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A week after last Wednesday's "Hoopin' and Hollerin'" headline – which went with a picture very similar to this one, of the Detroit Lakes girls basketball team celebrating a big win (to clinch their spot in the section championship) – the Lakers kept their Cinderella run alive in upsetting top-seeded Willmar last Thursday night. The team is now headed to state for the first time since 2009. See more coverage on page 9 of today's Tribune, and on dl-online.com.

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The exterior of the Lake Park American Legion building after a fire on Sunday, March 13.

## Fire damages American Legion in Lake Park

**No one injured; cause still under investigation, does not appear suspicious**

By Nathan Bowe  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The American Legion building in Lake Park sustained heavy heat and smoke damage from a fire on Sunday evening, March 13.

The Legion wasn't open at the time and nobody was injured, said Lake Park Fire Chief Dave Coufal.

The fire was reported by a passerby who saw the smoke at about 8:15 p.m.

"There was black smoke coming out of the door openings and white smoke coming out of the soffits, so I knew it was an oxygen-deprived fire," Coufal said.

"We made entry through the front, and

the heat was very significant inside," he said. "We could see through to the back with our thermal imaging camera," and it became clear that the fire was toward the rear of the building.

Firefighters went around the building and attacked the fire from a side door closer to the rear. They were on the scene until about 3 a.m., Coufal said.

The building is made of concrete block with metal siding, and the cause of the fire is not yet known, Coufal said.

There was significant fire and smoke damage to the building, with most of the fire damage contained to the east side, Lake Park Police Chief Brady Burnside said, adding that damage estimates were not yet available.

"While the cause of the fire has yet to

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## Becker County workers file intent to strike

**Courthouse and Human Services employees cite wages, health insurance**

By Marie Johnson  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Becker County union employees with Teamsters Local 320 have given a strike notice to the county, essentially picking up where they left off in March 2020 after taking a break from contract negotiations while the COVID-19 pandemic played out.

The union represents over 173 Becker County Courthouse and Human Services employees, according to a news release from Teamsters

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ROGER MEUNIER, TEAMSTERS LOCAL 320

320. Roger Meunier, the union's executive representative business agent, said those employees include "basically everybody" working in those departments.

The central issues remain the same as they were pre-pandemic: wages and health insurance costs.

"A strike is never, ever the option that a union wants to take, but sometimes, it's our only avenue because of non-negotiating," said Meunier. "We don't want anybody in the county to be affected this way, but we want to be treated

fairly."

There is a mandatory 10-day "cooling off period" before the strike can begin, during which time the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation requires the union and county to engage in mediation.

At press time Monday, a mediation session was scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, March 15.

Meunier said the session could take anywhere from a couple of hours to multiple days. If an agreement is not reached during that session, he said, the union's

next step would be to pick a date for a strike to start.

The soonest they could strike, according to the Teamsters news release, is at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22.

In the event of a strike, "The county management team fully intends to continue operations to provide essential services to the residents of Becker County," a news release from the county stated. "If a strike occurs, some county services may be curtailed. Every effort will be made by the county for a continuation of the provision of vital services."

"Becker County's very interested in continuing

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## Community rallies to 'Lift up Bobby'

**DL students, teachers, civic groups raise funds for a mechanical lift for well-liked high school IT guy, Bob Heimark**

By Vicki Gerdes  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, or AMC, is an extremely rare disorder — but it's one that Detroit Lakes native Bob Heimark has been living with all his life.

"I was born with it," he says, adding, "Everything from my knees on down was fused."

What this means, he

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Vicki Gerdes / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes native Bob Heimark says his wife Tami is his greatest supporter in dealing with the day-to-day physical challenges presented by the rare congenital disorder that he has lived with his entire life. The couple will celebrate their 17th anniversary this summer.

DETROIT LAKES CITY COUNCIL

## New ward boundaries to be finalized before March 29

By Michael Achterling  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

New Detroit Lakes ward boundaries passed their first hurdle during the most recent city council meeting on March 8.

Members approved the first reading of the new municipal district lines and are expected to give final passage of the new wards during a special city council meeting before a state mandated deadline on March 29. The boundaries were

created using data from the 2020 U.S. Census and will be used in every municipal election until 2032.

"The city is required to redo its ward boundaries so that all the wards have proportionally equal population," said Larry Remmen, community development director for Detroit Lakes, during the March 8 council meeting.

Remmen broke down the population in each ward.

► Ward 1: includes 3,255 residents and extends north of the westbound lane of Highway 10.

► Ward 2: includes 3,321 residents, and covers an area south of Highway 10, and east of Washington Avenue. The boundary residences along North Shore, East Lake and South Shore Drives are included in Ward 3, which ends at Long Bridge.

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# DL woman hurt in two-vehicle crash on Hwy 10 at Long Lake

**News Staff**  
A Detroit Lakes woman was injured in a two-vehicle crash on Highway 10 near Long Lake on Saturday evening. Susan Lynn Stonebraker, 56, of Detroit Lakes

was taken to Essentia Health St. Mary's with non-life-threatening injuries, according to the Minnesota State Patrol. She was northbound on West Long Lake Drive in a 2018 Ford Edge, and

collided with a 2016 GMC Yukon XL that was eastbound on Highway 10. The driver of the Yukon, Keane James Johnson, 36, of Walker was not injured, and his three passengers –

Andrea Christine Johnson, 37, Jayla Elizabeth Johnson, 9, and Ryla Christine Johnson, 7, all of Walker, were also not injured, according to the patrol. All in both vehicles,

except Andrea Johnson, were wearing seatbelt or restraints, and airbags deployed in both vehicles. No alcohol was involved. The crash was reported just after 7 p.m. on icy-

snowy road conditions. Becker County deputies, Audubon police, and Detroit Lakes fire and ambulance crews assisted the patrol at the scene.

# Rollover crash in Lake Park on Saturday

**News Staff**  
A Detroit Lakes infant was taken to Essentia Health St. Mary's with non-life-threatening injuries following a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 10 near Lake Park on Saturday. The child, Carlee Marie Downing, is under the age of 1 and was in a car seat, according to the Minnesota State Patrol. Others in the 2010 Chevy Tahoe were not injured, the patrol report stated: The driver was Carlandus Deunte Downing, 32, and other pas-

sengers were Cheyenne Marie Dallmann, 23, and Zoey Luchell Downing, 7, all of Detroit Lakes. All were wearing seatbelts and airbags deployed on the Tahoe. No alcohol was involved. The Chevy was eastbound on Highway 10 near milepost 33 in Lake Park Township when it left the roadway and rolled into the median. The crash was reported at 9:17 p.m. on icy-snowy road conditions. Audubon police, fire and rescue crews assisted the state patrol at the scene.

# Deputy injured in arrest of New York Mills man

**News Staff**  
An Otter Tail County deputy was injured during the arrest of a New York Mills man on Friday morning, according to a news release from the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office. Henry Jay, 32, of rural New York Mills was arrested after the sheriff's office responded to a stolen vehicle and theft report. The suspect fled on foot, and a dep-

uty, who was not named in the news release, suffered unspecified, non-life-threatening injuries during the arrest, and was treated at Lake Region Hospital in Fergus Falls. Jay was taken to the Otter Tail County Jail, and has been charged with receiving stolen property, theft and driving after his license was revoked.

POLICE NEWS

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

**Thursday, March 10**

- ▶ 10:12 a.m., 700 block 5th Street, Audubon, drug paraphernalia found.
- ▶ 11:43 a.m., at Lakes Crisis and Resource Center, Detroit Lakes, report of inappropriate sexual conduct.
- ▶ 1:06 p.m., 17000 block 350th Avenue, Detroit Lakes, unknown medical. A 37-year-old Ogema woman was transported to a nearby medical clinic for treatment.
- ▶ 1:58 p.m., 1500 block Long Lake Road, Detroit Lakes, mail theft.
- ▶ 7:43 p.m., 500 block Balsam Avenue, Frazee, report of personal items missing from a residence.
- ▶ 11:32 p.m., 22000 block 130th Avenue, Lake Park, report of a minor physical altercation. No medical attention needed.
- ▶ 11:43 p.m., at Essentia St. Mary's, Detroit Lakes, an unruly patient was yelling and swearing at staff members. Officers asked the patient to leave the

grounds and they complied.

**Friday, March 11**

- ▶ 6:29 a.m., 28000 block County Road 9, Lake Park, medical. A man was attempting to pull a vehicle out of a snow bank when the winch snapped and struck him in the face. The man suffered heavy bleeding from the facial injury and was transported to a nearby medical clinic for treatment.
- ▶ 9:21 p.m., 1100 block Summit Avenue, Detroit Lakes, unauthorized charges.
- ▶ 10:03 a.m., 200 block Uran Street, Ogema, suicide related.
- ▶ 10:54 a.m., at the Minnesota Department of Transportation building, Detroit Lakes, items were stolen from an office. Three hanging wall prints were reported missing. The case is under investigation.
- ▶ 3:42 p.m., 12000 block County Road 29, Frazee, single-vehicle rollover. The three vehicle occupants were not injured, appeared alert and were all wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.
- ▶ 8:22 p.m., at Menard's, Detroit Lakes, shoplifting.
- ▶ 8:31 p.m., 28000 block Migizi Avenue, Ponsford, overdose. A 39-year-old Ponsford man was suffering from an

overdose. A bystander administered a dose of Narcan and the man responded positively. Additional medical attention was refused.

- ▶ 11:36 p.m., Frazee, suicide related. A 26-year-old Frazee man was making suicidal threats. He became hostile toward law enforcement and was arrested.

**Saturday, March 12**

- ▶ 9:12 a.m., 200 block east Main Avenue, Detroit Lakes, a man reported he had been assaulted. The man refused medical treatment.
- ▶ 1:33 p.m., 26000 block 43rd Avenue, Hawley, structure fire.
- ▶ 4:46 p.m., at Walmart, Detroit Lakes, shoplifting.
- ▶ 6:59 p.m., near mile marker 42 on Highway 10, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. A 56-year-old Audubon woman was stuck inside the vehicle and needed to be extricated by first responders. She was transported to a nearby medical clinic with unknown injuries.
- ▶ 9:14 p.m., near mile marker 33 on Highway 10, Lake Park, single-vehicle rollover. The vehicle was resting on its roof. Four individuals were transported to a nearby medical clinic.

**Sunday, March 13**

- ▶ 12:01 a.m., Meadows Lane, Audubon, domestic assault. A 54-year-old Audubon man was arrested at the scene. No medical attention was needed.
- ▶ 3:20 a.m., 100 block Fourth Street, Frazee, property damage. A landlord reported window, door and cabinet damage. They also said the rental unit was covered in graffiti.
- ▶ 11:55 a.m., near Detroit Lakes, vehicle damage. The case is under investigation.
- ▶ 7:30 p.m., 16000 block 305th Avenue, Detroit Lakes, single-vehicle crash. A 70-year-old Detroit Lakes woman was not hurt in the crash, but, due to a previous injury, could not get into a nearby truck. She also appeared confused and unsure of herself. The woman was transported to a nearby medical clinic for evaluation.
- ▶ 8:12 p.m., at the Lake Park American Legion, fire. The caller reported white smoke billowing out of the building. No flames were visible at the time of the initial call-for-service. Mutual aid was called for by the Lake Park Fire Department. Firefighters were cleared from the scene after about 5.5 hours.

