alas, as with my modus operandi, I lost it.

Through our years together, I have lost wedding rings, wallets, eyeglasses and all kinds of commonplace items. I still ask for assistance finding my keys. Despite my past, I took a chance and recently bought myself another Fitbit. So far, so good.

I wanted inspiration. At this point in our lives, boomers are skirmishing for good health on a regular basis. Weight, diet, exercise all seem to be a little bit of an uphill



**BOOMER GRANDPA** 

Loren Else

climb these days. As our age increases, so do our aches and pains that make all of this more challenging.

The little Fitbit gadget gives you a daily and weekly readout of your activities. It tracks steps, stairs climbed, distance traveled, active minutes, heart rate and even sleep. The best day of the week for me activitywise is generally the day I play golf. Even using a cart, you can still get in a lot of steps.

To me, that's scientific proof that we mature guys or gals need to keep playing golf regularly. This should include equipment updates such as new drivers, putters, golf balls – all will help us stay active. Just my opinion.

I recently saw Clint Eastwood's new movie entitled "Cry Macho." Baby boomers have watched Eastwood's long, Hollywood career. Sixty-five years long, according to a recent interview with Eastwood.

The audience on the movie's opening day matinee was all seniors. I was proud of myself as I viewed the film popcorn-free.

Before the movie

started, I heard one woman in the theater proudly state she has all of Eastwood's films on DVD. Actually, the whole theater listened to her entire conversation for 15 minutes until the previews started. Heavens to Betsy.

Eastwood is 91 years old, and he is still acting and directing. In another interview, Eastwood, who golfs and plays the piano, said, "I don't look like I did at 20, so what?' That is quite an attitude as I struggle with my aging appearance. If somebody wants a photo, my wife and I disappear quickly.

I enjoyed the movie, and apparently, Eastwood did some of the stunts himself, like

throwing a punch and riding a horse (slowly). At one point in the film, the Eastwood character takes a nap. He also drinks lots of coffee - all realistic portrayals in my aging world. You see Eastwood

smile in the film. There was even dancing between Eastwood and actress Natalia Traven, who had a wonderful role. I always feel some emotions watching the movies Eastwood directs.

Maybe I do this Fitbit thing for me, but I strive for a bigger picture. I sort of doubt that I will be bouncing around at 91, but who knows. Some of us believe that no matter what we do, our fate is already decided.

Not taking chances,

I want to keep working myself physically and mentally. I love the role of family patriarch, role model, and historian. I hope to continue to witness remarkable moments in the lives of my kids, grandkids, or even great-grandkids.

Years from now, at some family event, someone might ask me, "Do you feel lucky?" I will answer, "Yes, I do." No one would be surprised to hear them say, "You should because I found your wallet."

Loren Else lives in Rochester and also writes the Post Bulletin's "Day in History" column. Send comments and column ideas to Loren at news@postbulletin.com.

# Why must we erase the trusty pencil that has served us so well in the past?

would just like to say a few things on behalf of the pencil. It might just be a function of my generational perspective, but it seems to me that work has been drawn away from the trusty pencil, and erased any memory of its existence.

This ages-old instrument of literary expression has been relegated to the background and pushed to the back of the desk drawer, where it lies quietly under a sliderule and a lost comb.

After having "carved out" words for complex sentences, luscious paragraphs, and sweeping organizational charts, it now lies, quietly detached, tooth marks on its body and



**MEZACAPA** 

its eraser rounded smooth. Sad. Ink pens, ballpoints, rollerballs, computers, and cell phones have all run out ahead of the poor pencil, and never even looked back to see if it was OK.

I miss seeing pencils in those executive leather cups on desks, or dangling from clipboard sign-up sheets, or fitting perfectly into those little pencil racks on the back of church pews. Pencils have been "bullied" by those hotshot electronic

gadgets and wounded by

their megabytes. This is also a good place to expose those seemingly innocent electric pencilsharpeners. The electric pencil sharpener is part of a conspiracy, sponsored by those to grind the hapless pencil to a stub in three tries. It sits around on the desk or the kitchen counter, looking innocent and dopey, but it is filled with enough AA batteries to run a snowblower! Woe to those innocent-looking pencil sharpener nostrils that invite pencils into their pencillead-hungry, deadly grinders. I hope a little kid jams you with a Tootsie Roll!

This brutal push

into obsolescence only proves how little that cellphones, iPads, and tablets understand about the pencil's long and proud history! The first pencil was invented by Conrad Gessner in 1564 and was just a graphite stick wrapped in string. in 1794 when Nicolas-Jacqes Conté combined ground-up graphite and wet clay. He rolled the mixture into rods and enclosed them into smaller cylinders of wood. The pencil! Eventually, high-quality Chinese graphite was used, and the wooden pencils were painted yellow, the royal color of China, to honor the origin of the graphite. Over time, the rubber

eraser was affixed to the end of the pencil

to replace the practice of using breadcrumbs for erasing pencil marks. The crowning glory! The high-quality graphite with its smart yellow paint and eraser, quickly found its way to everyone from the grocer to the horsedon't think that Edgar Alan Poe or Louisa May Alcott would ever be comfortable with an iPad or use a Bic pen.)

Hats off to the golf pro shops that continue to distribute those wonderful little pencils for keeping score. I always carry a pencil of those "golf pencil" proportions in my pocket. With all humility, my 72-year-old mind can still generate some good thoughts. Having a pencil in

my pocket minimizes the number of those thoughts that get lost. I keep a pencil and paper on my nightstand, too, so that any nighttime thoughts will make it to the next day. Granted. scribbling them down in the dark they'll probably in the morning light, but my pencil was there and

Take a moment. Stop to respect the value of the pencil that has served us through the centuries allowing us all to write, right!

Nick Mezacapa, of Rochester, served as the rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, across the street from Mayo Clinic, for nearly 30 years. Send comments on columns to Jeff Pieters, jpieters@postbulletin.com.

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# Life

# Quirky art on the prairie, and more

# Franconia Sculpture Park celebrates 25 years

BY NINA RAEMONT

St. Paul Pioneer Press

SHAFER, Minn. — Amid clumps of milkweed, prairie grass and pine trees, there's a massive, turquoise Lorraine Motel sign, a copper-clad asteroid being catapulted back to space and a cedar hunting blind awaiting curious visitors.

Just off Highway 8 in Shafer, near Taylors Falls in southeast Minnesota, Franconia Sculpture Park has been a part of the surrounding community and the Greater Minnesota and Wisconsin area for 25 years as an educational and recreational space for public art, as well as a day trip destination. It's not only a gateway to contemporary art for visitors, but also a place where art lives without barriers or borders.

Spanning 50 acres with more than 100 sculptures on display, Franconia draws thousands of visitors each year — and that number rose from 180,000 during 2020 to 200,000 in 2021, one of Franconia's highest attendance years yet.

Unlike the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Franconia isn't smack dab in the middle of a metropolitan area. Its clientele skews more rural than urban and the park was founded eight years after Minneapolis' Sculpture Garden put a giant spoon and cherry near the Loring greenway.

