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# Highway 14 – the open road



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A tractor transports grain carts across the new Highway 14 on Oct. 19 near Claremont.

## Improving 12-mile stretch a long time coming



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Ginny Busch, former mayor of Claremont, lives near the new U.S. Highway 14, which is still under construction. Busch is photographed near the highway just south of her home Oct. 5 in Claremont.

BY BRIAN TODD  
 Post Bulletin

**C**LAREMONT — If you ask Barb Louks, she'll tell you there's nothing worse than hearing the screech of tires behind you.

She would know. As a resident of Claremont who has often had to turn off U.S. Highway 14, Louks has seen plenty of crashes along the stretch of road between Owatonna and Dodge Center, a 12-mile, two-lane length of pavement that — in one direction or another — she and her husband Jeff Louks, routinely travel as part of their daily lives. "I've almost been hit," Louks

said. "Just the other night I was coming home, someone drove into the oncoming lane for a second."

Louks, who commutes to Rochester two or three times a week for her job with Olmsted County, said with the imminent opening of the new stretch of Highway 14, she's looking forward to having a little less fear each time she's on the highway.

On Nov. 9, the Minnesota Department of Transportation plans to open the new Highway 14 between Owatonna and Dodge Center. The two-year — thus far — \$144 million project has been a long time coming for people who regularly drive the segment of road.

This 12-mile stretch is the latest

section between Rochester and Mankato to be converted into a controlled-access, four-lane, 65 mph highway. The Minnesota Department of Transportation plans to continue upgrading Highway 14, with planning continuing on the road from Kasson to Rochester.

The new road will feature a lot of changes for everyone from daily commuters to casual travelers to the folks who live along the section of the well-traveled highway. The highway will go from two undivided lanes to four divided lanes, two in each direction. Eventually, cable guards will be placed between

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## Welcome to the most haunted towns in Minnesota

Mantorville has its spirits as well as Stewartville with its poker-playing ghost, investigators say

BY ERICH FISHER  
 Post Bulletin

**MANTORVILLE, Minn.** — Before leaving the Mantorville Opera House for the night, it's common courtesy to say your goodbyes to everyone. Priscilla Ruemping,

a recurring performer and director at the Opera House, said her goodbyes to her fellow cast members as they were leaving the building, and to those who don't leave when the lights shut off: the ghosts.

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After Hours Paranormal Investigations founder and lead investigator Hawk Horvath, left, senior investigator Kari Cousineau, middle, and investigator Dawn Owegi, right, at the Chatfield VFW. Contributed / Hawk Horvath

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# What about making changes to Highway 14 heading east of Rochester?

**A**fter years of planning, designing, purchasing of right-of-way, and finally construction, that dangerous, two-lane segment of U.S. Highway 14 between Owatonna and Dodge Center is about to be replaced with a new four-lane, divided highway that is much safer. Is MnDOT considering doing something similar between Rochester and Eyota, heading east on Highway 14? – **Commuter Heading**

## ANSWERMAN the Other Way

You're probably aware that the new version of U.S. Highway 14 between Owatonna and Dodge Center opens soon. It'll go from two lanes of traffic that have long been dangerous to four divides lanes with cable guards in between.

Furthermore, MnDOT is in the planning stages of upgrading the section from Kasson to Rochester, which will include several overpasses and interchanges,

and the removal of at-grade access points like driveways, road intersections and field access sites.

When that's done – don't hold your breath, the state still hasn't appropriated funding – you want to know if MnDOT will keep making Highway 14 changes east of Rochester?

I talked to MnDOT District 6 spokesman Mike Dougherty and project manager Tory Thompson.

Thompson said that east of Rochester, Highway 14 is much closer to Interstate 90,

so travelers who are going longer distances generally drive a mile or so south of Highway 14 and hop on I-90.

The distance between Highway 14 and I-90 at Eyota is 4 miles. It's about 30 miles out by Dodge Center.

"Those that want to travel at higher speeds will scoot down to 90," Thompson said.

Additionally, safety improvements have been made on Highway 14 near Eyota, namely the roundabout at the intersection of Highway 14 and Minnesota Highway 42.

Thompson said the amount

of traffic on Highway 14 between Owatonna and Rochester will be increasing over the next few years.

And MnDOT is planning on upgrading Highway 14 west of Mankato to New Ulm, so the Highway 14 work will continue, although just not in Southeast Minnesota once MnDOT has finished its upgrades near Rochester.

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## Towns

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"I'll see you tomorrow," she said to the ghost as she was about to exit the stage.

What she didn't expect was to hear "goodbye" in return.

"I was just so tickled that they acknowledged me!" Ruemping said.

This experience, however, was tame compared to other encounters she's had with the spirits of the Opera House.

Harold, who's considered to be a "grumpy" spirit that resides in the basement, apparently loves to give a good fright when possible.

"He likes to scare people," Ruemping said. "I've got to the point whenever I'd have to go in the basement, I'd always talk to him on the way and say 'Hey now, I've always been nice to you, I always say hi. So don't scare me.' And he doesn't. But the one time I went down there and forgot to say it, I'm going up the stairs, and he creeps me out... The one time he grabbed my ankles!"

Ruemping noted other experiences with what she believes to be a spirit named Ellen, who is apparently a "prankster" and likes to hide props and cast members' shoes and clothes.

"One time she turned on the fog machine when it was off," Ruemping said. "They like to let you know they're there."

A building that's stood in place for more than 100 years at the corner of Fifth Street and Main Street in Mantorville, the Opera House building has hosted a variety of ventures throughout its history.

From being rumored to have an illegal speakeasy in the basement during Prohibition, to being a silent movie theatre, roller rink and city hall and to finally reclaiming its status as playhouse by the 1970s, the building has most certainly had its cast of characters throughout the years.

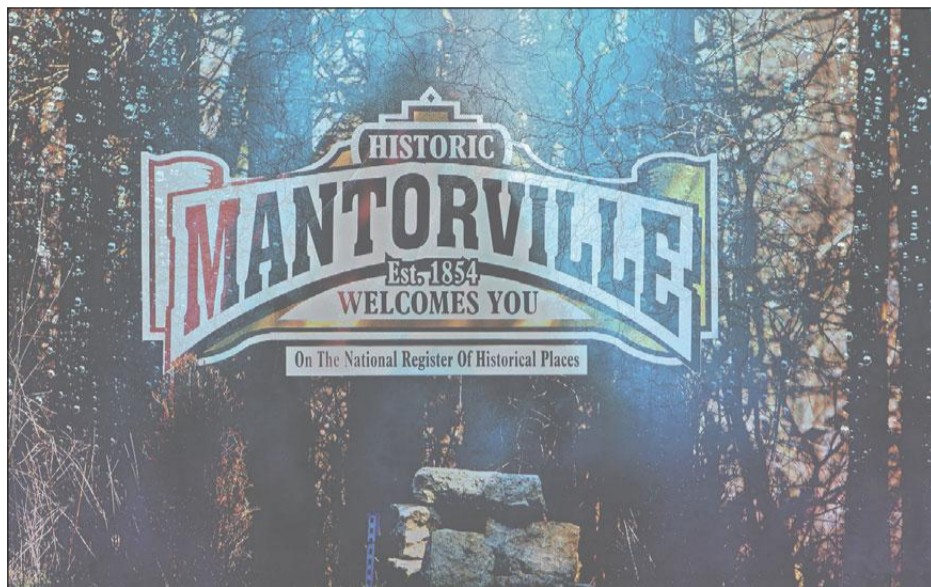
And some of those characters never left.

"It is extremely haunted," Rochester paranormal investigator Hawk Horvath said. "It will not disappoint."

Horvath, who's been a paranormal investigator based out of Rochester for the last 15 years, said she and her team have investigated the Opera House 30 times and they've picked up on what they believe to be paranormal activity each time.

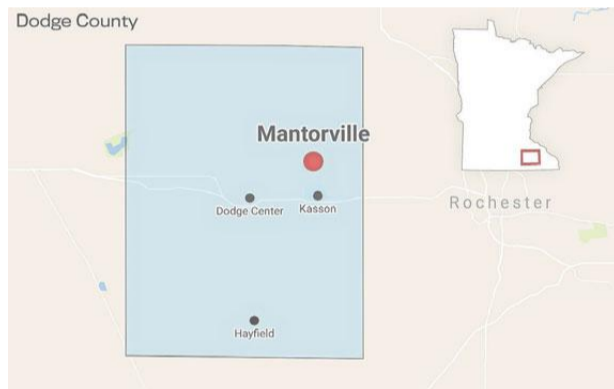
"We've caught video of lights turning on and off by themselves, which is pretty fun," Horvath said. "We've also had an infrared camcorder on the stairway going to the top floor and caught the lights turning off and that was pretty awesome... then they tend to manipulate our equipment a whole lot in the Opera House. It's what we call an intelligent haunting, meaning they want to communicate with us. We don't have to work very hard."

Horvath noted one story during an investigation where the



Post Bulletin photo illustration / Andrew Link

### Welcome to Mantorville.



spirit named Harold, who is believed to be the building's architect, pinched the behind of one of her investigators.

"She said, 'Harold just pinched my butt,' and we picked up a voice right then that said 'Yeah,'" Horvath said.

It's not just the Opera House that's believed to be inhabited by apparitions in Mantorville.

"I truly believe Mantorville is one of the most haunted locations in all of Minnesota," Horvath said.

Just how many places have ghosts?

"Probably all of them," she said.

Two of them are the Restoration House on Main Street and the Log House, both considered historic, and "they're both haunted and they're not going to disappoint in evidence," Horvath said.

The Restoration House, on the corner of Sixth Street East and Main Street, was built in the mid-1800s and has gone through a few restorations, but still represents how an upper middle-class family lived during the time.

During one investigation of the house, Horvath and her team picked up an electronic voice phenomenon (EVP) of what appeared to be a spirit saying "it's stupid."

The Log House is believed to have been built in the 1850s and was the home and workplace of a barrel maker. The building was set to be demolished in the 1970s before the Mantorville Restoration Association acquired it and restored it by 1980.

When Horvath and her team have investigated the house, they've picked up on several different EVPs, such as one capturing someone saying "that's her pastor." Some believe a video shows a table moving.

While Mantorville may have a ghostly reputation, there are other places in the area

that are considered to be haunted.

### ROCHESTER: QUARRY HILL 'LOST' CEMETERY

The most popular hiking trail in Rochester truly does have everything to offer.

The "lost" cemetery, near Seventh Street Northeast and Silver Creek, is also known as the Rochester State Hospital Cemetery.

Those buried there — about 2,020 people — were former patients at the Rochester State Hospital.

The hospital opened on Jan. 1, 1879, and was one of two state hospitals for the insane. It closed in June 1982.

Many of the cemetery's graves went unmarked until recently. "I know that one is haunted because I've investigated it and have picked up voices and some screams," Horvath said.

The cemetery may be haunted but not because patients were mistreated, she said.

"The state hospital in Rochester was known to be very humane, they were known to be very good to their patients," she said. "They believed in work as a wonderful ethic, a wonderful way to gain mental health back. But, you know, there were violent people there. There were extremely mentally ill people there, but there were also girls who would be there because they were pregnant out of wedlock and their families disowned them."

"There were alcoholics, there were people who were just struggling with depression. So there was a whole range and a whole gamut to all of that."

### STEWARTVILLE CITY HALL

Horvath was contacted by the city of Stewartville to investigate the city hall building where there were "weird" experiences they couldn't explain.

"So we had the keys to City Hall for a whole

night, which is a fun thing to say," she said.

The team caught an EVP of someone apparently saying "When ya gonna go? When ya gonna go? When ya gonna go, Bobby."

Horvath learned there had been a jail cell in the basement of the building and that gave her the idea to bring a deck of cards to the investigation.

"We went down and asked if there were any prisoners around and if anybody wanted to play some poker with us," Horvath said. "So we had a deck of cards and kind of using flashlights where you just had to tap them to turn them on. We just kind of set it up in an attempt at a poker game with a prisoner."

"And he won."

But how does a ghost play poker?

"We were making up most of the rules because we didn't really know how to play, so we were saying 'if you want one card, do nothing. If you want two cards, flash the light.' And so we ask if he wanted one card and nothing happened and when we asked if he wanted two cards, the light would flash, so we said 'alright, here are two cards.' Somebody would look at his hand and say if you want to throw away a card, flash the light."

"It ended up he won a hand that we put a dollar on, so all I'm going to tell you is somewhere in Stewartville City Hall there's a dollar hiding that we left there for him."

### CHATFIELD VFW

The timing made sense to Horvath's team last year to investigate the Chatfield Veteran's of Foreign Wars building on Second Street Southwest.

The building had largely been unoccupied due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so when she received a call about reported hauntings there, she spent a night at Post 6913.

The night didn't disappoint.

"Oh my gosh, we had a ton of evidence," she said.

One piece of that evidence includes a video of what appears to be a shadow moving in the background behind the bar.

Horvath believes she was able to connect with the spirit of a former soldier.

"He was able to give his rank and his name

and said he is right here with us right now," Horvath said. "Someone from the VFW researched and found him historically."

Also captured that night was an EVP of someone saying "she's not a real soldier," someone saying "get out" and someone saying "hey."

"We never expected to catch near what we caught at the VFW that night. We were just getting so much stuff," Horvath said.

### KASSON STATE THEATRE AND HAIR COMPANY

The Kasson State Theatre first opened its doors in February 1937 in the midst of Hollywood's glory days.

But the popularity of movies declined as television grew more popular. The declining theater was sold in 1967 to the Lutheran Church of Kasson.

The building was home to several different churches for the next 30 years before it was purchased and restored to the theatre it currently is today.

Movie tracks, however, have been reported to get switched around mysteriously. So much so that the theatre called Horvath and have her team investigate.

What they found was a spirit obsessed with Cher music.

"We played music before every movie, just some calm music where people were coming in to get their popcorn and take their seats. And one of the tracks was Cher, and no matter where we put that, it would immediately go to Cher. And we think somebody really must like her."

Horvath said during their investigation they caught voices in the bathroom and activity in an apartment on the upper level. Horvath said that's where it is believed the theatre's projectionist used to live.

### MRS. B'S/HOTEL LANESBORO

The 149-year-old bed and breakfast inn at 101 Parkway Ave. N. in Lanesboro has a reputation as one of the more haunted sites in the region.

Horvath has investigated the hotel that's rumored to still host guests that still haven't checked out from a century ago. The investigations were uneventful — on the surface.

"It's the most boring night of your life. Nothing happens" Horvath said. "But when you listen back to your evidence, your digital voice recorder and when you watch your cameras back, you catch shadows moving. You catch a ton of EVPs."

One of those EVPs was of a little girl singing "This Little Light of Mine."

Horvath believes the spirits that occupy the hotel are not dangerous, however, and before the hotel decided to stop allowing paranormal investigations to take place, it was a popular destination for Horvath to bring students at night.

"It's safe and doesn't disappoint," she said.

## Alternate-side parking rules begin Monday

Post Bulletin staff reports

Anyone parking overnight on a Rochester street will want to start comparing the calendar and house numbers starting Sunday.

The city's seasonal parking requirements begin Nov. 1, meaning anyone parking overnight on Halloween will want to make sure they are on the odd side of the street to avoid the risk of getting a ticket or warning.

The seasonal ordinance implements alternate-side parking requirements for vehicles parked on city streets, including cul-de-sacs, from Nov. 1 to April 1 each year.

The requirements make way for snow removal and other potential street maintenance, so they are in effect regardless of the weather forecast or if there is snow and ice on the roadways.

"By following alternate side parking requirements, Rochester residents and guests are helping our crews be more efficient and effective with seasonal maintenance activities," Public Works Director Wendy Turri said in a statement. "Our streets will be easier and safer to navigate all winter long."

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• Cars can be parked on both sides of the street during the evening hours, but must be on the proper side at 2 a.m.

• Alternate-side parking does not apply to metered spaces, but parked vehicles must still comply with posted signs.

• Alternate-side parking is not applicable on streets where parking is only allowed on one side.

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Protesters hold up signs outside Trump Tower on the day that former president Donald Trump is scheduled to give a deposition, according to local media, in Manhattan in New York City on Oct. 18.

## 'IT'S ABOUT THE BRAND'

### Trump's real estate empire pays the price for poisonous politics

BY JOSEPH TANFANI  
Reuters

Former president Donald Trump's slashing rhetorical style and divisive politics allowed him to essentially take over the Republican Party. His supporters are so devoted that most believe his false claim that he lost the 2020 election because of voter fraud.

But the same tactics that have inspired fierce political loyalty have undermined Trump's business, built around real estate development and branding deals that have allowed him to make millions by licensing his name.

Trump's business brand was once synonymous with wealth and success, an image that now clashes sharply with a political brand rooted in the anger of his largely rural and working-class voter base. His presidency is now associated in the minds of many with its violent end, as supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

Those searing images, along with years of bitter rhetoric, are costing Trump money. Revenue from some of his high-end properties have declined, vacancies in office buildings have increased and his lenders are warning that the company's revenue may not be sufficient to cover his debt payments, according to Trump's financial disclosures as president, Trump Organization records filed with government agencies, and reports from companies that track real estate company finances.

Prospective tenants in New York are shunning his buildings, one real estate broker said, to avoid being associated with Trump. Organizers of golf tournaments have pulled events from his courses.

Trump's focus on the political brand has increasingly overtaken his identity as a real estate mogul, says one hospitality industry veteran.

"Prior to his political career, the Trump brand was about luxury — the casinos, the golf resorts," said Scott Smith, a



Reuters / Jeenah Moon

Former president Donald Trump leaves Trump Tower in the Manhattan borough of New York City on Oct. 18.

former hotel executive and hospitality professor at the University of South Carolina. "When he entered into politics, he took the Trump brand in an entirely different direction."

Trump's business also remains under the cloud of a joint criminal fraud investigation by the Manhattan District Attorney's office and the New York Attorney General. The company and its longtime chief financial officer, Allen Weisselberg, have been charged with a scheme to evade payroll taxes, and investigators continue to probe whether Trump or his representatives committed fraud by misrepresenting financials in loan applications and tax returns. Weisselberg and the company deny wrongdoing and are contesting the charges.

As his development business struggles, Trump has announced his first major deal since leaving office — and it has nothing to do with real estate. On Oct. 20, he said he will build a new social media platform aimed in part at giving him a political forum after being banned by Facebook and Twitter, who said after the U.S. Capitol riots that Trump used their platforms to incite violence.

That deal could prove lucrative for Trump regardless of whether the platform succeeds. Investors rushed to buy shares in Digital World

Acquisition Corp, the publicly traded blank-check acquisition company that plans to merge with the newly announced Trump Media and Technology Group. Digital World shares surged and are now worth about \$2 billion. Trump's new media company will have at least a 69% stake in the combined company, but Trump has not disclosed his level of ownership in Trump Media.

Trump has also been raising money for his political operation, which reported having \$100 million on June 30, as he hints at a 2024 presidential run.

Eric Trump, the former president's middle son and a Trump Organization executive, said in an interview that the company is now in "a phenomenal spot." He cited a refinancing of a loan on San Francisco office buildings that gave the Trump business about \$162 million in cash, according to loan documents and a release by Vornado Realty Trust, the venture's majority owner.

"We're sitting on a tremendous amount of cash," Eric Trump told Reuters.

In an email, a spokesperson for Donald Trump denied that the business has slumped since he entered politics. "The real estate company is doing extremely well, and this is evident in Florida and elsewhere," Liz Harrington said in an emailed statement. "Considering the coronavirus

pandemic, in which the hotel industry was hit particularly hard, Mr. Trump's company is doing phenomenally well."

Financial records show Trump's real estate business has declined. Income from the family's holdings, heavy on golf courses and hotels, took a beating during 2020 amid the coronavirus pandemic. Revenues at his Las Vegas hotel, for instance, fell from \$22.9 million in 2017 to \$9.2 million during 2020 and the first 20 days of 2021, according to Trump's financial disclosures.

Trump is now making a second attempt to sell his lease on one high-profile property, the Trump International Hotel, housed in a former federal building in Washington, D.C., after failing to secure a buyer at the original asking price of \$500 million. Meanwhile, the business is paying the federal government \$3 million annually in lease payments, according to documents released earlier this month by the House Oversight Committee of the U.S. Congress. Those records show Trump's Washington hotel lost more than \$73 million since 2016.

The damage to Trump's business image started early in his presidency. One consultant for Trump, arguing in a 2017 public hearing for a lower tax bill at his Doral golf resort, said Trump's politics had damaged his business model.

"It's actually not about the property, it is about the brand," said consultant Jessica Vachiratanurak, at a December 2017 hearing of the Miami-Dade Value Adjustment Board, in a video recording reviewed by Reuters. She cited a meeting she attended where top Trump Organization executives had described "severe ramifications" to his golf business from, for instance, tournaments and charity events being canceled by organizations wanting to avoid associating with Trump.

Vachiratanurak declined a Reuters request for comment.

## Prisoner convulsed, vomited before dying

### Attorneys say further review needed of Oklahoma capital punishment

BY SHARON BERNSTEIN  
Reuters

Condemned Oklahoma prisoner John Grant convulsed and vomited before dying from a cocktail of drugs on Thursday as the state conducted its first execution in years despite questions about its lethal injection protocol, a witness to the death reported.

Grant, 60, died at 4:21 p.m., the state said. It was Oklahoma's first execution since three botched attempts — including one that was called off because the wrong drug had been supplied — led to a halt in 2015.

The three-drug cocktail is meant to first render the recipient unconscious and unable to feel pain, followed by others that lead to death.

But a media witness said Grant convulsed two dozen times and vomited before dying.

"As the drugs began to flow, the first drug, midazolam, he exhaled deeply," Sean Murphy said in a news briefing posted online. "He began convulsing, about two dozen times, full body convulsions."

Vomit covered his face until a prison official wiped it off, Murphy said.

Dale Baich, one of the attorneys representing Grant, called Thursday's execution "problematic."

"There should be no more executions in Oklahoma until we go to trial in February to address the state's problematic lethal injection protocol," Baich said.

Grant had been a plaintiff in a lawsuit set to go to trial next year challenging the three-drug protocol as inhumane, but the state refused to postpone his execution to accommodate the case.

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections said that Grant's execution was carried out in accordance with its protocols and without complication.

After Grant died on Thursday, his lawyer, Sarah Jernigan, said he had tried to atone and understand his actions "more than any other client I have worked with." She said he was a victim of brutality both at home and at the hands of Oklahoma's youth detention system, and did not receive appropriate mental health treatment before he murdered prison employee Gay Carter in 1998 while incarcerated for another crime.

Last-minute intervention from the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a stay of execution for Grant and Julius Jones, who is scheduled to be put to death on Nov. 18.

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# PUC approves pathway for Byron Solar project

BY BRIAN TODD  
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ST. PAUL — The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission met Thursday to outline options that would lead to a pathway for approving a major solar farm in Dodge County.

In a unanimous vote of the three commissioners present, the PUC approved several decision options for the proposed Byron Solar project.

The project, if approved, would lead to the construction of a 200-megawatt solar farm in Canisteo Township in eastern Dodge County. The solar farm would cover 1,801 acres of farmland with another 52.7 acres of right-of-way needed for a 3-mile, 345 megavolt transmission line between the project site and the electrical substation in Byron.



The decision options approved Thursday will help determine items such as whether the applications – for a certificate of need, a site permit and a route permit for the transmission system – are considered together or separately, how notifications of progress will be shared, where copies of the proposal

will be made available to the public, and where public engagement meetings will be held, among other decisions.

Christina K. Brusven of Byron Solar said the company has been conducting outreach to the neighbors of the landowners who have agreed to lease farmland for the project. That outreach

includes letters, phone calls and a virtual open house.

Lauren Cornelius, director of environmental services for Dodge County, said because of the amount of prime farmland involved in the project, the county wants to make sure nothing is fast-tracked and no corners are cut.

“We want to make sure all due processes are followed,” Cornelius said. “We prefer something in-person and located in the area of the site.”

Adding that many people who are likely to have comments are older and not as tech-savvy, the county will not approve of public engagement meetings that require landowners to travel to St. Paul or log into an online meeting.

PUC Commissioner John Tuma said he and the rest of the commission viewed the counties and townships as their partners in the process,

and the commission’s eyes and ears at the site to make sure the best plans are approved.

One thing he’d like planners to consider is whether the route selected for the transmission lines is the right route for the project or not. That, he said, is something that people who live in Dodge and Olmsted counties can better evaluate than those who live in the Twin Cities.

He added that the commission would make sure that the land was returned to its original state after the project’s timeframe has expired. That statement drew agreement from Dodge County.

“Restoring the land means not leaving wires underground,” Cornelius said. “We’re concerned about decommissioning.”

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

## Highway

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the directions of traffic, meaning any chance of a head-on collision will become miniscule. And the at-grade access points so common on the old route will be non-existent on the new route, which is south of the two-lane highway that has been in place for decades.

Louks has commuted to Rochester along Highway 14 since 1997, moving from Owatonna to Claremont in 2006. Her husband now travels the highway each day to Owatonna for his job at Owatonna Hospital. In all that time on the road, she’s seen plenty of crashes.

“I have seen them before the medical services get there,” she said. “I’ve seen them after when the paramedics are doing chest compressions on people.”

Not everything about the new road and its new route are positive for Louks. The couple lives on the south side of Claremont, so the new road runs right by her house, whereas the old road’s route was nearly a full mile away.

She also said while the safety features of the new road help her breathe a sigh of relief – she’ll worry less when her adult children leave after a visit – no amount of safe engineering can fix the dumb things drivers do.

But the new stretch of road, she said, “I do believe it will be safer. I’m excited to try it and see what my commute will be like now.”

### THE ROAD MOVED NEXT DOOR TO GINNY BUSCH

“It’s close,” Ginny Busch said, pointing in the direction of the new U.S. Highway 14. The road used to be about a mile from her home; now you can see the overpass bridge from her back patio. “It cracked our ceiling” when they put the overpass supports in, she said.

Busch and her husband Brian have lived in their Claremont home since the early 1990s. The street is, was, a peaceful slice of the city. More of a country road with houses than a city street.

For most of those years, the neighborhood to the south consisted of a few rural homes, a wide expanse of woods, and a cemetery. Only the cemetery on the other side of the new highway remains.