# Stabbing reported in Alexandria on March 10

**By Travis Gulbrandson**  
Alexandria Echo Press  
ALEXANDRIA — Police are seeking information relating to a stabbing that took place in Alexandria on Thursday, March 10. At approximately 11:30 p.m., officers from the Alexandria Police Department were called to an assault at the Viking Towers apart-

ments on the 800 block of Fillmore Street. It was reported that a male party had been stabbed and was now in the hallway of the apartment building, according to a press release from the police department. Officers arrived and made contact with the victim, who was treated by North Ambulance and later transported to Alomere Health's emer-

gency room. It has been confirmed that the victim was stabbed. Officers were assisted by deputies from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. This investigation is ongoing and any information the public may have is appreciated. Contact the Alexandria Police Department at 320-763-6631 and ask to speak with someone

in the detective's division. This is an isolated event and there is no risk to the public's safety, according to Alexandria Police Chief Scott Kent. No names have been released in relation to the incident, and no arrests have been made at this time. Email reporter Travis Gulbrandson at [tgulbrandson@echopress.com](mailto:tgulbrandson@echopress.com)

# Minnesota Senate approves \$1 billion, 5-year extension of reinsurance program

**By Dana Ferguson**  
The Detroit Lakes Tribune  
ST. PAUL — The Minnesota Senate on Monday, March 14, voted 42-24, to again extend the state's reinsurance program through 2027, in a move that supporters said could bring down the cost premiums for Minnesotans. The program helps offset the cost of patients with more expensive health conditions for health insurance companies. And it is set to lapse at the end of the year unless lawmakers agree to step in. The bill's author, Sen. Gary Dahms, R-Redwood Falls, said that lawmakers should extend the program and spend roughly \$1 billion to keep it running because it has been effective in the last four and a half years in stabilizing costs in the individual health insurance marketplace. Without it, Minnesotans who purchase coverage through the individual market could see prices surge and options for health plans decrease, he said. "We want to make sure that we have a process for making sure that people who are on the individual health plan know that they're going to have coverage," Dahms said. "We talk about different things and different options a lot, a lot of those have been looked at, and at the end of the day, what seems to work best is reinsurance." Some Democrats in the Senate



Dana Ferguson / Forum News Service  
Members of the Minnesota Senate on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, applauded after Sen. Dave Osmeck, R-Mound, was elected as Senate president on the first day of the 2022 legislative session.

attempted to amend the bill to cap premium increases in Minnesota's individual market and limit the extension of the reinsurance program to encourage a quicker transition away from the program. Those were voted down but their authors said lawmakers should consider longer-term answers to address the state's health insurance marketplace rather than continuing to put on a "Band-Aid." "It was always considered temporary, it was always considered something that would transition us to financial stability in the individual market, never considered as a comprehensive solution to our difficulties with health care qual-

ity and health care costs in this state," Sen. Matt Klein, DFL-Mendota Heights, said. Klein is also a medical doctor. "I think it's time we hold our legislative feet to the fire ... so we get serious about proposing real health care programs in this state." A House committee has taken up and passed an altered version of the bill and legislative leaders have said the issue could come into negotiations over refilling the state's unemployment insurance trust fund and sending out hero checks to front-line workers who stayed on during the pandemic. Follow Dana Ferguson on Twitter @bydanaferguson, call 651-290-0707 or email [dferguson@forumcomm.com](mailto:dferguson@forumcomm.com).



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# Holy Rosary Catholic School raises \$16K through raffle draw

**News Staff**  
Teachers, staff and the surrounding community of Detroit Lakes united with students and their families to raise \$15,915 for Holy Rosary Catholic School through its annual Catholic Schools Raffle. From Jan. 14 to Feb. 27, students at Holy Rosary raised funds by selling \$5 raffle tickets, provided free of charge by sponsor Catholic United Financial.

“Since we started this raffle in 2009, over \$12.6 million has been raised for participating Catholic schools,” said Mike Ahles, president of Catholic United Financial. “We are incredibly proud that 100% of the total money raised has gone directly to the students, parents, faculty and administrators who have helped make

this program such an unqualified success.” Holy Rosary is one of 86 schools in Minnesota and South Dakota that were involved in the 2022 program. Before that January start date, school leadership set an ambitious fundraising goal. Catholic United Financial provided all promotional materials, raffle tickets and prizes for the program. As the tickets were sold and money came in, families and staff counted their total. They were excited knowing they get to keep every dollar their school raises.

On March 10, the raffle officially concluded with a prize drawing ceremony broadcast live on the Catholic United Financial website. The prizes, valued at over \$45,000, included a new 2022 Ford Escape SUV, a

dream vacation, Traeger Grill and grill set, smart TVs and more. Catholic United also rewarded the hard work of the top selling student at Holy Rosary with a Baby Yoda LEGO set prize and the chance to win \$500.

Holy Rosary School contributed nearly \$16,000 to the organization’s grand total of \$1,419,287 raised for Catholic education. Funds raised by participating schools like Holy Rosary are used to enhance school programs and facilities, including funding field trips, building playgrounds, supplementing tuition costs and providing new technology.

For more information, including a list of prize winners and all participating schools, visit catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle.



**Contributed / Holy Rosary School**  
Holy Rosary School in Detroit Lakes recently raised nearly \$16,000 through its participation in the annual Catholic Schools Raffle, organized by Catholic Aid Financial. A total of 87 schools raised more than \$1.4 million through the fundraising program, which concluded March 10 with the raffle drawing. Prizes of more than \$45,000 were distributed, including a new Ford Escape SUV.

## COURT NEWS

### DL man accused of assault on referee

Phillip Shawn Lokken, 45, of Detroit Lakes has been charged in Becker County District Court with misdemeanor fifth-degree assault and misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

According to court records, the incident occurred Jan. 13 at the elementary school in Audubon, during a high school basketball game between Lake Park-Audubon and Winger-Erskine-McIntosh (Win-E-Mac).

Lokken threw a bag of popcorn at a referee after a foul was called on one of the Win-E-Mac players towards the end of the game. The referee ejected Lokken from the gymnasium, and Lokken flipped him off with both middle fingers and loudly swore at him. Lokken came down off the stands and approached the referee on the court, grabbed his whistle and shirt, and tore his whistle off his lanyard.

Two other referees witnessed it, and the incident was caught on school video. The referee said that he had made another prior call which caused Lokken to be upset and began to yell at him. The referee also said that he was startled when Lokken approached him on the court, and thought Lokken was going to hit him.

He also said that when Lokken ripped off his whistle, the lanyard tightened around his neck. A deputy later made contact with Lokken, who told him that the referee was making “bulls\*\*t calls all night,” and that he had

had enough of it.

On March 2, a summons was issued, and Lokken was ordered to attend a remote arraignment April 28 before Becker County District Judge Michael Fritz.

### Man accused of stealing, using bank card in DL

Robert Lee Broder-son, 31, of Faribault has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony financial card fraud.

According to court records, on April 16, 2021, a Detroit Lakes woman reported that a wallet containing her credit card had been stolen out of her locked vehicle during the night. Her bank card had been used to buy about \$475 worth of goods at Lakes Sport Shop, DL Tobacco and Lakes Liquor, all in Detroit Lakes.

Surveillance photographs taken at the retail outlets matched booking photographs of Broder-son. He is now in state prison at Faribault on a different charge, with an estimated release date of April 25.

On March 3, a summons for Broder-son was issued by District Court Judge Johnathan Judd. A remote first-appearance hearing was set for April 28 before District Judge Michael Fritz.

### Man faces felony DWI, drug charges

Dale Timothy Villebrun, 51, of Naytahwaush has been charged in Becker County District Court with two counts of felony DWI, felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime, and gross misdemeanor driving after his license was canceled as inimical

to public safety.

According to court records, on Feb. 20 he was pulled over by a White Earth police officer on Becker County Road 143 near Ponsford, for expired license plate tabs.

He was arrested for driving with a canceled license. Among other things, a search of the vehicle turned up a hypodermic needle that Villebrun said contained liquid Suboxone, a schedule-three drug, that he dissolves into water and injects. He admitted that he did not have a prescription for Suboxone and that he had used the drug the day before. He also said he had used heroin the day before.

A blood draw was taken and sent to a Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension lab for testing.

On Feb. 23, cash bail for Villebrun was set at \$1,500 or bail at \$15,000 with standard conditions of release, or \$30,000 bail or bond with no conditions.

An omnibus hearing was set for March 21 before Becker County District Judge Jay Carlson.

### Fugitive from justice charge filed

Brianna Marie Smith, 36, of Detroit Lakes has been charged in Becker County District Court with being a fugitive from justice from another state, a felony.

According to court records, on Feb. 23 she was arrested in Detroit Lakes on an active warrant from Cass County, North Dakota.

Smith was stopped for driving with a revoked license, and admits to

being the person named in the North Dakota warrant.

On Feb. 24, she waived extradition and agreed to be transported to North Dakota to face the charges.

### Detroit Lakes man faces drug, DWI charges

Brady Jay Moran, 29, of Detroit Lakes has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime, and misdemeanor DWI.

According to court records, on the afternoon of Feb. 27, a police officer was dispatched

to the Subway parking lot on Highway 10 in Detroit Lakes for a welfare check. It was reported that a man was asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle with the driver’s window open. The officer recognized Moran from numerous prior contacts. The officer observed that Moran was asleep and had to use his air horn to wake him up.

Based on his observations, the officer asked him to exit the vehicle for field sobriety testing. Moran performed poorly on the tests and displayed clues of impairment.

He was arrested and

searched, and the officer found a small zip-style baggy containing about three-quarters of a gram of methamphetamine on him. A blood draw was taken and sent to a Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension lab for testing.

On Feb. 23, cash bail for Moran was set at \$1,000 or bail at \$10,000 with standard conditions of release, or \$20,000 bail or bond with no conditions.

An omnibus hearing was set for March 14 before Becker County District Judge Michael Fritz.

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Forum Communications pledges \$5,000 to newspaper in Ukraine

Like the rest of the U.S. and the world, we at Forum Communications Co. have watched with heartache the situation in Ukraine these past several days and weeks. And like so many others, we wondered what we can do to help contribute to efforts to help Ukrainians in even a small way. After inviting ideas from all employees throughout our company, today we announce a \$5,000 donation from FCC to 20 Minutes, a newspaper in Kyiv that has had to suspend printing its newspaper and switch exclusively to online publishing during the Russian invasion. Despite sheltering in place and fearing for their lives, their journalists have continued to write, publish and distribute their stories so the people of

Kyiv can stay informed. FCC also has another connection to 20 Minutes: This same news organization has been meeting with staff at the Duluth News Tribune, Superior (Wis.) Telegram and Cloquet (Minn.) Pine Journal via Zoom since early 2020 to share ideas on how to provide the best journalism to readers. Our organizations became connected through the IREX journalism program, an international nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. We hope that this will help those brave journalists continue their mission. In addition, we would like them to know they have the support and admiration of their peers here in the Midwest. We encourage our communities to offer support to Ukraine

relief efforts if you can. Our employees suggest donations to:

- **Direct Relief:** This international humanitarian aid group says it is working with Ukraine’s Ministry of Health and others to provide medical aid to those displaced or affected by the conflict. [www.directrelief.org/emergency/ukraine-crisis](http://www.directrelief.org/emergency/ukraine-crisis)
- **ImpactUkraine:** This nonprofit group was started by Brainerd, Minnesota, man Seth Neistadt. Their mission statement: “We work with churches, pastors, and other organizations in Ukraine to support humanitarian needs. 100% of the funds received go directly to our ministry partners.” [www.impactukraine.com](http://www.impactukraine.com)
- **Kyiv Independent:** Ukraine’s English-language media outlet was created by veteran journalists in

Kyiv. They have created a GoFundMe to help support their mission during this crisis. [www.gofundme.com/f/kyivindependent-launch](http://www.gofundme.com/f/kyivindependent-launch)

- **Samaritan’s Purse:** The international crisis support organization has deployed an Emergency Field Hospital to Ukraine. [www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/ukraine-response](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/ukraine-response)
- **UMANA:** The Ukrainian Medical Association of North America Crisis Response. [umana.org](http://umana.org)
- **UNICEF:** The group says its work in Ukraine has focused on “safeguarding children’s rights to safety, health, education, psychosocial support, protection and water and sanitation services.” [www.unicefusa.org/crisis-ukraine](http://www.unicefusa.org/crisis-ukraine)

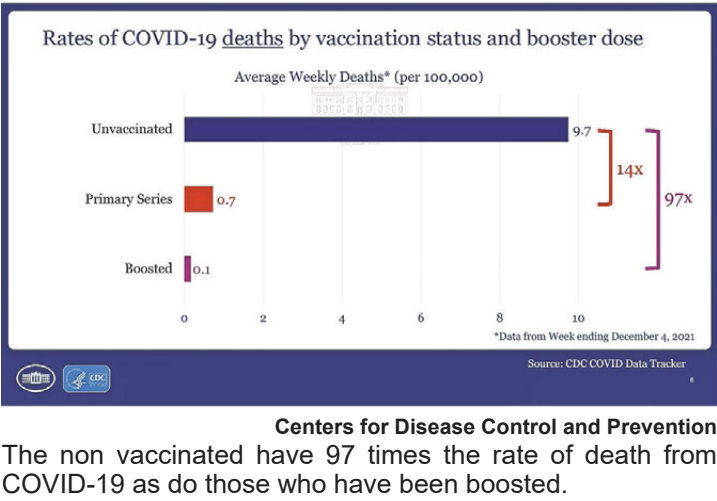
And at this time, let us pray for, and work toward, peace in the region.