When Franconia was founded in 1996, Fuller Cowles and John Hock had a mission to create a space where interactions between artists and arts viewers could flourish, and large-scale sculptures could come to life.

"The fun part of being at Franconia is the accessibility of a community. You have Susie and Bob walking

"Our focus has really shifted away from large-scale sculpture to more audience engagement and community engagement in the space and using the landscape and the space as an entry point for people to experience art in nature."

SHULICK PORCELLA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF CURATOR

down the trail being able to interact with Marcos from Portugal who is there doing a project," Cowles said. "That random intersection on a Tuesday afternoon is what really sets us apart."

The space isn't just a haven for art viewers; it's also the temporary home of more than 30 artists each year who spend a few months living on the grounds of the park, creating their work on site and leaving Franconia with a sculpture — or a written work, or a piece of performance or video art along the prairie pathway. Both Cowles and Hock had done work for Socrates Sculpture Park in New York, and they were jazzed by the idea of bringing a public sculpture park to rural Minnesota.

Unlike a traditional white-walled gallery space,



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Executive Director and Chief Curator Ginger Shulick Porcella poses for a portrait in Franconia Sculpture Park on Sept. 9. Franconia Sculpture Park is celebrating its 25th anniversary.



A sculpture called "Saudade" by artist Kendra Elyse Douglas sits on display in Franconia Sculpture Park on Sept. 9.

Franconia's tree-and-prairie landscape encourages artists to tap into a new side of their creative processing and configure their sculpture within a wild space. When mixed media artist Julie Schenkelberg arrived at the

site this summer, before she even began building her "Aurora" installation, she'd spent a few weeks in Franconia's field, lying in the grass, taking note of where the moon rose and the sun set, all to inform where her work would be positioned.

"It's such a great opportunity to show something that is wild — and my work is wild," Schenkelberg said. "Even though I do get exhibited in galleries, I like the rawness of my work being outside. And also, I can't control how people will see it necessarily, like they'll be walking around it, or they can go in and out of it."

And other artists create their work to cater to the space itself. Take local artist Tom Bierlein's "Variations on Becoming," a cedar hunting blind that allows the viewer to see the nature of the park through a shielded, yet open, space. "From the beginning, I was really interested in integrating the work physically within the prairie, and within the ecosystem of Franconia," Bierlein said.

The residency program naturally invigorates artists to go beyond their everyday practice and explore different approaches to creating art, according to Ginger Shulick Porcella, Franconia's executive director and chief curator. But Franconia isn't zeroed in on the art it produces; since Shulick Porcella has taken the reins of the park, Franconia has worked to create relationships with the folks

they welcome in.

"Our focus has really shifted away from large-scale sculpture, to more audience engagement and community engagement in the space and using the landscape and the space as an entry point for people to experience art in nature," Shulick Porcella

The sculpture park has

definitely shifted. Staff have ushered in movie nights, farmers markets, film series and special events. And with the 2020 opening of Franconia's visitor center, there's an indoor gallery and opportunities for weddings and other celebrations.

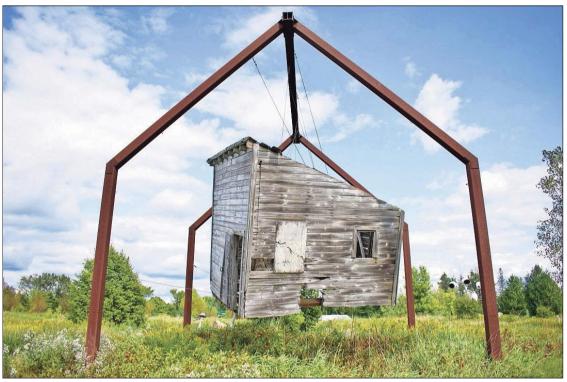
Franconia's rural setting creates a unique opportunity for the artists and curators of Franconia, Shulick Porcella said.

"We get folks from the Twin Cities, but we also get really conservative folks from Wisconsin who are not going to go to a museum, but they're going to come here," she said. "So our social responsibility as an educational art space is to tell these people about the work of these global artists, the global ideas and, you know, maybe that'll get people to think differently about the world.

"We literally physically and mentally eliminate the barriers from participation with contemporary art, which, if you put a lot of this art in a museum space, would be very intimidating," Shulick Porcella explained. "But people are able to come right up to the art, they're able to read about the art and the artist's motivations and, at times, even meet the artist if they see them making their work on site. So it's just a totally different environment for demystifying the creative process for both artists and audiences."

On Sept. 25, Franconia will celebrate its 25th year with a bundle of activities, from an examination of Franconia's biodiversity with University of Minnesota professors, to a performance by Twin Citiesbased hip-hop artist Nur-D.

"My heart swells with pride and joy, watching the new young artists come and make work at the sculpture park and how excited little kids get; that stuff just makes my heart sing," Cowles said.



A sculpture called "Reclamation" by artist Melanie Van Houten sits on display in Franconia Sculpture Park on Sept. 9.



A sculpture called "Freighted" by artist Emily Stover sits on display in Franconia Sculpture Park on Sept. 9.

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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **Featured Events**

Thursday, Sept. 23

Theater and Entertainment

"Always... Patsy Cline," Rochester Civic, 20 Civic Center Drive SE, Rochester. 7 p.m. Sept. 16-18, 23-25; 2 p.m. Sept. 19, 26. Inspired by a true story, Cline wrote letters to her biggest fan, Louise Seger, and consistently signed them "Love Always... Patsy Cline."

## Community

Parenting the Love and Logic Way, Bluestem Center, 124 Elton Hills Lane NW, Rochester. 6:15 p.m. Please register for individual sessions or the full, five-class series.

### Saturday, Sept. 25

The Fattenin' Frogs, Olde Pine Theatre, 113 2nd St. SW, Pine Island. 7:30 p.m. Electronic blues. Born out of love for the backroads music of America's past, The Fattenin' Frogs play rock & roll in its original spirit by cranking up the electricity on the music of the juke joints, hootenannies, medicine shows and tent revivals of yesteryear. http:// thefatteninfrogs.com.

### **Opportunities**

Call for walking-themed art. The Rochester Art Center seeks submissions of walkingbased art projects for exhibition and programming that will run April 30 to Oct. 2, 2022. Submissions are due by Nov.

15 at rochesterartcenter.org. 12-15 projects will be selected.

### Ongoing

Ping Pong Ball LED Light Art Installation, Peace Plaza, 104 1st Ave. SW, Rochester. 1200 individually addressable LED lights, covered by ping pong balls and driven by custom software running on a hobbyist computer. The best time to view the LED installation is after 4:15 p.m.

Metamorphosen: Landscapes, Abstractions, and Life exhibit, Café Steam, 315 South Broadway, Rochester. 7 a.m.

**Ruth Mikos: Building Collections to Connect and Ghosts of the Negative: The** Last Soldiers, Rochester Art Center, 40 Civic Center Drive SE. 11 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. \$5.

"Sustenance," Anderson Center Main Gallery, 163 Tower View Drive, Red Wing. 11 a.m. Five Minnesota artists explore food and the cultural identities behind what we eat in a group exhibition.