“On windy days, we never knew it was windy,” she said, adding that the trees served as a buffer. “Now the wind comes out of the south and it’s hang onto your life.”

For the past two years, Busch, who once served as mayor of Claremont, has listened as construction traffic has rumbled down Dodge County Road 1 just behind her house. Between the non-stop dust – “You had to have everything closed because of the dust” – and racket due to construction, the rattle and hum from mere traffic could be a bit of a reprieve.

Busch said she certainly doesn’t love having the highway practically in her backyard, but she understands the improved safety of the road is important. Commuters



The new Highway 14 cuts through farm fields near Dodge Center. Photo taken Oct. 19.

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Joe Ahlquist / Post Bulletin

John Clarey is a paramedic and operations supervisor with Mayo Clinic Ambulance based in Owatonna. Clarey is pictured Oct. 14 near the construction site of the new U.S. Highway 14 near Claremont.

will drive on a safer highway, though what has been Highway 14 will remain, being turned into Steele and Dodge county roads.

She’ll probably drive on the old Highway 14 going toward Owatonna, she said, and the new version when heading east to Rochester. Still, the new highway has meant a lot of change around her house, and the whole thing will take some time to get used to.

“For us, it’s so alien,” Busch said.

### LOOKING FOR A BIT OF CONVENIENCE

Nearly smack dab in the middle of the new segment of U.S. Highway 14 is the tiny Dodge County town of Claremont. The city, which has seen its population dwindle since its height of 620 in 2000 to 513 in 2020, has had trouble keeping residents since the city lost its school in 1990.

The biggest employer in town is Al-Corn Clean Fuel, a cooperative ethanol plant, but jobs are scarce thereafter. Mayor Tasha Dahl said with a four-lane highway and an off-ramp with plenty of space to build, the city is hoping to attract a gas and convenience store, and the jobs that go with it.

The city lost its gas station during the first year of Highway 14 construction, and Dahl and the city’s economic development authority have reached out to Kwik Trip, Casey’s and other chains to see if they can get a replacement for the gas

station they lost. And while the response has been tepid at best, Dahl isn’t the only one holding out hope.

“A lot of people in the country used to come to Claremont for gas or something quick from the store,” Busch said. “A C-store would be a place to gather, have coffee and a donut, chit-chat, and have that morning or afternoon ritual.”

The other hope for some economic development, Dahl said, is to grow the city’s population through an influx of residents.

Most of the city’s residents leave town to work.

“Almost every family that has individuals working outside the home, they all have someone going outside the city to work,” Dahl said.

Being between Rochester and Owatonna makes Claremont something of a centrally located bedroom community. For several years now, the city has offered free residential lots to qualified individuals and families.

“In the past three months, we’ve had two families take on lots to build a house,” she said. “We’re very much thankful that this is happening.”

### A MUCH SAFER ROAD IS COMING

John Clarey spends a lot of time driving a vehicle that comes with lights and a siren.

A paramedic and the supervisor for ground operations for Owatonna and Fairmount for Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Owatonna,

Clarey has seen his fair share of crashes on the outgoing stretch of Highway 14.

What makes the road especially dangerous?

“The head-on traffic,” Clarey said. “There’s no dividers. On Old 14, there’s people doing 60-65 miles an hour; you know, head-on to each other with no barrier in between.”

And then there are all threat-grade intersections.

“That’s where you get the T-bone accidents with the cross traffic going 60-70 miles an hour; they can be pretty catastrophic,” he said.

Looking out at the new road, he said, “We love four lanes, especially four lanes when they have the cable median barriers in the middle.”

While the increased speed on the new Highway 14 segment adds its own problems, the worst common crash he and other first responders expect will be vehicle rollovers.

Clarey said he looks forward to a dramatic decrease in serious crashes on Highway 14. He is glad so much traffic will be removed from the railroad tracks that cross at-grade near Owatonna. He’s glad the bulk of the traffic won’t have to deal with the combines and other agriculture vehicles that will remain on the old version of Highway 14.

These changes, he said, will make for safer patient transfers from Owatonna and Mankato to Rochester.

He’s not the only one driving an ambulance who sees the benefits to commuters to the new Highway 14.

“A road is a road, and it’s how people chose to drive on it makes it dangerous,” Dahl said.

However, she added that two undivided lanes create a more hazardous condition than what will be four lanes, divided two apiece in each direction.

Dahl, who serves on the city’s fire department and is a first responder, said most crashes she sees on Highway 14 come from people trying to turn off the highway who either get rear-ended, or drivers who don’t see oncoming traffic and get hit while turning. She’s seen a lot of bad driving behavior, both while driving and on the side of the road tending to a crash.

One common problem is drivers using the shoulder as a right-side passing lane

rather than slow down for traffic turning in front of them. That, she said, will be eliminated with the new four-lane highway.

“We see a lot of things most people don’t see,” Dahl said. “I seldom turn off (Highway) 14 to (County Road) 3 if there are cars behind me. I’ll go up to (County Road) 1 where there’s a turn lane.”

### THE ROAD MAY BE OPEN, BUT THE WORK IS FAR FROM DONE

Four lanes along an entirely new 12.5-mile route, and about \$100 million spent thus far.

But wait, there’s more.

“Following the switch of traffic (to the new Highway 14), the contractor will continue to work as weather permits,” said MnDOT project manager Tory Thompson. “(East of Dodge County Road 5), that curve will be removed and direct connection to Dodge County 34 will be made.”

That’s not all. Either this fall or next spring, local road connections for the old version of Highway 14, which will become a county road in Steele and Dodge counties, will need to be made once the Minnesota Department of Transportation temporarily takes the traffic off those sections of the road. Asphalt shoulders will need to be completed.

A bridge over the railroad tracks for old Highway 14 needs to come out, Thompson said. Temporary pavement will be removed, topsoil and grass seed brought in. Traffic on the new highway will be reduced to one lane in each direction temporarily.

On the Steele County end, County Road 180, which runs adjacent to 54th Avenue in Owatonna, needs a smooth connection.

Next spring, once materials are available, the cable median barriers will be installed.

Thompson said there are a few local projects that will occur once the new road is finished. For example, between the interchange at Dodge County Road 3 and the overpass bridge at County Road 1 on the north side of the highway is a gravel road that connects to the main part of Claremont. The city has sought funding to pave that road.

On the south side of Highway 14 between the two county roads is a frontage road that is gravel. Thompson said MnDOT considered but eventually declined to pave the frontage road.

“I’ve heard Dodge County put in for a grant for Claremont Township to pave the roadway between (County Road) 1 and (County Road) 3,” she said.

In the meantime, Thompson is eager to see the new highway segment open.

“I live in Owatonna,” she said. “I’ve driven this route from 2008 to 2016 daily.”

Looking back to some of the more notorious crashes on the old stretch of Highway 14, she said she’s glad she’ll have a safer drive between Dodge Center and Owatonna.

“This will put traffic in a much safer condition,” Thompson said. “We’re not always going to be looking in our rearview mirror for traffic coming up behind us.”

# ‘Kimball Cow’ mooo-ved into a special place

I spent time with the Kimball Cow again this week. I didn't walk it across the floor making "Mooooo!" sounds; that's fine if you're a second-grader, but kind of weird if you're 63 and sitting by yourself in the basement.

I didn't even take it out of the box this time; just seeing it was enough. Maybe next time.

I was 7 years old, and mom had brought my brothers and me for a weeklong visit to Grandma's house while dad stayed home to work. Grandma lived in Kimball, Minn.; it was a lot bigger than Rose



DAN CONRADT

Creek, but not a big city like Austin.

I remember that trip like it was last week.

It was sweltering, and we had to sleep on Grandma's living room floor because it was too hot in our bedroom upstairs.

One afternoon my brother ran into the house with a pail full of young green maple tree

"helicopters" and asked Grandma if she'd cook them for supper. Mom and Grandma conspired, I learned later, to replace the helicopters with French-cut green beans. My brother looked so proud when they put that serving bowl on the table.

Whenever we heard a train whistle my brothers and I would race outside to wave at the man in the caboose. He always waved back.

Grandma kept a tin filled with mints in her refrigerator; mints taste a lot better when they're cold.

I missed my dad. On the last day of

our visit we all walked through downtown Kimball and ended up at the hardware store, and mom said she'd buy each of us a toy. The hardware store had an impressive collection of fan belts, nails in metal bins and work gloves, but not much for toys.

And then I found the cow. It wasn't a cartoonish caricature of a cow, it was a plastic 6-inch model of a real cow.

"I want this!" I told mom. It was either that or a ball peen hammer. "That's a nice cow," she smiled.

We walked back to Grandma's house, and

I mooed the entire way. You can do that when you're 7.

The next morning, dad arrived to bring us home. If he was annoyed that I mooed for most of the three-hour drive, he didn't say anything.

Unlike the rest of my childhood toys, the Kimball Cow survived attic cleanings, wet basements and trips to the landfill.

Today, it's in a box where I keep my special things – Father's Day cards from Steven, and cards I'd given my dad. A copy of the invitation Carla and I sent out for our wedding. A smooth rock from a family trip

to Lake Superior. A seashell. A handful of fading photographs.

All things that create a nostalgic mélange of joy and melancholy.

I might not open the box again for two years, but I might open it again next week.

It's always in a place I can get to easily, but even if it gets moved, I'll be able to find it. It's the only box in the house with a label on the cover that says "The Kimball Cow."

Dan Conradt, a lifelong Mower County resident, lives in Austin with his wife, Carla Johnson.

## AREA BRIEFS

### EAGLE CENTER WILL HIT THE ROAD WITH HABITAT TOURS

WABASHA — As the National Eagle Center closes this fall and coming winter for renovations, it is hitting the road with a dozen habitat tours.

Tours, which are led by Eagle Center experts, will include more than just bald eagles. Tours will include golden eagles, tundra swans and other waterfowl to maintain the organization's educational mission while the Eagle Center's main building is closed during the completion of the Phase I, \$27 million expansion and renovation.

"Most people don't realize that winter-fall and winter are the best times to see eagles near the National Eagle Center," said Scott Mehus, director of education at the Eagle Center. "In addition to eagles and golden eagles, we see a wide variety of birds including tundra swans, hawks and more. Guests will learn about the birds' natural habitat, their behavior, and how to correctly identify the various species, including understanding the differences between golden eagles and bald eagles."

Tours start Saturday with a Bald Eagles and Migratory Birds tour. More tours are offered every couple of weeks, with the schedule of tours and information on how to sign up on the National Eagle Center website. For additional details about the upcoming season's schedule and online registration, visit [nationaleaglecenter.org/eagle-viewing](http://nationaleaglecenter.org/eagle-viewing).

### SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY HOSTS WALK FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

WINONA — Saint



Post Bulletin file photo

A bald eagle is spotted along Buffalo (Wis.) County Road NN during a National Eagle Center tour in this Feb. 7, 2019, file photo. With the Eagle Center closed for renovations, the organization will offer more than a dozen habitat tours for bird enthusiasts during the upcoming fall and winter months.

Mary's University and Habitat for Humanity Serving Winona County will host a "Walk for Habitat" on Nov. 6 at Lake Winona.

The event features a 1.2-mile walk along the lake, free refreshments and a raffle to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. Local volunteer opportunities will also be highlighted for community members. No construction experience is needed.

Students in an SMU capstone class organized the event. The group's goal is to support Habitat's mission and educate community members

of all ages about how to get connected with the organization.

Event registration opens at 1 p.m. Nov. 6 at Lake Lodge Recreation Center, and the walk begins at 1:30 p.m. All participants receive one free raffle ticket, with prize drawings at 2:15 p.m.

Attendees can purchase extra raffle tickets at the event, make donations to Habitat, and sign up to volunteer with the organization. All proceeds support Habitat for Humanity's mission of building homes, communities and hope.

### WINONA COUNTY BOARD MAKES ADJUSTMENT TO JAIL CONTRACT

WINONA — The Winona County Board of Commissioners set a new limit for spending on construction of the new jail during its board meeting on Tuesday.

The new limit was set at \$20,548,371. The previous limit was set at \$25,423,779. The change was made because of a lawsuit filed against the county concerning the bid process for detention equipment. The difference in the guaranteed maximum price for the jail is due

to the removal of the detention equipment from the budget. The board approved a re-bidding for the detention equipment, or the jail cells, said Commissioner Marcia Ward.

That cost will be handled separately, so the savings to the county is likely negligible.

### WSU HOSTS WARRIOR GAME DAY EXPERIENCE

WINONA — Winona State University will host the Warrior Game Day Experience from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, on Johnson Street just north of

Mark Street.

There will be giveaways, children's games and activities, food trucks and live music. The public is invited to join and show their "Warrior spirit" before Saturday's football game against Upper Iowa University at 1 p.m. at Altra Federal Credit Union Stadium. Fans are asked to wear camo or red, white and blue to the game. In honor of Military Appreciation Day, military personnel will get free .

— Post Bulletin staff reports

## Communication board helps students engage at Hoover Early Learning

Post Bulletin staff reports

Students at Hoover Early Learning will have a little easier time expressing their thoughts and feelings with a recent addition at the school's playground.

On Wednesday, Rochester Public Schools held a brief dedication ceremony for what is being called "the communications board." According to a statement from the district, the board is "designed to allow children with speech, language or hearing challenges a better opportunity to communicate with their peers in a social setting."

Anita Courts, a

speech and language pathologist with the district, reiterated that.

"I just hope it's a way for them to improve their ability to interact with their peers," Courts said. "It's for those kids that may be hearing impaired, they may be autistic, or just have language or severe speech challenges."

The board, which is hanging on a chain-link fence in the playground, has 32 squares that express different emotions and activities, such as "please," "yes," "no," "bathroom," "help," and "hurt."

Located on Elton Hills Drive, Hoover Early Learning houses students from 3-5 years old.



Jordan Shearer / Post Bulletin

Several people examine the new communication board Wednesday at Hoover Early Learning.

## BIRTHS

Olmsted Medical Center

Oct. 25  
Kristina Schwartz and Andrew Meyer, of Fountain, a son.  
María Elyzabeth Villadiego Brún and Eris Manuel Monsalve Ortega, of Rochester, a daughter, Elyza Monsalve Villadiego.

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# Obituaries

## Frances "Beth" Thompson



The memorial service for Frances "Beth" Thompson, 88, a longtime Stewartville, MN resident, will be at 11:00 A.M. on Monday (November 1, 2021) at the United Methodist Church in Stewartville with Pastor Laura Nordstrom officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Thompson died on Wednesday (October 27, 2021) of natural causes at her home.

Frances Beth Bjerstedt was born on February 23, 1933 to Emil and Frances (Webster) Bjerstedt in LaCrosse, WI. She grew up in LaCrosse, attended LaCrosse Central H.S., graduating in 1951. Beth was married on Feb. 23, 1952 in LaCrosse to George Thompson. Following their marriage the couple lived in LaCrosse where they began their family. Beth was a homemaker and George was employed as a Union sheet metal worker. The Thompsons moved to Stewartville in 1970 where they raised their family and have continued to make their home. Beth was a homemaker and was employed part-time at the Optical Dept. at Daytons and then at Rochester Family Eye Clinic for a number of years. George was employed with Himec in Rochester as he completed a 60 yr. career as a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local #10. Beth was a longtime active member of the United Methodist Church in Stewartville where she served with its Ladies Aid activities and always enjoyed volunteering with the annual International Luncheon fundraiser. She and George were members of the Center for Active Adults in Stewartville. Beth enjoyed flower gardening, going on bus tours with George and loved time spent with family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Beth is survived by her husband – George and 3 daughters and 1 son; Stephanie Curtis of Menifee, CA; Audrey Hyland of Eden Prairie, MN; Barb (Hap) Hegman of Vero Beach, FL, and Robert (Christy) Thompson of Corona, CA; 11 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and 1 brother – Alan Bjerstedt of Tiptonville, TN and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 2 sons – David and Jay Thompson, her parents, her sister – Audrey Tikal and brother –Bruce Bjerstedt.

A time of visitation for family and friends will take place from 2 to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday (October 31, 2021) at Griffin-Gray F.H. in Stewartville and 1 hr. prior to the service at the church on Monday morning. Beth's family suggests memorials to the Center for Active Adults in Stewartville. Arrangements are with Griffin-Gray F.H. in Stewartville. Condolences and memories of Beth are welcome at [www.griffin-gray.com](http://www.griffin-gray.com).

## Carolyn J. McCarty



Carolyn June Bliss McCarty, age 90, of Rochester, Minnesota passed away peacefully on October 27, 2021. Carolyn was surrounded by her loving family at her home in Eyota, Minnesota. She was born on December 30, 1930 in Kimball, Minnesota to the late Henry and Gladys (Linn) Hendricks. Carolyn married Bernard E. Bliss on June 8, 1950 in Kimball, Minnesota and he passed away on April 14, 1982. Carolyn married Robert B. McCarty on February 11, 1983 in Lawrenceville, Illinois and he passed away on July 11, 2005.

Services will be at the Marion Road Christian Church, 4051 50th Ave. S.E. Rochester, Minnesota on November 6, 2021. Visitation will be at 10:00 with the Celebration of Life service at 11:00 with a luncheon to follow. Memorials may be made to the Marion Road Christian Church Knotty Group Blanket Project.

## Walter 'Bing' Ersland

Walter A. 'Bing' Ersland, age 90, of Faribault, formerly of Plainview, died Friday, October 22, 2021, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at the Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault on Friday, October 29, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. The Reverend Matthew Lane, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church will officiate. Military rites will be accorded by the Rice County Central Veterans Association. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday.

Walter Arthur, the son of William Peder and Anna Matilda (Antonson) Ersland was born August 18, 1931, in Melvina, Wisconsin. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. On September 8, 1950, he was united in marriage to Delores Eggler in Rochester. Bing was honored to be an Elder at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plainview. When Bing and Delores moved to Faribault they became members of Peace Lutheran Church. Bing was a self-employed carpenter, he was proud to build five houses for his family. He was active with the DAV for many years and was a member of the American Legion in Plainview. Bing traveled to Texas for many winters and often visited Florida to see his family. Most of all he was proud of his children and grandchildren and loved having them around.

Survivors include his wife, Delores; children, Sandra (and Mike) Weiden of Port Charlotte, FL, Randi (and Al) Fravert of Plainview, Greg (and Sonja) Ersland of Kasson, Scott (and Lisa Romano) Ersland of Boynton Beach, FL, Laurie (and Roger) Wildeman of Stewartville and Tracey (and David Berken) Becker of Faribault; 15 grandchildren, Shelley, Sean, David, Melissa, Stevie, Tara, Jeremy, Quinten, Morgan, Holden, Cody, Jonathan, Jordan, Trey and Kyleigh; 11 great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Bing was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. Visit [boldtfuneralhome.com](http://boldtfuneralhome.com) for information and guestbook.

## Diane M. Toogood



Diane Toogood, 78, of Rochester, passed away Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Chosen Valley Care Center in Chatfield, MN.

Diane was born April 29, 1943 in Pine Island, MN to Harold and Katherine (Stussy) Klingsporn. Diane was a graduate of Pine Island High School. On May 25, 1963, she married Roger Toogood. Diane was an accomplished musician. She served as church organist and choral director at numerous churches in the area, accompanied school choirs in Byron and at Lourdes High School, and also gave private music lessons for countless years. Diane was so passionate about music that she founded the Rochester Area Girls' Choir. Having an ear for music, she also served as a vocal judge at the state music competitions. If you didn't see Diane playing at a local wedding or funeral, she most likely would be found in the orchestra pit for The Miss Minnesota pageant or playing for various community musicals. Diane also would entertain guests by playing piano in the local hotel lobbies, or as part of a jazz trio or accordion group. She had the gift of music and gab. Diane was a human connector. She had a knack for making everyone feel as though they were the most important person to her. She took great pride in getting to know people and listening to their life stories. Although music was her passion, Diane had a love for her family and friends that was immeasurable.

Diane is survived by her daughters, Robbin (Chris) Holtz of Minneapolis, MN and Dawn (Doug) Betti of Owatonna, MN; grandchildren, Lisette, Jonathan, Lauren and Joseph Betti; sisters, Mary (David) Bjarnason, Rose Ann Fox; niece, Brynja Bjarnson and nephew, Kris Bjarnason. Diane is also survived by a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger and by her parents, Harold and Katherine.

An open house to celebrate Diane's life will be held 4:00-7:00PM Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Ranfranz and Vine Reception Centre, 5482 Royal Place NW, Rochester, MN. To match her radiant personality, Diane requests that everyone wear bright and bold colors, nothing somber and sad. Memorial contributions in Diane's name may be made to a music program at your local church or in your community. Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Toogood family. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit [www.ranfranzandvinefh.com](http://www.ranfranzandvinefh.com)



## Jaime "Jim" DeLaCruz

Nov. 9, 1943 - Oct. 23, 2021  
ROCHESTER, Minn.  
- Jaime "Jim" DeLaCruz, 77, Rochester, Minn., died Saturday, Oct. 23, in Rochester.

A funeral will be Saturday, Nov. 13. Arrangements by Macken Funeral Home.

## Harold Peters

July 29, 1931 - Oct. 26, 2021  
RURAL LAKE CITY, Minn. - Harold Peters, 90, rural Lake City, Minn., died Tuesday, Oct. 26, in his home.

Arrangements by Schleicher Funeral Homes.



## Jane Hanson

Aug. 27, 1941 - Oct. 21, 2021  
HUDSON, Wis. - Jane Hanson, 80, Hudson, Wis., died Thursday, Oct. 21, in her home.

Services were previously held. Arrangements by O'Connell Family Funeral Home.

## Donna M. Head

Oct. 28, 2021  
ROCHESTER, Minn. - Donna M. Head, Kasson, Minn., died Thursday, Oct. 28, in Mayo Clinic-Rochester, St. Mary's Campus.

Arrangements by Dibble Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Kasson.

## Reverend David A. Kramer



Reverend David A. Kramer, 89 of Rochester died Saturday, October 23, 2021 at The Homestead of Rochester. David was born August 9, 1932 in Columbus, Ohio to Henry and Hilda (Katz) Kramer. He graduated from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio in 1954 with a BA in business, and then served in the United States Army from 1954-1956 in Germany. He met the love of his life Deloris A. Mossholder during his internship at First Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI. He and Deloris were united in marriage on August 15, 1959. David graduated from Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio in 1960. David served as pastor at churches in Madison, WI, Jackson, WI, Manawa, WI, Durand, WI, Tomahawk, WI, and Le Mars, IA at St. John's Lutheran from 1979-1997. He also preached in over thirty Lutheran congregations in his retirement. He was on the Speakers Bureau for Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home in Waverly, IA. He also served on various committees throughout his career including, World Mission ALC, Youth Committee ALC, Parish Education ALC, The Synod Council of the ELCA in WI, Advisory Board of Lutheran Social Services, and Advisory Committee of Plains Area Mental Health. Throughout his career, David was always involved with youth ministry in all the congregations he served. Some of his hobbies included reading, walking, horseshoes, fishing and writing.

David is survived by his wife Deloris of Rochester, and his three daughters: Karen (Dan) Landsverk of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, Kathy Kramer Grubb (Tommy Grubb) of Sugarland, TX, and Julie Kramer Farley (James Farley) of Rochester, MN. He is further survived by his five grandchildren: Andrew Landsverk, Jennifer Landsverk, Megan Le, Brianna Farley and Savanna Farley. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother Jim Kramer.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, 1884 22nd Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Visitation will be held from 2:00- 3:00 PM on Saturday at the church. The family would like to thank Seasons Hospice and Rochester Rehab and Living Center for their care and support. In lieu of flowers a memorial may be donated to Seasons Hospice, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, or the Parkinson's Foundation. Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Kramer family; to share a special memory or condolence please visit [www.ranfranzandvinefh.com](http://www.ranfranzandvinefh.com)



## Neil Swarthout

June 13, 1924 - Oct. 9, 2021  
PINE ISLAND, Minn. - Neil Swarthout, 97, Pine Island, Minn., died Saturday, Oct. 9, in the hospital.

A military service will be noon Saturday, Nov. 6, at Pine Island Minnesota Cemetery. A celebration of life luncheon will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, at Pine Island Legion.

## Sethone F. Slayton

Oct. 27, 2021  
ROCHESTER, Minn. - Sethone F. Slayton, Rochester, Minn., died Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Cottagewood Sr. Communities.

Arrangements by Dibble Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Kasson, Minn.

## Larry Growden

May 20, 1953 - Oct. 28, 2021  
ROCHESTER, Minn. - Larry Growden, 68, Rochester, Minn., died Thursday, Oct. 28, in his home.

Arrangements by Rochester Cremation Services.

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## Lorraine Doehling



Lorraine (Kieffer) Doehling was born on October 25, 1925 to Andrew and Helen (Doyle) Kieffer in Elba. She passed away peacefully in her home on her 96th birthday surrounded by family.

Lorraine attended Elba Grade School and graduated from St. Charles High School. After graduation she worked at Winona General Hospital and St. Charles Convalescent Home. She later worked at Altura Elementary School, Altura Hardware for 30 years, and part-time at Rollingstone C-Store.

In 1949, Lorraine married Ervin Doehling, and they made their home near Altura. They had two children, Donald and Susan. They were later divorced. In 1981, she married Clarence (Dick) Doehling, and they made their home near Rollingstone.

Lorraine loved crafts, crocheting, sewing quilt squares for the missions for Holy Trinity Church, and playing cards. She cherished all moments with family, especially the great grandkids.

Lorraine is survived by her children Donald (Helen) Doehling and Susan Doehling; grandchildren Jess (Buck) Sholes, Nathan (Tiffany) Doehling, Andrew Doehling, and Mariah (Josh) Burt; and three great-grandchildren Jase Sholes and Evelette and Emmanuel Doehling. She was loved by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; parents Andrew and Helen; sisters Margaret, Frances, and Phyllis; brothers Cecil and Leon; and their spouses.