RESEARCH PAPER

Health misinformation rampant because we want to believe it

**By Paul John Scott**  
The Detroit Lakes Tribune

A political cartoon in the New York Daily News called it the fifth horseman of the apocalypse, a destroyer on par with War, Famine, Pestilence and Death. Misinformation. Being in possession of bad intel wasn’t always so deadly. Before March 2020, erroneous beliefs, propaganda and lies may have influenced popular opinion, but they couldn’t send tens of thousands of Americans to an early grave.



the authors describe this process, “people tend to ask themselves ‘how do I feel about this claim?’”

“Overall belief in news headlines,” they explained, “is higher when the news headlines complement a reader’s worldview.”

Studies show, for example, that those with angry moods tend to seek out stories that align with anger, while those feeling social exclusion are inclined to trust stories that imply others are acting in tandem against them — in short, they tend to believe that there are conspiracies.

For these reasons, emotionality is key to the success of misinformation. Falsehoods are often couched in terms of danger and the need to avoid harm. By heightening emotion in this way, producers of misinformation distract the listener from considering the value of a source.

Besides emotions, our cognitive traits can alternatively improve or weaken our ability to avoid misinformation as well. These include the amount of time we spend in deliberation (good), as opposed to using our “gut” or intuition (bad).

A separate cognitive tendency is whether we assess the value of sources (good) or see all sources as equal (bad).

And all of this can be derailed by repetition.

**‘Going with your gut’ rewards high-repetition misinformation**

Once falsehoods are repeated, according to cognitive research, an untruth becomes highly familiar to the brain. This is bad for those who, faced with misinformation, reason through intuition (“going with their gut”), the authors report.

That’s because repetition-induced familiarity creates “illusory truth,” or a state of mind in which falsehoods are rapidly taken up without disruption. Repeated misinformation is so efficiently received and stored, in fact, that “repetition increases belief in both misinformation and facts.”

Psychologists have designed trick questions to test the extent to which a person uses intuitive versus deliberative thinking styles. They have learned that those who “go with their gut” have a greater likelihood of believing the pandemic is a hoax, and that public health measures are unnecessary.

The reasons we share misinformation are equally unrelated to being shown facts.

Misinformation sharing, like misinformation acceptance, is driven by psychological needs. These include a desire to appear interesting, to signal group membership, and for self-promotion.

Finally, the authors explored why do people resist changing their beliefs even when pointed toward the correct information?

Among the theories, correct information is believed to be hampered by

the fact that once you retain a piece of false information, learning later that it is incorrect does not erase the first piece of misinformation.

To the contrary, “misinformation and corrective information coexist and compete” for our attention, the authors write, with bad facts always there for retrieval.

Being corrected doesn’t work because it can be taken as an attack on identity, moreover, especially if a person’s identity becomes linked to being opposed to vaccine. A correction can also “lead to intense negative emotions” as the authors explain, producing psychological discomfort.

Misinformation is a valuable business plan however, for maximizing engagement and thereby profits on social media and news platforms that amplify falsehoods in the first place, the authors warn. Misinformation heightens emotions, and that keeps viewership high.

Talk of regulation of these platforms elicits push-back, but “being unknowingly subject to disinformation,” as the authors counter, “can be seen as a manipulative attack on freedom of choice and the right to be well informed.”

Other societal-level solutions include “reducing social inequality that breeds distrust in experts and contributes to vulnerability to misinformation.”

But for those seeking to fight misinformation on an individual level, to sort truth from lies, they suggest we start by slowing down and thinking about what we read, where it comes from, and who that helps. The alternative is more costly than ever.

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## Home and Sport Show March 19-20

**By Vicki Gerdes**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Though the snow and ice are still thick on the ground, thoughts of new, fresh home improvement, landscaping and construction projects have begun to bloom in the minds of lakes area residents.

Capitalizing on this annual phenomenon, the Lake Region Builders Association is preparing to host its 34th Annual Home and Sport Show this Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20 at Detroit Lakes' Kent Freeman Arena.

The two-day event pulls in hundreds of people eager to take in

### IF YOU GO

► **What:** Lake Region Builders Association's 34th Annual Home and Sport Show

► **When:** Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, March 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

► **Where:** Kent Freeman Arena, 1310 Rossman Ave., Detroit Lakes

► **How:** Admission is \$5 per person; visit lakeregionbuilders.com for more information.

the ideas and expertise that populate the more than 60 vendors scattered throughout the venue, which actually includes two separate arenas.

One side is focused on home related exhibits, including landscaping, plumbing and heating, electricians, custom home builders and the like, while the other side is devoted to all things sports and outdoor recreation-related.

In addition, there will be a silent auction to benefit local scholarships for kids pursuing careers in the building trades. Those scholarships are given out annually, to students within LRBA's five-county service area: Becker, Otter Tail, Mahanomen, Wilkin and Norman counties.

Door prizes are also part of the fun, along

with gardening seminars. This year's seminars will be focused on "Tips and Tricks — Spring Readiness Inside and Out (Saturday, 11:30 a.m.); "Planting in Driftwood" (Saturday, 1:30 p.m.); "Yard and Garden Composting for Beginners (Sunday, 11:30 a.m.); and "How to Make a Spring Garden Gnome (Sunday, 1:30 p.m.).

Both morning presentations will feature Sandy Gunderson of Becker County Environmental Services, while the afternoon presentations will be presented by Jay's Garden Boutique.

Admission is \$5 per

person, with \$1 of the proceeds from each ticket donated to the Becker County Food Pantry (based in Detroit Lakes) and Bridge Community Pantry (formerly the Perham Food Shelf).

Hours for the Home and Sports Show are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 20. For more information, please contact the Lake Region Builders Association at 218-847-0699 or builders@lakeregionbuilders.com. You can also visit the LRBA website at lakeregionbuilders.com, or check out their Facebook page for updates.

## Walk-in COVID-19 vaccines for ages 12 and up now at Essentia pharmacy in DL

### News Staff

Essentia Health is transitioning how it offers COVID-19 vaccinations at its Detroit Lakes facilities. The following changes will go into effect Monday, March 14.

Patients 12 years of age and older can receive COVID-19

vaccinations on a walk-in basis at the Essentia Health-Detroit Lakes Pharmacy at 211 Frazee St. E. from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Patients younger than 12 must make an appointment with a family medicine provid-

er between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made through the MyChart patient portal or by calling (833) 494-0836.

Essentia Health is following guidelines from state health departments and the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Currently, everyone 5 or older qualifies for the vaccine in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

Full details on Essentia's vaccination program can be found on its website.

### HAPPENINGS

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

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

### Thursday, March 17

**ULTRA Snowmobile Club:** Detroit Lakes' ULTRA Snowmobile Club will hold its annual election for officers and board members at its general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Eagles Club at 112 W. Holmes St. For more information call Mike Williams at 218-850-1333.

### Friday, March 18

**Square Dancing:** The Country Twirlers will host a square dance from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the IOOF Hall, 118 Homes Street West, Detroit Lakes. Caller is Abe Maier. There is a cost involved. Call 218-849-9317 for more information.

### Saturday, March 19

**Art from the Start:** Detroit Lakes' Historic Holmes Theatre will host a St. Patrick's Day-themed Art from the Start event for preschool kids and their parents or guardians, starting at 10 a.m. in the Holmes Art Celler. There is a cost to attend; call 218-844-7469 or visit dlccc.org/artcellar.html for more information.

**Quilts of Valor Fundraiser:** A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held as a fundraiser for the Quilts

of Valor program from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dent Community Center. Admission is a free will offering; proceeds go to making quilts for area Armed Forces veterans and active-duty personnel.

**Cabin Fever Supper:** The congregation of Grace Lutheran Church invites all lakes area residents to enjoy a "Cabin Fever Supper" from 4 to 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall at 213 Roosevelt Ave., Detroit Lakes. Menu includes meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, lefse, corn, pickles, buns, coleslaw and a variety of desserts as well as choice of beverage. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids age 4-10; those age 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Takeout and dine-in options available. Call the church office at 218-847-4568 for more information.

### Sunday, March 20

**Color Guard Fundraiser Breakfast:** The Lake Region Veterans Color Guard will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser from 8 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Club, 810 West Lake Drive, Detroit Lakes. Suggested donation is \$7 for a meal including scrambled eggs; pancakes or French toast; sausage or bacon; and coffee or tea. Plenty of tables, lots of space. All are welcome.

**Book Bingo:** Frazee Elementary School is hosting a Book Bingo event in the school cafeteria from 2 to 4 p.m. Concessions available. Fun for the whole family.

### Monday, March 21

**Ask a 'Techspert':** Do you have a phone, tablet, laptop, iPad, Kindle or other device that you're struggling to use? Visit the Detroit Lakes Public Library, 1000 Washington Ave., at 4 p.m. to learn more about your device, plus learn how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks free of charge.

### Tuesday, March 22

### History of the Sprafka House:

Join the Detroit Lakes Library Club for a special 2 p.m. presentation about the historic Sprafka house on Detroit Lakes' Summit Avenue. This house was designed by famed Polish architect Victor Cordella in 1922, and has many unique features. Free and open to the public. The library is located at 1000 Washington Ave. Call 218-847-2168 for more information.

### Wednesday, March 23

**Shoreland Certification Program:** The Becker County Soil & Water Conservation District will host a shoreland certification program for landscapers, contractors, excavators, realtors, and developers from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes. There is a cost to attend; register at the SWCD office, 809 8th St. SE, Detroit Lakes, or online at co.becker.mn.us/dept/soil\_water. Call 218-846-7360 for more information.

### Thursday, March 24

**Classic Film Screening:** Come to the Detroit Lakes Public Library at 2 p.m. for a free "World of Cinema" series screening of the classic 1935 film "Steamboat 'Round the Bend." This film features Will Rogers as a Louisiana con man who enters his steamboat in a winner-take-all race with a rival while trying to find a witness to free his nephew, about to be hanged for murder. This film is rated Approved and has a run time

of 96 minutes. Open to the public. Call 218-847-2168 for more information.

**Quilt Guild Meeting:** The Lakes Area Quilt Guild will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Detroit Lakes Police Dept. at 807 Summit Ave. The doors open at 6 p.m., Show and Tell items will be displayed at 6:30, and the meeting begins at 7 p.m., followed by a presentation on "Color Theory." Email LakesAreaQuilters@gmail.com for more information.

### Saturday, March 26

**Permit to Carry Class:** A class on how to obtain a Minnesota permit to carry

### BIRTHDAY



### LOOK WHO'S 95

**Rolli Kjos** will be celebrating his 95th Birthday on March 26th, 2022. Best wishes and cards can be sent to: 1050 Washington Ave, Apt #103, Detroit Lakes MN 56501 or call (678)346-8822

will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sandbar II in Detroit Lakes. This class will cover the laws pertaining to the permit as well as the basic fundamentals of marksmanship, including how to load/unload, malfunction clearing, weapon retention and more. Cost is \$80 for new students, \$70 for renewals; lunch provided free of charge. Handgun rental available for an additional \$20. Call 218-234-7145 to register.