### **Tuesday, Sept. 21**

Sports and Recreation

Pop-Up Chess, west end of Peace Plaza, Rochester. 11:30

## Wednesday, Sept. 22

Community

**Farm Equipment Safety** Training: Implements and Trailers, Sharing Our Roots Farm, 4905 315th St. W., Northfield. 5:30 p.m. Tour a suite of diversified small farm implements. Practice operating a variety of implements and

trailers in an inclusive learning environment.

GriefShare, Anchor of Hope Church, 203 E. Main Street, Dodge Center. 7 p.m. A special 13-week seminar support group designed to help grieving people rebuild their lives.

## Thursday, Sept. 23

Theater and Entertainment

Head Over Heels, Rochester Civic Theatre, 20 Civic Center Drive SE, Rochester. 7:30 p.m. Comedic, high-energy rock musical featuring the music of the Go-Go's! Shows Sept. 23-25.

## Sports and Recreation

Taproom Trivia, Island City Brewing Company, 65 East Front St., Winona. 7 p.m. Reservations must be made before 6 p.m. Thursday. DM through FB or Instagram.

## Community

Just Deeds: Acknowledging the Past to Understand the Present, History Center of Olmsted County, 1195 W Circle Drive SW, Rochester. 6 p.m. Learn about the history of discriminatory covenants in Minnesota and other forms of systemic racism in housing.

**Rochester Area ADHD** Support Group, virtual. 7 p.m. Resources and support for families and individuals touched by ADHD. Educational presentations and discussion over Zoom. Email adhdrochmn@gmail.com.

## Friday, Sept. 24

Theater and Entertainment

"Come Back" Preview,

Commonweal Theatre Company, 208 Parkway Ave. N., Lanesboro. 7:30 p.m. Sky is stunned to learn he is the sole beneficiary of his best friend Erin's estate. But there's a catch, and it's a whopper: Sky must conquer his paralyzing anxiety and crisscross the country in search of the perfect way to dispose of his friend's remains.

# Saturday, Sept. 25

Music

Thomas & the Shakes and North by North, Forager Brewery, 1005 6th St. NW, Rochester. 7 p.m. 21+. Free.

Theater and Entertainment

**History Alive Pop-up Plays:** Lanesboro WW 2 and Beyond, Sons of Norway Lodge, 200 Parkway Ave. S., Lanesboro. 1 p.m. Live theater and music, featuring local stories of World War II in several Lanesboro sites.

Irish Dead or Alive Wake, High Court Pub, 109 Parkway Ave. N., Lanesboro. 7 p.m. Listen to stories and toasts in the tradition of an Irish wake. Join in and tell your own stories about anyone, dead or alive.

### Sports and Recreation

Spring (Into Fall) Classic, Soldiers Field Park, 800 Soldiers Field Drive SW, Rochester. 8:30 a.m. www. rochesterrunningclub.org/ races. Proceeds benefit Bolder Options and mentoring for Rochester youth.

In Yan Teopa, 29223 County 28 Blvd., Frontenac. 9 a.m. Follow trails along the tops of the river bluffs, as well as the prairies in the river bottoms.

Festivals and Markets

Friends of Oxbow Fall Fest Million Dollar Kickoff, Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo, 5731 County Road 105 NW, Byron. 11 a.m. Food and games, music, and zoo naturalist presentations.

## Sunday, Sept. 26

Last Sunday Jam Time, Chatfield Center for the Arts, 405 Main St. S., Chatfield. 3 p.m. All musicians, any experience level welcome.

#### Sports and Recreation

Brave Like Gabe 5K, Terra Loco, 1190 16th St. SW, Rochester. Register for the Virtual Brave Like Gabe 5K and choose Rochester for your location during registration. Pick up packet at TerraLoco for run Sunday morning. https://runsignup.com/Race/ Register/?raceId=113819& eventId= 509349

### **Monday, Sept. 27**

Sports and Recreation

Trivia Night, Forager Brewery, 1005 6th St. NW, Rochester. 7 p.m. Winners receive a crowler of beer. No outside food or

## **Tuesday, Sept. 28**

Mississippi Sippin', Minnesota Marine Art Museum, 800 Riverview Drive, Winona. 4:30 p.m. Happy hour on the MMAM Riverwalk.

This calendar has been abridged for print. See the full list of events at postbulletin.com/calendar.



# If you go

# What

The Rebel & The Stranger

# Where

Loy Show Barn, 6914 60th Ave. NW, Oronoco

When 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

\$25 at the door, beckyschlegel.

# Yee the mightiest haw.

Classic country music by "The Honkey-Tonk Rebel" Mario Carboni and "The Stranger" Norm Hamlet.



# If you go

# What

Pride: An Exhibition of Queer Youth Art

# Where

Rochester Art Center, 30 Civic Center Drive SE

# When

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Sept. 24 through Oct. 11

# Cost

\$5, rochesterartcenter.org

# Look at all the colors of the rainbow!

Rochester's Pride festival may have been postponed, but you can still celebrate at the Art Center's new exhibit, made of art submitted by local LGBTQIA+ youth. It opens Friday!

# Rock and roll(er skate).

MedCity Roller Derby has two info nights coming up for would-be players. Get briefed on the time commitment, skills you'll acquire, and play a few rounds of sock derby.

# If you go

# What

**New Recruit Information Night** 

Bamber Valley Elementary School, 2001 Bamber Valley Road SW, Rochester

# When

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 and Monday, Oct. 11

# Cost

Free



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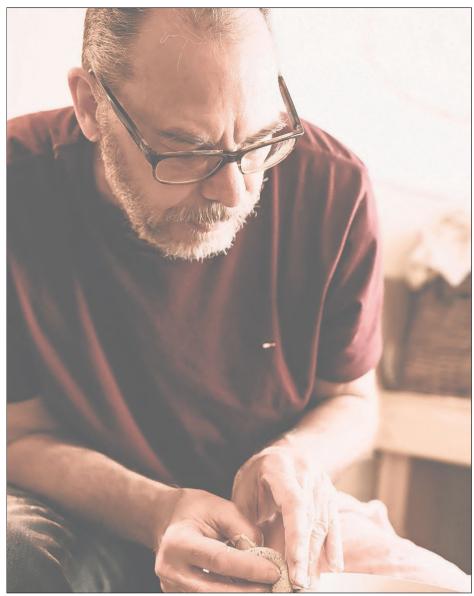
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Steve Williams of Sunny Slopes Ceramics.

# Pop in to art studios all over Rochester

**BY JOHN SIEVERS** 

For the Post Bulletin

From bird illustrations to bath salts, and sculptures to ceramics, Rochester's Hiding Artists Tour has something for every art

The local art scavenger hunt will take place Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in home studios all over Med City.

Rochester's Hiding Artists Tour (RHAT) was co-founded by two local artists: Cathy Shaw, who creates glasswork, photography, and sewing, and Chris Nibbe,a broommaker and woodworker

The two artists curate and plan the Rochesterarea art extravaganza.