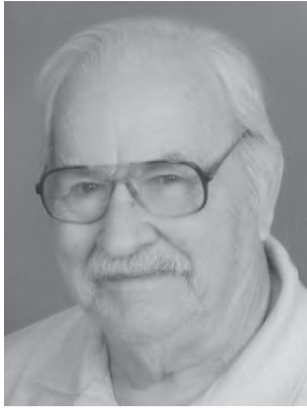
The Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, November 2, at 11:00 at Holy Trinity Church in Rollingstone with Father Chinnappa Pothireddy, and Father Tim Biren officiating. Visitation will be at the church 4:00-7:00 Monday, November 1, and one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Elba.

Memorials are preferred to Holy Trinity Catholic Church air conditioning fund or St. Jude's. Lorraine's family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Winona Hospice team, with a special thank you to Michelle, for their support and care.

Hoff Funeral Home in St. Charles is assisting the family with arrangements.

www.hofffuneral.com.

## Glyndon "Glen" Nichols



Glyndon "Glen" Nichols, age 93, of Rochester,

died Thursday, October 21, 2021 at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester.

He was born March 13, 1928, in Faribault, MN, the son of Vertner and Sylvia (Degan) Nichols. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Vail in Faribault November 18, 1950, and to this union one daughter was born. Elizabeth preceded him in death. Glen married Jeanette (Lica) Lewis in Rochester on March 14, 1996. Glen was an avid Minnesota Vikings and Twins fan. He was a lifelong fisherman and pheasant and goose hunter, taking trips to Alaska and Canada. He honorably served his country in the US Army during World War II, serving most of his time in Japan. He enjoyed traveling, including a trip to Europe, as well as bus trips with Jeanette and the Widows Group. He was also a volunteer, serving as treasurer for the Widowed Persons Service. Glen enjoyed walking at the mall and going out to breakfast with friends.

Glen is survived by his wife, Jeanette of Rochester; daughter, Deb (Ron) Pederson of Mantorville, MN; grandchildren: Nathan Pederson of Mantorville, Brian Pederson of Rochester, Joanna Pederson of Robinsdale, MN, and Tessa (Jon) Buck of Mantorville; Jeanette's children: Liana (Shawn) Gardner of Rochester, Teresa (Mark) Fosse of Rochester, Steven (Jean) Lewis of Rochester, Kerry (Scott) Peterson of Marana, AZ, Kim Armstrong of Rochester, Jeffrey (Susan) Lewis of Rochester, and Michael (Tammy) Lewis of Rochester; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elizabeth; and 3 brothers: Ray, Kenneth, and Jim.

A funeral Mass will be Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 11:00AM at St. Pius X Catholic Church with Rev. Russell Scepaniak officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Rochester. Memorials are preferred to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Online condolences are welcome



at www.mackenziefuneralhome.com

## Jeffrey C. Kinney



Jeffrey C. Kinney, 57, of Elkton, MN passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Mayo Clinic- St. Marys Campus in Rochester, MN.

Jeffrey Charles Kinney was born September 22, 1964 to Charles and Wanda (Seemann) Kinney.

Jeff attended Southland High School, graduating in 1983. He was united in marriage with Jodi Bouska on June 21, 2008.

Jeff was the proud owner of Kinney Transportation LLC. He drove semi-truck all over the country with his dog, Turbo. The two of them always needed to be in sight of each other. Jeff always had his phone (aka: lifeline) with him at all times. He would post on Facebook live daily from his truck on his adventures of where life was taking him next. Always in the background of the post, he'd be playing all his favorite 80's tunes and sometimes singing along. Wherever he went, he was always running into someone he knew.

When Jeff was at home, he spent time with his wife and their fur-babies: Turbo, Ratchet, Overdrive, and Kona. He would love sitting in his chair, watching his favorite older TV shows like Gilligan's Island, MASH, Star Trek, The Love Boat, and The Beverly Hillbillies.

Jeff had a love of life and was a strong Christian. He could carry on a conversation with anybody. He made friends quickly and was close with all of them long term. Jeff loved his family and friends with all his heart.

Some things Jeff liked to do over the years have been farming, going on the wheat harvest, playing cards, hanging out with friends and family, waterskiing, riding motorcycle, collecting Coca-Cola and Star Trek memorabilia, amongst many other things.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Jodi; mom and stepdad Wanda and Jerry Lenz of Sheboygan, WI; sister Kris (Don) Ramsden of Winona, MN; niece, Renae Ramsden; nephew, Hunter Ramsden, nephew/step-son Dominiq Bouska; 4 children; 4 grandchildren; 3 brothers-in-law and 3 sisters-in-law and their families.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Charles Kinney.

Celebration of Jeff's Life will be held at Hindt Funeral Home in Grand Meadow, MN from 3-7 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021 with a prayer service at 6:30.

Online condolences or memories may be left for Jeff's family at [Hindtfuneralhomes.com](http://Hindtfuneralhomes.com)

## Beatrice "Bea" Tollefson



Beatrice Adeline Tollefson, 89, formerly of Kenyon, MN, died Oct. 26, 2021, in Burnsville, MN. Beatrice "Bea" Holte was born November 22, 1931, and grew up in Blair, WI. After graduation, she met widower Lynn Tollefson, and his

daughter, Diane. They married March 8, 1952, and welcomed two more daughters, Susan and Vicki, to their family. After settling in Kenyon, Bea enjoyed selling Avon and Christmas Around the World, but was especially proud of her work as a buyer at Foldcraft Co. In 1989, Dahlen Jewelry and Mr. T's Beahive, Lynn and Bea's dream business, became reality in downtown Kenyon. "Retirement" consisted of traveling to auctions in search of treasures and running the store. Bea loved making connections with local and "passing-through" customers, and antique enthusiasts. After Lynn's death, she maintained the store for five years before moving to the Northfield Retirement Community, in Northfield, MN, which she lovingly called home for four years. Bea loved her husband of 60 years, their family, and the life they built, together. She loved playing Bridge, sewing, dancing, auctions, antiquing, bargains, coincidences and telling stories.

Survived by daughters Diane (Roger) Randall, Susan Tollefson and Vicki (David) Lind; granddaughters Kimberly (Joel) Boulanger and Koni (Jason) Hudak; great-grandchildren Jackson, Maddy, Jake, Katie, Jenna, Megan, and Tabitha; brother Douglas (Marlene) Holte; sister-in-law Elsie (Jerry) Narveson; and nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by husband Lynn Tollefson; granddaughter Becky Randall; sister and husband Anita and Ron Wemple; brother-in-law and wife David and Peggy Tollefson.

Family memorial service will be 2:30 PM, October 30, 2021, at Castle Rock Valley Cemetery, Farmington, MN. [biermanfuneralhome.com](http://biermanfuneralhome.com).

## Jeanne Marie Leavitt



Jeanne Marie (King) Leavitt died at Charter House on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Jeanne was born February 3, 1930 in Huntington, NY to John and Florence (Tuplin) King. She attended Northport High School and graduated from the Academy of Holy Names in Albany, NY.

She attended Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in business. In 1951 she married Frederick C. Leavitt in Valatie, NY at St John the Baptist Catholic Church. They both worked at Hercules Powder Company in Wilmington, Delaware, before moving in 1953 to Syracuse, NY for Fred to complete his PhD. After graduate school they moved to Michigan for Fred's first job at Dow Chemical Co. They moved multiple times with Dow, including Framingham and Wellesley, MA, Midland, MI and Milan, Italy. Jeanne was a wonderful hostess and cook for countless work and family dinners and parties.

Jeanne went back to finish her college degree at Central Michigan University, graduating in 1974. Afterwards she was a real estate agent until they moved to Milan in 1978. While living there, they were able to travel and ski quite a bit and Jeanne became fairly fluent in Italian. In 1984 they moved to Washington, DC where Jeanne was active in Achievement Rewards for College Scientists. Several years after Fred retired, they moved back to the Albany, NY area where Jeanne joined an Alzheimer support group. Fred passed away in 2008 and in 2013 Jeanne moved to Charter House.

In addition to her husband, Jeanne was predeceased by her parents and her sisters Ellen Zimmermann, Muriel Gibbons and Jackie King. She is survived by her daughter Jacqueline Leavitt Stafford, son-in-law Scott and grandson Eric as well as her adopted daughter Mary Ann Reed, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and many King family cousins.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Mayo Clinic Rochester or the Alzheimer's Association. A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Travis J. Eaton



Travis J. Eaton, age 39, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 18, 2021.

Travis James Eaton was born July 3, 1982 in Rochester, MN the son of Cynthia (Clark) Grant and James Eaton. He grew up and attended school in Rochester and Chatfield, MN. Travis married Holly Robinson and, in their union, had two sons, Sawyer and Owen. They later divorced. Travis worked as a manager at Subway in Rochester and had a small lawn care business on the side. He was a loving son and his children were the light of his world.

Travis is described as a hardworking, dedicated, loving individual who loved his family and friends. He enjoyed Harleys and cars, hanging out with friends, eating out and listening to music. As a child he spent weekends with Grandma and Grandpa Clark, enjoyed being on a bowling league with his friend Ronnie and loved his husky, Phil.

He is survived by his mother, Cynthia Grant of Wanamingo, MN; father, James Eaton of Massachusetts; sister, Shannon (Mat) Schaefer of Wanamingo; niece and nephews, maternal grandfather, Don Clark of Zumbrota; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his stepdad, Donald Grant, grandmothers Olivia Clark and Monica Clark, grandparents Doran and Kaye Eaton and uncle Jerry Clark.

A visitation will be held 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes 5421 Royal Place NW, Rochester, MN. A light meal will follow at the Ranfranz and Vine Reception Centre. A private family burial will be in Oronoco Cemetery.

Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving Travis' family. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit [www.ranfranzandvinefh.com](http://www.ranfranzandvinefh.com)



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# Obituaries

## Cecelia (Deming) Timm



Cecelia (Deming) Timm, age 89 of Hopkins, MN passed away October 21 2021 at HCMC Minneapolis, MN with her family members at her side.

Cecelia was born & raised in Plainview, MN graduating from Plainview high school in 1950. Parents were Will & Cecelia Deming.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 11 siblings, & one son, Fr. James Timm.

Cecelia is survived by husband, Raymond; two children, Jane Timm of Edina, MN & Mike Timm of Westbrook, MN; grandchildren, Alex of Minnetonka, MN, Jacob of Houston TX, Bailey, Josie, & Brooke of Storden, MN; two great-granddaughters, Tyler & Parker of Houston, TX.

After moving to the Glenn in Hopkins she made many new friends, playing cards, praying & leading the Rosary, & used her great personality to make lasting friendships. Raymond & Cecelia celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug 4th.

Special thanks to Jerry for his help, love, & understanding during this time.

Mass will be 11AM, Wednesday, Nov 3rd with visitation one hour prior at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka.

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## Dorothy A. Bauer



Dorothy A. Bauer age 86 of Sioux Falls, SD passed away peacefully at Dougherty Hospice on Monday October 25, 2021 with her family at her side. The family will greet friends from 5:00-7:00 PM with a scripture service and the Rosary at 7:00 PM Thursday October 28, 2021 at Miller Funeral Home 507 S. Main Avenue. A funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 AM Friday October 29, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph with burial to follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Sioux Falls.

Dorothy was born on February 2, 1935 in Spencer, SD to Albert and Susie (Klink) Koepke. She graduated from St. Mary High School in Salem, SD and later from the Sioux Falls Beauty Academy, to become a beautician.

Dorothy was united in marriage to Harlyn Bauer on June 20, 1955 in Salem, SD. The couple had four children, Dan (Julie) Bauer, Owatonna, MN, Deb (Charles) Spielman, Sioux Falls, SD, Robin (Marty) Shaw, Broomfield, CO; and an infant daughter who passed away Mary Elizabeth.

Dorothy enjoyed the many trips and vacations with Harlyn and family from Hawaii to Alaska, the Caribbean and every state in-between. She also loved to needle point and grow roses. Mostly, she loved her family.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband Harlyn; her children; 8 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren; her sister Fauna (Randall) Kappenman, Mitchell, SD and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, brothers Robert and Richard and sister Irma.  
www.millerfh.com

## Michael "Mike" Sandberg



Michael Dean Sandberg, 67, of Rochester, died Monday, October 25, 2021. Mike was born November 16, 1953 in Washington, D.C., and graduated from John Marshall High School in 1971. He married Linda Atkins on December 5, 1981 and they later divorced.

Michael spent his career working in the grocery business for Barlow Foods and later Hy-Vee until his illness forced him to retire early. He took great pride in working his way up from the register to being a corporate manager. Mike enjoyed playing softball, golf, and bowling, and was a fan of nearly every sport. He loved all Minnesota teams, especially the Wild, Vikings, Twins, and Timberwolves. Mike was a collector of coins, stamps, and most notably KISS memorabilia; he was a lifelong, devoted fan of the band and a member of the KISS Army.

Mike is survived by a daughter, Mattie (John) Decker of St. Charles; grandsons, Caden, Jonah, and Samuel Decker; father, Steve Sandberg of North Oaks; sister, Kathy Tarpenning of Rice Lake, WI; brothers, Jon Sandberg (Tom Barrot) of Little Canada and Eric (Deann) Sandberg of Blaine; and his former wife, Linda Sandberg of Preston. He was preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Sandberg, and sister, Shannon Forester.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30, 2021 in the River Park Chapel at Macken Funeral Home. There will be a brief prayer service at 5:00 p.m.

Online condolences are welcome at [www.mackenfuneralhome.com](http://www.mackenfuneralhome.com). He was loved.



## Rolland Brown



Rolland "Rollie" Brown, 81, of Lake City, passed away at his home in Lake City on Thursday, October 28, 2021 surrounded by his family. Rollie was born on September 19, 1940, to Russell and Selma (Stensrud) Brown in Kasson, MN. After graduation from West Concord High School,

Rollie served 4 years in the Marine Corps and then 18 years in the National Guard. He worked on the family farm for a few years before Rollie married Mary Lou Buck on August 5, 1967, in Zumbro Falls. They lived and worked in Lake City. Rollie worked at Federal Mogul for 36 years and retired in 2001. He moved to Claremont in September 2006. Rollie sat on the City Council in Claremont from 2010-2014. He returned to Lake City in 2014 and worked part-time at the grocery store. Rollie was a bowler and served as the State Bowling Director for many years. He was very involved with his grandchildren and their activities, sports, plays, etc. Rollie loved camping and watching his nephew race stockcars.

Rollie is survived by his children, Dana (Tom) Quade of MO, Allen (Andrea) of Jacksonville, IL, Danny (Heather) of Lake City, Gary (Laura) of Hudson, WI, and Lisa (Nathan) Anderson of Lake City; 23 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; brother, Russell (Linda) of New Ulm, MN; two sisters, Pat (Jim) Worple of Alma, IA and Lois Alden of Charles City, IA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou; son, Keith Brown; his parents; his brothers, Ricky and Sam; special friend, Dorothy Jones; granddaughter, Tiffany Brown; and brother-in-law, Darwin Alden.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Lake City with Reverend Steven Frenz officiating. Visitation will be from 4 until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Anderson-Peterson Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Lake City with full military honors. Pallbearers will be Terry Worple, John Alden, Kevin Huffman, Larry Friedhoff, Rick Brown, and Troy Brown. Honorary pallbearers will be Neil Eckhart and Nathaniel Jasso. Online condolences can be sent to [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Beverly M. Truax



Beverly M. Truax 94 of Rochester, died peacefully of natural causes on October 16th, 2021. Bev was born on March 16th, 1927 in Rochester and resided there most of her life. She was the oldest of two girls. She married Lloyd H. Truax, Jr. on June 26th, 1944, 10 days before he shipped out to serve overseas in WWII. She finished her senior year of high school as a married woman. Bev had a keen sense of humor, enjoyed being with family and friends and meeting new people. She was active in bridge groups, golf leagues and volunteering at the Salvation Army resale store and St. Mary's Hospital (Pink Ladies) for over 25 years. She loved to read, frequenting the public library to check out books. Bev loved being with her kids and grandchildren, attending many plays, choir concerts and sports events they were involved in. Bev was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Zeta Plantz, her sister Joanne Jeglum and husband Lloyd. She is survived by 4 children, Steven (Suzanne) Truax of Minneapolis, Julie Truax (Steve) Tebay of Rochester, Brian Truax of Eureka, CA, Kevin (Barbara) Truax of Rochester; 6 grandchildren, Liza Hanson (Ross) Dormady of Beaverton, OR, Joshua (Emily) Hanson of Phoenix, AZ, Erik Truax of Madison, WI, Jason Truax of Rochester, Ryan Truax of Rochester, Kris Truax of Minneapolis; great grandchildren Henry Dormady and Ellory Dormady of Beaverton, OR; nephew David (Linda) Crawley of Rochester and many additional nieces and nephews. A heartfelt thank you to the staff and caregivers at the Stewartville Care Center. Your love, skill and compassion in taking care of Bev will always be appreciated. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army.

## Jeanine Baringer



Jeanine Baringer, 87, passed away Monday October 18, 2021 at Pine Haven Care Center. Jeanine Mary Schulz was born January 26, 1934 in Faribault, MN to Edgar and Caroline (Hurt) Schulz. Jeanine was also raised in Faribault and graduated from Bethlehem Academy.

On December 30, 1952, Jeanine was united in marriage to Larry Baringer at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island. She was employed at the Van Horn Public Library in Pine Island for 20 years. Jeanine enjoyed reading, painting, playing piano and was very active in her church. She was very family oriented and cherished every moment spent with loved ones.

Jeanine is survived by her husband, Larry; daughter, Amy Baringer of Rochester and son Tim (Judy) Baringer of Loveland, Colorado; grandchildren, Courtney (Peter) and Trevor; great grandchildren, Colin, Lillian and Evelyn; siblings, Gail, Bonnie, Michael, Daniel and Mary; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Edgar Jr. and her sister Pauline.

The memorial service was 11 a.m. Friday October 22, 2021 at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island, with Pastor Marie Anderson officiating. Visitation was Thursday October 21 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mahn Family Funeral Home-Mahler Chapel in Pine Island and one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island or the Pine Island Public Library (Van Horn). Online condolences are welcome and may be shared at [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Conrad J. Mader



On October 22nd, Conrad James Mader of Rochester passed away at the Saint Cloud Hospital, in Saint Cloud, Minnesota. Conrad was 91 years old.

Conrad was born on November 21, 1929 in Saint Cloud where he also spent his childhood. After graduating from Saint Cloud Tech in 1947 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and was stationed on the aircraft carrier, Midway.

In May 1951 he married Rita Schunk (Lilly) and they moved to Rochester, MN where they had 5 children together.

After his marriage with Rita, he spent his days with his beloved partner Patricia Batteny until her passing in 2001.

Conrad had many jobs throughout his life and had many skills, talents and hobbies. He loved being outdoors hunting and fishing. Before his passing, Conrad was able to spend his last years up North in Aitkin fishing, waiting for wildlife to stumble upon his bird feeder, and being in the peace of the great outdoors.

Conrad was always up for a good game of cribbage and some socializing with his many friends and family members. His children and grandchildren will hold onto the memories of the stories he told about his childhood adventures, all the good fishing spots he shared, the fish tales told, his love for a good crossword puzzle, the old time music he liked, his sweet tooth that he was able to satisfy with a great pan of brownies or a batch of cookies, and most importantly the love he had for all of them.

A daughter and grandson welcomed Conrad in Heaven. Conrad is survived by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and will be missed dearly.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday, November 4th from 1-5 at the Eagles Club in Rochester, MN.

## William "Mike" Daniel



William "Mike" Daniel, age 65, died Monday, October 25, 2021 at Seasons Hospice House with his loved ones.

Mike was born on November 20, 1955 in Sumter, SC to Billy and Pinky (Skinner) Daniel.

Mike is survived by his wife, Marann Faget; sister, Mona (Sean) McAuley; brother, Mark Daniel; son, Robert (Katie) Daniel; stepsons, Andrew (Holly) Willis, James (Carisa) Willis, Matthew (Jen) Willis, Panos (Meleah) Gamvroudis, Jacques Faget; stepdaughter, Alexia (Ben) Westerling; grandchildren, Alena, Maple, Wyatt, Hazel, Gene, Eulalie, Leonie, and Alex; several nieces and nephews; and our beloved Chihuahua, Trixie.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Pinky Daniel.

The family would like to thank Seasons Hospice for the incredible care they provided to Mike.

Celebration of Life will be from 3-5 pm on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Rochester Cremation Services, 1605 Civic Center Drive NW, Rochester, MN.

Interment will take place in late spring at MN State Veterans Cemetery in Preston.

Rochester Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and condolences of Mike may be shared at [rochestercremationservicesmn.com](http://rochestercremationservicesmn.com)

## DEATH NOTICES

### Patricia Gartner

Aug. 10, 1942 - Oct. 23, 2021  
WYOMING, Minn. - Patricia Gartner, 79, Preston, Minn., died Saturday, Oct. 23, in M Health Fairview Lakes Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 2, at St. Columban Catholic Church in Preston.

Arrangements by Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home.

### John Desley

May 17, 1925 - Oct. 25, 2021  
LEWISVILLE, N.C. - John Desley, 96, Lewisville, N.C., died Monday, Oct. 25, in his home.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

# Obituaries

## JoAn Kramer



JoAn Lambert Kramer, of St. Charles, died Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Hospitals, St. Mary's Rochester Campus. She was born February 28, 1927 in Minneapolis, MN to Earl and Mable Lambert. JoAn graduated from Washburn High School in Minneapolis and earned a degree in Art at the University of Minnesota.

In 1948 she married Weldon Alexander "Red" Smith of Milroy, Minnesota. They had two daughters, René Alexandra and Barbara Jo "BJ". Weldon died in 1999 and she married Edward Kramer of St. Charles MN in 2011.

JoAn was brilliant, creative, energetic and optimistic. She considered herself an entrepreneur who started several businesses, ran two Bed and Breakfast Inns for many years, and was a member of four high IQ societies. She loved living in the woods and on the farm, and was a hard worker devoted to her hobbies. At various times, these included sculpture and ceramics; restoring homes and filling them with antiques; raising plants in her greenhouse and gardens; and taking care of her many pets. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles and astrology, and held fond memories of dancing with Eddie, birthday getaways with her daughters, walks with her dogs, and Eddie's undying love.

JoAn will be dearly missed by her husband, Eddie Kramer of St. Charles, her daughter BJ (John) Kohlstedt of Finland MN, son-in-law Mark Carlson of Chetek WI, and her beloved pets. She was preceded in death by her sisters Pauline Lambert and Patricia Lambert, and her daughter René Carlson.

A Funeral Mass for JoAn will be 11 a.m. Monday, November 1, 2021, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Elba with the Reverend Tim Biren officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the church on Monday.

Hoff Funeral Service of St. Charles is assisting the family with arrangements. [www.hofffuneral.com](http://www.hofffuneral.com).

## Marcella Peterson

Marcella C. Peterson of St. Charles, Minnesota, passed away on 24 October 2021 at the age of 102 at her home in St. Charles. Marcella Carmen Larsen was born on 10 January 1919 in Albert Lea, Minnesota to Emil and Mamie (Nelson) Larsen. She graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1936 and worked in various offices there. She married Bruce Melton in Denver, Colorado on 19 March 1947. They lived in various locations because of his career in the Air Force. They were later divorced and Marcella and her son Kirt James Melton moved back to her home town of Albert Lea, Minnesota. Marcella found employment in the office of Speltz Grain Company. She married Perry Mervin Peterson in Albert Lea on 19 September 1952. One son, Perry Lee Peterson, was born to this union. The family farmed together in the Geneva area from 1957 to 1973. In 1973 they moved to Owatonna, Minnesota where Marcella worked in the office of Federated Insurance Company until her retirement. In later years they moved to St. Charles, Minnesota to be near family. Marcella was a member of St. Matthew's Church in St. Charles. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends, gardening, and caring for her flowers and house plants. Most of all she enjoyed riding her scooter around town during nice weather. Marcella is survived by her sons, Kirt (Beverly) Melton of St. Charles and Perry (Kathy) Peterson of Plymouth, Minnesota; grandchildren, Christopher, Christian and Zachary Melton, Jeffrey (Jarica) Peterson, Rebecca Ruud, and Victoria (Jon) Mathisen; great-grandchildren, Lucille, Harriet, and Lena Ruud as well as Peter and Caleb Mathisen, and Zurilyn Peterson. Marcella was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Maria Melton; one brother and sister-in-law, Burnette and Helen (Kasperek) Larson; step-mother, Annie Larson. A Funeral Service for Marcella will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 29, 2021 at St. Matthew's Church of St. Charles with Pastor William Meilner officiating. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service at church from 10-11 AM on Friday. Interment will be at Graceland Cemetery, Albert Lea, Minnesota. The Hoff Funeral Home of St. Charles is assisting Marcella's family with arrangements.

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# Kasson City Council hears concepts on big ticket items

**BY BRIAN TODD**  
Post Bulletin

**KASSON** — The development of a park and a new fire hall with a police station attached were up for discussion Wednesday night at the Kasson City Council meeting.

The city council reviewed two options for upgrading Lions Park in southwest Kasson. Tim Solomonson from HKGI, a Minneapolis-based planning and landscape designer, outlined the two options, one of which came with more amenities and would likely include a larger price tag, although estimates on that price were not given.

The option favored by Mayor Chris McKern and the rest of the council included a paved road and parking lot that would lead to four baseball/softball diamonds and a soccer or youth football field. Other upgrades included a splash pad that could convert to a skating rink, an archery range, a trailhead that would connect to both a future trail along County Road 34 and a 1-mile loop within the park, and a picnic pavilion and portable toilets.

He also said a woodlands and wetland buffer along Masten Creek would help down the road for planned residential development near the water tower just north of the park.

The upgrades would not displace current park amenities such as the skate park, basketball court and pickleball courts, he added.

Council member Rick Christiansen said the sports fields would allow the city and school district to host tournaments, which would generate revenue and bring visitors to Kasson.

McKern said because the Kasson-Mantorville School District would benefit by being able to host tournaments, the city could ask for cost-sharing on that portion of the park upgrade.

The second option included two fewer ball diamonds and no archery range. It also lacked a splash pad. What it did add was an off-leash dog park and an expansion of the disc golf course to 18 holes.

"I like the first option better than the second option," McKern said. "We could phase-in Plan A,

do the ball diamonds last. The first thing is to pave the parking lot."