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# RALLIES

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explained, is that the joints in his knees and feet were almost completely immobile. The entire right side of his body is also affected by the congenital disorder, which afflicts about one in every 3,000 people. Even after numerous surgeries — 13 of them before he turned age 14, and several more since — Heimark’s body continues to present him with daily mobility challenges. Most recently, about two weeks ago, the 41-year-old underwent surgery to repair what his doctor called an osteochondrial lesion on his right ankle, which was causing extreme pain whenever he tried to put weight on it. “The doctor who did my surgery told me, ‘The architecture of your feet isn’t normal at all,’” Heimark said, adding that he most likely will require another surgery soon, to repair similar damage to his left ankle. His ongoing mobility challenges cause Heimark to use a motorized scooter to traverse all but extremely short distances. Unable to get the scooter in and out of his car by himself — “I can’t lift anything too heavy,” he says — Heimark relies on the help of his wife, Tami, to do so. Because he and Tami share the same vehicle for getting to and from work, he has to get up extra early to drive over to the high school, drop off the scooter in the parking lot, then take her to work at Essentia Health Oak Crossing by 6 a.m. and go back to the high school to start his day. They have to go through the same routine, in reverse, at the end of the day — and on her days off, he still has to have her help him unload the scooter at the school, take her

“The name is about more than just getting him a lift. Not only do we want to buy a lift for him, we want to lift him up emotionally and support him.”

## DLHS TEACHER MARY KVEBAK, WHO HELPED START THE LIFT UP BOBBY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



Vicki Gerdes / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Though they don’t have children, Bob and Tami Heimark do have two “fur kids” — their cats Moe, left, and Abby, with whom they share an apartment on the north side of Detroit Lakes. The couple recently moved from a house to a first-floor apartment to make it easier for Bob to get around, due to ongoing mobility challenges related to his rare congenital disorder, arthrogryposis multiplex congenita (AMC).

back home and then go to work. One of his colleagues at Detroit Lakes High School — he has worked as an IT technician in the district for more than 20 years now — noticed one morning that Heimark’s scooter was sitting outside in the school parking lot unattended. She wasn’t the only one to notice, or to ask him about it — but she was the one that decided to do something to help find a way to get him a mechanical lift for his vehicle. That colleague, DLHS English teacher Mary Kvebak, was the instigator of a fundraising campaign called “Lift Up Bobby” — though the real impetus behind the campaign was her students. “I asked him if it was OK if I talked to the students in my digital media and film class about it,” Kvebak said. “He said, ‘Yes,’ so I did. It was my students who came up with the name Lift Up Bobby.”

“The name is about more than just getting him a lift,” Kvebak explained. “Not only do we want to buy a lift for him, we want to lift him up emotionally and support him.” Mission accomplished, according to Heimark: Support has been pouring in, not just from the students and staff at Detroit Lakes Public Schools, but from the community as a whole. “The Knights (of Columbus, for whom Heimark currently serves as treasurer, and has been involved with for many years) are going to host a pancake breakfast for me on April 3,” he said, adding that while the Knights do normally host a monthly breakfast, the proceeds from that one will go directly to the Lift Up Bobby campaign. At a recent Laker girls basketball game, students from the local Interact club (a junior affiliate of Rotary International) passed around a bucket in the stands

## MORE ABOUT AMC

Heimark says he has no problems sharing information about his condition, either with the students and staff at Detroit Lakes Public Schools or with local service organizations like Rotary, to whom he has made presentations at their regular meetings in the past. When Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz declared AMC Awareness Day back in 2016, Heimark sat down for a feature interview with the Detroit Lakes Tribune. One of the reasons he is asked to share that information so frequently, he added, is that AMC is incredibly rare; in fact, one of his past doctors, Dr. Brad Refsland, once said that of the more than 20,000 patients he had treated over the course of his career, Heimark was the only one who had it. He recalls a story his mother once told him about his first trip to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for surgery, shortly after his birth.

“During our first meeting with the surgeon, Dr. Rudolph Klassen, he excused himself for a moment, and came back in with about 20 doctors of all ages,” Heimark said. “They’d never seen a case of it (AMC) before.” He said that learning of an arthrogryposis support group called AMC Support, Inc., had been a revelation for him; the first time he went to one of the group’s conventions a few years ago, in Minneapolis, he found so many people to talk to that he ended up staying longer than intended. “By the second night, I was trying to figure out how I could stay,” he said. “I never knew anyone else with AMC before, and here we were in a room full of people with varying degrees of it.” Now, he said, the members of AMCSI have become like an extended family. For more information about the group, visit amcsupport.org.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The campaign is about two-thirds of the way toward its initial goal of \$5,000, and Kvebak said that any additional funds raised will go to help with Heimark’s ongoing medical expenses. Anyone who would still like to contribute

can go to the “Lift Up Bobby” page at ReadySetFund.com and follow the prompts to make a donation. Also, proceeds from the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast set for Sunday, April 3 at the Holy Rosary Parish Center will go toward Lift Up Bobby. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

during halftime, to raise money for the campaign. By night’s end, they had collected over \$900. A friend of Kvebak’s, Trisha Geffre, who works for ReadySetFund.com, a student-driven online fundraising organization, helped set up a direct link for the Lift Up Bobby campaign, and the students in Kvebak’s class filmed a YouTube video and Laker Live broadcast with Heimark in order to promote it. Heimark said that it was one of his IT interns at the high school, Aiden Wass, who interviewed him for the segment, and another IT intern, Noah Hendrickson, who helped with the camera work. Another intern, Zach Olson, helped set up a social media account for the campaign as well. He added that he was particularly touched when Wass threw in \$5 toward a recent ‘Lift Up Bobby’ bake sale held by the 9th grade students, over and above all the effort he had put into promoting the campaign. “One thing I’ve really enjoyed is seeing the kids come up with these

ideas, and watching their ideas manifest,” Heimark said. Working with the kids in the district is part of his job that “I absolutely love,” he added. Tami, who got to watch the segment

being filmed for Laker Live and YouTube, said it was fun to see how excited the kids were with the whole process. “It’s wonderful seeing the positive things that kids can achieve,” she added.

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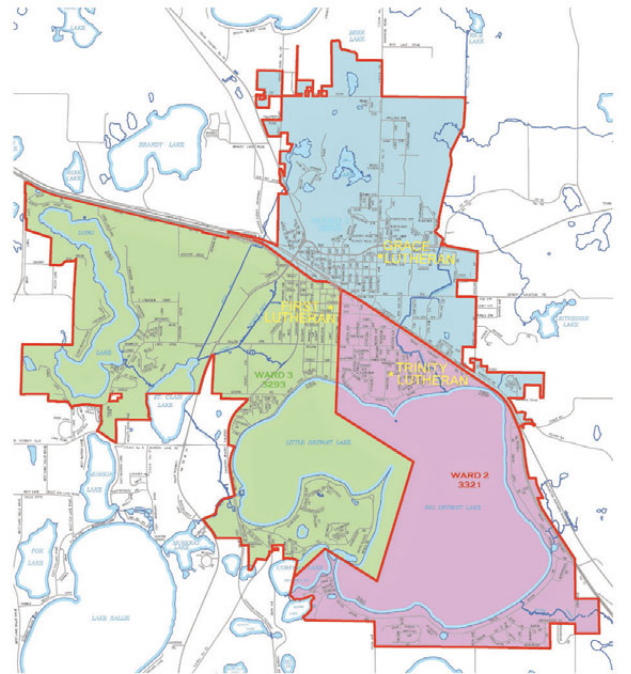
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# WARD

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► Ward 3: includes 3,293 residents and covers an area south of Highway 10, and west of Washington Avenue. The boundary includes residences along West Lake Drive and Long Bridge Road, finally cutting off at the center point of Long Bridge, which crosses Curfman Lake. “These districts are roughly proportional, we’ve had meetings with the county and they seem to be okay with the ward boundaries we are proposing,” he said. “Since we have to complete this by March 29, there will probably need to be a special council meeting later this month to have the second reading for the ordinance.” After the boundary presentation, Ron Zeman, Alderman for Ward 1, said it was great to see the population grow in Detroit Lakes over the last 10 years. “In 2010, our population was 8,569 and this year’s population shows that it’s 9,869, so we’ve had some good growth there,” said Zeman.

Voters may find themselves in new districts under these new maps. Some Long Lake residents will be moving from Ward 1 to Ward 3. Much of the city’s new population growth occurred north of Highway 10, which meant Ward 1 needed to become smaller. Also, the east and west dividing line between Wards 2 and 3 also changed. The line used to travel from Roosevelt Avenue, along Frazee Street to Minnesota Avenue, but now, Washington Avenue will be the dividing line with no zig-zag. On the south side of Detroit Lake, the dividing line between the wards used to be a point on South Shore Drive, but now, the dividing point is the midpoint on Long Bridge, which separates Detroit Lake from Curfman Lake, also known as Dead Shot Bay. Along with the new maps, polling places are also expected to be finalized. The three polling places are: Grace Lutheran Church for Ward 1, Trinity Lutheran Church for Ward 2 and First Lutheran Church for Ward 3. Send your story tips to Michael at: machterling@dlnewspapers.com



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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Photos by Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune  
The Detroit Lakes girls basketball team hoists the trophy after the Lakers' 46-43 win over Willmar in the Section 8-3A championship game on Mar. 10 at Alexandria Area High School.

LAKERS STILL DANCING

DETROIT LAKES STUNS WILLMAR TO CLINCH FIRST STATE BERTH IN 13 YEARS

**By Jared Rubado**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

**Alexandria**  
Willmar's Ellary Lang took a shot that clanked off the front of the rim and the top of the backboard before falling to the floor with no time left on the clock. It was a moment that nobody except for 18 players, four coaches and a handful of parents from Detroit Lakes thought would happen before Thursday night.

The third-seeded Lakers (14-12) have turned the unexpected into their reality with a 46-43 upset win over the top-seeded Cardinals (19-9) to win the Section 8-3A championship. For the first time since the 2008-09 season, Detroit Lakes is headed to the state tournament.

"I can't really describe it, and I can't get over how awesome that was," junior Jacee Hauser said.



From left to right: Grace Gunderson, Abby Larson, Ella Okeson and Helena Daggett are all smiles after the Lakers' 46-43 win over Willmar in the Section 8-3A championship game on Mar. 10 at Alexandria Area High School.

"I love this amazing group of girls I get to play with. So many young girls stepped up this year to make this happen. I'm so proud of them."

Things couldn't have started any worse for the Lakers at Alexandria Area

High School. An early shooting slump and a 13-0 run from Willmar had Detroit Lakes down 11 points midway through the first half. Cardinals' senior Ella Shinn put up six points to give Willmar a 16-5 lead.



Detroit Lakes head coach Rachel Johnson cuts down the nets after the Lakers' 46-43 win over Willmar in the Section 8-3A championship game on Mar. 10 at Alexandria Area High School.

The lead grew to 12 points before the Lakers closed the gap. Junior Abby Larson hit a three before sophomore Grace Gunderson drove to the rim to cap off an 8-0 before halftime. Willmar

held a 21-17 advantage after the first 18 minutes. "I think we were all feeling down when we were down by that much," Larson said.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Detroit Lakes to play Totino-Grace in Class 3-A quarterfinals

**By Jared Rubado**  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES – The Class 3-A girls basketball brackets were revealed on Saturday morning.

The Detroit Lakes girls basketball team will take on third-seeded Totino-Grace at 4 p.m. from the Maturi Pavilion at the University of Minnesota.

Detroit Lakes comes in with a record of 14-12 after upsetting both Willmar and Alexandria in the Section 8-3A tournament. On Thursday night, the third-seeded Lakers knocked off the top-seeded Cardinals 46-43. Five days earlier, Detroit Lakes beat second-seeded Alexandria 71-65 in double-overtime to advance to the section championship.

"We're the only people that believed in ourselves," Detroit Lakes junior Abby Larson said after beating Willmar. "We put everything out on the court tonight.



Detroit Lakes' Ella Okeson pops a three-pointer in the first half of the Lakers' 46-43 win over Willmar in the Section 8-3A championship game on Mar. 10 at Alexandria Area High School.

There's nothing that can describe this. It's just an amazing feeling and

experience to be in." Totino-Grace comes into the state tourna-

ment with a 20-8 record. The Eagles beat Hill Murray 59-50 in the

Section 4-3A championship game on Thursday night.