Like many other annual events, the RHAT was interrupted by the pandemic last year. With safety precautions in place (like masking, hand sanitizer, and several open-air locations), the event is set to resume, the organizers said — and not a moment too soon, as artists have had more than a year to produce new pieces.

"I think it's important to share how creativity

## **IF YOU GO**

What: The Rochester Hiding Artists Tour

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-26

Where: Find the 17 different locations at www. facebook.com/RHATMN.

and growth didn't stagnate during the pandemic," Nibbe said.

More than 25 artists will participate in 2021. The event is a little like a treasure hunt, with every x on the map marking another art hotspot.

Many artists offer their work for sale at their own homes and studios. This gives participants the ability to engage artists in the spaces where they create their works.

Shaw said the environment creates "a more relaxed atmosphere for the artists and the customers."

"It is also kind of fun to 'hunt' and find all of the artists on the tour," she

The variety of different mediums available from artists during the tour is astounding. Traditional artforms — like painting, photography, ceramics, and weaving — are

ways. Rarer mediums like beaded rocks and enamel jewelry will also be on display during the

RHAT is truly an artistcentered tour, Shaw said, with entry fees going toward brochures and signs at each stop.

'We wanted the artists to have autonomy on how and what to display," she said. "We just provide the organization of the event, and they get to decide how they want to run their own space. Artists can set up demonstrations or just have a relaxed discussion explaining their techniques."

Amidst the collection of home studios, local businesses Old Abe Coffee Co. and Squash Blossom Farm will host art demos during the tour. Squash Blossom will also present live music both days: the Good Old Wagon band Saturday, and a Songwriters in the Round show Sunday.

"I hope the public will get out and discover our artists and their beautiful and clever creations and support them by purchasing any of the works they love," Shaw

# **TUESDAY TRACKLIST**

# RAFAEL

The artist: Rafael Conda, known mononymously as "RAFAEL, a Chicago native working with Rochester's YG On Da Beat.

The sound: R&B, hip-hop. Try him if you like Drake, Lil Durk or Kevin Gates.

How you can get to know him: See the latest on Instagram @ralah.c. Find more at https://soundcloud.

Every week, we're highlighting a SE MN streaming musician we think you should check out. Add your own act to our print lineup (and Spotify masterlist) at PostBulletin.com!



Contributed

Rafael Conda.

# **507 FEATURED ARTISTS**

# Natalie Jo Baker

Natalie Jo Baker was born and raised in Rochester. After seven years of travel,

she moved back to Rochester to reconnect with family. Baker's art journey includes

sculpture, portrait photography, and digital mandalas. She believes that art is for expression, spirituality, and mental health.

See more at @resting.in.illusion on Instagram.



"Rochester Corn Tower, Metal" by Natalie Jo Baker.



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# \$950,000 deal means Med City restaurant has a new landlord

northwest Rochester commercial building sold for \$950,000 earlier this month.



**HEARD ON** THE STREET Jeff Kiger

The 7,100-squarefoot building at 4825 W. Frontage Road NW, along US 52, houses Minnesota's only Carlos

O'Kelly's location, and the restaurant will keep cooking.

Representatives of Carlos O'Kelly's stress that its Prairie Fire Fajitas, Shrimp Diablo and jumbo margaritas will remain on the menu for its Med City fans.

The Tex-Mex restaurant simply has a new landlord.

**4825 US-52, LLC,** which is related to **Rochester Motor** Cars, purchased the 24-yearold property on Sept. 8 from Inspired Mex, LLC.

"It is an opportunity to own an adjacent property and give ourselves flexibility in the future," Ryan Gregory of Rochester Motor Cars. The building is near the entrance to **Rochester Mazda**, which is owned by Rochester Motor

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# Policy against rainy days

ear Dave: I have decided it's time to get control of my



**DAVE SAYS** Dave Ramsey

money. Your plan sounds workable, but I talked to some friends about it, and they think I would be better off using a

credit card for emergencies. Can you explain why you advise saving a separate

emergency fund? Leslee When bad, unexpected things happen, like a job layoff or a blown car engine, you shouldn't depend on credit cards. If you use debt to cover emergencies, you're digging a financial hole for yourself. My plan will walk you out of debt forever, and a strong foundation of any financial house includes an emergency fund.

Putting together a fully funded emergency fund is Baby Step 3 of my plan for getting out of debt and gaining control of your money. Before you reach this point, however, steps one and two should be completed first. Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is where you pay off all debt, except for your home, using the debt snowball method.

A fully-funded emergency fund should cover three to six months of expenses. You start the emergency fund with \$1,000, but a full emergency fund can range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 or more. A family that can make it on \$3,000 per month might have a \$10,000 emergency fund as a minimum.

What is an emergency? An emergency is something you had no way of knowing was coming — an event that has a major, negative financial impact if you can't cover it. Emergencies include things like paying the deductible on medical, homeowners or car insurance after an accident, a job loss, a blown automobile transmission or your home's heating and air unit suddenly biting the dust.

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Kassi Jackson / Hartford Courant / TNS

Stacks of plywood at a work site in Connecticut. Lumber prices, a key cost in home construction and an influence on inflation, have plunged from their peaks this spring, but remain well above pre-pandemic levels.

# Knock on wood

# Lumber prices are down, but not by much

**BY PATRICK KENNEDY** 

Star Tribune

umber prices, a key cost in home construction and an influence on inflation, have plunged from their peaks this spring, but remain well above pre-pandemic levels.

The development is welcome news to people who want to build a home because, aside from land acquisition and labor, lumber is typically the highest component cost.

Prices on certain types of wood products remain elevated, including special order deckings, made-toorder windows and doors, engineered lumber, and roof and floor trusses. Lead times on those products are long.

"All of the specialty goods, which are 50 percent of our business ... all that has a manufacturing component to it and is not a straight commodity, has gone up and stayed up," said Sunny Bowman, president and owner of Dakota County Lumber in Farmington, Minn.

Broadly, inflation appeared to moderate last month as the consumer price index rose more slowly than in July, shaped in part by falling prices for cars, hotels and air

The price for softwood lumber fell nearly 28% last month and is down by nearly half since May, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Lumber prices on the CME Group's commodity exchange are now approximately the same as this time last year, but that's still 50% higher than two years ago.

The pandemic triggered a frenzy for forest products. Home building, a key market for lumber, was at record levels in 2019 before the onset of coronavirus. When the pandemic forced people to shelter in place in spring 2020, construction slowed only briefly. Meanwhile,

many Americans took on renovation projects, emptying lumberyards and retailers.

Prices soared for lumber, then took another huge step upward this spring as the recovery triggered new demand. Price volatility for softwood lumber is at an all-time high for a 12-month period, the NAHB said, and has been visible in recent

"Cash prices for lumber have increased 15 percent in the last 10 days," said David Logan, senior economist for the association.

Meanwhile, prices for other building materials — readymix concrete, gypsum and steel mill products — are also higher. Since the start of the year an index for ready-mix concrete has increased 4.7%; prices for gypsum products increased 14.9%; and steel product prices have nearly doubled.