City Administrator Tim Ibisch said Option A would be sent back to the city's park board to prioritize elements and look at costs.

In a separate presentation, the council heard two options for the fire hall the city plans to build. One would be a \$6.97 million project that includes just a new fire hall. The second option, for \$9.34 million, would combine a fire hall and police station in one building.

The current police station, according to the presentation shown, does not have adequate space for common tasks such as holding staff meetings or interviewing witnesses.

McKern said that no matter what, the city should find a way to keep costs as low as possible.

No action was taken on either presentation. Moving forward, the city is hoping for more detailed plans on both the park and fire hall projects.

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# Rochester man charged with murder is found competent

## No ruling on guilty plea withdrawals

**BY EMILY CUTTS**  
Post Bulletin

The Rochester man charged in the death of a pregnant young mother and her toddler was ruled competent Thursday, but no decision was made as to if he would be allowed to withdraw his three guilty pleas.

Renard Carter, 30, pleaded guilty on July 15 in Olmsted County District Court to second-degree murder, second-degree murder with intent, and second-degree murder of an unborn child.

As part of the plea, Carter admitted that on Sept. 10, 2020, he strangled 2-year-old Miyona Zayla Lee-Miller and then tightened a phone charging cord around the neck of 23-year-old Keona Sade Foote, causing her to die. Portions of the incident were video recorded and posted on social media.

Foote was in the first trimester of a pregnancy at the time of her death. Foote and Miyona were found dead on Sept. 13, 2020, in their home at Olympik Village

Apartments, at 402 31st St. NE, Rochester.

On Aug. 5, Carter filed a motion to withdraw his guilty pleas, asserting that he was "coerced into entering the guilty pleas," according to the supporting affidavit for the motion filed by Carter's attorneys. A competency evaluation of Carter was ordered later that same month.

On Thursday afternoon, Judge Lisa Hayne found Carter competent to proceed in the matter. Little else was said on the matter of competency until Carter was questioned by prosecutors. In the questioning, it was revealed that the examiner found that Carter was exaggerating or faking symptoms of mental illness and that he did not present with a genuine psychotic disorder or a dissociative identity disorder.

Carter's original attorneys, Lauri Traub and Samuel Schabel, later testified that they had no indication that Carter was having difficulty understanding and

only became aware of potential competency issues when Carter raised them at the July 15 plea hearing.

For more than two hours, defense attorney Susan Elias and Chief Deputy Olmsted County Attorney Eric Woodford and Associate Olmsted County Attorney Michael DeBolt questioned Carter, Traub and Schabel on what occurred in their conversations about Carter's defense. Typically conversations between an individual and their attorney are confidential, but Carter waived the attorney-client privilege as the hearing began.

Throughout his testimony, Carter stated that he repeatedly told his attorneys he wanted to go to trial and that he did not understand the court proceedings.

"I just want a trial, want my plea to be withdrawn, want new attorneys from the outside, I feel like everything is too close," Carter said. Traub testified that

she and Schabel spoke with Carter about the fact that he could go to trial but Carter's indication was always that wanted to plead guilty.

"He always indicated he wanted to plead. That is what he always talked about from the very first time Sam Schabel met him, he wanted to plea," Traub said, adding that Carter wanted to get out of prison at some point in his life. "If he had said he wanted to go to trial, I would have gone to trial. I worked really hard to get my law license. I'm not going to lose it by declining to take someone's case to trial. If he had said it, I'd have done it."

The day Carter pleaded guilty, a grand jury was set to convene to hear evidence for charges of first-degree premeditated murder. The charge, which can only be brought via grand jury indictment, carries a mandatory life sentence in Minnesota.

A decision on whether Carter will be allowed to withdraw his guilty pleas is expected by mid-November.

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# 1921: Raid leads to arrests, moonshine, mash



**THE DAY IN HISTORY**  
Loren Else

**1996 — 25 years ago**  
► In the past two months, Rochester's string of armed hold-ups rose to 10 with the armed robbery of the Brentwood Motor Inn, 123 Fourth Ave. N.W.

► Glenn Fjerstad, born in Rochester, performer, and owner of the Pony Express Ballroom in Mantorville, has been inducted into the Minnesota Country Music Hall of Fame.

**1971 — 50 years ago**

► The Ohio State Buckeyes, outplayed in the first half and down 6-0, came back to edge the Gophers 14-12 in Big Ten football play.

► Brigitte Chrostek, an American Field Service student from Germany, will spend the year with the Bjarne and Audrey Melbo family of St. Charles.

**1946 — 75 years ago**  
► Since 1940, the average size of farms in Minnesota increased 10 acres to 175 acres. (The average size of a farm in Minnesota in 2019 was 375 acres).

► Hard-to-get nylons, soap powder, shortening and white shirts helped lure an estimated 2,000 people to a Republican rally in Denver's

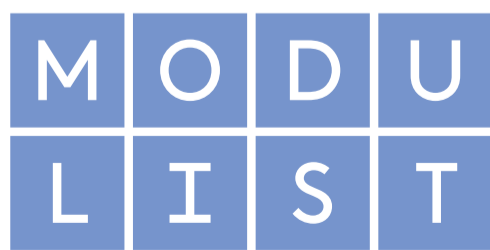
city auditorium.

**1921 — 100 years ago**

► A raid near Austin led to eight arrests, 350 gallons of mash, 50 gallons of moonshine, and several stills. The operators made their mash from tomatoes, and the finished product had a twenty-mule kick.

► The Austin bowling team went down to defeat to the Rochester team at the Empress bowling alley. The Rochester City League is now organized with six teams.

► Red Wing's hopes for the district championship were crushed when the Rochester High School red and black defeated the Red Wing purple and white 17-7. The largest crowd in several years at Mayo Field saw the game.



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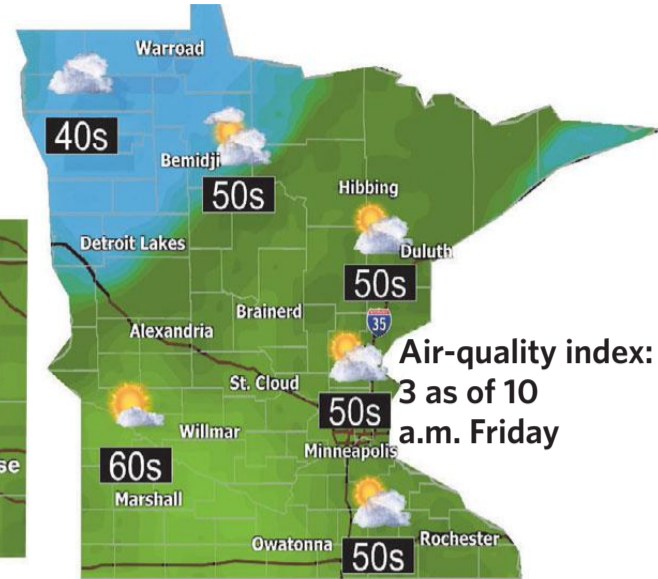
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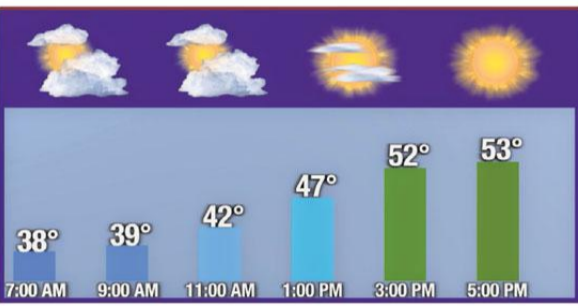


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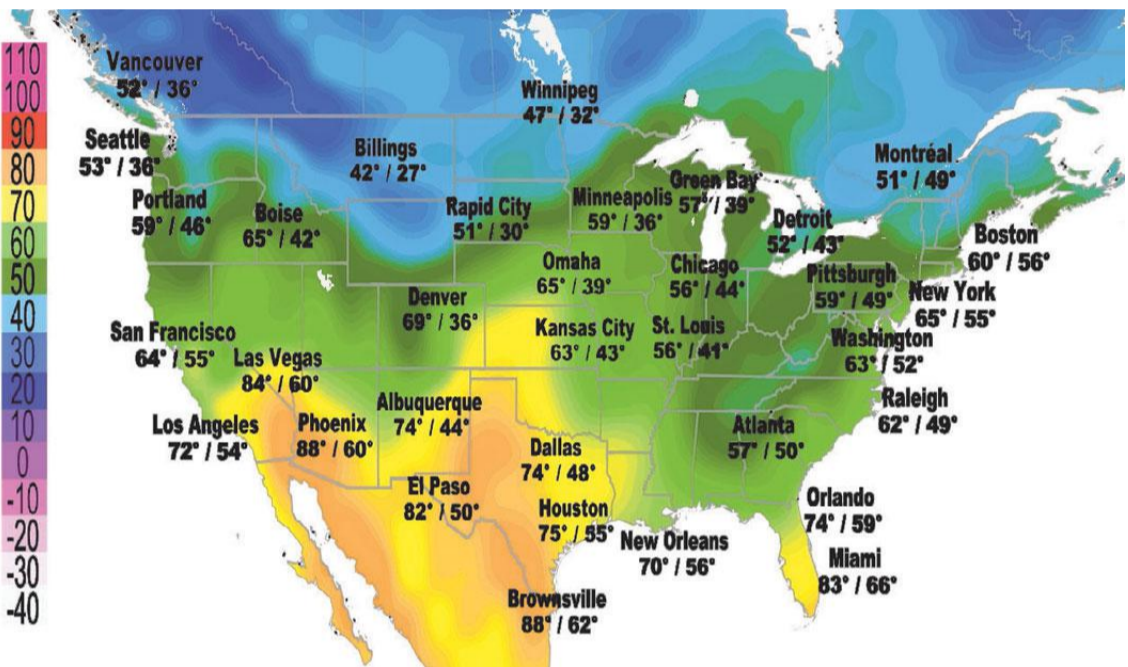
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Year To Date	24.36"
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La Crosse, WI	58	41	50	32
Mankato, MN	60	35	46	30
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## BOYS SOCCER

# A 'state'-ment win for PIZM Wildcats

### Suffocating defense, surprising goal put team in state semifinals

BY PAT RUFF  
Post Bulletin

MONTICELLO — The Pine Island/Zumbrota-Mazeppa boys soccer team entered the Class A state tournament Thursday having allowed just 10 goals all season.

Now, one game in to the state tournament, that number stays at 10.

The Wildcats were suffocating in the back end one more time and also got one stellar save in the first half from goalie Jason Ryan in knocking off No. 4 seed St. Cloud Cathedral 1-0 in the quarterfinal match.

PIZM, which stays unbeaten at 17-0-2, is the No. 5 seed.

The Wildcats — who are making their first trip to state — will next play against No. 1 Southwest Christian at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the state semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

"I am very proud of our team," PIZM coach Rafal Konik said. "For their first time at state and everything new to us, they were really composed and mature. They did great."

The only scoring in Thursday's game came with 10 minutes left in the first half. It was anything but a predictable goal, as sophomore midfielder Chris Tree rifled a shot from 40 yards out that somehow found the Cathedral net. Junior

midfielder Brandt Konik was credited with the assist.

It turned out that Konik assisted with his foot and his voice.

"Brandt told Chris to, 'shoot it!,'" coach Konik said. "Chris had a few seconds to think about it before he did it."

PIZM looked like it would add to its tally at least twice late in the second half, including a missed opportunity on a 3-on-1 chance — Crusaders goalie Palmer Minette being the "one" on the bad end of the odd-man opportunity. But Minette rushed out of his net and saved the day, scrambling and getting his hands on the ball.

But with a defense like the Wildcats possess, it didn't matter.

Led by Mark Quintero Bungert, Hunter Streit, Zack Ihde and Noah Wernau, the PIZM defense was its usual impenetrable self.

Coach Konik praised their style of play, which has been a winning one all season.

"Our defenders were disciplined and there was great communication between the players," he said. "They move the ball fast and always keep their intensity up. And they never panicked. That is the biggest key on defense."

On Thursday, it was enough for the Wildcats to pitch their eighth shutout in nine games.

## H.S. FOOTBALL FOCUS



Post Bulletin file photo / Andrew Link

Grand Meadow running back Dustin Copley (15) and his teammates will have their hands full today in a Section 1 9-Man semifinal game against high-scoring LeRoy-Ostrander.

# Section semifinals will offer fireworks

## P-E-M at Lake City one of a handful of intriguing matchups on tap

BY PAT RUFF  
Post Bulletin

High school football playoffs are now in full swing.

Here's a look at what happened in Tuesday's section quarterfinals, our weekly power poll and games to watch in the section semifinals.

### WEEK 9'S TOP PERFORMERS

**1. DT, Martin Prieto, PEM:** On Tuesday, the 5-foot-10, 195-pound Prieto had 10 tackles, including two quarterback sacks in a 37-0 win over Zumbrota-Mazeppa.

**2. RB, Braxton Munnikhuisen, Triton:** The 6-0, 180-pound senior rushed for 167 yards and two touchdowns as Triton edged St. Charles 30-28.

**3. CB, KK Silipkoh, Century:** Silipkoh picked off a pair of John Marshall passes and returned one of them 49 yards for a touchdown in a 40-28 Section 1AAAAA win.

**4. QB, Matt Haun, Century:** The senior passed for 185 yards and a pair of touchdowns and ran for 81 and a touchdown.

**5. WR, Gavin Sweeney,**

**LeRoy-Ostrander:** Sweeney had just two catches in a win against Mabel-Canton, but he gathered 144 yards and two TDs.

### WEEK 9 POWER RANKINGS

**EDITOR'S 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. Cannon Falls (7-1):** Cannon Falls' option offense has produced point totals of 54, 62 and 74 in its last three games. Lourdes has the heavy assignment of facing the Bombers in the section semifinals.

**2. Lanesboro (8-1):** The Burros won 53-0 in its first-round game against Lyle/Pacelli. Lanesboro put up 72 points the week before against Spring Grove. JT Rein and Co. are too much.

**3. Blooming Prairie (9-0):** More attention needs to be paid to the Blossoms' defense. The Blossoms have allowed eight or fewer points in six of their nine games.

**4. Stewartville (8-0):** There's not much wrong with

this team and a whole bunch of things right. The Tigers can run it and throw it. And they're allowing just fewer than 14 points per game.

**5. Chatfield (8-1):** RB turned QB Sam Backer entered the playoffs having accounted for 1,977 total yards and 27 total TDs. Chatfield hasn't lost since its opener.

**6. Rushford-Peterson (9-0):** R-P has been way too much for everyone on its schedule, thanks in large part to Malachi Bunke, one of a long list of standout quarterbacks in the area.

**7. Grand Meadow (8-1):** The Superlarks look a lot like they did from 2013-16, when they won four straight state championships. Section 1 is a gauntlet, though, and G.M. has its hands full against LeRoy-Ostrander this week.

**8. Mayo (7-1):** The Spartans have been consistently great all season offensively. If Mayo's defense can be sound, look out — the Spartans can go far.

**9. Lake City (8-1):** Lake City has allowed 40, 74 and 18 points in its last three games. But its offense is still

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Post Bulletin file photo / Traci Westcott

Pine Island/Zumbrota-Mazeppa's Christopher Tree (6) is introduced before the Section 2A boys soccer championship match on Oct. 21 at Wescott Field in Austin. Tree scored the lone goal in PIZM's state quarterfinal win Thursday night.

# Vikings' Woods has added incentive against Cowboys

BY CHRIS TOMASSON  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Safety Xavier Woods had interest after last season in re-signing with the Dallas Cowboys.

But they didn't feel the same way.

"I guess they didn't want me back, to be blatant," he said Thursday.

Woods ended up signing with the Vikings, who face the Cowboys on Sunday night at U.S. Bank Stadium. So will he have any extra incentive against them?

"Most definitely," he said.

It was understandable, though, why Dallas did not elect to re-sign Woods after four seasons with the team. Out of 64 safeties who played 50 percent or more of possible defensive snaps, Woods was ranked just No. 45 year by Pro Football Focus.

But Woods has turned his play around after



Bob Donnan / USA Today Sports

Vikings free safety Xavier Woods (23) breaks up a pass intended for Carolina Panthers tight end Tommy Tremble (82) in the fourth quarter on Oct. 17.

signing with Minnesota on a one-year, \$1.75 million deal, which could be worth as much as \$2.25 million with incentives. He is ranked so far this season by Pro Football Focus as the

NFL's 12th-best safety.

"Maybe he didn't fit the mold of how (the Cowboys) were playing defense last year or whatever," said Vikings co-defensive coordinator Adam Zimmer. "But

he's done everything we ask him to. He's a great leader, he's smart, and a great communicator for us. He's played well."

In deciding last spring whether or not to sign Woods, Zimmer said the

Vikings looked at what he had done throughout his career with the Cowboys. And in his first three seasons, Woods was pretty good.

Pro Football Focus ranked Woods as the No. 35 safety in 2018 and No. 24 in 2019. But then came 2020.

"I just didn't play good," Woods admitted. "Point blank, I just didn't play well any facet of my game. First two games started off well, but then after that I didn't play well at all, so that's the point blank, cutthroat answer. ... (I was) overthinking a lot, being confused a little bit as far as the scheme-wise. But just me personally, I'm not going to make any excuses, I just didn't play well."

Not many players looked good on defense last season for the Cowboys, who were 28th in the NFL in scoring defense and who slumped to 6-10

after they were .500 or better in each of Woods' first three seasons. But despite the sour ending, Woods said he "enjoyed my time" in Dallas.

"I definitely learned a lesson, definitely grew up there for the first four years of my career," he said. "Definitely learned a lot while I was there."

Now in his fifth season, Woods, 26, is playing a key role for the Vikings. He has taken over from Anthony Harris, who went to Philadelphia as a free agent, as the starting free safety alongside strong safety Harrison Smith, a five-time Pro Bowl selection.

In his six games, Woods has been around the ball plenty. He has an interception, a forced fumble, four passes defended and 35 tackles.

"It's taught well, it's broken down," Woods said of adjusting to

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# Football

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humming along led by QB Justin Wohlers and plenty of weapons around him. **10. Plainview-Elgin-Millville (7-2):** P-E-M still has one of the top defenses around and is permitting just 13 points per game. The Bulldogs' next assignment is a fun one, traveling to take on No. 2 seed Lake City.

### LOOKING AHEAD

On Saturday, in all classes, are the section semifinals. Here is a quick look at some of the most intriguing matchups:

• **Section 1AAA, No. 4 Lourdes at No. 1 Cannon Falls:** At first glance, it would be easy to dismiss this one, with Cannon Falls the hottest team around. Nobody's been able to slow down the Bombers' running attack the last month. In five of its last six games, Cannon Falls has scored 57, 54, 54, 52 and 74 points. But the game prior to that onslaught, Cannon Falls' tally was not gaudy. It came against none other than Lourdes, Cannon Falls escaping with a 17-14 win.

• **Section 1AAA, No. 3 P-E-M at No. 2 Lake City:** The last time these teams faced off was Sept. 24, just as Lake City was asserting itself as a power. It sure wasn't easy against defensive-minded P-E-M. Lake City walked away a just-barely winner, 13-7. P-E-M has picked up some steam since then.

• **Section 1AA, No. 4 Triton at No. 1 Chatfield:** Chatfield is in the conversation as the area's "hottest team." The Gophers have reeled off eight straight wins since a season-opening loss to P-E-M. They might also have the most dynamic player in the area, star running back turned quarterback Sam Backer. The teams met once before this season, Triton barely falling, 21-20.

• **Section 1 9-Man, No. 3 LeRoy-Ostrander at No. 2 Grand Meadow:** Grand Meadow hasn't lost a game since its season opener, that against unbeaten and No. 2 ranked Lanesboro. But in LeRoy-Ostander, the Superlarks face a scary opponent and a dynamo at quarterback, Chase Johnson. The last time the two met was Oct. 1, Grand Meadow emerging a 44-36 winner. Johnson had 188 yards rushing and 151 yards passing in that one. But it was Grand Meadow's Dustin Copley who was the difference, with 229 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

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# Wild place two on COVID list

BY DANE MIZUTANI  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

After abruptly cancelling practice Wednesday afternoon, the Minnesota Wild placed wingers Mats Zuccarello and Rem Pitlick in COVID protocol on Thursday.

It's not ideal for the Wild, considering Zuccarello is the team's leading scorer this season, and Pitlick was coming off an impressive performance in his team debut.

Neither player was available for the game against the Seattle Kraken on Thursday night at Climate Pledge Arena, and their status for the remainder of the road trip is still up in the air. If both players return another positive

test, they will need to isolate for 10 days, and be free of symptoms before they can rejoin the team.

Though this could throw a wrench in the game plan, coach Dean Evason seemed confident in his team's ability to respond to this type of adversity. He referenced the COVID outbreak from last season that postponed games for nearly two weeks.

"It's what our world is, right?" Evason said. "We have been through it and dealt with it. We were notified nobody else is positive, so hopefully it stays that way."

"We do as much as we possibly can," Evason added. "Sometimes it happens and it's out of our control. We will go

forward with whatever happens."

The announcement about Zuccarello and Pitlick came a couple of days after it was confirmed that assistant coach Darby Hendrickson, goaltending coach Freddy Chabot and video coach T.J. Jindra are in COVID protocol. None of the coaches are on the current road trip.

It's worth noting that general manager Bill Guerin confirmed before the season that the Wild are 100 percent vaccinated. Asked if the Wild will change they way they interact moving forward, captain Jared Spurgeon noted how everyone is doing everything they can to stay safe.

"We are all vaccinated," Spurgeon

said. "We all wear masks when we are supposed to and stuff like that. Just tough when we are in a room together at all times."

To fill the open roster spots, the Wild recalled wingers Connor Dewar and Kyle Rau from the Iowa Wild of the American Hockey League, along with defenseman Jon Lizotte.

The plan was for Dewar to make his NHL debut Thursday night.

He's quite familiar with the Seattle area having played junior hockey nearby for the Everett Silvertips of the Western Hockey League.

"It's kind of funny the way it works out and life comes full circle," said Dewar, who was expecting both of his billet families at his NHL debut. "I'm really

excited."

As for the rest of the lineup, Kevin Fiala was set to take Zuccarello's spot on the top line, playing alongside center Joel Eriksson Ek and opposite star winger Kirill Kaprizov.

That's an intriguing line, to say the least, with skilled players across the board. It's also the first time Kaprizov and Fiala have played on the same line in a game.

"Some positives maybe coming out of some negative stuff," Evason said. "They obviously have a chemistry playing on the power play and 6-on-5 situations. Maybe it's an opportunity for us to get a real good look. And hopefully we see that chemistry come through in the game."

# Braves look to take control of Series at home

Reuters

The Atlanta Braves are happy to be home this weekend, and happy to still be playing.

But they want more than just to play in the World Series: They want to win multiple games at home.

In fact, if the Braves can win three in a row in Atlanta, they'll eliminate the Houston Astros and win the 2021 World Series.

The series was tied 1-1 going into Friday's Game 3, which had yet to start when the Post Bulletin went to press.

Prior to Friday, the Braves hadn't won a World Series home game since closing out the Cleveland Indians in Game 6 of the 1995 Fall Classic.

The teams split the first two games in Houston. The Braves posted a 6-2 win in the

opener on Tuesday. The Astros answered with a 7-2 triumph the following day in Game 2.

The Braves were 5-0 in this year's postseason at home, going into Friday's game.

"The atmosphere is awesome. Like I say, Braves Country is real. It's real," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said after Game 2 in Houston.

"That's why I think it was so important to split here. I mean, realistically, you want to win two, but if you can split and get out of here and go home where we've been really good, that's very positive."

The Astros provided most of the highlights in Game 2 with Jose Altuve making another addition to his stellar postseason resume. Altuve went 2-for-5 with a double and a solo homer, his 22nd career HR in the postseason. That ties

him with Bernie Williams for second-most in playoff history behind Manny Ramirez (29).

"To hit 22 homers in the playoffs and tie him ... it means a lot to me," Altuve said of sharing second with Williams, the former New York Yankees star. "It makes me keep going out there, hitting homers to help my team, to keep accomplishing things like this."

Altuve's big outing came after he went hitless in five at-bats and struck out three times in Houston's 6-2 loss in Game 1.

"You can be 0-for-20," Altuve said. "But what about if you get the big hit? So that's what playoffs is about. I don't care I went 0-for-5 (in Game 1)."

The Braves sent second-year right-hander Ian Anderson to the mound on Friday in hopes

of slowing down Altuve and his teammates. The 23-year-old Anderson was 3-0 with a 1.47 ERA in seven postseason starts prior to Friday.

Anderson thrives on the playoff stage despite his relative inexperience.

"It doesn't surprise me. I don't think it surprises a lot of guys," Braves left-hander Max Fried said of Anderson. "For a guy as young as he is, he's extremely confident in who he is as a person. He knows what he brings, and he knows what his ability is. And he knows that if he goes out there and executes his game plan, that he's going to do a pretty good job."

"To have that at a young age and not a lot of experience is really awesome, and it's really admirable. He's as confident as they come."

## Vikings

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Minnesota's scheme. "And then to have a guy like (Smith), who's been there, who's played this position, who's played in the scheme before his entire career almost, and have coaches that know the scheme and not be just a new install, a new first year, that helps a lot."

It's helped Woods being reunited with Karl Scott, Minnesota's defensive backs coach who was once his position coach at Louisiana Tech.

"I think we had a little bit of an advantage (in landing Woods) with Karl Scott coaching him in college, number one," said Vikings coach

Mike Zimmer. "But he's a guy that's very, very smart, makes plays. He's been really outstanding with our football team."

As for Sunday's game, Adam Zimmer is fine with Woods having some extra incentive against his former team.

"Sometimes you get caught up in that," Adam Zimmer said. "It's your former team and you want to do really good against your former team, you always want to beat them. Every time I play one of the teams I coached for, I really want to beat them."

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SECTION 1A CROSS COUNTRY

# Turlington, Semling capture section titles

BY ALEX VANDENHOUTEN  
Post Bulletin

Kevin Turlington knew he just needed to be in contention when he got to the big hill at Northern Hills Golf Course right before the 2-mile mark.

He knew that would be the prime time to make his push.