Totino-Grace played its first Class 3-A game since Dec. 28 last Saturday. It ended a stretch of 16 consecutive games against Class 4-A teams. The Eagles went 11-5 during that stretch and are the No. 2 team in the Class 3-A QRF rankings. Detroit Lakes' is No. 30 in the QRF's 3-A rankings.

This is Detroit Lakes' first state appearance since 2009. After starting the season 1-7, the Lakers have won 13 of its last 18 games.

"We just knew, even with all of our losses, that we had to keep working hard and working together," Larson said. We had to figure out what clicked to help us win the rest of our games."

The Totino Grace and Detroit Lakes winner will play either Grand Rapids (24-3) or No. 2

St. Paul Como Park (20-6). Top-seeded Becker will play Austin in the first round, while No. 4 Benilde-St. Margaret's plays No. 5 Mankato East. All first-round games will be played at the Maturi Pavilion on Wednesday. The winners will play the following day at Williams Arena while the consolation bracket heads to Concordia-St. Paul.

"I really think it comes down to the fact that, ever since the beginning of the season, us as a coaching staff has told them this is the expectation," Detroit Lakes head coach Rachel Johnson said after Thursday's win. "This is where we knew they could be, and they've heard that repeatedly. "I think that's really important, and they've started to manifest that themselves."

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# Prime time for late-ice panfish

There is a fishing pattern that emerges in March that is one of the most productive of the entire year, and maybe one of the most overlooked too.

The pattern involves bluegills and crappies at “last ice.” During this time, many of these fish are vacating deeper water mid-winter haunts and heading shallow, preparing for their spring spawning rituals, but also putting on the feed bag as well.

Not only is this an oft-productive pattern, but it’s also a great way to fend off the cabin fever many of us who love being outside are feeling right now. In fact, nice days out on the ice drilling holes and searching for aggressive panfish is one of my favorite ways to spend a March day. Battling aggressive, biting bluegills and crappies almost seems like a bonus when the sun shines and the thermometer rises in March and I can be



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outside.

Another good thing about panfish now is their locations can be fairly predictable. The mouths of bays known to hold bluegills and crappies during the first open waters of spring are prime areas to check. These fish will be feeding and later spawning here and often “stage” on the drop-off edges leading into these bays during late ice, anticipating spring and open-water feeding opportunities.

When targeting potential areas, I drill holes on drop-offs looking for fish but also for weeds, especially those showing signs of life. Green weeds along an edge leading to a spawning bay can hold lots of panfish during this time.

Drilling holes in likely areas will usually reveal some crappies and gills, fish that can be caught with standard ice fishing methods involving small jigs. For me, that means a small tungsten jig tied to light line and tipped with a small Maki plastic bait. This setup is fished on a “noodle” rod and inline reel combo.

Jigs made of tungsten are denser than their lead counterparts meaning they fish “heavier.” A small, yet heavy jig appeals to panfish with its miniscule profile, yet it crashes through fishing hole slush and weeds on the way to the fish. Another tungsten advantage is that their quick fall rates quickly gets baits back down to aggressive panfish once one has been caught from a roaming school.

The Drop Jig XL with its bigger hook is my late-winter choice. The bigger hook accommodates plastic baits well and is also good during a finicky



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Young angler Lincoln Hoaglund used a tungsten jig to catch this crappie earlier this winter. As winter wanes, crappies and sunfish will get more aggressive and even easier to catch.

bite when I may want to load the jig with waxworms. The jigs also come in various sizes

and a variety of “fishy” colors.

My rod and reel set-up for fishing small jigs

consists of a light-tipped Scepter Stick noodle rod that helps me see bites and an inline reel loaded with 3-pound line. Inline reels can be adjusted to match a jig’s drop rate to the aggressiveness of the fish and also reduces line twist and a spinning jig that might spook panfish.

The last equipment item needed for late-ice panfish success is a good winter sonar unit with top target separation. The Vexilar flashers I use have target separation that easily allows me to see individual fish, weed stalks, and my bait and maximize my catches.

Head to a good panfish lake, employ some of the tactics just shared, and be ready for some aggressive late-winter panfish to pull back!

As always, also remember to include a youngster in your next outdoors adventure.

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## LAKERS

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“Something just clicked, and we were like, ‘guys, we have to go, or this is the end of our season.’ We put all this work in, so we weren’t going to go out like that. We started to come back, and that’s when they started turning over the ball. It was just motivating to see that we could do it.”

Much like Saturday’s 71-65 double-overtime semifinal win over second-seeded Alexandria, the Lakers’ run before the half allowed them to settle in and play with confidence to open the second frame. Detroit Lakes took its first lead since the game’s opening minutes on a three from sophomore Ella Okeson. She finished with nine points off the bench.

“That’s what you want your sixth man to be,” Detroit Lakes head coach Rachel Johnson said of Okeson. “She’s that spark plug and hurricane that Ella is. To have her be able to come in ready to rip and do those things she has to do for us to win is great.”

The lead was short-lived as Willmar’s Brielle Ogdahl and Lange each hit three-pointers on back-to-back possessions.

When the Lakers needed a bucket, they looked to their junior captain. Hauser had nine points on the night, with all of them coming in the second half from three-point range. Her first two leads erased the pair of Willmar threes midway through the first half.

Hauser sat on the bench for most of the two overtime periods in the semifinals despite playing crucial minutes all season long. Alexandria presented an awkward matchup for Hauser and Ellie Lunde, which led Johnson to put one of her starters on the bench in the extra sessions.

“Against Alex, she was definitely frustrated. More than anything,



Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes’ Elle Bettcher looks to pass the ball in the first half of the Lakers’ 46-43 win over Willmar in the Section 8-3A championship game on Mar. 10 at Alexandria Area High School.

the reason she didn’t get as many minutes as she normally does was because it was a bad matchup for her,” Johnson said of Hauser. “The same can be said for Ellie Lunde. They both know what their roles are, and they came back to practice in fine spirits, especially Jacee. She was a leader on the court tonight. She hit her nine points at opportune and necessary times.”

Being the consummate leader she is, Huaser bounced back when her team needed her.

“I doubt myself easily,” Hauser said. “These girls are so awesome at building me up when I get down. I knew that me being on the bench in those overtimes (against Alexandria) was what was best for the team for the matchup. Yeah, you want to be out there, and it’s frustrating when you’re not, but it’s what was best for this team. I’m glad I got to do my part tonight and add to this game.”

While her timely three-point shooting erupted an excited Detroit Lakes contingent, her contributions on the defensive end of the floor were even more important. Hauser had seven blocks and cleaned up on the glass after Willmar dominated Detroit Lakes in rebounding during the first half.

“She was a beast on the boards again too,” Johnson said of Hauser defensively. “We can’t afford her not to play in these situations because of her rebounding and her defense. She was just a beast.”

Another emotional junior leader found herself in unfamiliar territory midway through the second half. Larson picked up her fourth foul with just over 10 minutes left. She returned to the game less than four minutes later and played the final 6:39 without a foul to give.

“I was proud of her because she was sick and puking on the bus ride here,” Johnson said of Larson. “She said she felt better, so that was a relief. She felt good in the shoot-around and in warmups. We just talked about how this is a mental game at this point. She had a bit of a rough start in the first half, but when it came down to needing to execute, she did it. She just really stepped up when he needed her to. She’s so integral to everything we do.”

“I just had to make sure I wasn’t reacting to anything and staying away from anything that’ll get me in trouble,” Larson said on playing with four fouls. “I just needed to stay poised and keep my emotions in check.”

Willmar and Detroit

Lakes traded punches in what felt like a heavyweight bout. Willmar took a 43-41 lead with 3:37 left on a feed from Samantha Christoffer to Shinn in the post. It was the last time the Cardinals scored during the 2021-22 season.

Larson gave Detroit Lakes the lead back with a three-pointer with 2:33 to play. The possession chewed over a minute off the clock before the Lakers regained a one-point lead. From there, Detroit Lakes closed out a section championship with its defense.

Okeson and Gunderson each hit a free throw to give the Lakers a three-point lead—their largest of the game. Willmar had three shots to tie in the final 20 seconds but couldn’t get one to go. The Lakers were stormed by an exuberant student section waiting to celebrate the team’s first section championship in 13 years.

“I couldn’t help but cry seeing all of those people here supporting us and caring about what we did,” Hauser said. “All of those people came here for us, and we didn’t let them down. I’m just in awe...I don’t know how else to describe it. I can’t even feel emotions because I can’t even comprehend what just happened. I can’t believe this. I don’t think I’m going to sleep tonight.”

### Relishing in the underdog role

Alexandria has dominated Section 8-3A for years. After the state-wide realignment this offseason and seeing a large Alexandria senior class lost to graduation, the 8-3A crown was Willmar’s to lose. Yet Detroit Lakes beat both of them in back-to-back games without a senior on the floor.

The “doubt” surrounding the Detroit Lakes basketball team isn’t necessarily a belief in a lack of talent but more about recognizing what Alexandria and Willmar did to the Lakers this season. Willmar beat Detroit Lakes

54-26 on Jan. 7 before Alexandria pulled away to a 54-41 win on Jan. 27. Willmar was also the 15th-ranked team in Class 3-A, according to *MN Basketball News*.

“This was an upset—like we actually pulled off an upset,” Hauser said. “Coming into this, we didn’t feel any pressure. All of the pressure was on Wilmar. I think that helped us even more because we didn’t feel the pressure of being favored to win.”

The 2021-22 season wasn’t all sunshine and rainbows for the Lakers either. A 1-7 start to the campaign forced a young team to face the harsh reality that something needed to change before it was too late.

“I think our chemistry just clicked,” Hauser said of overcoming a slow start to the season. “We had a lot of people doubting us, and we just got sick of it. We were frustrated with it. Once we all started working together, things just got really good. I’m going to be honest. When we were 1-7, I don’t think any of us thought we’d be doing this tonight. I’m just so proud of everyone.”

Despite winning five of its last six games during the regular season, the people giving Detroit Lakes a shot to cut down the nets were few and far between.

“It completely fuels us,” Johnson said on being the underdog.

“These girls thrive in this hostile environment. It all comes down to us. They completely buy into what the coaches have said all season. Even this last week, we’ve been talking about what’s going to happen when we won instead of if we won. It wasn’t cocky, but instead more manifesting that confidence.”

All bets are off for the Class 3-A state tournament starting on Wednesday from the Matru Pavilion at the University of Minnesota. The Lakers weren’t seeded and will play No. 3 Totino-Grace in the quarterfinals, but that won’t bother a group of girls that’s been told they wouldn’t be there in the first place.

“I tell these girls all the time that the people doubting us motivates us,” Hauser said. It’s just what happens. It’s up to us to step it up and prove to people that we’re good enough. I’m thankful for every single person that doubted us because we wouldn’t be standing here today without them. We played to prove them wrong, and we did.”