"The supply chain in so many areas is really

challenging right now. Steel has gone up, appliances have gone up," said David Siegel, executive director of Housing First Minnesota — an association of home builders and remodelers. "It's a struggle right now. So many pieces in the home building

space have gone up in price.' Higher costs are reducing the number of people who can afford a house.

"The underlying cost drivers that have made housing expensive even pre-COVID, those still exist,' Seigel added. "Things like limited land supply.'

The pricing volatility and supply issues means that smaller builders are taking longer to finish homes. Dakota County Lumber's Bowman said the smaller builders can typically complete a home in three to four months. "Now it's taking longer than that just to get your materials,' she said.

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# Broken machines? Feds take notice

# FTC investigates McDonald's notorious ice cream woes

**BY SUE CARLTON** Tampa Bay Times

You know it's bad when ice cream machines at McDonald's across America are broken so often they're a punchline for late-night jokesters. (Though blaming the Hamburglar seems too

Or when a guy comes up with an actual websitemcbroken.com — so someone jonesing for a soft-serve vanilla cone can track which nearby Mickey D's has a working machine.

Or when McDonald's itself goes for a we-can-laugh-atourselves moment with this tweet last year: "We have a joke about our soft serve machine but are worried it won't work.'

Take heart, dispirited McFlurry fans. No less than the Federal Trade Commission is now asking what's up with that, according to a recent report from the Wall Street Journal.

(A McFlurry, to the uninitiated, is ice cream blended with candy M&Ms, for instance — or cookies, Oreos being big with the McFlurry crowd. Diehards have been known to dip french fries in their



**Dreamstime / TNS** 

This summer, the Federal Trade Commission sent letters to McDonald's franchisees inquiring about what's going on with their broken ice cream machines, according to a Wall Street Journal news report.

McFlurries.)

To steal a McDonald's slogan, some fans have not been lovin' it.

A popular TikTok music

video portrays a conversation between a disappointed drivethru customer and a worker giving him the bad news that there will be no ice cream

today — ending in a potential fist fight. On Twitter, laments are legion.

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# What to do if you can't afford to buy a house right now

**BY ZACH WICHTER** 

Bankrate.com

If you're trying to break into the housing market right now, you may find that your down payment fund isn't going as far as you thought it would. Record-breaking rises in home prices mean the targets you set to save, say, 20 percent of your expected home purchase price may no longer cut it.

Here's what you need to know about what's going on in the housing market and what your options are for how to proceed.

#### WHY HOME PRICES ARE LIKELY RISING FASTER THAN YOUR **DOWN PAYMENT SAVINGS**

It all comes down to a few factors: limited housing supply and a huge number of motivated buyers are putting pressure on housing prices. Low mortgage rates mean most buyers can afford to borrow more than they otherwise would, which is turning up the pressure even more, and inflation is pushing buying costs up for pretty much everything across the

Sellers are rejoicing, but for buyers (low mortgage rates aside) it can be tough terrain to navigate.

"This last year has been brutal, particularly for the first-time homebuyer market," says Matt Woods, co-founder and CEO of SOLD.

Most experts agree that the pandemic has led to a tough market for buyers, but there are signs that things may finally be cooling off. At any rate, this nearly straight up trajectory for home prices seems fairly unsustainable.

"I think about my four kids, how on earth will my four kids ever be homeowners if this is the conundrum they're dealing with?" Woods says.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOUR **DOWN PAYMENT SAVINGS** AREN'T KEEPING UP

There are essentially three ways you can respond if your dream home — or even a barely adequate home — is out of reach.

#### 1. Wait out the home sale market, beef up your down payment

Probably the easiest option – because it's essentially passive — is to just wait for the market to cool down more. Doing that can give you the opportunity to boost your



**Dreamstime / TNS** 

One key to saving for a down payment: Establish an online banking account designated for the purpose.

savings, and you may even see home prices come down a little in your area, which means your funds will go

Keep in mind, there are no absolute guarantees in real estate because market conditions are always changing, but if you can't afford to buy now, it's probably not a good time to dive in.

'The biggest thing to start with is just to make the decision on whether now is the right decision in terms of buying the home," says Robert Heck, vice president of mortgage at Morty. "If you have flexibility and time, the options there are a bit more widespread."

Focus your affordability calculations on your monthly expenses, not necessarily the overall sale price, he says.

"This home appreciation phase is waning," Woods added. If you choose to wait it out you can use the time to invest money in higher-yield - and, admittedly, higher risk - funds to boost your savings more quickly."

You should speak to your financial advisor about your investment options.

Other short-term, high yield products may be available, but you'll want to decide what works for you with someone who really knows your situation.

#### 2. Alter your home search punch list

Another option is to change your housing wish list. Everyone wants to get the best possible house in the nicest and most convenient neighborhood they can afford, but if you can be a little more flexible, it could help you get into a home faster and more affordably.

My advice is starter homes are great and maybe you need to be as humble as you can possibly swallow just to get into the game, Wood says.'

Being comfortable with a starter home, or agreeing to look in a broader geographical area will open up more options and may let you look at places where your savings will perform a little

#### 3. Tap a housing assistance program or go for a nontraditional approach

You might be able to benefit from homebuver assistance grants or some upstart

companies that offer novel ways of getting you into a mortgage.

Woods says companies like Unison help folks get into homes by essentially paying all-cash on their behalf and working out the mortgage once the person has moved in. Others strike up equitysharing arrangements where they contribute to your down payment and then take a larger percentage than a traditional lender when you eventually refinance or sell.

"There are so many different paths you can go down, so try to verse yourself in as many of those as possible," Heck says. Doing your research will help you chart the best course for your own situation.

More traditional routes for down payment assistance

- ► FHA loans, which can be secured with as little as 3.5 percent down.
- ► VA loans, which can be a great deal for active or retired members of the military and their families.
- ► Local and national firsttime homebuyer programs.

Also keep in mind that many lenders will allow you to secure a loan with less than 20 percent down. You may have to pay for private mortgage insurance until you build up more equity, but if you can afford the extra monthly cost you'll still be able to get into a home if your offer is competitive.

#### **WORK WITH A KNOWLEDGEABLE REAL ESTATE AGENT**

In this ultra-competitive market, having a knowledgeable agent as a guide is key. Most sellers receive multiple offers, many of which may be above the asking price, so it's important to make sure you work with someone who really understands the market where you're looking and can help you make your offer as strong as possible, even if prices are higher than you were expecting.

A good buyer's agent will also be able to help you figure out how to tailor your search and will be able to adapt if you change what you're looking for as you rationalize your budget.

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The dynamics of the housing market make it difficult to forecast when supplies and prices of lumber and other construction materials will return to levels seen before the COVID-19 disruption.

"The one thing I can say with practical certainty is that supply chains will not fully rebound until the U.S. gets its workers back into the labor force and working and the vaccination rate has increased," Logan said. "Supply chain issues have come down as vaccination rates have gone up, but there is still that gap to be closed."

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Rochester Motor Cars, which also owns Rochester Toyota, Rochester Ford and Rochester Chevrolet Cadillac, opened the Mazda dealership in 2012. That dealership previously sold Saturn and Mitsubishi vehicles for the Twin Citiesbased Lupient Auto Group.