When he got there on Thursday, there was no one in front of him and that's when he could begin to feel a potential Section 1A title.

"I was feeling good for sure and feeling pretty confident," Turlington said.

The final 1.1 miles was all Turlington, as he withstood the tough elements to win the Section 1A boys cross country championship with a time of 16 minutes, 50.6 seconds at cold and rainy Northern Hills.

Turlington's performance also helped the Eagles take second with 70 points, just behind Lewiston-Altura/Rushford-Peterson/Houston, which won the program's first section championship with 66 points. Lake City finished third (111).

LARPH's Tyler Rislov (16:57) and Andrew Hoiness (17:06.8) finished second and third, respectively, as they led a squad that saw five runners finish in the top 28.

Pine Island's Braxton Osterhaus (17:13) finished fourth, followed by Kingsland's Garrison



Lourdes senior Kevin Turlington reacts after winning Wednesday's Section 1A boys cross country championship at Northern Hills Golf Course in Rochester.

Alex VandenHouten / Post Bulletin

Hubka (17:16), Lake City's Reese Anderson (17:16.8), Winona Cotter's John Fritts (17:19.8), Chatfield's Logan Thompson (17:24.4) and Kingsland's Cole Kruegel (17:25.4). All six will run at the MSHSL state meet on Nov. 6 at St. Olaf College.

But it was Turlington who will enter the state meet as the Section 1A champ after a race that saw him pick his spots, being patient in the first mile before he and Rislov separated from the pack from there. Yet, Turlington found that extra gear in what was

difficult conditions.

"I mean I kinda like the rain," Turlington said with a laugh. "But I knew I had to keep pushing because I knew Tyler was behind me."

But the final half mile saw Turlington in cruise control as he beat Rislov by nearly 10 seconds. It will be Turlington's third state meet appearance but the fact that he gets to go with his team makes it that much more special.

"(Going to state as a team) was our first conversation as a whole team," Turlington said. "We knew we were going to be really capable of

that this year and we did it.

"It's just an exciting feeling."

**COTTER'S SEMLING A CHAMPION**

Just about from the start of Thursday's Section 1A girls cross country championship, it appeared it was Sonja Semling's race to lose.

The Winona Cotter freshman was impressive from the gun — not even allowing a slip and a slide down a big hill in her second mile from to keep her from putting on a show as she finished with a time of 20 minutes and

1.3 seconds — 20 seconds better than Lake City's Olivia Yotter — to win the Section 1A title.

Semling and fellow freshman teammate Hazel Freyre, who finished third (20:27.8), helped the Ramblers take second with 90 points, just behind Lake City, which will head to its third straight state meet after finishing first with 88. The Ramblers last made it to state in 2018 where they took third behind standouts Grace and Lauren Ping.

Chatfield finished third (97) followed by Pine Island (161) and Lourdes (163).

Lourdes' sophomore Abigail Oxentenko (20:37) finished fourth followed by Lanesboro/Fillmore Central's Lillyan Kiehne (20:38.8), Chatfield's Lexi Kivimagi (20:46.7), Lourdes' Anna Peikert (20:48.8), Jacey Majerus (20:52.8), La Crescent-Hokah's Lydia Rosendahl (20:56) and Pacelli's Kirsten Koopal (20:56). All will be heading to MSHSL state meet Nov. 6 at St. Olaf.

Thursday's race sort of emulated Semling's season so far — start fast, set the pace and never look back.

"I've been leading a lot of races this year," Semling said. "So we just tried my usual of taking the first spot and pacing myself enough to go out hard and also hitting my times."

Semling would also be the first to tell you she wishes she ran a faster time, but tricky conditions made that tough. After the boys race saw a light rain, the girls ran in a torrential downpour, making the course a muddy and slippery mess. It tested the best runners, even Semling, who slipped and slid down a hill a little over a mile into the race.

"That didn't feel good," Semling said. "It's pretty tough to race here, but my team has practiced a lot through here. We were here last year at sections with 22 mile per hour winds. But we thrive in tough conditions. And I think it makes it a lot more fun."

SECTION 1 CROSS COUNTRY

# P-E-M girls break new ground, qualify for state

Post Bulletin staff

FARIBAULT — Plainview-Elgin-Millville made some program history here Thursday.

The Bulldogs placed just one runner in the top 10 of the Section One, Class AA girls cross country meet, as junior MollyKate Hagen placed ninth (20:38.9).

But the strength of this P-E-M team is its high-end depth. The Bulldogs had five more runners finish in the top 25 and that helped the team win a section championship and advance to state for the first time as PEM.

According to Minnesota State High School League records, Elgin-Millville qualified for the girls state meet seven times, the last in 1989. Plainview also qualified for state seven times on its own, the last in 1996.

Now, they'll go as one program.

The Class AA girls state meet is set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

P-E-M finished with 80 points in Thursday's section meet, good for a 17-point win over runner-up Faribault,

which ran at its home course, at Alexander Park.

In addition to Hagen, P-E-M's scoring runners included Shanae Duncan (15th, 21:12.2); Macy Wozney (17th, 21:17.8); Madilyn Simon (18th, 21:20.1); and Brooklyn Staudacher (21st, 21:28.5).

As expected, Zumbrota-Mazeppa/Kenyon-Wanamingo's Natasha Sortland captured the section individual championship. The junior finished the race in 18:32.0, a full 28 seconds ahead of runner-up Ella Dufault of Waseca.

Other individuals who qualified for state include Red Wing's Nora Hanson, Kasson-Mantorville's Abigail Tri, Austin's Marissa Shute and Winona's Olivia Becker.

**SECTION 1AA BOYS**

Winona High used a nice combination of veteran runners and newcomers to run its way to the championship of the Section One, Class AA boys cross country meet on Thursday at Alexander Park.

The Winhawks had five runners place in

the top 21 and scored 77 points to capture the section title and earn the program's 16th trip to the state meet.

This will be Winona's second trip to state in the past five years, having gone most recently in 2017.

The Winhawks were led Thursday by junior Myles Rasmussen, who placed eighth in a time of 17:40.3. Their other scorers included seventh-grader Phineas Van Fossen (14th, 18:01.9); freshman Leo Lohnes (16th, 18:04.6); senior Brenden Full (21st, 18:17.2) and junior Jared Loos (22nd, 18:23.0).

Albert Lea finished as the team runner-up, with 88 points. Austin placed third (102) and Stewartville was a close fourth (103).

Winona and Albert Lea qualified to race as teams at next week's Class AA state meet. The AA boys race is set to begin at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Albert Lea's Gavin Hanke captured the section individual championship, finishing the 5k course in 16:57.9. He was the lone runner to break

17 minutes. Other area runners who qualified for state include Red Wing's Aaron Freier (3rd, 17:12.2); Kasson-Mantorville's David Obst (4th, 17:27.1); Stewartville's Josh Langseth (5th, 17:27.6) and Caleb Goff (7th, 17:28.1); and P-E-M's Baylor Hagen (6th, 17:27.7).

**SECTION 1AAA GIRLS**

OWATONNA — All three of Rochester's public high schools will be represented at next week's Class AAA state cross country meets.

Century had a pair of girls runners qualify for state during Thursday's Section 1AAA meet at Brooktree Golf Course, while John Marshall and Mayo both had one boys runner qualify for the AAA state meet.

Century will send a pair of young runners to state, as freshman Jazzlyn Hanenberger and eighth-grader Clara Rock both qualified for the Class AAA girls state meet, which is set for a 10:30 a.m. start on Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Hanenberger ran a strong race Thursday in Owatonna, placing

sixth overall in 19:13.89. Rock wasn't far behind, finishing in 12th place with a time of 19:54.26. A third Century runner, freshman Sophia Comfere, narrowly missed a trip to state. She placed 17th in 20:07.27, just one spot out of a state berth.

Farmington breezed to the section team championship, finishing with 38 points and three of the top seven individuals in the section. The Tigers were led by section runner-up Mackenzy Lippold (18:58.71). Lakeville South's Claire Vukovics captured the section championship, finishing in 18:50.56.

South finished as the team runner-up, while Century placed third. Mayo finished seventh and John Marshall eighth.

Mayo's top finisher was junior Catherine Stacy, who placed 25th (20:27.52), while JM was led by junior Ava Fevold (34th, 21:09.00).

**SECTION 1AAA BOYS**

Rochester John Marshall's Garrett Eick and Rochester Mayo's Ryan Gwaltney finished in a tight pack of runners near the front of the pack in

the Section 1AAA boys cross country race on Tuesday at Brooktree Golf Course.

They didn't have to wonder for long if they had extended their seasons.

Both runners safely qualified for the Class AAA boys state meet. Eick placed 10th in the section meet (16:52.43), while Gwaltney finished 12th (16:53.64).

They will run in the very first Class AAA state meet, on Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Cross country expanded to three classes this year, and the Class AAA boys race will be the first of the day next Saturday, set to start at 9:30 a.m.

Lakeville North (28 points) and Lakeville South (60) qualified as teams. North had the top three finishers in the meet, led by section champion Andrew Casey (16:07.64).

Century's top runner was Richard Kariuki, who placed 24th (17:22.78).

Mayo finished fifth in the team standings (138 points), followed by Century in sixth (147) and JM in seventh (160).

# Rochester players start strong at state tennis meet

Post Bulletin staff

MINNEAPOLIS — Things went according to plan for Century's doubles combination of senior Julia Baber and junior Paige Sargent, at least on the opening day of the state meet.

The star duo easily won both of its matches in the Class AA state girls tennis individual tournament on Thursday at the University of Minnesota's Baseline Tennis Center.

Baber/Sargent won 6-4, 6-2 in

the first round, then 6-1, 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

They played in the state semifinals Friday morning, their match still in progress when this edition of the Post Bulletin went to press.

Baber/Sargent reached the state championship match in 2019, ultimately landing second. There was no state tournament in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Baber/Sargent, seeded No. 2, took on Mounds View's No. 3 seed of Molly Austin

and Katerina Smircinschi in Friday's semifinals. The championship and third-place matches in doubles and singles followed, late Friday morning.

In singles, Mayo star freshman Claire Loftus was eliminated in the quarterfinals. Loftus, seeded fourth, lost to No. 5 seed Kelsey Phillips of Minnetonka, 6-1, 6-4. Loftus had won her first match 6-3, 6-0.

Stewartville freshman Chloe Regal lost 6-0, 6-0 in the first round to No. 2 seed Sarah Shahbaz of Minnetonka.

**LOURDES RIDING HIGH**

Lourdes junior Ryann Witter was in the running for a state Class A title in singles after Day 1 of state meet action at Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

On Thursday, Witter easily won both of her matches, 6-0, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-3.

The Lourdes' doubles team of sophomores Taylor Elliott and Elyse Palen — seeded first — also won both of their first two matches, They won 6-0, 6-0 in the first round and 6-3,

6-2 in the quarterfinals. Eagles doubles teammates Caroline Daly and Erin Witter lost in the first round, falling 6-1, 6-2 to No. 4 seed Aditi Nadkarni and Witt Mehbof of Breck.

The Eagles' talented players were set to play in the state semifinals Friday morning, with championships and third-place matches to follow.

For a full report from the final day of the Class A and AA state tennis meets, visit PostBulletin.com/sports/tennis





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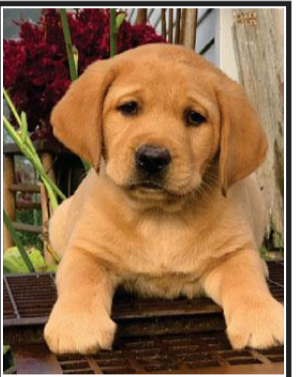
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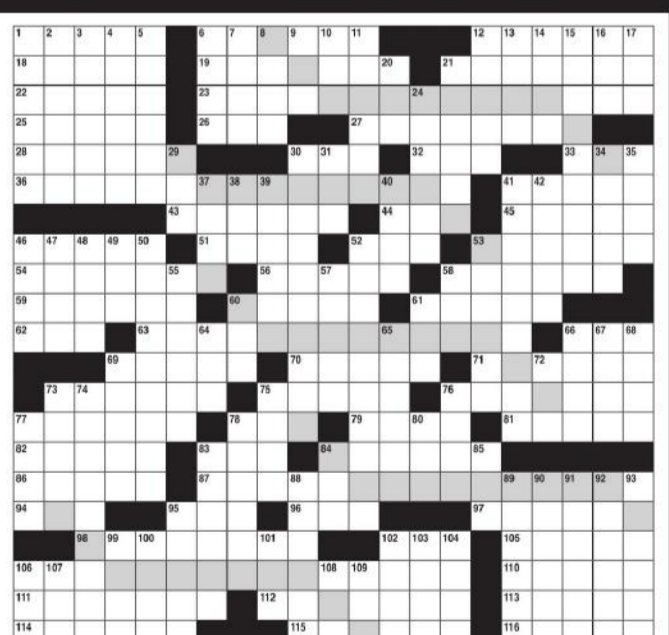
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New York Times Crossword Puzzle COMMON CORE BY JEFF CHEN PUZZLES EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jeff Chen is a writer and professional crossword constructor in Seattle. He has written a daily online review of the New York Times puzzle at XWord Info since 2013 — and helped many other constructors get published for the first time. His wife, Jill Denny, is an avid puzzle person, too. To date they have co-constructed five crosswords for the paper. — W.S.

- Across
1 Conveniently forgets to mention, maybe
6 Big name in investing
12 How many writers work
18 Ran out of patience
19 Meghan \_\_\_\_\_ Grammy's 2015 Best New Artist
21 Get warmed up
22 Word with water or Electric
23 Meaningful work?
25 Rock bottom
26 Special \_\_\_\_\_
27 Like TV's Niles Crane and Monica Geller
28 Their existence is debatable
30 Conflict in 2017's "Wonder Woman," in brief
32 Source of Supergirl's powers
33 Clothing line
36 Ballet supporter, e.g.
41 N.A.A.C.P. \_\_\_\_\_ Awards
43 REI competitor
44 Shout of support
45 Gamelan instruments
46 Unflappable
51 Basic point
52 Main squeeze, in modern lingo
53 Texas hold 'em pair nicknamed "ducks"
54 "\_\_\_\_\_ and Fugue in D Minor" (piece used in "Fantasia")
56 Lucifer
58 The "vice of narrow souls," per Balzac
59 Goddess who sprang from her father's head
60 Bibliophile : books :: oenophile : \_\_\_\_\_
61 "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism" author
62 Muck
63 Present without being present
66 Ship for 28-Across
69 Like a space cadet
70 Part of the body named after Dr. Ernst Gräfenberg
71 Accustomed (to)
73 On edibles, say
75 A shore thing
76 Posted one's thoughts
77 Makes a comeback?
78 Souvenir for a Final Four team
79 Ingredient in many balms
81 Hones
82 Lock
83 Company with an iconic yellow Running Man logo
84 "The Lion King" trio
86 Receiver of private instruction
87 Ritzly transports
94 Japanese prime minister before Suga
95 Hosp. diagnostic
96 Where Gal Gadot was born: Abbr.
97 Instigate
98 Once
102 Not worth a \_\_\_\_\_
105 Pal of Buzz Lightyear
106 You wouldn't want them to have a crush on you
110 Director DeMille
111 Chuck E. Cheeses, in part
112 One way to go
113 Better than
114 Off course
115 One of the Magi, along with Melchior and Balthazar
116 Designated things for bikes and buses
Down
1 "Sick burn!"
2 Peace Nobelist Yousafzai
3 Cry of success
4 More orderly
5 Fuel for a camp stove
6 Houston A.L.er
7 Field's yield
8 Macbeth trio
9 Golfer Michelle
10 Sight on an M. C. Escher
11 Balkan region
12 Director Welles
13 Fastidious
14 Feng \_\_\_\_\_
15 As things might happen
16 Something bottled in Cannes
17 Price abbr.
20 GPS recommendation: Abbr.
21 Look over
24 Get a move on
29 Kenan Thompson is its longest-tenured member, for short
30 Reminiscence about an epic party
31 Ming-Na who starred as Mulan in 1998's "Mulan"
34 Played a Halloween prank on
35 Pickle
37 Olympic gold-medal gymnast Korbut
38 Govt. agency that Jimmy Woo works for on "WandaVision"
39 Santiago of "Scandal"
40 Horse of a different color
41 "Aha!"
42 Sit shiva, e.g.
46 Male deer
47 Completely, after "in"
48 Diez menos dos
49 Most of Greenland
50 Like dim sum
52 One hitting the low notes
53 Name that means "God is my judge"
55 Some Chevy S.U.V.s
57 Present, e.g.
58 She/\_\_\_\_\_
60 Droll
61 Kid \_\_\_\_\_
64 Denouement
65 One who asks a lot of questions
66 The munchies, e.g.
67 Step 2?
68 Nine to five, for example
69 Animal on Ontario's coat of arms
72 "Not this again!"
73 Take out of the game
74 Law that led to a 1773 revolt
75 Actress Ward
76 Abacus piece
103 Only known animal to prey on great white sharks
104 Person calling tech support, say
106 Bleat
107 Some conjunctions
108 Summer worker, in brief?
109 French possessive (in mixed order)
• Breakfast side dish
• Compassionate
• Nickname for Mars
• Starts drinking
• Truly magnificent



Grid with letters and numbers for crossword puzzle solution.

# Gophers, Northwestern going different directions

Reuters

So far this year, it looks as if Minnesota and Northwestern have done a role reversal from last year in the Big Ten West.

When the teams meet today in Evanston, Ill., it will be a matter of whether the Golden Gophers can continue their ascent, or if the Wildcats can start a winning stretch going into the final month of the season.

After struggling last year in the pandemic-shortened year, Minnesota (5-2, 3-1 Big



Thomas



Irving

10) is tied for first with Iowa in the league standings and looks to be a contender to get to Indianapolis for the Big Ten championship game.

After winning the West division and appearing in the Big Ten championship game for a second time last year, Northwestern has had a

rough year, starting off 3-4 and 1-3 in league play. Minnesota enters red-hot, having won three straight since an upset loss at home to Bowling Green.

The Golden Gophers have since won at Purdue, at home against Nebraska, and last week, at home against Maryland (34-16).

Minnesota has been injury-riddled at running back all season, but new players keep stepping up.

Freshmen Ky Thomas and Mar'Keise Irving each ran for more than 100 yards against

Maryland, picking up the slack - and then some — for a depleted unit.

With star back Mohamed Ibrahim and backup Trey Potts out for the season with injuries, Thomas and Irving will be relied upon the rest of the year.

Thomas, who ran for 139 yards on 21 carries, in particular caught the eye of Minnesota head coach P.J. Fleck.

“He has matured more than anyone else on this football team in a short amount of time,” Fleck said. “If you would’ve told me last year that Ky Thomas would be our

starting running back this year, I wouldn’t think he would be ready for that with his maturity level. When you look at him now, he’s grown a lot.”

Helping the cause is that Minnesota has a veteran offensive line and one of the league’s top quarterbacks in Tanner Morgan.

“They’re physical,” Northwestern head

coach Pat Fitzgerald said of Minnesota. “I’m really impressed with both sides of the line of scrimmage.”

Northwestern is hoping to bounce back from a 33-7 loss at Michigan, the second time in three games Northwestern’s offense could muster only a touchdown on offense.

# ‘U’ women’s hockey team on a roll

BY JOHN SHIPLEY  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

The Gophers women’s hockey team is on a roll for the first time in a long time, winners of four straight and hot off a sweep at then-No. 3 Colgate in Hamilton, N.Y., as it plays at Bemidji for a pair of games this weekend.

Because of COVID issues, the Gophers played nine of their last 11 games of 2020-21 against top-ranked Wisconsin and No. 3 Ohio State and closed the season with a 3-7-1 run that kept them out of the NCAA tournament.

But the Gophers (5-3-0 overall, 3-3-0 WCHA) are in ascension, rising to No. 3 in both major polls this week after handing No. 5 Colgate (8-2-0) its first two losses.

“To be able to get on a little bit of a win streak, and get two big wins against a very good Colgate team, is really big for the program and everyone inside the locker room is feeling good,” fifth-year senior blue liner Emily Brown said. “But it’s also October, so there’s a long way to go. But it feels like we’re headed in the right direction.”

Looks like it, too. The

Gophers are 3-3-0 against Top 10 teams.

“They fly out there and beat them in their building, twice,” Bemidji State coach Jim Scanlan told reporters this week.

Friday’s game started at 3 p.m., after this edition of the Post Bulletin had gone to press. Today’s game is set for a 2 p.m. opening faceoff at Sanford Center.

The Gophers are using speed and size to keep opponents on their heels, and getting contributions from their senior class. Against Colgate, Brown (one), Abigail Boreen (three), Lake City native Taylor Heise

(two) and Amy Potomak (two) scored six of the Gophers’ eight goals.

“I love where we’re at,” said Gophers coach Brad Frost. “In big games, you have to have your big-time players step up, and that’s what they did last weekend.”

Minnesota is scoring an average of 4.0 goals in its last six games and spending a lot of time in opponents’ defensive zone.

“We want to come out fast and dictate our pace from the first puck drop,” Brown said. “We don’t want to be reactive, we want to be proactive and set the tone.”



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# Frightfully fun for Halloween

BY ANNE HALLIWELL  
Post Bulletin

Here are hauntingly good tunes, movies, trunk-or-treat events to keep every good ghoul and boy entertained this weekend.

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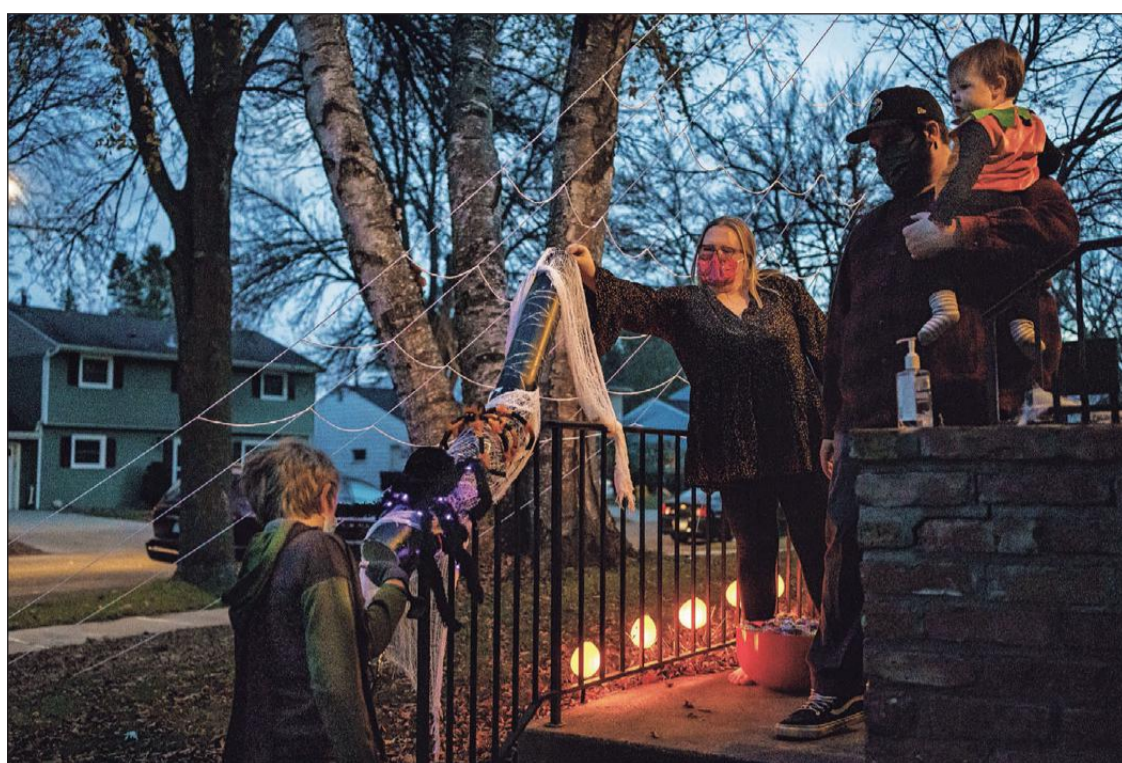
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**When:** 4-6 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Keepsake Cidery, 4609 135th St. E., Dundas



Caroline Hill, her husband, Jace, and son Henry, 1, send candy down a chute to create a safe candy distribution during trick-or-treating on Oct. 31, 2020, in Rochester.

Traci Westcott / Post Bulletin

**More Information:** mncider.com

Broadway Ave. S., Rochester  
**More Information:** facebook.com/TacoJEDRochMN

### Roll Over and Play Dead

Open mic and Grateful Dead tribute by Mark Thoreen, featuring Jackson and The Burn.  
**When:** 5:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Taco JED, 808 S.

### Halloween KBW

Twin Cities musicians Kalliah and BlackWater in the TI Casino Lounge.  
**When:** 8 p.m.-midnight,

Saturday.  
**Where:** Treasure Island Casino, 5734 Sturgeon Lake Road, Welch  
**More Information:** facebook.com/KalliahBlackWater

### Halloweenin' with Tom Schramm & the LPs

With prizes for the best costumes.  
**When:** 8 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** High Court Pub, 109 Parkway Ave. N, Lanesboro  
**More Information:** highcourtpub.com

### Halloween Bash with Nite Shift

Classic and contemporary rock.  
**When:** 9 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** North Star Bar, 503 Broadway Ave. N., Rochester  
**More Information:** northstarbar.net

## TRICKS AND TREATS

### Pumpkin Season at the Farm

"U-pick" pumpkin patch, squash, corn pit.  
**When:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Red Barn Learning Farm, 27251 Minnesota Hwy. 30, Hayfield  
**More Information:** redbarnlearningfarm.com

### Trunk or Treat

Costumes encouraged, dogs welcome. Free and open to all kids in the community, wheelchair accessible.  
**When:** 1-3 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Bear Creek Services,

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Contributed

A 30-by-11-foot projection screen will be the animated backdrop behind the "Stronger Together" performance.

# Lasers, avatars and dancers mix it up

BY JOHN SIEVERS  
For the Post Bulletin

Dressing for success might not usually involve wearing a motion capture suit studded with 19 sensors to send 3D data to a computer, but that's exactly what Kevin Dobbe's latest performance concept requires.