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\$19.32 - \$22.32/hr

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Melissa Kain  
[melissak@rmcep.com](mailto:melissak@rmcep.com)  
Human Resources Manager  
Rural Minnesota CEP, Inc.  
803 Roosevelt Avenue  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
For additional information see [www.minnesotaworks.net](http://www.minnesotaworks.net)  
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE  
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:  
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 27, 2006  
MORTGAGOR: Shaun A. Frey, a single person.  
MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation.  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded November 3, 2006 Becker County Recorder, Document No. 542141.  
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated October 27, 2006 Recorded November 3, 2006, as Document No. 542142.  
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 903 Red Willow Dr, Frazee, MN 56544  
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 500462527  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Seven (7), Block Two (2) of Red Willow Heights, according to the certified Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder and for Becker County, Minnesota. LESS the East 20.00 feet thereof being measured at a right angle to and parallel with the East line of said Lot Seven (7).  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Becker  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$138,650.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$109,746.93  
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;  
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 3, 2022 at 1:00 PM  
PLACE OF SALE: Becker County Sheriff's Office Lobby, 925 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.  
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 3, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.  
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None  
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."  
Dated: February 25, 2022  
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgage/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
4500 Park Glen Road #300  
Minneapolis, MN 55416  
(952) 925-6888  
135 - 22-001313 FC  
IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.  
(March 9, 16, 23 & 30; April 6 & 13, 2022) 39820

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF BECKER  
DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No.: 03-PR-22-316  
In Re: Estate of FRANK LLOYD HUTCHINSON, Decedent.  
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed David L. Hutchinson, whose address is 20892 Clarks Grove Road, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.  
Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.  
Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.  
Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: 3-3-2022 /s/ Registrar  
Dated: 3-3-2022 RENELLE FENNO

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Court Administrator  
EASTLUND HUTCHINSON LTD  
Heather L.L. Koering, Esq.  
MN# 30394X  
4200 County Road 42 West, Savage, MN 55378  
Telephone: 952-894-6400  
Facsimile: 952-894-6421  
e-mail: hkoering@eastlundhutchinson.com  
(March 9 & 16, 2022) 39804

Notice of Hearing  
Notice is hereby given that the Detroit Lakes Planning Commission will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building, 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 5:30pm to hold a public hearing to consider the following items:  
A. Public hearing to give consideration to a variance to allow a 15 foot setback from the road right of way to construct a 12 x 12 shed at 1209 West Lake Drive (James Benedict)  
B. Public hearing to give consideration to a Conditional Use Permit to allow a short term rental of an entire four (4) bedroom home at 1038 West Lake Drive (Larry and Suzanne Wheeler)  
The Planning Commission will proceed on these matters pursuant to the Zoning Regulations & Subdivision Regulations of the City of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. All persons who desire to be heard regarding the above listed items will be heard at this meeting.  
DATED AT Detroit Lakes, Minnesota this 16th day of March 2022.  
Larry Remmen, AICP  
Community Development Director  
(March 16, 2022) 41927

State of Minnesota  
County of Becker  
District Court 7th Judicial District  
Court File Number: 03-CV-22-286  
Case Type: Harassment  
Kevin Sean Adams, Petitioner vs  
Nicole Kay Greenfield, Respondent  
Notice of Issuance of Harassment Restraining Order by Publication To Respondent:  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Harassment Restraining Order has been issued on February 8, 2022.

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A hearing has not been scheduled. You may request a hearing on this matter by filing a Request for Hearing HAR301 with the Court within twenty (20) days of the date this Notice is published. You may get a copy of the HRO from the court administrator's office at the following address:  
913 Lake Avenue,  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501.  
Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to get a copy of the Harassment Restraining Order will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.  
Dated: March 14, 2022 /s/ Sarah Schlauderaff  
Court Administrator/ Deputy  
(March 16, 2022) 41924

LAKE VIEW TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Lake View Township, Becker County, shall meet on April 14th, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until adjourned at the Lake View Town Hall at 25933 130th Street. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in Lake View Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may then appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and may make corrections as needed. An appearance, or letter, before your local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. All appearances before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization should be by appointment. Call the Becker County Assessor's office at 218-846-7300 to make an appointment.  
Dana Fagerlie-Lake View Township Clerk  
(March 16, 2022) 41883

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State of Minnesota  
County of Becker  
District Court 7th Judicial District  
Court File Number: 03-CV-22-282  
Case Type: Harassment  
Jessica Hope Sweeney and OBO Minor Children, Petitioner vs  
Nicole Kay Greenfield, Respondent  
Notice of Issuance of Harassment Restraining Order by Publication To Respondent:  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Harassment Restraining Order has been issued on February 8, 2022.  
A hearing has not been scheduled. You may request a hearing on this matter by filing a Request for Hearing HAR301 with the Court within twenty (20) days of the date this Notice is published. You may get a copy of the HRO from the court administrator's office at the following address:  
913 Lake Avenue,  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501.  
Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to get a copy of the Harassment Restraining Order will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.  
Dated: March 14, 2022 /s/ Sarah Schlauderaff  
Court Administrator/ Deputy  
(March 16, 2022) 41920

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF BECKER  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Minn. Stat. § 524.3-310  
Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801  
Court File No.  
In Re: Estate of DUANE A. HOUGHTON, Deceased.  
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:  
Notice is hereby given, that an application for informal probate of the above-named decedent's last will, dated September 28, 2020, has been filed with the Registrar herein, and

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the application has been granted informally probating such will. Any objections may be filed in the above-named Court, and the same will be heard by the Court upon notice of hearing fixed for such purpose. Notice is hereby further given that informal appointment of TERRY C. HOUGHTON, II, whose address is 351 Misty Meadow Lane, Davis Junction, IL 61020, as personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent has been made. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative and the personal representative is empowered to fully administer the estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of his letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate, unless objections thereto are filed with the Court (pursuant to Section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders.  
Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.  
Dated: 3/8/2022 /s/ GINA DEVILBISS-HENDRY  
Probate Registrar  
By: /s/ GINA DEVILBISS-HENDRY  
Deputy Court Administrator  
Elliot J. Stoll, #0402588  
PEMBERTON LAW, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
110 North Mill Street I Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537 Telephone 218-736-5493  
Email e.stoll@pemplaw.com  
(March 16 & 23, 2022) 41764

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Detroit Lakes Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) hereby submits for public comment a Five-Year Capital Funds Plan for 2021-2025 and a Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Update for 2023. A copy of the plan and supporting documentation are available at the HRA office at 1111 Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All persons are welcome to review the proposed plan and make written comment to the Detroit Lakes HRA. A public hearing for the Plan will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 11:30 a.m., at the Detroit Lakes HRA Office. The plan will be submitted for approval to the HRA Board of Commissioners following the public hearing.  
(March 16 & 23, 2022) 40926

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
THE PROJECT  
New Fire Hall  
City of Callaway  
Callaway, Minnesota  
1.02 THE OWNER (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS OWNER)  
City of Callaway  
321 Main Avenue  
Callaway, MN 56521  
1.03 DATE: MARCH 2022  
1.04 TO: POTENTIAL BIDDERS  
A. Sealed SINGLE BASE BID will be received for ALL WORK for the above referenced project. The Owner will solicit proposals for the Quality Control/ Special Inspections Contractor after award of the Contract.  
B. All Bids will be received by the Owner until 2:00 P.M. Central Standard Time on April 07, 2022.  
1. Bids shall be delivered before the time and date above to Shelly Dillon, Clerk/ Treasurer, at the address listed above for the Owner, at which time the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Telephone and Fax Bids will not be allowed.  
2. The Architect assumes no responsibility for receiving and delivering Contractor Bids to the bid opening.  
C. All bids shall be in accordance with Bidding Documents prepared by YHR Partners, Ltd., 420 Main Avenue, Moorhead, Minnesota 56560.  
D. The Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations until Bid opening time:  
1. The offices of The Owner and Architect.  
2. The Builders Exchanges located in Bismarck (Bismarck Builders Exchange), Fargo, and Grand Forks, North Dakota.  
3. The Builders Exchanges located in Mid-Minnesota (Willmar), Minneapolis, and St. Cloud, Minnesota.  
4. The Builders Exchanges located in Aberdeen and Sioux Falls (Plains), South Dakota.  
E. Bid Documents may be obtained from the office of the Architect as outlined below. All deposits and/ or payments for Bid Documents shall be made payable to "YHR Partners, Ltd."  
1. Bid Documents may be obtained by prime Bidders and Mechanical and Electrical Work Sub-bidders upon receipt of a refundable deposit, by check, in the amount of \$150 for one set of Bidding Documents. Full deposit will be returned to those submitting legal prime Base Bid provided complete set as issued, including Addenda, is received by the Architect within 14 days following bid opening. No plan deposit will be returned if these conditions are not met.  
a. Additional sets may be obtained by prime Bidders at a non-refundable cost of \$150. Submit payment for those sets by separate check.  
2. Full sets of printed Bid Documents may be obtained by non-bidders at a non-refundable cost of \$150.  
F. Electronic Bid Documents (digital download of pdf files) may be obtained by prime Bidders and Mechanical and Electrical Work Sub-bidders from the office of the Architect at no cost, or they may be downloaded from the exchanges listed above.  
1. Other approved parties may obtain electronic Bid Documents (digital download of pdf files) for a non-refundable cost of \$50 for digital download access, by completing and submitting the REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS form in Section 01 15.00.  
G. Bids shall be accompanied by certified check or bid bond in the amount equal to 5% of the highest amount of the Bids as guarantee that the Bidder will, within ten days after Notice of Award, enter into Contract with Owner in accordance with the terms of the Bids and these Bidding Documents.  
H. Bid security shall be made payable to City of Callaway.  
I. Bid security will be retained and your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability until Contract has been awarded and executed, but not longer than a period of 30 days after the Bid date.  
J. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and waive informalities therein.  
1.05 SIGNATURE  
A. For the Owner: City of Callaway  
Callaway, MN  
B. By: Shelly Dillon, Clerk/ Treasurer  
END OF SECTION  
(March 16, 23 & 30, 2022) 41749

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20. Shivering fits  
22. Wrath  
23. Linguistics pioneer  
25. Large integers  
26. A way to prepare food  
28. Group of badgers  
29. Peyton's little brother  
30. Rock out  
31. Danish krone  
33. Take from with force  
34. Baroque musical instrument  
36. Zodiac sign  
38. Hebrew alphabet letter  
40. Independent member of a clone  
41. Type of garment  
43. Satisfy  
44. One point south of due east  
45. A way to wipe out  
47. Moved quickly on foot  
48. Bar bill  
51. An idiot  
53. Performed with the voice silent  
55. Body fluids  
56. Rhythmic patterns  
58. ... my i s  
59. Type of wrap  
60. It shows who you are  
61. Carousel  
64. Type of college degree  
65. Molding  
67. Closes again  
69. Verses  
70. Surface

DOWN  
1. Short, thick stick  
2. Rhode Island

3. Animals of the horse family  
4. Very important persons  
5. Folk singer Di Franco  
6. Boredom  
7. Long speech  
8. Footballer Newton  
9. Expression of sorrow or pity  
10. Linear accelerator  
11. One quintillion bytes  
12. Smallest interval in Western music  
13. Box  
15. Cheese dish  
18. Make a mistake  
21. Done by all people or things  
24. Circumference  
26. Chum  
27. Electrocardiogram  
30. Sandwich chain  
32. Showed old movie  
35. Important event on Wall St.  
37. Where wrestlers work  
38. Free from contamination  
39. Eastern Canada coastal region  
42. Slang for gun  
43. High schoolers' test  
46. Fathers  
47. Call it a career  
49. Productive  
50. Musical groups  
52. Yellowish-brown  
54. Lowest point of a ridge  
55. Beloved late sportscaster Craig  
57. Fill up  
59. Cardinal number that's the sum of 5 and 1  
62. Frost  
63. Jewel  
66. Atomic #45  
68. Top lawyer

PUZZLE SOLUTION

	2	9	8	6	8	7	9	1	7				
7	8	7	9	1	2	9	6	8					
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3	9	6							7				
4											6		

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

TODAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED

2	9	8	6	8	7	9	1	7
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6	9	1	8	7	9	7	8	2
7	8	7	2	6	1	8	9	9
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1	6	9	8	9	7	8	2	7
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BRIEF

Woman shot during traffic stop

A late-night traffic stop in northwestern Minnesota ended with a woman being shot early Sunday, authorities said.

In an interview Monday with the Star Tribune, the woman — in recovery at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo — said the deputy shot her as she was removing a handgun from her shirt.

“I was outside the SUV when I got shot,” said 20-year-old Shequoya Basswood, who splits her time between the Mahnomen area and Minneapolis. “He told me to put my hands on the hood. I did have a Glock in my shirt ... so I took it out. He must have thought I was going to shoot him.”

According to a statement from the Mahnomen County Sheriff’s Office, the incident began with a deputy pulling over the SUV about 1:30 a.m. A pursuit involving a deputy and the SUV followed, with the latter ending up in a ditch in the village of Naytahwaush, about 50 miles northeast of Detroit Lakes.

“Shots were fired, and an adult female received gunshot wounds,” the statement says.

The Sheriff’s Office did not disclose whose gunfire hit the woman, but it did say a firearm was recovered at the scene. The deputy involved in the encounter was not hurt.

Neither the Sheriff’s Office nor the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating the incident, returned calls or emails for comment on the case.

Basswood said she was one of five people in the SUV at the time it was pulled over. One person with her was detained but later released, she said.

Basswood said she believes the deputy “was in the wrong. I didn’t know he was going to react like that.”