Olmsted County estimated the total market value of the building and land at \$1.11 million for 2021-2022.

Jeff Kiger tracks business action in Rochester and southeastern Minnesota every day in "Heard on the Street." Send tips to jkiger@postbulletin.com or via Twitter to @whereskiger. You can call him at 507-285-7798.

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Even a show on buttonedup NPR made a dark joke about the real problem being a lack of a key ingredient: Grimace blood. (More on McDonald's purple mascot in a minute.)

But seriously: Ice cream machine breakdowns have been a frustration for store owners, who, according to the Journal, have said the machines are more complicated than need be and also difficult to fix. Their heat-cleaning cycle,

McDonald's lasting up to four hours, can fail, which means the can fail, which means they can't be used until a repair technician can fix them, the Journal reported owners

> This summer, the Federal Trade Commission sent letters to franchisees inquiring about what's going on with the machines, according to the news report.

The Journal noted that the Biden administration is looking at a wide range of products with an eye toward whether manufacturers impede owners from fixing them themselves.

The letter called the

investigation preliminary and said it doesn't mean they've found any wrongdoing.

So stay tuned, McFlurry Nation.

And speaking of Grimace: That ambiguous purple McDonald's mascot who hangs with Ronald and is loved by kids presumably for being, well, big and purple, also made recent national fast food news.

A McDonald's manager was asked in an interview what exactly Grimace was a fair enough question, given his odd shape and short arms not resembling any obvious animal or person.

The manager replied that Grimace is an "enormous taste bud."

(An enormous taste bud?) While people grappled with this strange revelation on social media, McDonald's went for levity.

"It's always 'what is Grimace' and never 'how is Grimace," the company tweeted.

Which had to be more fun than talking about that lack of McFlurry action.

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# Ramsey

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Something on sale you "need" is not an emergency. Fixing the boat, unless you live on it, is not an emergency. Want to buy a car, a leather couch or go to Cancun? Not emergencies. Prom dresses and college tuition are not emergencies, either. Never rationalize the use of your

emergency fund for something you

should save for. On the other hand, don't make payments on medical bills after an accident while your emergency fund sits there fully loaded. If you've gone to the trouble of creating an emergency fund, make sure you are crystal clear on what is and isn't an emergency.

Also, keep your emergency fund in something that is liquid. Liquid is a money term that basically means easy to access with no penalties. I use growth-stock mutual funds for long-term investing, but I would

never put my emergency fund there. I suggest a money market account with no penalties and full check writing privileges for your emergency fund.

Your emergency fund account is not for building wealth. It's an insurance policy against rainy days.

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# Opinion

### **OUR VIEW**

# Warm welcome back to Friday night lights

oesn't it feel good to cheer again? A year after football fields temporarily darkened, and then reopened with attendance caps, the gridiron - and soccer pitch, and volleyball courts – are back in full-throated roar. Heck, the swimmers even get to compete against other swimmers, and not versus the stopwatch and empty lanes.

So far, this season has gone off without a hitch - no major outbreaks of COVID-19 or other unexpected problems. That's good, cheering news. Thumbs up.

#### A CARING COMMUNITY

A good Rochester joke might

go something like this: "A cardiologist, an oncologist and an orthopedic surgeon walk into a bar..."

Ten days ago, something like that joke - only this was deadly serious – happened at the Med City Marathon. A participant collapsed with an unspecified medical problem. Almost immediately, a swarm of trained helpers responded.

You just have to look at the Rochester skyline to see proof positive of the major role that medicine plays in the life of this community. But an even better picture is painted by the anonymous faces around us, who reveal themselves as professional carers when the

moment strikes. That person in the grocery line might be a nurse. That driver in traffic might be a doctor. That jogger in the marathon might be an EMT. Thumbs up to living in a caring community.

### **PORCH LIGHTS OUT**

If you don't mind getting your fingers a bit sticky, the biscuits and honey butter at Rochester's Porch restaurant were a one-of-a-kind treat. There was nothing like the burritos in the basementlevel Boxcar Hippie, either. Now those two restaurants in downtown Rochester have closed, citing difficulties in staffing.

The pandemic and

associated worker shortage has cost us a lot more than these two restaurants, but still we're sad they've gone away. It's a reminder to enjoy things while they last, we suppose. We'll miss the honey butter; life will be a (sticky) touch less sweet. Thumbs down.

#### **'TO TOUCH WHAT IS GOOD IN YOU'**

It's about time this history is being made: Minnesota's new poet laureate is Native American, Gwen Nell Westerman, an English professor in Mankato and citizen of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribe in South Dakota, is the first Native American poet laureate in the

U.S. She's written in English and in Dakota, the first language of the land.

Here's a meaningful excerpt from one of her works, "Give-

Away Song": This is my give-away to touch what is good in you with words your heart can

like ripples from a pebble

dropped in water moving outward growing wider touching others. You are strong. You are kind. You are beautiful.

Gwen's words have the power to move us, for good. Thumbs up to this historic appointment.

# Rising stock market is paying dividends for Biden

iden's Stock Market Returns Continue to Trounce Trump's" reads a recent Forbes headline. Sophisticated investors know this, but most of the public may not because Democrats have this selfdefeating aversion to boasting about bull markets during their watch. That seems to have changed

under President Joe Biden. Recall how former President

Donald Trump tied every record high to his alleged brilliance as an economic manager. "The Dow Jones Industrial just closed above 29.000!" he tweeted about six weeks before the 2020 election. "You are so lucky to have me as your president. With Joe Hiden' it would crash."

Not quite. Ten months after Biden was declared winner, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was over 34,500. As for the broad-based S&P 500, that stock index has closed at at least 40 all-time highs since



Biden has been president. Happily for Democrats,

Biden has claimed his bragging rights. Even better, he's trolling Trump with Trump-like swagger. "The stock market is surging," Biden crowed in a speech honoring labor unions. "It's gone up higher under me than anybody.'

Actually, presidents don't have nearly as much control over the stock market as they may claim. New technology influences economic developments, as do black swan events, such as the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Then, there was COVID-19.

That said, stocks have certainly done better so far under Biden than under the previous guy. From the last election to late August, all three major indexes - the Dow, S&P 500 and the NASDAQ had produced higher percentage gains under Biden than in the same period under Trump, according to Forbes.

Stocks did great under President Barack Obama, too, but you heard nary a peep from him about the Dow. And until recently, Biden didn't talk about it either.

Democrats had reasons, not all good ones, for their reticence. In downplaying gains in stock market wealth, they often note that ownership of shares is heavily weighted toward the richest Americans.

That is true. About 92% of stock owned by Americans reside in the top 10% of households. We're including stakes in 401(k)s and other retirement plans, and mutual

Nearly half of all Americans own not a single share of stock. And of the

households that do, the median stock value is only \$40,000.

But these Democrats often underestimate how many Americans rejoice over a rise in stock prices delivering gains of even a few hundred dollars. And many who don't own any stock associate booming markets with general economic prosperity.