In collaboration with choreographer Katie Cook, Dobbe has envisioned a melding of art and technology offering a unique performance. The multifaceted project — "Stronger Together" — features animated avatars and live dancers executing complicated choreography as laser projection and hundreds of synchronized light cues create a 3D set on the Rochester Civic Theatre Stage.

Trained as composer and performer, Dobbe has been writing music and creating mixed-media performances that incorporate lighting and visual design along with actors and dancers since the 1980s.

He completed a Ph.D. in music and new media at the University of Minnesota in the '90s and, in addition to founding the Music Technology program at the Rochester Community and Technical College, has exhibited at the Rochester Art Center, written music for local ensembles like the Rochester Orchestra, and created permanent interactive installations for the University of Wisconsin.

Dobbe says that the "interconnection of the arts" is at the center of all his creative works. He sees the manipulation of traditional artistic tools like paint brushes and keyboards extending



Dobbe



Cook

into modern tools like computers and lighting.

After Dobbe first began imaging a performance that included creating with a motion capture suit, he met with Cook to consider what shape the performance might take. Dobbe and Cook first connected in 2014 during the performance of "Shadow and Light," a composition Dobbe was commissioned to write for the Choral Arts Ensemble. Cook was one of the lead dancers for the performance which included choir, handbells, and a dance ensemble.

Cook conceived the title "Stronger Together" for the project.

"My initial vision was to design a performance that brought the dance community together, featuring choreographers from numerous different dance schools and backgrounds," she said. "As the project expanded, the title began to encompass the desire to bring numerous art forms, and our community, together."

"Stronger Together" was created in part through funding from Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council Grants. The funds allowed the purchase of the motion capture suit and an eight-session dance teaching residency with the Boys and Girls Club culminating in attendance at a special performance of the show.

"These grants show that our society has collectively determined

## If you go

**WHAT:** "Stronger Together"

**WHERE:** Rochester Civic Theatre

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Nov. 6.

**TICKETS:** \$18 available at www.onthestage.tickets/show/rochester-civic-theatre/stronger-together-2774

that the arts are of value and are worth supporting," said Dobbe.

Cook's portion of the choreography will focus on Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" while dancers and collaborators Amanda Moder and Laura Watkins have respectively choreographed segments from Bach's Cello Suites and "Entropy," a piece composed by Lucas Sanner, a dance and composition student at St. Olaf College.

The performance will also include a group of dancers from grades six through 12 who auditioned and have been rehearsing together since September.

For the motion capture segments of the performance, Dobbe worked with the father and son team of Aaron and Jerry Shannon. Aaron, the current director of the RCTC Music Technology program and a former graduate from it, and his son, a student at Century High School, learned the software and served as technicians to capture the motions of Moder and Watkins dancing while wearing the motion capture suits.

"Think of the movie 'Avatar,'" says Dobbe, as he explains how their motions were assigned to a skeleton that will help create an animated dance character "Mother Nature" that will be re-projected on the 30-by-11-foot screen during the performance.

Dobbe's creative

process for creating the video projections includes using "Unreal Engine," a computer programming software that helps produce video games like "Fortnite." For some portions of the performance, Dobbe has designed live camera inputs to create visualizations of the music.

"The movement of the live dancers on the stage will be fed into a computer program running the projections and superimpose the motion of the live dancers over the projection," he said. "Thus, the live motion of the dancers will 'paint' the backdrop of the projection scene."

The software program that Dobbe wrote for the show will coordinate the digital elements of the performance. The video projections, camera inputs, music, and more than 200 light cues will be automated by Dobbe's program. He says it allows "for synchronization that could not be achieved by a live lighting operator."

Beside displaying the power of new possibilities and synergies by integrating different arts, Dobbe says "Stronger Together" speaks to our current experiences.

"For me," he said, "it is a reflection and reaction to what all of us have experienced over the past 18 months, not only as individuals, but as creative artists, and as a society."

# PB's holiday cookie contest makes a comeback

Post Bulletin staff reports

Don't be fooled by warm, sunny days — the holidays are creeping ever closer, which means one thing: The annual Post Bulletin Holiday Cookie Contest is soon at hand.

Now is the time to go through all the loose recipes jammed into that kitchen drawer, as well as the notes you've scribbled to yourself about holiday favorites and the special cookies you've baked in the past.

COVID-19 put the traditional contest on pause last year.

But we're back this year to what we've done in the past: you send in your chosen recipe, snail mail or e-mail, we pick finalists, those chosen then bake and bring them in for judging. Our panel of judges tastes and ranks them.

We'll award some prizes and share the recipes with readers.

Deadline for recipes to be submitted is Nov. 17. Finalists will be notified by Nov. 19 and judging will take place Nov. 22. Winners will be notified that day. The recipes will be published Dec. 7.

Send recipes via email to news@postbulletin.com. Please put 'Cookie Recipe' in the subject line. Or send recipes through the postal service to Post Bulletin Cookie Contest, 1700 Greenview Drive SW, Rochester, MN 55902. Recipes MUST be received by Nov. 17.

One thing to remember: No matter how wonderful your chocolate chip cookies are, that's not what we want. Recipes must be for holiday cookies.

So bring out the butter, flour and sugar and get those ovens warming up.



Triple Chocolate Candy Cane cookie by Patti Feuerhelm.

# Halloween

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3108 U.S. 52 N, Rochester  
**More Information:** bearcreekservices.org

## "Jesus is the Real Treat!"

Free, candy passed out by masked, socially distanced participants.  
**When:** 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Evangel United Methodist Church, 2645 N Broadway, Rochester  
**More Information:** facebook.com

## Trunk or Treat

All families invited. Donations benefit youth trips.  
**When:** 3-5 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Bethel Lutheran Church Rochester, 810 Third Ave. SE, Rochester  
**More Information:** facebook.com/bethelrochester

## Trunk or Treat

Masks and social distancing required.  
**When:** 2-3 p.m. Sunday  
**Where:** Peace United Church of Christ, 1503 Second Ave. NE, Rochester  
**More Information:** peacechurchucc.org

## Community Halloween Trick or Treat

Arrive on the Community Education side of the building and follow the signs to trick-or-treat in the building. Outside if the weather permits. Free, no need to register.  
**When:** 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday  
**Where:** Kasson-Mantorville Community Education, 606 16th St. NE, Kasson  
**More Information:** facebook.com/KMCommunityEducation

## 2021 Halloween Drive-thru Trunk-n-Treat

Stay in your car and collect treats as you drive through the parking lot.  
**When:** 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday  
**Where:** Rochester Masonic Lodge, 2002 Second St. SW, Rochester  
**More Information:** facebook.com/RochesterLodge21

## Trick or Treating at Madonna Towers

Residents will hand out candy to costumed, masked kids. Participants required to screen in.  
**When:** 4-5 p.m. Sunday  
**Where:** Benedictine Living Community-Rochester, 4001 19th Ave. NW, Rochester  
**More Information:** benedictineliving.org

## GHOULISH GATHERINGS

## Boo at the Zoo

Trick or treat at

the front desk, watch a naturalist give zoo animals pumpkins to play with at 1 p.m.  
**When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Oxbow Park & Zollman Zoo, 5731 County Road 105 NW, Byron  
**More Information:** olmstedcounty.gov

## Ridgefest

Games, petting zoo, treats, chili cook-off, bounce house, and pumpkin launching.  
**When:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Autumn Ridge Church, 3611 Salem Road SW, Rochester  
**More Information:** ridgefest.net

## Halloween Costume Party 2021

Wear a costume, get a free "Stella." Candy for trick-or-treaters.  
**When:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Thirsty Belgian, 2650 Broadway Ave. S, Rochester  
**More Information:** facebook.com/thirstybelgianmn

## Fall Fest

Free for members and the general public.  
**When:** 1 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Red Wing Family YMCA, 434 Main St., Red Wing  
**More Information:** redwingymca.org

## Halloween Bash 2021

Bri Craiglow art show, free Halloween-themed canvas, food and drink, raffle ticket provided with entry fee.  
**When:** 6-9 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Throw N Paint Studios, 902 Broadway Ave. N, Rochester  
**More Information:** throwpaintstudios.com

## What: Halloween Karaoke Bash

Free "Drunk Witch" brew with costumed entrance.  
**When:** 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday  
**Where:** Charlie's Eatery and Pub, 1654 U.S. 52 N, Rochester  
**More Information:** charlieseateryandpub.com

## 7th annual Halloween Hootenanny

\$15, two bands in a wood stove-heated shed. BYOB - mixers and non-alcoholic beverages available on-site.  
**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** The Farm, 3401 Collegeview Road SE, Rochester  
**More Information:** eventbrite.com

## Halloween Party and Costume Contest

West Central Entertainment and DJ entertainment, plus prizes.  
**When:** 8:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Shar's Country Palace, 3925 Marion Road SE, Rochester  
**More Information:** facebook.com/midbestentertainment

## SCARY SHOWS

## Haunted Theatre

Rochester theater becomes a "haunted attraction designed to entertain and frighten," with live actors.  
**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday  
**Where:** Rochester Civic Theatre, 30 Civic Center Drive, Rochester.  
**More Information:** rochestercivictheatre.org, 507-282-8481

## BooFest Movie Nights

Showing of Hotel Transylvania 3 benefitting Rochester Public School

Foundation. Concessions and food for sale.  
**When:** 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Olmsted County Fairgrounds, 112 Arena Drive SE, Rochester  
**More Information:** eventbrite.com

## Almost Amish CarnEVIL

Ages 21 and up, costume and proof of vaccination required for entry.  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Chatfield Center for the Arts, 405 Main St. S, Chatfield  
**More Information:** facebook.com

## Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

Let's do the time warp! Tickets \$7, participation packs \$10, available at the door.  
**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Paramount Theatre, 125 Fourth Ave. NE, Austin  
**More Information:** austinareaarts.org

## FRIGHTENING FESTIVITIES

## Spooky Art Market

Eight vendors and music by DJ Laidee P.  
**When:** 6 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Canvas & Chardonnay, 317 Broadway Ave. S, Rochester  
**More Information:** facebook.com

## Cave Tour

Spooky look at Quarry Hill's history as the grounds of the Rochester State Hospital.  
**When:** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday  
**Where:** Quarry Hill Nature Center, 701 Silver Creek Road NE, Rochester  
**More Information:** qhnc.org

Contact reporter Anne Halliwell at ahalliwell@postbulletin.com.

# ANNIVERSARY



## Cheers to 65 years

Dr. William Baldus & Eleanor (Bernard) Baldus celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Oct. 13. They married in 1956 at St. Lawrence Church in Milwaukee, WI. They met in a college speech class at Marquette University where they were seated alphabetically. Their secrets to a long & happy marriage? Each person gives 100% & treats each other with love every day. Lovingly nicknamed Polly & Gumbo, Ellie & Bill have five children; Mary Clare, Janey, Suz, Bill & Laura, 11 grandchildren & 4 great-grandchildren all send blessings & congratulations.

# ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU



**Thank you**  
Thank you families, relatives, neighbors, friends, and classmates for making my 80th birthday party a huge success. Thank you for the gifts of money, cards, flowers and presents. Thank you to Bennetts for the delicious food and cake. Thank you to all who attended the party.  
Rosy Krier

## 60th Anniversary

Boots and Kate Hansen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and Kate's 80th birthday in July. Their children have planned a family celebration for this Fall.

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# HEALTHY, POSTMENOPAUSAL WOMEN NEEDED FOR AGING RESEARCH

Mayo Clinic is seeking healthy women volunteers, ages 60 and older, to participate in a research study. The purpose of this study is to learn if new study medications can help reduce markers of aging. Additionally, we are testing whether intermittent treatment with these medications improves bone health and potentially reduces the risk of osteoporosis.

**YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IF:**  
• You are at least 60 years old, a female, and healthy.

Study participation will last for about 5 months and includes 8 visits. We will ask you to complete blood draws, bone density testing, questionnaires, and other tests to determine eligibility. Remuneration will be offered.

For more information, contact a member of the study team at (507) 538-6023 or by email [volkman.tammie@mayo.edu](mailto:volkman.tammie@mayo.edu)



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

offers tax assistance to low income and elderly taxpayers

If you like to work with computers and enjoy helping people, please email [VITA Volunteer Recruiters at RochesterTaxVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:VITA Volunteer Recruiters at RochesterTaxVolunteers@gmail.com) for more information.

**We need you to join our "people helping people."**

Volunteer tax preparers, trained in IRS and MN taxes, devote 4-16 hours per week, February 1 to April 15. Training begins in Dec/Jan timeframe.

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# There are reforms still to be made to better the Church

Reformation Day is an annual invitation to thoughtfully engage in the transformation of the world around us.

Individually and collectively, we have the power (and responsibility) to initiate the kinds of reforms that contribute to more just and compassionate environments. That's the spirit of the Reformation.

On Oct. 31, every year, we commemorate Reformation Day. It was on Oct. 31, 1517, that a monk named Martin Luther nailed a list of theological concerns to the door of a prominent church in Germany. This was a common practice at the time and a way of offering up topics for scholarly debate. Luther hoped that his writing would provoke important conversations that would lead to changes across the whole Church.

Many historians consider Luther's actions that day to be the beginning of the 16th-century Reformation, which led to Protestantism.

It is imperative to note that the spirit of Reformation Day is not about the superiority of any denomination or group. Instead, it's our shared chance to reconnect with the meaning of the word "reform" which is "to shape again."

Reformation Day calls us all to take an active posture in



**HOLY EVERYTHING**  
Emily Carson

the shaping of the communities and congregations of which we are a part. Instead of becoming disgruntled and bitter, the spirit of the Reformation is one that calls us to stay connected and go deeper.

Sometimes the thought of enacting or provoking important change seems like too much work and too much risk.

Reformation Day compels us to do what we can in the quest of becoming a more equitable, Gospel-oriented world. As we participate in the ongoing reforming opportunities that will always be part of life, we are called to act on our convictions, engage in productive dialogue, and practice humility.

It's the spirit of the Reformation that compels us to pull another chair up to the table and sit with tension rather than looking for an immediate remedy.

As part of my job, each Sunday I'm in a different congregation somewhere in southeastern Minnesota. In this region, many congregations were founded by immigrants in the mid- and late 1800s.

These communities of faith often worshipped exclusively in the language of the immigrants who founded them until the 1920s when services began to be offered in both English and the native language of the original members.

Expanding access to worship by increasing the languages in which the services took place was a reforming act.

Nowadays, we can continue to prioritize accessibility. The spirit of the Reformation can compel us to prioritize the creation of worship communities and physical spaces that are welcoming of neurodiverse people as well as those with physical disabilities, transportation limitations and language barriers.

In the third verse of the hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," the author, Joachim Neander, writes, "Ponder anew what the Almighty can do." This sort of pondering often creates the inspiration that leads to reforms in the Church and beyond.

As we reflect on God's activity in the world, we begin to recognize the ways we can compassionately contribute to the ongoing efforts that will lead us forward.

Grace, courage and conviction to you this Reformation Day!

Emily Carson is a Lutheran pastor. Visit her website, emilyannecarson.com.

# Saints are our models for doing service

In July, I attended the funeral of a dear friend. During the eulogy, her son shared a conversation he had with his mom a few short years ago. Mom asked him if it was the guns that encouraged him to join the military. He thought for a minute and said, "No mom, it was not the guns. It was because you always taught us to be of service to others."

Many of us, as parents, can think of a multitude of other life lessons we need to teach our children, but this military colonel decided to highlight his mom's commitment to service. He then went on to talk about her devotion to her husband, her children and beloved grandchildren.

Service to others was central to Jesus' ministry. If you remember the famous passage in the Gospel of John, Jesus takes off his outer garment and washes his disciples' feet before the Last Supper. To do



**FROM THE PULPIT**  
Mark Nuehring

this was a huge sign of humility for Jesus as he was providing an example for the disciples and us to follow.

Doing service for others is not drudgery, but an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

The Catholic Church has many examples of people who have followed in Jesus' footsteps and, in doing so, have become models for us in how to live lives of service. We call them saints.

Many of us are aware of Mother Theresa, a wonderful example of a person of faith who devoted her life to serving the poor of Calcutta, India. She did not start out knowing that was her mission or life's work, but recognized Jesus in

the poor and wanted to make a difference. She is now recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church.

Another notable saint is Francis of Assisi. St. Francis recognized, as a young person, that there was more to life than the superficial fun of his youth. He turned away from the wealth of his family and began a life of service to the poor and care for the environment.

The recognized saints in the Catholic Church help us see what is possible for our life of service. Their faithful service encourages us to become the best versions of ourselves.

The world needs more people of service.

The world needs more caring people making a positive difference in the world.

The world needs YOU.

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## FAITH FOCUS

### CHERRY GROVE COWBOY CHURCH WILL BE HELD NOV. 7

SPRING VALLEY – Cherry Grove United Methodist Church will have "Cowboy Church" on Nov. 7.

Music starts at 5:45 p.m., and the service begins at 6.

In addition to gospel music, there will be a tribute to Veterans Day.

Cowboy Church is nondenominational and another way of spreading God's message through music. The service includes a mix of country, Christian country, cowboy and Southern gospel, and bluegrass music.

Musicians are welcome and should contact Cindy Seabright at [seabright.cindy@gmail.com](mailto:seabright.cindy@gmail.com) or 507-272-1682 one week prior to the first Sunday-of-the-month service.

Cherry Grove United Methodist is at 18183 160th St., in the small community of Cherry Grove, rural Spring Valley

The public is invited.

Send event information to [life@postbulletin.com](mailto:life@postbulletin.com) with "Faith Focus" in the subject line, or mail it to Faith Focus, Post Bulletin, 1700 Greenview Drive SW, Rochester, MN 55902. Be sure to include locations and contact information.

## PUZZLES | OCTOBER 30, 2021

### BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 4  
♥ A 10 9 7  
♦ Q J 7 2  
♣ A K 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ Q 7 3  
♥ Q 5 4 3  
♦ 4  
♣ Q 10 8 6 2

**EAST**  
♠ A K 10 9 8 5 2  
♥ J 2  
♦ 6 5  
♣ 9 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 6  
♥ K 8 6  
♦ A K 10 9 8 3  
♣ J 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 1♥ 3♠  
Pass Pass 4♣ Pass  
4♦ Pass 6♦  
Opening lead — three of spades.

One of the qualities that distinguishes the expert declarer from other mortals is his ability to visualize what the position will look like, say, 10 tricks into the play of the hand. Only extensive experience and an aptitude for long-range planning enable a player to make such projections, but being able to do so can pay big dividends.

Consider this deal where South realized at trick one that virtually his only chance for the ambitious slam undertaking was

to execute a squeeze. This would require the defender who held the majority of the missing clubs to also hold the majority of the missing hearts, but since there seemed to be no better prospect, South set all his sights on this one objective.

Accordingly, after East won the opening spade lead and shifted to a trump, declarer took the return in his hand, ruffed a spade in dummy, played another trump, cashed the A-K of clubs and ruffed a club. He then led two more rounds of trump, producing this position:

North ♠ A 10 9 ♣ 4

West ♥ Q 5 4 ♣ Q

East ♠ A 10 ♥ J 2

South ♥ K 8 6 ♦ 9

When declarer now led his last trump, West could not discard either a club or a heart without presenting South with his 12th trick. The long-range plan, projected at trick one, paid premium dividends at trick 10.

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### JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

## JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GAAED

ASRHH

EEECXD

DRSUIA

Answers Monday

Yesterday's Jumbles: WITCH XENON TROPIC MUTANT  
Answer: Jumble was invented in 1954, so it can be hard finding new words to — PUT INTO THE MIX

### SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

### YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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7 3 4 8 1 9 6 5 2

### CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- Zilch
  - Be boastful
  - Out of bed
  - Company symbols
  - Disturbed
  - In the know
  - Halloween scarers
  - Pewter component
  - Urgent call
  - Halloween scarers
  - Snare
  - Tortois's rival
  - Eat away
  - Opera piece
  - Settle by yeas and nays
  - Halloween scarers
  - Train stop: Abbr.
  - Band blaster
  - Halloween scarers
  - Black card
  - Welcome
  - Energy choice
  - Abrasive powder
  - Unexciting
  - Houston and Rayburn

- DOWN**
- Japan, to the Japanese
  - Help out
  - Some bucks
  - Dove's stance

### YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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- Explosion
- Squabble
- Christie of mysteries
- More gruesome
- Charlotte — (rich dessert)
- Reason
- Capsize
- Trumpeter Baker
- Paper pack
- Rx amounts
- Accumulate
- Drunkard, in slang
- African runner
- High regard
- Everyone else
- Mean
- "If — a Rich Man"
- "— La Douce"
- River stopper

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PUZZLES | NOVEMBER 2, 2021

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠8 7 5, ♥J 10 7, ♦A Q J 10, ♣9 7 2. WEST: ♠A Q J 9, ♥K 2, ♦8 6 5 4, ♣Q J 10. EAST: ♠K 10 6 3 2, ♥5 3, ♦K 7 2, ♣8 6 4. SOUTH: ♠4, ♥A Q 9 8 6 4, ♦9 3, ♣A K 5 3. The bidding: West 1♠, North Pass, East 2♠, South 3♥. Opening lead — queen of clubs.

"Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies." So cried a famous French general to Louis XIV long before bridge was invented. After an inspired but unsuccessful attempt to defeat four hearts on this deal, East knew exactly how the general felt.

West led a club, and South could see at once that he would make the contract unless he lost both red-suit finesses. After taking the club lead with the ace, South tried a diamond finesse at trick two, losing the ten to East's king.

East now went into a long huddle, trying to work out South's distribution and find the best defense. He knew from the open-

ing lead that declarer had the A-K of clubs, and he also knew from the bidding that South had at least six hearts.

East concluded that there was no hope for the defense unless his side could collect a spade, a club and a trump trick in addition to the diamond trick already won. So East led the king of spades, planning next to shift to a club and in that way eventually score one trick in each suit.

The spade lead at this point was vital, since otherwise South would shed his (assumed) spade loser on dummy's third diamond. Furthermore, a low spade lead from East could prove disastrous because West, unaware that declarer had only one spade, might try to cash a second spade.

East's thoughtful defense would have succeeded had West, alas, not interfered with it. So delighted was West by the king-of-spades return that he joyfully overtook the king with the ace and continued with the queen. South ruffed, played the ace and a low heart, and later discarded two clubs on dummy's diamonds to make the contract.

The French general was indeed correct. East's defense would have overcome his enemy, South, but he could not protect himself from his supposed friend, West.

Tomorrow: Anticipatory declarer play. (c)2020 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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.

11-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

BYO DOTM KSCQ SW MJQ VIQTQWM, KLOWXJ BYOITQKN YW QCQIB ZLCQ, NSWA BYOI QMQIWSMB SW QLXJ DYDQWM.

— JQWIB ALCSA MJYIQLQ Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS. YOU CAN'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM ALL YOURSELF. — ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

PUZZLES | NOVEMBER 3, 2021

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠A 4 2, ♥A 10 4 3, ♦K Q 5 3, ♣A Q. WEST: ♠Q 10 8 3, ♥9 6, ♦J 9 8 2, ♣K 7 4. EAST: ♠K 7 6 5, ♥K 8 7 2, ♦10 6, ♣8 5 2. SOUTH: ♠J 9, ♥Q J 5, ♦A 7 4, ♣J 10 9 6 3. The bidding: North 1♦, East Pass, South 1NT, West Pass. Opening lead — three of spades.

Declarer frequently cannot avoid betraying his intentions as he proceeds with the play, making it easier for the defenders to frustrate his plan.

Here is a typical case. South is in three notrump, and West leads a spade. East wins with the king and returns the spade five, West covering declarer's jack with the queen. Let's assume declarer ducks again, wins the spade continuation with the ace and plays the A-Q of clubs.

If West were an obliging soul, he would take the club queen with the king and cash his spade trick. But that would be the last trick for the defense, since South would then score four clubs, three diamonds, a

heart and a spade for nine tricks.

If West were a more ornery critter, though, he would not take the queen of clubs with the king, and South would eventually fail. He would go down one after leading a diamond to the ace and attempting a heart finesse, losing three spades, a heart and a club all told.

However, there's another side to the story. South should realize that playing the A-Q of clubs is tantamount to shouting from the rooftops that he has a string of clubs ready to run after the king is gone.

So, to counteract the possibility of uncooperative defense, South should lead the queen of clubs rather than the ace at trick four. If he does this, he gets home safely, whether or not the queen is ducked.

If the queen is refused, declarer next leads a diamond to the ace and tries the heart finesse. In the actual deal, the heart finesse loses, but South finishes with one spade, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs to come to nine tricks. In the process, West's king of clubs simply goes up in smoke.

Tomorrow: Making the most of your chances. (c)2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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11-3 CRYPTOQUOTE

KNNPV VWLMU NM WEDHF HVPLMU NK NXXNFWJMHWDV LMU PNG WNSLFU LMNWEDF PLMU. — EDMFZ ULTHU WENFDLJ

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU MUST LIVE IN THE PRESENT, LAUNCH YOURSELF ON EVERY WAVE, FIND YOUR ETERNITY IN EACH MOMENT. — HENRY DAVID THOREAU

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble words: IVDIV, LYEAL, ESYPEL, AWELYE. Each word is in a grid of squares with some letters circled.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow: (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: ABACK PETTY SQUASH FIGURE Answer: She was learning to write the first letter of the alphabet and got — STRAIGHT A'S

SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in. Difficulty rating: ★★☆☆☆.

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION: 1 8 9 6 7 3 4 2 5, 3 5 7 8 2 4 1 6 9, 6 2 4 5 1 9 3 7 8, 8 1 5 9 4 7 6 3 2, 7 3 2 1 6 8 5 9 4, 9 4 6 3 5 2 8 1 7, 5 9 1 2 8 6 7 4 3, 2 7 8 4 3 1 9 5 6, 4 6 3 7 9 5 2 8 1

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Sandbox toys
6 Accumulate
11 MacDowell of "Groundhog Day"
12 Sold for
13 Activating, in a way
15 Light brown
16 Fish eggs
17 "... man - mouse?"
18 Pencil ends
20 Mouse's cousin
21 Greek vowel
22 Heroic tale
23 Fire-fighting needs
26 Rx amounts
27 Important times
28 Spider's home
29 Boxing great
30 Sicilian wine
34 June honoree
35 Smart - whip
36 Tennis hit
37 Turning informer against
40 Funny Murphy
41 Rental contract
42 Animated characters
43 Ranch animal

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid for yesterday's crossword answer with words filled in.