Basswood sustained numerous internal injuries from the gunfire, she said. “I have a bullet in my back, and they can’t take it out” without risking paralysis, she said.

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STRIKE

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to negotiate in good faith with our unions, and we hope we can bring things to an equitable conclusion,” said Pat Oman, county administrator.

The Becker County Human Services and General Courthouse Unit are two separate bargaining units represented by Teamsters, with separate contracts. Their last mediation session with the county was on February 10, according to the county news release; both rejected the county’s last offer.

The same units had voted to strike in February 2020 but by the following month had changed their plans in order to keep working during the pandemic.

“They’ve been going to work and getting the county through this difficult time... It was more important to not interrupt the services to the public (during the pandemic),” said Brian Aldes, the union’s secretary treasurer and principal officer. “But those issues from before were never resolved... (and) the contract’s open again.”

“Becker County’s very interested in continuing to negotiate in good faith with our unions, and we hope we can bring things to an equitable conclusion.”

PAT OMAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Last year, the average county employee received a 5.75% wage increase, consisting of a 2.75% general wage increase and another 3% step increase for those employees not at the top of the wage scale, the county news release reported, and the county “made a substantially higher wage offer during the 2022 negotiations.”

Oman said the county has reviewed wage data from Minnesota counties of similar size and budget that shows Becker County employees “are paid competitively” in comparison.

But Aldes said Becker County’s wages are “below the average compared to other employers surrounding Becker County,” and county employee JoAnn Erickson, quoted in the Teamster news release, said, “Becker County needs to get serious about increasing wages.”

Menards and Walmart now pay better starting wages than the county.”

Aldes and Meunier both noted that health insurance was a major sticking point for the union, as well. Teamsters wants the county to consider a union-sponsored insurance plan for county employees, a plan that Meunier said would create “a substantial savings” for both the employees and the county, compared to their current plan. But so far, the Teamsters

said, the county has declined to negotiate on that.

Oman said the county has a two-year contractual obligation to its current plan provider, Minnesota’s non-state public employee insurance plan, or PEIP.

“Certainly anything that’s brought before us, we’ll review...but the public employment insurance plan works for us, and right now, contractually, we’re with PEIP until 2024,” Oman said. “There really isn’t anything we can entertain on opportunities.”

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At the scene of the Lake Park American Legion fire Monday were, from left, Adjutant Karen Erickson, Fire Chief Dave Coufal, and Building Manager Vince Larson.

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be determined, it does not appear suspicious in nature,” Burnside said in a news release. “The Minnesota Fire Marshal’s Office was notified of the fire and were on scene before fire crews cleared, and will be leading the investigation.”

Fire crews were assisted by the Lake Park ALERT rescue squad, White Earth Ambulance, and law enforcement agencies from Lake Park, Becker County, Mahanomen County and the Minnesota State Patrol.

Early on, the Moorhead Fire Department was asked to bring its ladder truck, because the Detroit Lakes Fire Department’s ladder truck is temporarily out of commission, but the Moorhead request was canceled because the fire was under control and not needed, Coufal said.

The Lake Park American Legion has about 140 members and meets monthly, said Adjutant Karen Erickson.

There is a bar and a kitchen in the building, and food is served occasionally (such as fish dinners during Lent) but it’s not open on a daily basis, added building manager Vince Larson. The kitchen was recently renovated and the interior of the building was remodeled several years ago.

As for future plans, “it’s completely undetermined at the moment,” Erickson said. “We can’t make any plans yet.”

Legion meetings could possibly be held in the city community center for the time being, Erickson said.

“We have a lot of support from the community,” Larson said. “So we figure everybody will pitch in when we figure out what we need.”

The front door of the Lake Park American Legion was blocked off with yellow caution tape on Monday after a fire on Sunday evening, March 13.

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Biden to attend summit as war creates estimated 3 million Ukrainian refugees

By Pavel Polityuk, Natalia Zinets and Omer Berberoglu  
Reuters

Lviv, Ukraine/Kyiv President Joe Biden will travel to Europe for an extraordinary NATO summit on Ukraine next week as the refugee tally from the invasion hit 3 million and Russian air strikes on Tuesday hit targets in Kyiv.

Moscow has not captured any of the 10 biggest cities in the country following its incursion that began on Feb. 24, the largest assault on a European state since 1945. But local authorities said Tuesday's bombardments on Kyiv killed at least five people.

Buildings were set ablaze and people were buried under rubble in the capital city. About 2,000 cars left the southern port city of Mariupol, location of the worst humanitarian crisis, the local council said.

Just over 3 million have now fled Ukraine, according to the United Nations, with over 1.8 million arriving in neighboring Poland. Its prime minister and those of Slovenia and the Czech Republic were in Kyiv on Tuesday to show solidarity.

NATO leaders will meet at the military alliance's headquarters in Brussels on March 24 to discuss the crisis that has prompted fears of wider conflict in the West unthought-of for decades.

"We will address Russia's invasion of Ukraine, our strong support for Ukraine, and further strengthening NATO's deterrence & defense," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg wrote on Twitter.

Biden will be in attendance, White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters.

"His goal is to meet in person face-to-face and talk about and assess where we are at this point in the conflict," she said.

Asked if Biden would also visit in Poland, do something tied to Ukrainian refugees or meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Psaki declined

NATO TO MEET NEXT WEEK



Alexander Ermochenko / Reuters  
A woman walks with a bicycle next to a building damaged during Ukraine-Russia conflict Tuesday in the separatist-controlled town of Volnovakha in the Donetsk region, Ukraine.

to comment, saying trip details were still being worked out.

Russia calls its actions a "special military operation" to demilitarize and "denazify" Ukraine. President Vladimir Putin has also called its neighbor a U.S. colony with a puppet regime and no tradition of independent statehood.

Talks between Russia and Ukraine via a video link resumed on Tuesday. Ukrainian officials played up hopes the war could end sooner than expected, saying Moscow may be coming to terms with its failure to impose a new government by force.

In a hint of a possible compromise, Zelenskyy said Ukraine was prepared to accept security guarantees from the West that stop short of its long-term objective of joining NATO. Moscow sees any future Ukraine membership of the Western alliance as a threat and has demanded guarantees it will never join.

"If we cannot enter through open doors, then we must cooperate with the associations with which we can, which



Kai Pfaffenbach / Reuters  
Relatives and friends mourn the death of four fallen Ukrainian servicemen, Oleg Vashchyshyn, Kyrilo Vyshyvanyi, Rostyslav Romanchuk and Serhiy Melnyk, who were killed in a rocket attack against a military base in Yavoriv during the ongoing Russian invasion Tuesday, during a memorial and funeral service in Lviv, Ukraine.

will help us, protect us... and have separate guarantees," said Zelenskyy.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said it was too early to predict progress in the talks. "The work is difficult, and in the current situation the very fact that (the talks) are continuing is probably positive," he said.

Fork in the road?

About half of Kyiv's 3.4 million population has fled and residents

are spending nights sheltering in metro stations.

Two powerful explosions rocked the city before dawn on Tuesday and tracer fire lit up the night sky. An apartment block was in flames after being struck by artillery.

Sitting on the ground outside, Igor Krupa said he survived because he had slept under a makeshift shelter of furniture and metal weights.

out of fresh troops.

"We are at a fork in the road now," Oleksiy Arestovich said in a video. He said he expected either a peace deal within one or two weeks or another Russian attempt with new reinforcements, which could prolong the conflict for another month.

At the United Nations, Russian envoy Vassily Nebenzia said Moscow would end what it calls its "special military operation" when its goals were achieved, including demilitarization.

Zelenskyy, who has won admiration in the West for his leadership, called on Russian troops to surrender.

"You will not take anything from Ukraine. You will take lives," he said in a video message. "But why should you die? What for? I know that you want to survive."

Luxury sanctions

In Rivne in western Ukraine, officials said 19 people had been killed in a Russian air strike on a TV tower. If confirmed it would be the worst attack on a civilian target so far in the northwest where Russian ground troops have yet to tread.

Russia denies targeting civilians.

More than 100 buses carrying a few thousand civilians left the besieged northeastern city of Sumy in a "safe passage" operation, the International Committee of the Red Cross said on Tuesday. They were heading towards Lubny in central Ukraine after Russians gave a green light for the evacuation.

Russia said it now controlled the Kherson region in southern Ukraine. Reuters could not independently verify the report.

The conflict has brought economic isolation upon Russia. The United States, the European Union and Britain announced further sanctions on Tuesday, while Moscow retaliated by putting Biden and other U.S. officials on a "stop list" that bars them from entering Russia.

The latest EU sanctions include bans on energy sector investments, luxury goods exports to Moscow, and imports of steel products from Russia.

They also freeze the assets of more business leaders believed to support the Russian state, including Chelsea football club owner Roman Abramovich.

ExxonMobil loses appeal to stop probes

States are investigating whether Exxon lied to investors about climate change

By Jonathan Stempel and Nate Raymond  
Reuters

NEW YORK - A federal appeals court on Tuesday rejected ExxonMobil Corp's effort to stop Massachusetts and New York from probing whether the oil company lied to investors and the public regarding what it knew about climate change.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Man-

hattan said Exxon could not sue Massachusetts' Attorney General Maura Healey in federal court because it was pursuing the same case in Massachusetts state courts.

It also said Exxon's federal case against New York Attorney General Letitia James was moot after she decided not to appeal a state judge's December 2019 dismissal of her lawsuit against the company following a non-jury trial.

Exxon argued that its federal lawsuit should continue because Healey's "viewpoint bias" violated its constitutional free speech rights under the

First Amendment, while James kept defending her office's conduct and could choose to sue again.

The company had sued Massachusetts and New York in June 2016 after receiving subpoenas for documents about its understanding of climate change and communications with shareholders. It was appealing from a March 2018 dismissal of that case.

Exxon and its lawyers had no immediate comment.

Chloe Gotsis, a spokeswoman for Healey, said her office looked forward to "finally obtaining documents" from Exxon and

moving their case forward.

James said she was pleased the court rejected Exxon's "baseless attempts to challenge state law enforcement efforts."

Exxon has in the last several years faced many lawsuits claiming it tried to boost public sentiment, profit and its stock price by downplaying how its fossil fuel products affected climate change and how climate regulation affected its business.

The Irving, Texas-based company has long maintained that climate change risks are real, and it wanted to be



Jennifer Hiller / Reuters File Photo  
Protesters gather outside the ExxonMobil annual shareholders meeting in May 2019 to protest the company's climate policies in Dallas, Texas.

part of any solution.

During oral arguments on March 9 in the Massachusetts state case, the Massachusetts Supreme

Judicial Court, that state's highest court, appeared cool to Exxon's claim that Healey was illegally stifling its speech.





# Nations reach consensus on IP waiver

By **Andrea Shalal and Emma Farge**  
Reuters

WASHINGTON/GENEVA – The United States, European Union, India and South Africa have reached a tentative agreement on key elements of a long-sought limited intellectual property waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, sources familiar with the deal said on Tuesday.

The tentative agreement among the four World Trade Organization members still needs formal approvals from

the parties before it can be considered official, the sources said.

It would apply only to patents for COVID-19 vaccines, which would be much more limited in scope than a broad proposed WTOIP waiver backed by the United States, they said.

The tentative agreement closely mirrors the EU’s compulsory licensing approach and does not include COVID-19 treatments or tests, and contained limitations that would likely exclude China from any waiver, one of the sources said.

The text of the agreement was being circulated in Brussels, Washington, Johannesburg and New Delhi, with decisions on the length of the waivers still to be resolved, the source added.

Spokespersons for the WTO and the U.S. Trade Representative’s office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Politico, which first reported the tentative agreement, said the IP waiver would apply only to countries that exported less than 10% of global vaccine

doses in 2021.

The tentative deal comes after months of negotiations over how to accelerate COVID-19 vaccine production in developing countries, where vaccination rates have lagged far behind wealthy countries.

In talks brokered by WTO Director General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the United States, EU, India and South Africa broke away from negotiations with a broader group of countries late last year amid stiff opposition from countries with big pharmaceuticals sectors,

including Switzerland and Britain.