Some liberals, meanwhile, have this sourpuss idea that there's something not quite wholesome about making money in the stock market. After the Trump-era tax cuts favoring rich investors, they want to raise taxes on those with very high incomes, and that makes sense.

But then they must also recognize that stock market rallies produce more taxable income. And the sweet part is that proposals to raise tax rates on capital gains and very high incomes have evidently not depressed Americans' lust for stock investing.

Complicating the messaging

for Democrats is that wellto-do Americans account for more and more of their voter base. In 2020, 59% of counties with a median household income over \$80,000 went for Biden, whereas only 39% favored Trump.

Biden later swerved back to his party's earlier talking point that the stock market is not the economy. He complained about some people "seeing the stock market and corporate profits and executive pay as the only measure for our economic growth.

But did Biden use the word "exponentially" to describe rising stock prices under his presidency? He sure did. "I'm glad it's gone up," he added, "no problem." Good for him, and if this change in tone continues, good for Democrats.

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# We shouldn't return to welfare as we knew it

# Undeniably, moving from dependence to work benefits families

**BY LESLIE FORD** 

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en. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., has all eyes on him. Again. This time it's because he's questioning his party's line on whether work matters for people receiving welfare.

He recently revealed his reservations with the Biden tax credit, which was transformed into unconditional cash grants: "There's no work requirements whatsoever. There's no education requirements whatsoever for better skill sets. Don't you think, if we're going to help the children, that the people should make some effort?'

Manchin is right to be concerned with the current legislation. Work matters, especially for the most vulnerable among

Twenty-five years ago, both Democrats and Republicans agreed with him. In 1996, there was broad agreement that our national welfare system held people in poverty, for the simple reason that it discouraged work. Even then-Sen. Joe Biden said, "Work should be the premise of our welfare system."

The reality of workless benefits was striking. Before 1996, after decades of no-strings-attached payments, nearly 9 in 10 families on welfare were jobless. Most were stuck in long-term poverty, dependent on meager benefits for over 8 years. About 90% of these families were led by a single mother, and one in seven children survived on the benefits.

Congress tackled this problem, with the help of then-President Bill Clinton, who promised to "end welfare as we know it." Congress came together to pass one of the most important and successful social reforms in American history: bipartisan welfare reform.

The resulting welfare reform limited recipients to five years of support, while requiring states to engage them in work between 20 and 30 hours

a week, depending on the age of the kids. Some asserted that poverty would increase,

yet the opposite

happened. Dependency declined for the first time in a half century. Employment rose among never married mothers who didn't graduate high school. Single mothers who worked rose from 51 percent in 1992 to 76 percent within eight years. The most significant

result: Child poverty, which had been static for decades, fell sharply by almost 8 percent in the following decade. It's undeniable that

moving from welfare to work leads to financial benefits for families. Those who stay dependent indefinitely obviously lose a lifetime of higher earnings. So do those who get a job after being unemployed for just six months or more. They earn up to 15% less in the short run and even more long-term.

Endless unemployment also has significant physical health outcomes, affecting mortality by as much as a year and a half for a 40-yearold worker. It also has substantial mental

health impacts. Studies

have also found that

when mothers formerly dependent on welfare found employment, they saw improvements in their physical health and emotional and psychological well-being.

Welfare reform was a success, yet that policy could be all but permanently overturned by President Biden and congressional Democrats.

That's the reality of the new child "tax credit" (really, welfare grants for people paid through the IRS) included in the American Rescue Plan, passed by Congress and signed by the president in March. This child credit, which used to require work, was transformed into a child allowance for one year. If Congress passes the House's \$3.5 trillion reconciliation bill, the child allowance will be essentially made permanent.

If the Biden child tax credit is made permanent, the prewelfare reform system will be resurrected. The transformed child tax credit sends parents a monthly check regardless

of whether they work.

It pays about 85 percent



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to be worried about

irrevocably disconnecting

welfare from work. Too

happens when families

don't work, despite the

proving how dangerous

return to welfare as we

this view is. We shouldn't

many on the left have

forgotten that what

decades of evidence

knew it.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) leaves a closed hearing of Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The committee heard from former Commander of U.S. Forces-Afghanistan General Austin Scott Miller on the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan.

of what welfare paid in 1995, yet it also expands the income eligibility, so millions of additional families are receiving it.

Combined with other federal transfer payments, including cash welfare itself, low-income families who don't work can now receive far more than they could have before the '96 reforms. The inevitable result, proven before 1996, will be fewer struggling families striving to rise

through employment.

Manchin is right

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# Is the mu variant more dangerous than delta?

not known exactly why the

**BY SAM FAZELI** 

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he highly infectious delta variant has sparked a new wave of COVID-19 cases and deaths worldwide in recent months, hampering reopenings and slowing the economic recovery. Now comes word of a new variant, mu, which has taken hold in some countries. Sam Fazeli, a Bloomberg Opinion contributor who covers the pharmaceutical industry for Bloomberg Intelligence, answers questions about the emergence of this new variant and its potential danger.

#### HOW WORRIED SHOULD WE BE ABOUT THE MU VARIANT?

Not much, at least for now. Every mutation has the theoretical chance to make the virus more "fit" in its ability to infect, copy itself and spread. What makes a mutation or group of mutations "of interest" or "concern" to scientists is when it emerges in a large enough population and is seen multiple times. The mu variant is the dominant one in Colombia, where it displaced the gamma variant. Even though assessing virus variants in Colombia is hard given the low number of genomic sequences analyzed, there has been an increase more recently in the delta variant there. Looking at other countries with more sequencing efforts, such as Austria, Chile, Mexico and Spain, it is clear that the mu variant is not as "fit" as delta, with the latter squeezing all

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other variants out.

#### WHAT CAUSES A VIRUS STRAIN TO BE MORE RESISTANT TO VACCINE-DRIVEN IMMUNITY?

Virus versus host is a constant battle. The virus infects an individual, who then raises an immune reaction against it — initially antibodies, followed by cellular immunity, i.e., "T-cells" and then "immune memory." Random mutations in the virus then potentially give it the ability to become less sensitive to the initial antibodies, making it more able to infect people who had been previously infected. A similar situation is possible in people who are immunized using a vaccine. But the immune system also evolves and produces an array of antibodies that allow it to recognize new mutants or variants. The mutations that lead to the virus being able to evade vaccine-induced antibodies tend to occur at regions of the "spike" protein to which antibodies bind and stop an infection. The most relevant of these has been the mutation at the so-called 484 position of the spike protein, which has been seen in the beta, gamma, kappa, eta, iota and mu variants.