- 4 Set fire to
5 Classified stuff
6 Zodiac ram
7 Fellow
8 Some cats and rabbits
9 Attic use
10 Orchestra pieces
14 Circle dance
19 Spots
22 Laments loudly
23 Telemarketer's aid
24 Magic setting
25 Tied the knot
26 Fouls up, as plans
28 Scrub
30 Spiked clubs
31 Pond growth
32 Unfettered
33 The Yokum boy
38 Pewter component
39 Hoop attachment

DOWN

- 1 Cut's counterpart
2 Egypt's Sadat
3 Menzel of "Frozen"

Crossword grid with some numbers filled in.

11-2

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

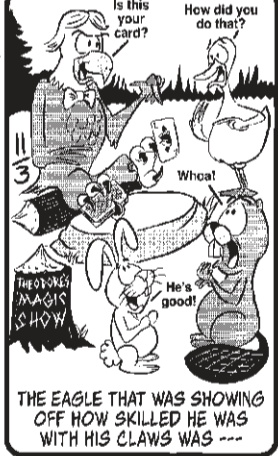
JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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Jumble words: INAAG, TIYDT, LEMSLY, DTEOMS. Each word is in a grid of squares with some letters circled.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow: (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: VIVID ALLEY SLEEPY LEEWAY Answer: Autumn is the time of year when the — LEAVES LEAVE

SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in. Difficulty rating: ★★☆☆☆.

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION: 7 6 2 9 5 1 3 4 8, 9 8 5 7 3 4 1 6 2, 1 3 4 2 8 6 9 7 5, 4 2 3 1 7 5 8 9 6, 8 7 6 3 9 2 4 5 1, 5 9 1 4 6 8 2 3 7, 6 5 9 8 1 3 7 2 4, 2 1 7 6 4 9 5 8 3, 3 4 8 5 2 7 6 1 9

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Muffler's kin
6 Set eyes on
10 Camp craft
11 Grab
12 Stomach
13 Hawk's grabber
14 Los Angeles team
15 Fashionable rooms
16 History stretch
17 Decline
18 Kicker's aid
19 Made out
22 Writer Morrison
23 Shower need
26 Blue
29 Pussy foot
32 D.C. player
33 Black goo
34 Inane behavior
36 Prudent
37 Tuba part
38 Eastern monks
39 Eyes
40 Makes smooth
41 Sign of sorrow
42 Irritable

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid for yesterday's crossword answer with words filled in.

- 4 Reactor parts
5 Clinic cost
6 Barking beast
7 Cockpit worker
8 UV stopper
9 High-strung
11 Play site
15 Plunked down
17 Academic studies
20 Finish
21 Clinic VIP
24 Occasionally
25 Lowly farmer
27 Crested bird
28 Formal
29 Swivel
30 Wise words
31 Writer Cather
35 Finished
36 Surfer's ride
38 Rent out

DOWN

- 1 In a panic
2 Berlin-based musical
3 Lively, in music

Crossword grid with some numbers filled in.

11-3

PUZZLES | NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: A K 10, Q 9 6, A 8 7, A K 8 2. WEST: Q 7 6 4 3 2, 3 2, 5, J 7 4 3. EAST: J 9 8 5, A, K J 10 6 4 3, Q 10. SOUTH: K J 10 8 7 5 4, Q 9 2, 9 6 5.

The A-K of spades and ruffing a spade, South cashed the K-A of clubs and ruffed a club. He was hoping the clubs would be divided 3-3, in which case he would have had smooth sailing the rest of the way.

But East showed out on the third club, discarding a diamond, and South was left with only one more hope -- that East had started with the singleton ace of trump. South's prayers were quickly answered.

When he next led a trump, poor East was forced to win with the ace and had to return a diamond, allowing South to score the queen. As a result, South lost only one trump trick and so made the slam.

Had West led a diamond initially, there would have been no way for South to make the contract. In general, it is much safer to lead partner's suit than to make a blind lead in another suit, unless the circumstances strongly indicate otherwise.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

Some contracts stand or fall essentially on the opening lead. Consider this deal where South got to six hearts on the bidding shown.

South made the slam after West chose a spade as his opening lead. West reasoned that -- given the bidding -- his opponents were prepared to cope with a diamond lead, the suit East had bid, so he decided to surprise them by leading a spade.

This highly speculative lead did not work out well when declarer proceeded to make the most of his chances. After discarding a diamond and a club on

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11-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

UPTQTONN PN EMO ZVTBRVBO

AMPJM EMO QOVL JVT MOVK

VTQ EMO CZPTQ JVT NOO.

XVKU EAVPT

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FOOLS STAND ON THEIR ISLAND OF OPPORTUNITIES AND LOOK TOWARD ANOTHER LAND. — HENRY DAVID THOREAU

PUZZLES | NOVEMBER 5, 2021

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

Assume you are the dealer. What would you bid with each of the following hands?

- 1. ♠ 10 ♥ A8542 ♦ AKQJ6 ♣ 74
2. ♠ K8 ♥ 1094 ♦ KQ862 ♣ AKJ
3. ♠ 5 ♥ AQ1083 ♦ AJ8762 ♣ 5
4. ♠ KJ7 ♥ KQ8 ♦ A109 ♣ KQ86

Bidding quiz

1. One heart. It would clearly be wrong to open one diamond simply because it is the stronger suit. Since the majority of hands end up in a suit contract, every effort should be made to represent suit length correctly so that the partnership will wind up in the suit in which it holds the most cards.

The most efficient way of attaining this goal when holding two five-card suits is to bid the higher-ranking suit first -- regardless of strength -- with the intention of subsequently bidding the lower-ranking suit twice. This will give partner a choice of suits at the same level. If you were to bid diamonds first, followed by hearts, the same would not be true.

2. One notrump. It is far better to open with one notrump than one diamond. The notrump bid has the huge advantage of immediately describing a balanced hand with 15 to 17 points and stoppers in at least three suits, not to mention the incidental advantage of making it more difficult for the opposition to enter the bidding.

A diamond opening is likely to create later bidding problems. For example, if partner responded

with one heart or one spade, you'd be faced with a problem that has no satisfactory solution.

3. One heart. This hand represents an exception to the rule laid out in the first problem. Since it barely qualifies as an opening bid, an effort should be made to keep the bidding as low as possible. This can best be accomplished by starting with one heart. Then, if partner makes the expected response of one spade or one notrump, you can comfortably bid two diamonds, permitting the contract to be played at that level in either red suit.

Observe that if you start with one diamond and get a one-spade or one-notrump response, your hand is not nearly good enough to "reverse" into two hearts, which would show at least 17 points.

4. One club. This looks very much like a one-notrump bid, but you can't make that bid with 18 points.

It may seem harmless to exceed the normal limit by only a point, but one mustn't forget that partner's responses are geared to a 15- to 17-point spread. A game or slam could easily be missed if the point-count range became elastic at the whim of the opener. The extra values above an opening one-notrump bid can be shown by jumping to two notrump at your next turn.

Tomorrow: Thirteen -- the magic number.

CRYPTOQUOTE | KING FEATURES

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11-5 CRYPTOQUOTE

ZUA DFGZ ZUA DWAGAMZ FMT

ZUA QYZYWA FWA WAFBBC

EMA: ZUAC FWA ZETFC.

UFWWJAZ IAARUAW GZEPA

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: KINDNESS IS THE LANGUAGE WHICH THE DEAF CAN HEAR AND THE BLIND CAN SEE. — MARK TWAIN

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CLEXE

NLECO

SMPHIA

RUUSEN

Print answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



GETTING PRESENTS WAS GREAT, BUT WHAT SHE LOVED MOST WAS EVERYONE'S

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: AGAIN DITTY SMELLY MODEST
Answer: The eagle that was showing off how skilled he was with his claws was -- "TALON-TED"

SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

11/4 Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 6, 9, 5, 1, 3, 9, 2, 8, 9, 2, 5, 7, 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 7, 6, 2, 3, 4, 9, 8, 1, 2.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION: 4 2 1 8 9 5 3 7 6, 3 7 5 1 6 2 8 4 9, 8 9 6 3 7 4 5 2 1, 9 4 2 7 5 1 6 3 8, 5 3 8 4 2 6 9 1 7, 6 1 7 9 8 3 4 5 2, 2 8 4 6 3 7 1 9 5, 1 5 9 2 4 8 7 6 3, 7 6 3 5 1 9 2 8 4

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Lugged
6 Eat from the pasture
11 Emanations
12 Man of many words
13 Road reversal
14 Without help
15 Involve
17 Lobbying org.
19 Suffering
20 Bit of paint
23 Not active
25 Niagara's source
26 Drink garnish
28 Scots' caps
29 Bronze beater
30 Hot blood
31 Not strict
32 Mag. workers
33 Trio doubled
35 Godzilla's home
38 City on the Mohawk River
41 Plant pest
42 Caesar subject
43 Composer Kurt
44 Rival

DOWN

- 1 Letter after sigma
2 Ump's call
3 "Ripped from the headlines" genre
4 Bring home
5 Crown repairer
6 Knight's quest

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

11-4 crossword grid with words: SCARF, SPOT, CANOE, SEIZE, ABIDE, TALON, RAMS, SALONS, ERA, SAG, TEE, DETECTED, TONI, SOAP, DEJECTED, PAW, NAT, TAR, IDIOCY, WISE, VALVE, LAMAS, OGLS, EVENS, TEAR, TESTY.

- 7 Dice turn
8 In the past
9 Buddhism branch
10 Season on the Seine
16 Art Pepper's instrument
17 Singer LaBelle
18 Fighting
20 Rush hour, to radio programmers
21 Prepared to fire
22 Saloon orders
24 Snaky shape
25 Building wing
27 Permanent part
31 McEnroe rival
33 Enter the regatta
34 School near Windsor
35 Mouth part
36 Clumsy guy
37 Letter after epsilon
39 Turning part
40 One or more

11-4 crossword grid with numbers 1-40.

11-4

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PRUUS

FAYTF

TUNORA

OJDANI

THE "O-O" - "O-O"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THE SCULPTURE OF THE PRESIDENTS AT RUSHMORE'S 1,278 ACRE PARK IS

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXCEL CLONE MISHAP UNSURE
Answer: Getting presents was great, but what she loved most was everyone's -- PRESENCE

SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

11/5 Sudoku grid with numbers 9, 8, 3, 5, 7, 4, 1, 1, 8, 7, 6, 3, 3, 1, 4, 2, 4, 9, 6, 5, 8, 2, 1, 4, 1, 6, 5, 4.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION: 3 8 2 1 6 7 9 4 5, 5 6 1 3 9 4 7 2 8, 7 9 4 8 5 2 6 1 3, 8 2 9 5 7 6 1 3 4, 4 7 5 2 3 1 8 9 6, 1 3 6 4 8 9 2 5 7, 2 1 3 7 4 8 5 6 9, 6 5 7 9 2 3 4 8 1, 9 4 8 6 1 5 3 7 2

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Succeed
6 Tooth points
11 Get up
12 Like bar beer
13 Goes under
14 Lane of film
15 Gear part
16 Uno plus due
18 Draw
19 Hoppy brew
20 Nourished
21 German conjunction
22 Get excited
24 Egyptian goddess
25 Shirt parts
27 Tampa Bay team
29 Parent's answer to "Why?"
32 Ulna's place
33 Univ. or acad.
34 Spoil
35 Arrest
36 Crew need
37 Frank holder
38 Bush's successor
40 Make amends
42 Form 1040 user
43 Back biter
44 Extreme diets
45 Impudent

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

11-5 crossword grid with words: TOTTED, GRAZE, AURAE, ROGET, UTURN, ALONE, ENTAIL, PAC, ILL, DAB, ATREST, ERIE, TWIST, OFLIME, TAMS, SILVER, IRE, LAX, EDS, SEXTET, JAPAN, UTICA, APHID, ROMAN, WEILL, ENEMY.

- 2 Meadowlark's cousin
3 Belly dancers use them
4 Inquire
5 Soothing
6 Like some messages
7 Cycle starter
8 Possessions that scream wealth
9 Grilled sandwich
10 Tears along
17 Copy
23 WBA wins
24 Nest egg acct.
26 Spiritual retreats
27 Fleed
28 Sinai setting
30 Spa rooms
31 Stubborn
33 Flies high
39 Ran into
41 -- degree

DOWN

- 1 Item replaced after filling up

11-5 crossword grid with numbers 1-45.

11-5

# Putting the sexy into black Harley jeans

Celeste Sullivan is a Winona-based certified health coach and creator of The Kitchen Coach, a platform in which she educates people on making a plant-based diet tasty, simple and sustainable.

Before Celeste dipped her toes into the nutrition waters, she worked as a glass mosaic muralist, installing large-scale murals for businesses and personal commissions.

"I have a bachelor's degree in fine art from UW-Stout which has profoundly influenced the way I play with color in designing both my home and wardrobe," she says.

Celeste's creative background is apparent in not only her attire and abode, but also in the way she teaches people how to use food as preventive medicine.

**Describe your style in five words or less.**

Eclectic, intentional, mostly desaturated.

**How does your job impact your daily outfit choices?**

Being self-employed, it's my choice for how I would like to represent myself. I tend to embrace a strong feminine essence; I wear long dresses, pencil skirts with tucked-in vintage blouses, blazers paired with sexy black Harley jeans, and hair scarves.

**Does your approach to plant-based eating have any influence as it relates to your wardrobe?**

Yes, I would say so. I buy mostly used clothes which is in part for my regard for the environment and the problems with fast fashion. Being more conscious of these things is a result of choosing to eat vegan for the past eight years.

**Favorite colors, patterns and/or fabrics?**

I am drawn to earth-toned colors as well as vintage patterns and fabric. Soft, handmade linen clothing is dreamy to me. I hate that I love so many 1970s polyester patterned blouses - you might question this statement until you see how fabulous these blouses are.

**What are your favorites for the colder months?**

I have a small jacket obsession. Good thing we live in the Midwest, I can have so many types for all the seasons and weather situations.

**Any tattoos? If so, what are they and what is the story behind them?**

I have a large back tattoo that spreads the whole top of my back and delicately wraps around my shoulders. The centerpiece is a coverup of a memorial tattoo I got for my mom who died when I was 19. It's an epic Mother Nature mandala floral and pinecone



**YOUR STYLE**  
Jeanette Caban

woodblock print illustration. Poppies and pinecones are two things that connect me with my mama in a subtle way.

**How does hair and makeup play a role in your style?**

I go off and on with makeup and right now I am all about gussying up.

**Anyone whose style you admire/find inspiring?**

Bianca Jagger, Janis Joplin.

**If you could live in another decade for the sake of style, which would it be?**

Late '60s/early '70s. I love the quality, patterns and color schemes.

**Are you a thrifter?**

100%! My favorite place to thrift is estate sale closets.

**What's been your best secondhand find?**

An emerald green women's western button-up that has the sweetest detailing in the yoke and collar.

**What do you consider a splurge-worthy item?**

Anything you feel really good in.

**Most sentimental item you own?**

My mom's clothes and jewelry.

**You can only keep five clothing items, what do you choose?**

Black Harley jeans, vintage scarf to tie back my hair, rust-colored high-neck tank top, vintage yellow Levi's T-shirt with a cool built-in white undershirt with three buttons down around the neckline, and a blouse of my mom's.

**What are the items you think everyone should have in their wardrobe?**

Things that make them feel beautiful, comfortable, and competent.

**Parting advice/thoughts?**

Stop buying fast fashion. Invest in well-made items made by real people.

Do you know someone who has unique style? Send nominations to [life@postbulletin.com](mailto:life@postbulletin.com) with "Your Style" in the subject line.



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# Halloween isn't a holiday just for kids

If you are a true collector, Halloween is not a holiday that you write off as just a celebration for kids.

Prior to the 1930s, Halloween parties were given by adults for adults. They played games like bridge, canasta and even did a bit of fortune telling. In the 1920s, women would go to stores and purchase decorations for walls, tables and doorways. They would buy candy containers, figurals and nodders that they would give away as prizes throughout the night. These items today that feature scary, not gory, artwork appeal to most collectors.

In my columns this month I talked about many collectibles – many made in Germany of papier-mache or cardboard – that are rare to find and are not reproductions. What brings the most money? Early masks not made of plastic, black cats and Deco-style Halloween costumes. Boxed costumes from the 1950s-1960s with plastic masks and trick or treat bags also are popular.

The 2020 Kovel's Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide has its top 10 of Halloween collectibles. They are:

1. Vintage postcards, with witch, jack-o'-lantern, black cat and verse.
2. Black cat candle lantern, papier-mache.
3. Casper and Pink Panther costume masks.
4. Halloween devil clicker noise maker, lithographed metal, 1930s.
5. Black cat candy container made of paper pulp, paper eyes and wire handle.
6. Die-cut decorations.
7. Fortune-telling card games.



Contributed

Papier-mache pumpkins from the 1920s, 1930s and 1950s can be found at Country Side Antique Mall in Cannon Falls.



## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Sandy Erdman

8. Party planning books.
9. Honeycomb centerpieces.
10. Figural candles.

## SOME TOP SELLERS AT LOCAL SHOPS

Look for early items at antique malls and antique shows during August, September and October and at estate sales year-round. Flea markets and garage sales generally have new items, but pre-1960 pieces do come up occasionally such as those from the 1930s and '40s.

"We make all our pumpkins," said Cindy Rigotti, owner of The Yellow Monkey, Rochester. "And, we have sold quite a few, our top sellers. We can't keep up! We also sell Halloween runners and bags that are great sellers."

At Vintage Treasures and Home Decor in St. Charles, Laurie Rucker, owner said, "My top 10 sellers this season so far has been, the blow-molds, old metal can pumpkins, plastic pumpkin pails,

treat bags, postcards, cookie cutters, masks, boxed costumes and DIY costume accessories such as vintage clothing, hats and funky eyeglasses."

"Halloween items tend to sell quickly at New Generations of Harmony," said owner Joan Thilges. "Fabric pumpkins, Halloween blow-molds, and fabric candy corn are top sellers, followed by Halloween signage, metal pumpkins for the yard, vintage pumpkins, ghosts, and witches. And any witch hats sell quickly."

Halloween postcards are gone in days from A-Z Collectibles in Winona, owner Neil Hunt said.

"Currently I have none, so definitely are great sellers," he said, as are cardboard items like standard pumpkins, black cats, skeletons.

"I try to find things from the '50s and '60s. I do find here at the shop that Halloween sells fast any time of year to genuine collectors and with Halloween here now, I am sold out," he said.

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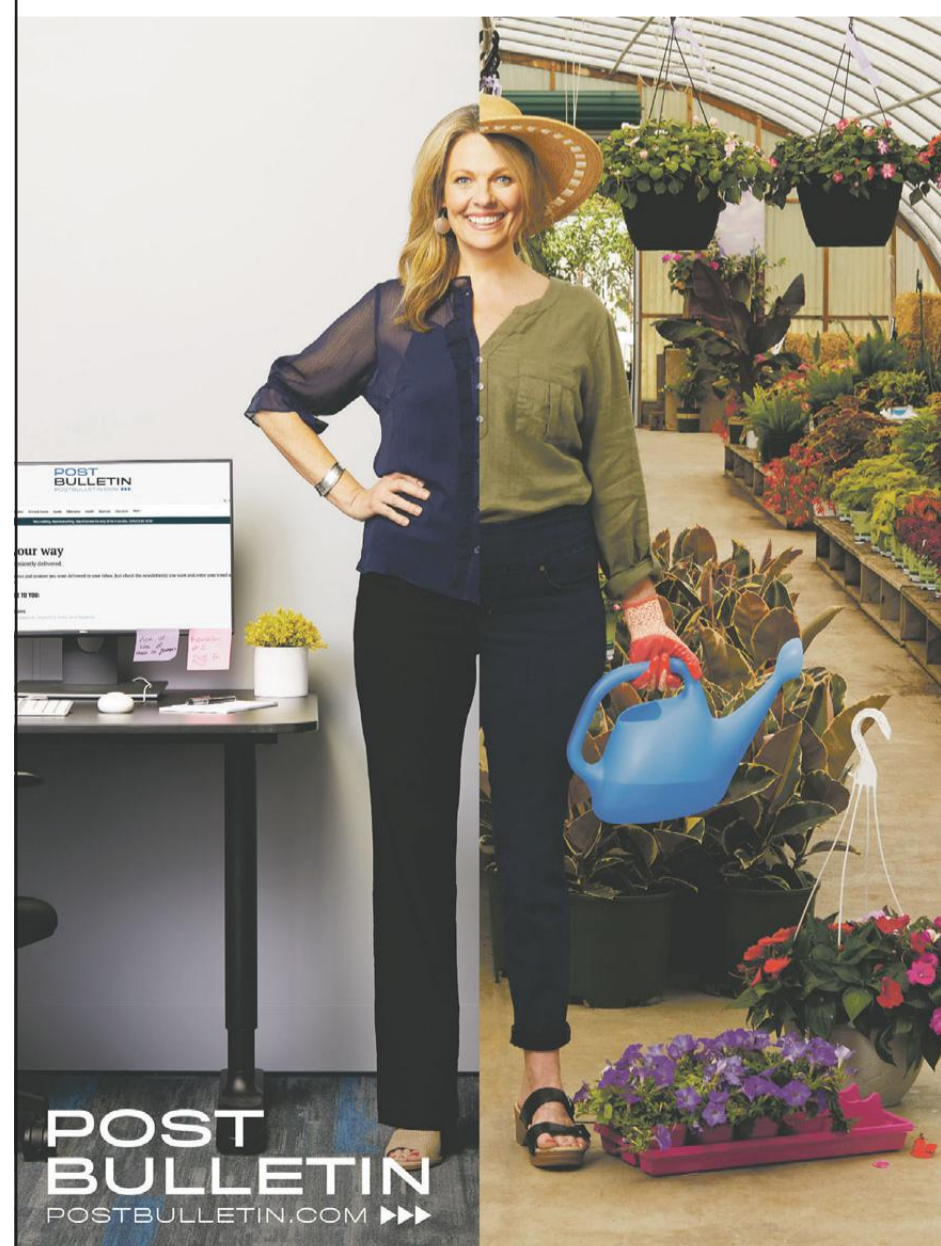
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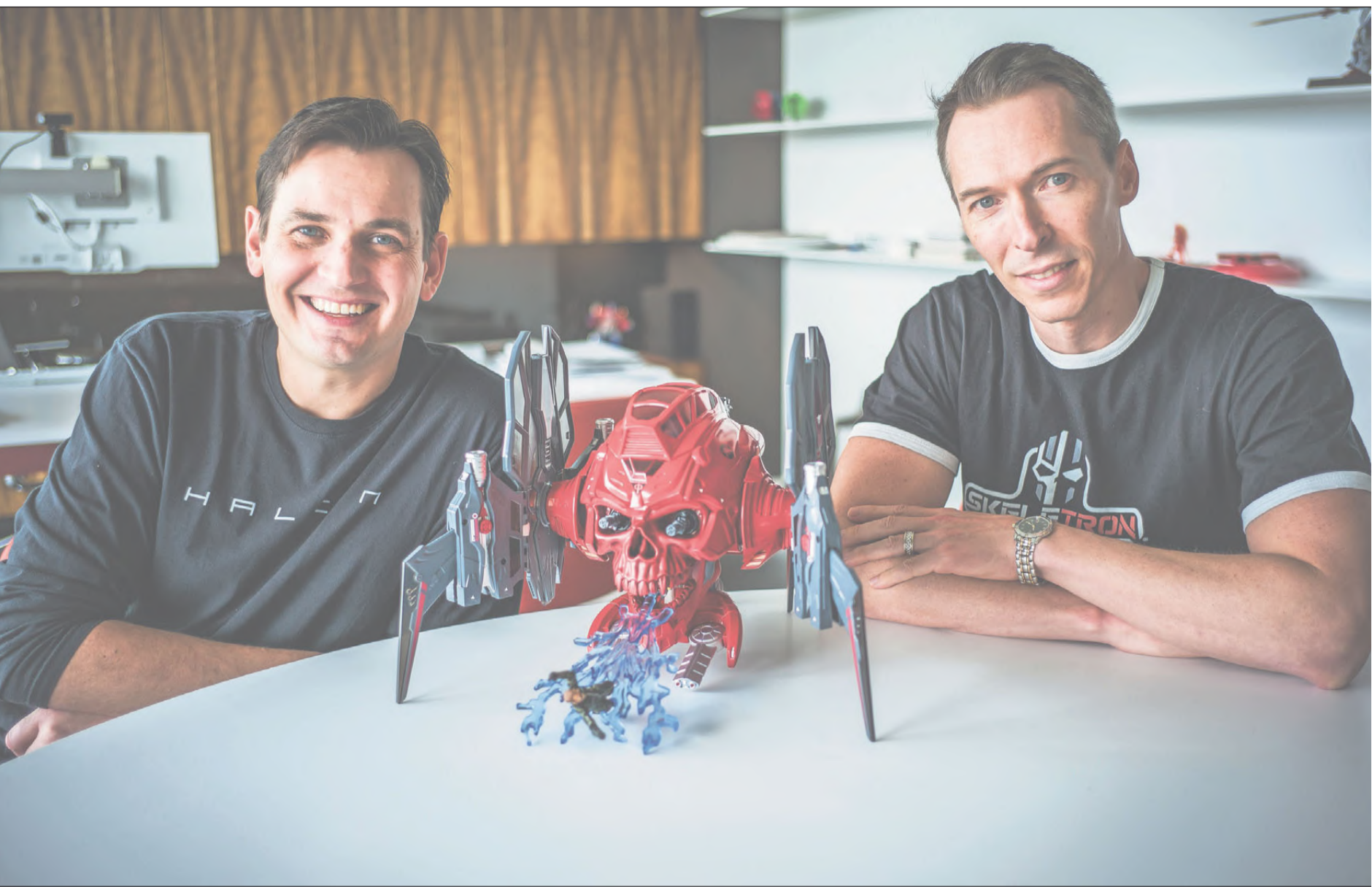
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Skeletron's Ben Conway, left, and Mark O'Byrne with their Roboskull MK II action figure vehicle Wednesday in Stewartville.