#### WHAT IS IT ABOUT DELTA THAT'S MADE IT SO DOMINANT **EVEN IN COMPETITION** WITH VARIANTS THAT **HAVE MORE MUTATIONS?**

This brings us to an important point. While it is

delta variant is so much more infectious than other variants, it has been assumed that it may have something to do with a key mutation in spike position 681, which has also been seen in the mu, kappa and alpha variants. So it's clearly not just about this one mutation, given that delta has so far taken over wherever it has been introduced. And delta's ability to infect more quickly and multiply faster than other variants also affects its ability to infect vaccinated people. If there aren't enough antibodies at the sites of infection, i.e., the nose or throat, then the virus will have a clearer path — and with delta you see a rapid rise in viral particles. So an infection happens not just

because the virus has become

induced antibodies, or those

course of an initial infection

system to react, especially in

those who were vaccinated

several months ago and are

experiencing the expected

waning of antibody levels.

better at evading vaccine-

from a previous infection,

but also because the time

is too fast for the immune

#### ARE WE DOING ENOUGH TRACKING TO ENSURE WE **CATCH MORE CONCERNING NEW VARIANTS?**

No. We need a lot more

genomic sequencing than we have at the moment. There is a high level of sequencing in some countries such as the U.K. and Denmark, but

others are still too low on a per-capita basis. But it's not just about the numbers of sequences. It's also about how quickly they are reported. For example, based on data from CoVariants.org, the U.K. filed close to 50,000 sequences to GISAID (a global effort for sharing and tracking information on viruses) between Aug. 23 and Sept. 6, while France submitted a meager 124 sequences during the same period, essentially suggesting that it doesn't truly know what is happening in the country.

#### SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT VACCINATION MAY **DRIVE THE VIRUS TO BECOME** MORE EVASIVE, AS ANTIBIOTICS **CAN DO FOR BACTERIA. BUT** THAT'S INCORRECT, RIGHT?

I hear this often, and it makes me cringe. The situation with vaccines is much different when compared to antibiotics. Vaccines and natural infection generate an immune response at two different levels antibodies and T-cells against many different sites, known as epitopes, on the virus. T-cells can also target epitopes different from those targeted by antibodies. The immune response then evolves naturally over time. So even though immune-evading viral variants have developed and will continue to develop, the situation is not analogous to antibiotic resistance. And you can boost immunity with additional shots of vaccine.

#### **WILL VACCINES WORK AGAINST MU?**

Remember, vaccines are not

designed to prevent infections, they are intended to prevent disease. So as long as our vaccine-induced immunity is able to prevent severe disease. hospitalization and death, then we are mostly fine. We know that mu can evade antibodies at about the same level as the most evasive of variants to date such as beta. But that just means that it can potentially infect people who are vaccinated (just as delta can), bypassing their initial antibody protection in the nose and throat. It says very little about whether it can cause disease, given that the "memory" antibody response kicks in to produce many antibodies, and cellular immunity (T-cells) comes into its critical role.

#### **HOW SHOULD PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES DRAW THE LINE BETWEEN ALERTING FOLKS** TO THREATS AND AVOIDING PANIC-MONGERING?

I think they should keep "variants of interest" to themselves. I don't see what purpose it serves to let the world at large know that there is a variant of interest, which in most cases ends up not amounting to much in terms of increased risks or dangers.

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# Maybe we've underestimated George W. Bush. Maybe

**BY GENE COLLIER** 

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eorge W. Bush's best moments as president came nine days after his worst, nine days to wade through the horror and toxic disbelief, nine days to sort out the origins, meaning and terrifying implications of a nearly unimaginable morning that went into history as its own numerical shorthand,

On 9/20/2001, Bush spoke to a joint session of Congress with an eloquence, an earnestness, an empathy and an analytical global clarity few thought were within him or even within his potential

"Americans are asking, 'Why do they hate us?'" he said. "They hate what they see right here in this chamber: a democratically elected government. Their leaders are self-appointed. They hate our freedoms — our freedom of religion, our freedom of speech, our freedom to vote and assemble and disagree with each other."

That night was the first time I ever thought I'd underestimated the 43rd president, though it rarely tempered my criticism of the guy no one would have rated among the smarter baseball owners when he was running the Texas Rangers in the early '90s. Thus, I contended, he was probably not even qualified to be the governor of Texas (which seems almost laughable, given current events), and he was definitely not qualified for the White

reluctantly engaged in the family business of politics, mostly ignorant of the way the federal government works (Karl Rove had to explain the whole business to him) reliably incurious about the world and dependable only in his fealty to Republican orthodoxy. In sum, he was the perfect tool of neocons and military hawks.

I considered Bush only

But not on that night, 9/20/2001, when he was so much more.

"I also want to speak tonight directly to Muslims throughout the world," he said. "We respect your faith. It's practiced freely by many millions of Americans and by millions more in countries that America counts as friends. Its teachings are good and peaceful, and those who



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Former President George W. Bush speaks during a 9/11 commemoration at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 11, 2021.

commit evil in the name of Allah blaspheme the name of Allah. The terrorists are traitors to their own faith, trying, in effect, to hijack Islam itself. The enemy of America is not our many Muslim friends; it is not our many Arab friends."

In our worst moments, Bush showed our best side. He probably didn't get enough credit for it.

Last week, he spoke of 9/11 again on its 20th anniversary. Bush stole the show near Shanksville in a speech every bit as pitch perfect as on that night two decades past.

"A malign force seems at work in our common life that turns every disagreement into an argument and every argument into a clash of cultures," he said. "So much of our politics has become a naked appeal to anger, fear and resentment. That leaves us worried about our nation

"We have seen growing

evidence that the dangers to

and our future together."

IN OUR WORST MOMENTS. BUSH SHOWED OUR BEST SIDE. HE PROBABLY DIDN'T GET ENOUGH CREDIT FOR IT.

our country can come not only across borders, but from violence that gathers within. ... There is little cultural overlap between violent extremists abroad and violent extremists at home. ... They are children of the same foul spirit."

Of course, America's most conspicuous child, Donald J. Trump, immediately suspected Bush was talking about him and his MAGAmaniacs. Funny how that works.

'So interesting to watch former President Bush, who is responsible for getting us into the quicksand of the Middle East (and then not winning!) as he lectures us

that terrorists on the 'right' are a bigger problem than

Bush didn't mention

those from foreign countries that hate America," Trump

terrorists or the right — those

are Trump inferences — and didn't say anybody was a bigger problem than anybody else, but Trump seemed stuck on the "lecture" imagery.

'He shouldn't be lecturing us about anything," said the former snowflake in chief. "The World Trade Center came down during his watch. Bush led a failed and uninspiring presidency. He shouldn't be lecturing

anybody.' Yeah, nobody died on preventable deaths from

Trump's watch, unless you're stuck on some half a million COVID-19. And yet it appears Trump would prefer that Americans sit for his lectures, despite the fact that Bush has forgotten more history than Trump will ever know.

It was during a Trump

lecture on July 4, 2019, that we

learned how the Revolutionary

Army took over the airports

(there weren't any yet) and then, over at Fort McHenry, under "the rockets' red glare, it had nothing but victory" (wrong war).

It was Trump who asked Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, "Didn't you guys burn down the White House?" (it was the British). It was Trump whose

appraisal of Abraham Lincoln went, "Great president. Most people don't even know he was a Republican. Does anyone know?" (Only just about everyone who reads). So many times during the

Trump administration, I found myself thinking, "Boy, I'd take George W. Bush as president in a heartbeat right now." That's because next to Trump, Bush was and is Abraham Lincoln. Did you know all three were Republicans?

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