## New version of an old toy blasts into orbit

### Collectors say yes, please, to over-the-top version of Roboskull

BY JEFF KIGER  
Post Bulletin

#### STEWARTVILLE

Ben Conway vividly remembers the wonder and excitement of walking into Chatfield's Coast-to-Coast hardware, when he was 5 and seeing his favorite GI Joe character – Storm Shadow – in a colorful box with exciting art on it.

That moment spurred a love of action figures that continues today for the president of Halcon furniture in Stewartville. A self-described “toy nerd,” Conway has amassed a huge collection of action figures, gear and vehicles.

It's a hobby that he shares with Mark O'Byrne, the director of information systems at Halcon. Even before Byrne was aware of their shared interest, Conway surprised him at work with a delivery of an action figure.

“That's when I knew I was at the right place,” said O'Byrne with a grin.

Over the years, Conway's interest in toys grew. He attended collectors' conventions and befriended people in the toy industry from around the world.

Along the way, he discovered that in the 1980s, toy maker Palitoy in the UK created a short-lived line of toys in an attempt to compete with Hasbro's GI Joe and Star Wars lines. The main

spacecraft vehicle was in the shape of a giant red skull with laser guns coming out of its eyes.

“When I saw it, my jaw just dropped,” he said.

Conway became obsessed with the obscure, discontinued toy that was only sold in England. He soon added some to his collection and went as far as having one modified with shiny silver chrome paint to make it even more striking.

He and O'Byrne started talking, as collectors do, about what would make the cool Roboskull even cooler. Those discussions eventually became a seriously fun passion project to actually make their dream Roboskull and share it with the world of toy collectors.

“We wanted to make the coolest toy we could,” said Conway.

He purchased rights to the toy and started recruiting an “Ocean's Eleven” team of toy experts from around the world, including Bob Brechin, the retired original designer of Roboskull in England. They brought in a former Hasbro manufacturing executive in Hong Kong and lined up an 89-year-old legendary toy artist to paint images for the campaign and Roboskull packaging. They partnered with Marauder Gun-Runners, makers of “free-wheeling, ass-kicking action figures,” to help design the characters to go with the



Skeletron's Roboskull MK II action figure vehicle Wednesday in Stewartville.

new Roboskull.

After more than two years of tinkering, the team, led by Conway and O'Byrne and “fueled by a love for '80s nostalgia and heavy metal,” created a prototype of Roboskull MK II, a much larger, over-the-top version of the original toy. They made the wings much larger and adjustable into three different positions. A rocket launcher was added inside the mouth, along with many other enhancements.

The Stewartville duo then formed Skeletron as the company to make and sell Roboskull MK II and its related action figures.

Earlier this month, they introduced their toy to the world with a 30-day Kickstarter fundraising campaign. O'Byrne, who

helped design the toy and even created the Skeletron logo, directed and edited a campaign video as well as composing the background music.

The campaign was the big test to see if other collectors might be interested in seeing their dream toy made into a reality.

The enthusiasm for their passion project was quickly clear.

“The baseline funding was \$78,000. And we achieved that in 95 minutes. The plan was to hit our six “Stretch “Goals” (of additional figures or weapons unlocked by hitting specific amounts) at \$196,000. And we hit that in 21 hours,” said Conway. “It surpassed our expectations –big time. It took less than a day for us to blow through what we had planned as a

30-day campaign.”

A pledge of \$219 earns one Roboskull MK II and a pilot figure.

The campaign, which ends on Nov. 13, has topped \$330,000 so far and that number is still growing. Conway and Byrne were overwhelmed as they watched the pledges and come cause from the moment I looked at this campaign I was mesmerized. What you all have done is remarkable, and as I've said before, it's a game changer... You took a love of action figures and made something magical,” wrote one supporter on Kickstarter this week. “Thank you for getting me excited again at the thought of getting all of this, seeing all those boxes and feeling

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## Appliance dealer to ramp up its presence with larger storefront

After 13 years in southwest Rochester, a Minnesota appliance dealer is moving north and going big.

Warners' Stellan appliances plans to revamp the former Haley Comfort Systems showroom at 4320 W. Frontage Road U.S. 52 as its new Med City home.

“We will start construction there



HEARD ON THE STREET  
Jeff Kiger

in December,” said Warners' Stellan general manager Brian Holicky. “We hope to be able to make the move late in the first

quarter of 2022. It will be a seamless transition from our current store.”

Until the new site is completed, the St. Paul-based appliance retailer will keep doing business at 1318 Apache Drive SW, near the Apache Mall.

Warners' Stellan opened that Rochester store in 2008. They moved in soon after Guyer's Appliances pulled out of that building.

Holicky said they have been looking for a new space in Rochester for a while.

“It's been a really good market to do business in. We've been looking for that location, he said. “We just needed more space – more space to have an offering that matches the marketplace.”

The new northwest store is about three

times the size of the current location. Plus, it will offer more visibility and easy access.

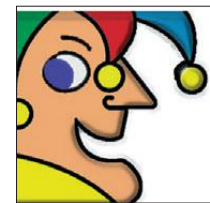
“It'll be a significantly enhanced presentation with more selection for customers. It will just be a better experience for our customers. Rochester is growing and we've grown with it,” said Holicky.

The appliance dealer has a team of about 20 employees in Rochester. He expects that number

could grow, once the move to the larger store is completed.

Warners' Stellan has 13 stores – 10 in the Twin Cities, two in Iowa and its Rochester location.

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.



# The Motley Fool

## Ask the Fool

### MORTGAGE OR STOCKS FOR EXTRA MONEY?

**Q** If I have some extra money, is it better to pay off my mortgage faster or invest it in the stock market? – S.J., Ocala, Fla.

**A** Paying off your mortgage early can be worthwhile, especially if you're nearing retirement. But depending on interest rates and your risk tolerance, investing in stocks could be a more profitable move.

If your mortgage interest rate is, say, 4%, then any extra principal you pay off will save you 4% in interest payments – which is like earning a (guaranteed) 4% return. Given the stock market's long-term average annual return of roughly 10% – or, to be more conservative, say, 7% or 8% – then investing in stocks is likely to outperform the 4% return.

Stock market returns can be volatile, but over long periods, most investors have done well. However, don't invest money that you'll need within the next five years or so in stocks.

**Q** Where online can I look up historical P/E ratios? – L.B., LaCrosse, Wis.

**A** Past price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios are helpful to get a rough idea of how overvalued or undervalued a stock might be. If Buzzy's Broccoli Beer (ticker: BRRRP) has a current P/E of 12, for example, and its P/E in the past has often been 16 or more, it's looking undervalued. Several finance sites track historical P/E data. At Morningstar.com, for example, you can search for a company and click on its "Valuation" tab; that will show you the current P/E ratio (and other valuation-related measures), past years' P/Es and the five-year average P/E.

## Fool's school

### The Balance Sheet, Explained

To be a great investor, you'll need to understand financial statements such as the balance sheet. Here's an introduction to it. (Note: If you want to grow wealthier through the stock market over time without learning much, you can do very well simply investing in a low-fee index fund, such as one that tracks the S&P 500 index.)

There are three main financial statements that publicly traded companies issue at least quarterly. While the income statement and cash flow statement present how a company performed over a period such as a quarter or year (calendar or fiscal), the balance sheet reflects the company's financial health at one moment in time – often the end of a quarter or year.

A company's balance sheet is like what you'd get if you tallied up all your assets (such as house, car, bank accounts and perhaps a wine or art collection) and subtracted your liabilities (mortgage, car loans, credit card debt and others), to arrive at your net worth. It has three

main sections: assets, liabilities and shareholder equity. Assets, often on the left, are set equal to – or balancing – liabilities and shareholder equity, often on the right.

Assets may include such items as "cash and cash equivalents," "investments," "prepaid expenses" (such as insurance paid for ahead of time), and "property, plant and equipment." Some other assets, though, are not quite as reliable. "Accounts receivable," for example, reflects money from sales that the company hasn't yet received – and may not receive. And "inventory" reflects cash tied up in materials that haven't been sold yet, some of which may end up not sold.

Liabilities often feature both short-term and long-term debt. Debt is not necessarily bad, although it's best to see relatively little of it. Another liability, "accounts payable," represents invoices not yet paid. These can actually be helpful, if the company is delaying payments until they're due and using the cash in the interim.

Finally, shareholder equity, the difference between assets and liabilities, is the portion of the company that its shareholders can claim.

## Foolish trivia

### Name That Company

I trace my roots back to San Francisco in 1853, during the Gold Rush. Seeing that workers needed sturdier clothes, he worked with a tailor in the 1870s to develop "waist overalls" made from tough fabric with rivet reinforcements. Today, with a market value recently near \$10 billion, I'm a global apparel giant, with brands such as Dockers, Denizen, Beyond Yoga and variants of my own name. I rake in about \$4.5 billion annually. Since 1886, my logo has featured two horses trying to pull apart a pair of pants. Who am I?

### Last Week's Trivia Answer

I got my start in 1888 as the Pittsburgh Reduction Co., founded by a guy who patented a low-cost aluminum production process. My light and strong alloys were used in manufacturing automobiles by 1901 – and part of the Wright Brothers' 1903 "Flyer" plane. I introduced aluminum foil in 1910 and, a century later, a reclosable aluminum bottle in 2014. I merged with Reynolds Metals in 2000. Today, with a recent market value topping \$10 billion, I'm a global leader in the production of bauxite, alumina and aluminum. I also recycle more than 1.3 billion pounds of aluminum annually. Who am I? (Answer: Alcoa)

## The Motley Fool take

### Take Two – or More – Shares

The video game industry has been steadily growing over the last several decades, and technological advancements such as mobile and cloud gaming should help it continue to do so.

This tailwind should benefit Take-Two Interactive (Nasdaq: TTWO), which owns one of the most-played titles, Grand Theft Auto V, and is investing aggressively for the future. The

company has a deep pipeline of 62 new releases slated between now and fiscal 2024.

Demand for Take-Two's games is trending higher: Bookings in the first quarter of fiscal 2022 were 68% higher than the same quarter two years before the pandemic. Take-Two has recently been one of the cheapest major gaming stocks on the market. It deserves consideration by long-term growth-stock investors. (The Motley Fool has recommended and owns shares of Take-Two Interactive.)

# Stop apologizing for matters out of your control



**WOMEN AT WORK**  
Kristen Asleson

A lot of what is written about in this column is pulled from or based on personal experiences. Storytelling and sharing experiences, in hopes of helping or giving strength to readers, is incredibly impactful. After last week's column about my breast cancer journey, many readers reached out to thank me for sharing what is incredibly personal.

Pulling from other personal experiences, this week's topic is volunteer work.

Last summer, for the first time, I joined a committee to help plan our town festival. Within the larger committee are people who volunteer to head-up a certain portion or aspect, and I found myself organizing and coordinating the festival parade.

I know nothing – absolutely nothing – about organizing a parade. The former volunteer had notes, and a list of previous participants, so I was not left completely in the dark thankfully. After a week or two of procrastinating, forms were created, sign-up sheets were distributed online, and parade units began to register.

At the end of the weekend, the parade went beautifully and smoothly and was well-received by crowds of people lining both sides of the streets. Needless to say, there were a few hiccups that resulted in people sharing opinions of all sorts. After listening to complaints and rumors, I wrote a letter for anyone to read that straightened out a few untruths.

Nowadays, people are "keyboard warriors" with no fear of what they put in writing because they think they will never have to apologize or be held accountable. I received a phone call Monday night from a woman I do not know, and she called to apologize for something she had said. In today's world, that takes a lot of courage, and I respect her for it.

Can you imagine today's world if everyone who makes a mistake would take accountability for it and strive toward fixing it?

There is one place that apologies and the word "sorry" has lost its meaning, and that's at work. How

many times have you heard, or you yourself have prefaced, a sentence with the word sorry? "Sorry, but I can't make that meeting." "Sorry, I don't mean to interrupt, but ..." "Sorry, sorry, sorry." Is it time to stop apologizing for issues out of your control or something that really isn't your fault?

To many, perceptions are reality, and constantly saying "sorry" can give the wrong impression. Unless you are trying to give off the vibe of being weak and submissive, then keep it in your vocabulary.

Be strong and confident in your words. Show how secure you are with you and your work performance. If the printer is broken, it is not your fault unless you physically picked it up and slammed it to the ground. If you are called into a last-minute meeting, and you aren't prepared for it, do not apologize. If you called that meeting, do not expect others to apologize either.

Are there times at work when one should apologize? Absolutely, and that is what everyone who holds a job should get back to and recognize. According to monster.com, here is an "apology formula" for the workplace:

- Apologize for something specific to the person or people who were impacted.
- Acknowledge that you understand how your actions affected them.
- Explain where you were coming from without it sounding like an excuse.
- State an action plan for how you will solve any problems your actions may have created.

Now imagine, again if you will, how a workplace without insincere apologies would be? It would be a step in the right direction to creating a better work environment.

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## Toy

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that joy I felt as a 8-year-old boy."

They attribute some of Roboskull's success to the toy working with a variety of styles and sizes of action figures. That means a 4-inch Han Solo Star Wars figure could share the cockpit with Luke Skywalker. A 6-inch He-Man figure could sit in the pilot's seat by itself as could a Marvel Legend's Star Lord figure.

"We like to say that Roboskull can terrorize all of your toys," said a smiling O'Byrne as he fitted a Skeletron Blood Wolf pilot into the cockpit.

Of course, this kind of interest brought more than money. It made more work for the duo.

"OK, we've got something really exciting and the community is loving this. But we just blew through our 30-day campaign in one day," said Conway. "So



**Skeletron's Ben Conway, right, and Mark O'Byrne with their Roboskull MK II action figure vehicle Wednesday.**

Mark and I basically just didn't sleep and we worked through a bunch of ideas that we had developed over the last 2 1/2 years that didn't make the cut for the first six Stretch Goals. We had a bag of tricks to go back to and develop some things

really quickly... to keep the campaign going and keep the excitement building."

To help promote the toy and the campaign, Conway and Byrne introduced Roboskull to the crowds at last week's NerdyOut convention in Rochester.

The in-person reaction was as enthusiastic as it was online. Some convention visitors had seen the Kickstarter campaign, but had not realized it was a local project. That was enough to convince some to put in their orders.



**Skeletron's Roboskull MK II action figure vehicle.**

Skeletron and Roboskull MK II will also make an appearance at an upcoming GI Joe-focused toy convention – Assembly Required – in Des Moines, Iowa, on Nov. 6.

Conway stressed that Roboskull is not for children and it is recommended for collectors 15 and older. Anyone thinking of buying one as a holiday present should probably think again.

Once the dust from the Kickstarter

campaign settles, Skeletron will start working on producing Roboskulls and the related gear to fill the orders by May 2023.

After that, Conway and O'Byrne don't know what will happen with their side project, although the enthusiasm from collectors points to the possibility more Skeletron toys in the future.

# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

# Step by step, ‘it all feels pretty normal’

Over the last couple of years, we’ve seen and read about high school graduates who decide to take a “gap year,” to put off college for a time – if they plan to go at all – because of how the college experience has been warped and compromised due to COVID-19.

Enrollment is down 8.8% across the four largest college campuses in southeastern Minnesota. But there is cause for hope that a level state will return, Winona State University President Scott Olson told us during his annual visit with the Editorial Board.

“The students who came to campus this year – this would not be a unique Winona State experience – but if you showed up this fall, life feels pretty normal,” he said. “Now, you’ve

got to wear a mask when you’re sitting in a classroom, but life on the courtyard, the volleyball games, the football games, it all feels pretty normal. Homecoming was just a blast.”

A return to normalcy might even help restore something like gender balance on college campuses. At the same time, there is no denying that in some ways, higher education is forever changed by the pandemic. For one thing, remote learning will remain a ready option – and also one that might attract more adult learners.

“What we learned from COVID is that Zoom wasn’t horrible,” Olson said. “So if a professor might find themselves exposed and has to quarantine or isolate for 14 days, now the professor with confidence can say,

‘Guys, we’re going on Zoom for two weeks’ and use it as a temporary kind of pivot.”

WSU’s enrollment dropped by 7.9% this fall from last year, but one area continues to show healthy growth.

“Where we’re growing is in graduate enrollment in Rochester,” Olson said. “Double-digit. (Note: It was 12%.) The two prior years it was over 20% growth for us at the graduate level in Rochester. Expect more of that, because Rochester has educational needs and we’re in a good position to serve them.”

### PEACE IN OUR TIME

Another encouraging sign for WSU – and our democratic society – came on Oct. 21, when conservative influencer Amala Ekpunobi spoke in the college’s Somsen Auditorium.

Anticipation of the event,

sponsored by the campus Republican group, had Olson practically sleepless for a week. He worried that some incident or disruption would give WSU a black eye, or produce an even worse result. “The whole campus was on pins and needles all week,” he said.

“The way the evening actually turned out,” Olson said, “couldn’t have been better. I mean, it’s what you hope the university could do. It’s what you hope democracy could do.”

Ekpunobi set the tone ahead of the public event when she engaged about 60-70 protesters demonstrating on the steps in front of the hall.

“Her speech was at 7. I think at about 6:15, she walked out and down into the crowd of protesters and had one-on-one conversations with them.

‘Why do you think that? Let’s talk about that. Let’s engage.’”

The exchange didn’t end there. Ekpunobi began her prepared speech at 7. “She spoke for, I think, 45 minutes, and then the Q&A lasted ‘till about 10 o’clock,” Olson said. “Yes, there were friendly softball questions from friendly Republicans in the audience, and there were tough, pointed, more difficult questions from liberals in the audience. And guess what – that’s called democracy, that’s called a university, and I’m going to remember that my whole life. This can be done.

“This is a shared mission we have – that we can be able to talk to each other and disagree and not have the whole place go up in flames,” Olson said. “It’s a sacred mission you have, and we have, to try to preserve democracy that way.”

## OTHER VIEW

# Why does Hollywood court danger with real guns?

Los Angeles Times Editorial Board

There are numerous industry guidelines in place to assure the safe use of real guns as props on the sets of TV and film shoots.

Firearms — even those modified not to accommodate real bullets — are checked and rechecked before they are handed off to actors who should then check the weapons for themselves. An armorer or someone with special training should always have custody of the guns and oversee their handling.

No real bullets should ever



Hutchins

be used on a set. Blanks, which are shell casings loaded with gunpowder used to create the sound and look of gunfire, must be used carefully. Firing

them at close range can cause injury or even death. And no actor should point a gun straight at a person — instead, he or she should cheat the angle.

But those guidelines only work if they are followed meticulously. And there is evidence that they weren’t on the set of the movie “Rust” where cinematographer

Halyna Hutchins was tragically killed last week when actor Alec Baldwin fired a prop gun that he and others on the set believed held no live ammunition. The movie’s director, Joel Souza, was also injured. It may have been a rare gun-related death on a TV or film shoot — the last known one was the actor Brandon Lee in 1993 on the set of the movie “The Crow” — but why take the risk at all?

Since guns pose such a profound danger and post-production special effects can create the look and sound of a gunshot, it’s time for Hollywood to voluntarily stop using real guns — no matter

how modified they may be.

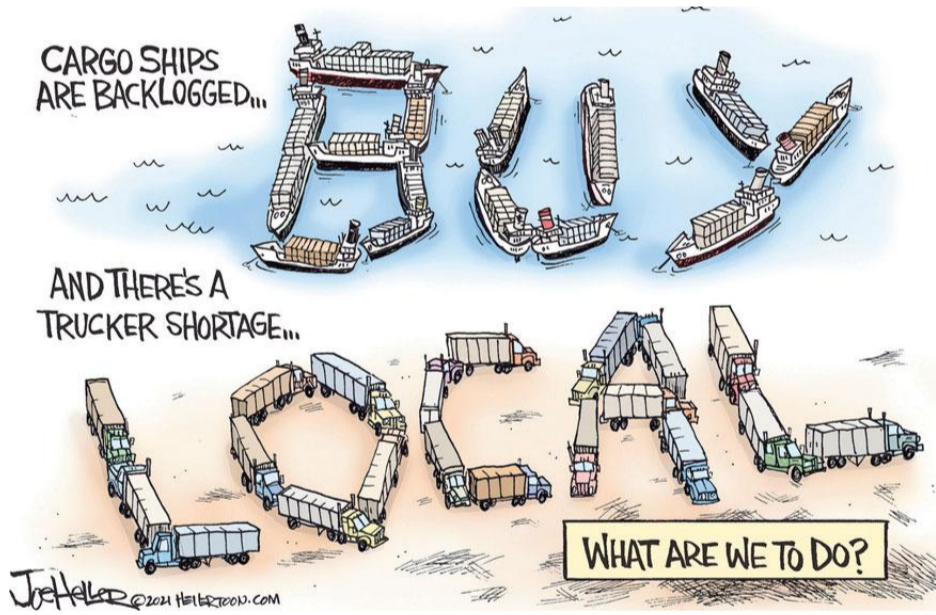
Some shows have already changed their policies in the wake of the shooting death on the “Rust” set. Alexi Hawley, the showrunner of the TV police drama “The Rookie” on ABC, told his crew last Friday in an email that the firing of real guns would be banned on the set. Craig Zobel, who directed the Emmy-winning HBO series “Mare of Easttown,” tweeted Friday that “guns loaded with blanks or anything” should be outlawed on sets and that the gunshots in his series were digital.

The accident last week raises the bigger issue of the proliferation of guns in shows

and movies. Weapons are often part of plot points but do they need to be? TV and movie cops brandish and fire their weapons often, but in reality, a police officer rarely draws his or her gun (outside of a shooting range) in the course of an entire career.

The horrible death in New Mexico last week was one unintentional gun death among hundreds in the U.S. each year. Hollywood writers and directors need to take the wise step to stop using firearms to tell stories.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### I AGREE WITH WHAT I READ IN THE POST BULLETIN

The Oct. 19, issue of the Post Bulletin contained the articles “Was the line 3 fight worth it?” by Winona LaDuke and the article “We can stop being the world’s suckers on drug prices now” by Froma Harrop.

I have to commend the Post Bulletin

for printing those two articles. Good job!

The Line 3 article shows the gross lack of leadership and integrity of Minnesota’s so called political leaders.

Dale Stowers, Rochester

### MY STREET IS A POTHOLED SPEEDWAY — PLEASE FIX IT

Lately I have noticed that the city council has authorized the reduction of speed limits in the city of Rochester by a simple vote. Especially in “nicer” neighborhoods, if you know what I mean.

I have been trying for 10 years to get the speed limit reduced on my street. Also simple street repairs. No dice. No way. I am told that the state funds the street (it is not marked anywhere as a state road, county road township road). It is a city street.

All the streets surrounding my street have been remade, repaired and

attended to three times by my own eyesight, while my street remains a potholed speedway. I’m weary of platitudes like “Oh, you’re right, that’s part of our Long Term Plan.”

Fifteenth Avenue between Fourth Street SE and 12th Street SE is an eyesore for Rochester. People race from red light to red light, often exceeding the speed limit at great risk to pedestrians and bikers. C’m on Kirkpatrick and City Council. Quit redlining southeast Rochester people to build your northwest empire.

E. Francis Zachary, Rochester

# Rice wants to move on from Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. My reply: No.

Condoleezza Rice wants to move on.

She concedes that what happened on Jan. 6 was “wrong.” It was, she told the hosts of “The View” last week, an “assault on law and order, and an assault on our democratic processes.” And Rice, a former national security adviser and secretary of state, thinks those who attacked and ransacked the U.S. Capitol should be punished. That day, she said, made her cry for the first time since Sept. 11.

So yes, it was a terrible day. It was a stunning day. It was a day that defiled democracy. But ... “It’s time to move on,” she said.

Given Rice’s gravitas and credibility, it was a stunning pronouncement, but perhaps we ought not be surprised. After all, Republicans have been urging the rest of us to move on from Jan. 6 almost since Jan. 7. They refused to convict the former president for inciting the mob. They refused to authorize an independent bipartisan commission to investigate the insurrection. Some even questioned whether there was an insurrection to begin with.

Now comes Rice, urging us to “move on.” No more investigating. No more discussion. No more grappling with the hard questions it raises.

The mind seizes as it struggles to imagine anyone saying that about Sept. 11. That day is a livid scar upon American memory: the iconic buildings felled, the people caked in dust, the sudden sense of vulnerability, the candlelight vigils for those who were never coming home. Sept. 11 spawned an independent bipartisan commission, joint House and Senate committee hearings and two wars. We did not just “move on.”

And yet, ghastly and frightening as they were, the events of that day posed no threat to our national existence. There was never a chance that a band of thugs ambitiously punching above their weight could topple American democracy.

But that threat, however distant, was certainly in play on Jan. 6. What makes it worse is that the threat came from inside our own national house. Worse still, it’s still there, just

as virulent as it ever was. So it is jarring to hear Condoleezza Rice chirp about the need to “move on to a better America.”

How, exactly, does that happen? How much must we ignore? How much must we forget?

And why would they even ask it of us? The only answer that presents itself is that Republicans fear Jan. 6 because it contains too many embarrassing truths.

Those were not, after all, Democrats breaking the windows, beating the cops, erecting the gallows. No, those were Republicans, albeit Republicans of a stripe that would have been a stranger to Reagan, McCain, Eisenhower or any other politician with even a molecule of statesmanship in them. Sadly, that’s a quality in short supply in the GOP just now. Even in places where you’d expect to find it – i.e., a respected former government official – it turns out the cupboard is bare. But the capacity for political expedience? That, they have in abundance.

“Move on,” she says. To which the only patriotic reply is: No. Not until the questions are answered, the lessons learned, the nation secured, the culprits – those in the streets and those in the suites – held to account.

The forces that animated the events of Jan. 6 did not spring from nowhere. Nor did they disappear into mist when the clock struck midnight. We face a clear and abiding danger, one we ignore at great peril. With all due respect to Rice, if we don’t treat this with the seriousness it deserves, we won’t have a “better America” to move on to.

We’ll be lucky to have an America at all.

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