“Over the last couple of months, the Commission has been actively engaged in informal discussions with representatives of South Africa, India and the U.S. on the intellectual property element of the WTO response to the COVID-19 pandemic,” a European Commission spokesperson said “Consultations are ongoing among these four WTO members. Consultations are also ongoing among EU Member States.”

# Fed nominee Raskin withdraws

## Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin opposed her confirmation

By **Caitlin Reilly and Niels Lesniewski**  
CQ-Roll Call

Sarah Bloom Raskin on Tuesday withdrew from consideration to be Federal Reserve vice chair for supervision, according to the White House.

President Joe Biden blamed the withdrawal on Senate Republicans, who have led a weeks-long boycott that prevented her nomination from advancing to the Senate floor. But it was opposition from key Senate Democrat Joe Manchin III of West Virginia that made her confirmation impossible in the evenly split Senate absent support from a Republican.

“Despite her readiness — and despite having been confirmed by the Senate with broad, bipartisan support twice in the past — Sarah was subject to baseless attacks from industry and conservative interest groups,” Biden said in a statement. “Unfortunately, Senate Republicans are more focused on amplifying these false claims and protecting special interests than taking important steps toward addressing inflation and lowering costs for the American people.”

Manchin on Monday said he would oppose her confirmation, citing her stance on climate change and financial risk.

“The United States must have policy leaders and economic experts who are focused on the most pressing issues facing the American people and our nation — specifically rising inflation and energy costs,” Manchin said in a statement. “Her previous public statements have

failed to satisfactorily address my concerns about the critical importance of financing an all-of-the-above energy policy to meet our nation’s critical energy needs.”

Raskin said in a 2020 op-ed in The New York Times that Congress should have excluded energy companies from its pandemic-lending facilities.

Senate Banking Republicans criticized Raskin for that and other statements she had made about the financial risk posed by climate change and the duty of financial regulators to address it.

They later boycotted a committee vote to advance her nomination, citing her involvement with a financial technology company that was granted access to the Fed’s payment system while she was a member of the company’s board. Raskin and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, which approved Reserve Trust’s master account, denied any improper conduct.

“The Senate’s bipartisan rejection of Sarah Bloom Raskin’s nomination sends a powerful message to the Fed, and to all financial regulators, that it is not their job to allocate capital or stray from their mission to pursue extraneous or politically charged campaigns,” Senate Banking ranking member Patrick J. Toomey, R-Pa., said in a statement.

“The Biden administration should nominate in her place an individual who will focus exclusively on implementing the Fed’s statutory mandates of stable prices, full employment, and supervision of bank



Ken Cedeno / Pool / Reuters File Photo

Sarah Bloom Raskin, nominated to be vice chair for supervision and a member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, gestures during a Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee confirmation hearing Feb. 3 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

holding companies.”

But Senate Banking Chairman Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, issued a statement saying Raskin’s opponents accepted the view of the gas and oil industry.

“Unfortunately, too many of my colleagues ignored the broad, bipartisan support from community bankers, top economists, cybersecurity experts, state banking regulators, consumer advocates, and so many others. Instead, they fell for

talking points written by the oil and gas industry,” he said. “Republicans engaged in a disingenuous smear campaign, distorting Ms. Raskin’s views beyond recognition and made unsubstantiated attacks on her character. Committee Democrats were united, and we did our jobs.”

Without at least one Republican present, the Banking Committee was unable to take a vote last month to advance her nomination or those of four

other Fed nominees, including acting Chairman Jerome Powell for a second term, Lael Brainard to be vice chair, and Lisa Cook and Philip Jefferson to join the board.

Raskin, who is married to Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., was a member of the Fed board from 2010 to 2014, and left to become second-in-command at the Treasury Department until 2017.

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# Senate approves bill to make daylight saving time permanent

By **David Shepardson**  
Reuters

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Senate on Tuesday passed legislation that would make daylight saving time permanent starting in 2023, ending the twice-annual changing of clocks in a move promoted by supporters advocating brighter afternoons and more economic activity.

The Senate approved the measure, called the Sunshine Protection Act, unanimously by voice vote. The House of Representatives, which has held a committee hearing on the matter, still must pass the bill before it can go to President Joe Biden to sign. The White House has not said whether Biden supports it.

On Sunday, most of the

United States resumed daylight saving time, moving ahead one hour. The United States will resume standard time in November.

Senator Marco Rubio, one of the bill’s sponsors, said after input from airlines and broadcasters that supporters agreed that the change would not take place until November 2023.

The change would help enable children to play outdoors later and reduce seasonal depression, according to supporters.

“I know this is not the most important issue confronting America but it is one of those issues that there is a lot of agreement. ... If we can get this passed, we don’t have to do this stupidity anymore,” Rubio added. “Pardon the pun,



Joshua Roberts / Reuters File Photo

Employees with the Architect of the Capitol wind the Ohio Clock in January 2020 in the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

but this is an idea whose time has come.”

About 30 states since 2015

have introduced legislation to end the twice-yearly changing of clocks, with some

states proposing to do it only if neighboring states do the same.

The House Energy and Commerce committee held a hearing on the issue this month. Representative Frank Pallone, the committee’s chairman, said that “the loss of that one hour of sleep seems to impact us for days afterwards. It also can cause havoc on the sleeping patterns of our kids and our pets.”

Pallone backs ending the clock switching but has not decided whether to support daylight or standard time as the permanent choice.

Pallone cited a 2019 poll that found that 71% of Americans prefer to no longer switch their clocks twice a year.

### BRIEFS

**UN: Myanmar army engaged in torture, mass killings, war crimes**

Myanmar’s military has engaged in systematic human rights violations, many amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity, the United Nations said on Tuesday, in its first comprehensive human rights report since last year’s coup.

Security forces have shown a flagrant disregard for human life, using air strikes and heavy weapons on populated areas and deliberately targeting civilians, the U.N. High Com-

missioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, said.

Many victims were shot in the head, burned to death, arrested arbitrarily, tortured, or used as human shields, she said in a statement on the report, which urged “meaningful action” by the international community.

**US report identifies misogynist ‘incels’ as violence threat**

Misogynistic extremists like the “incel” who murdered two women and injured four more at a Florida yoga studio present signs that can be detected to reduce the likelihood of violent

crime, a new U.S. government report says.

The findings came in a National Threat Assessment released by the U.S. Secret Service on Thursday, based on a case study of the 2018 shooting at the Tallahassee Hot Yoga studio, where a 40-year-old former U.S. Army officer opened fired and then killed himself.

**Georgia poised to join Florida with Republican-backed law to police elections**

Republican lawmakers in

Georgia were poised on Tuesday to advance a bill expanding law enforcement’s power to investigate election fraud, adding to a broader push by U.S. conservatives for more restrictive voting laws after former President Donald Trump’s false claims that the 2020 election was rigged.

Tuesday’s expected vote in Georgia’s House of Representatives comes less than a week after Florida’s Republican-controlled legislature approved a law creating a new election police force, the first of its kind in the nation.

Voting rights groups and

Democrats in both states say the legislation is intended to appease Trump and his supporters despite the fact that election fraud is exceedingly rare in the United States.

**Pfizer-BioNTech seek US OK for second COVID booster for 65 and older**

Pfizer Inc PFE.N and its German partner BioNTech on Tuesday filed an application with U.S. regulators seeking emergency use authorization for a second booster shot of their COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 65 and older.

Reuters





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Nurse Amber McCarter, left, and traveling nurse Rebekah Seyler attend to a COVID-19 patient in emergency room on Jan. 27 at Desert Valley Hospital in Victorville, California.

# TRAVEL NURSES ARE HERE TO STAY

Hospitals will continue to lean on them post-COVID

By Angel Adegbesan  
Bloomberg News

Hospitals are facing a new budget-buster as dependence grows on highly paid travel nurses who are poised to take on a larger role in staffing even after the pandemic threat fades.

Rising rates of hospitalization during the pandemic forced many institutions to increase their use of travel nurses who work on short-term contracts, often for more pay than their full-time counterparts. Now the surge of pent-up demand for non-COVID care along with the departure of many nurses from full-time staff positions is forcing institutions to look far and wide for staffing help.

In New Mexico, where the coronavirus has ravaged health-care systems across the state, hospitals are facing more than \$400 million in losses, with almost \$250 million of that due to staffing costs, including travel nurses. And the damage will likely grow, according to Troy Clark, chief executive officer of the New Mexico Hospital Association.

“Everybody is searching for more staff, asking your staff to take on longer shifts,” Clark said. “That encourages them to go, ‘If I’m going to do all this work, I might as well go become a traveler and get paid a heck of a lot more.’”

Travel nursing revenue tripled to an estimated \$11.8 billion in 2021 from \$3.9 billion in 2015, according to research firm Staffing Industry Analysts. Hospitals and health systems say their finances have taken a hit from having to rely on the temporary workers and that there’s no clear fix in sight.

There are more than 5 million nurses in the U.S., of which 4.2 million are registered nurses, according to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Exhaustion, burnout and other pandemic-related factors have pushed many to leave full-time bedside positions for less stressful jobs in insurance and telehealth, hospital and recruitment executives said. And some are moving to travel nursing for the scheduling flexibility and variety.

The U.S. has an ample supply of nurses who could be working full time, said Linda Aiken, a nursing and psychology professor at the University of Pennsylvania who studies workforce issues. The problem has more to do with harsh working conditions and insufficient wages for full-time nursing that preceded the pandemic, she said.

“This is not a failure of our supply of nursing,” said Aiken. “It’s really a failure of hospitals to invest enough of their resources, to have enough nurses working for them.”

The University of New Mexico Sandoval Regional Medical Center never had to use travel nurses before the pandemic. Now, monthly payroll for about 60 of the temporary staff ranges up to about \$1.5 million, almost has half as much as for the full-time staff of 580, who receive about \$3.3 million.

## ‘Not Budgeted’

The center lost almost a third of its 200 nurses to traveling positions during the pandemic and had to raise staffing levels further to cope with COVID-19 patients, said CEO Jamie Silva-Steele. Faced with potential travel-nursing costs of \$18 million next year, she’s looking to replace 40% of travel nurses with full-timers by the end of June, and

considering hiring more contract nurses from Canada.

“We are not budgeted for another \$18 million in compensation, so we have to have those strategies to gradually reduce those types of staff in the organization,” she said.

Average monthly postings for open travel nursing jobs rose 15% in January from a year earlier, according to ZipRecruiter Inc. The increase is likely to continue as a backlog of patients needing elective procedures return to hospitals and population ages, said Sinem Buber, the lead economist for the online job-search and recruiting company.

“I don’t see the trend going down or getting flat anytime soon, even if the pandemic wanes,” she said.

The Provider Relief Fund, established in 2020 with federal stimulus money, allocated \$178 billion to help thousands of health-care providers with additional expenses incurred due to COVID-19. About two-thirds of funds have been distributed, according to a review of data provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. But administrators say that money, used for everything from medical purchases to staffing wages, is exhausted.

“There was some protection, but nowhere near the amount of financial support that the industry needed,” said John Morrow, a health industry analyst at Franklin Trust Ratings, about federal payments health systems have received.

And as the need for travelers drags on, some hospitals say the cost of increased wages will be passed onto patients. That could either be indirectly through insurance and benefits payers or directly via out-of-pocket costs.

“We’re going to have to be as efficient as we can, but there’s no question that this is going to cause the cost of health care to escalate,” said Steven Michaud, president of the Maine Hospital Association. “You can’t just manufacture all of this money out of cutting here and there. It’s going to be a combination.”

## Persistent Gaps

Meanwhile, hiring for staff nurses is falling across the U.S., dropping 3.2% in February compared with a year earlier, according to the Labor Department. While the number of nursing school graduates has risen steadily over the past five years, filling Missouri’s vacant positions will take time, according to Dave Dillon a spokesman for the state’s hospital association.

To reduce the financial strain, hospital administrators are making efforts to reduce the amount of travelers, with some considering not renewing their contracts, according to Clark, the president of the association.

“We want our nurses and all of our clinical staff to be paid fairly, but we have to be able to keep the doors open,” Clark said.

With the strain of dealing with the pandemic leading many nurses to quit or retire from the profession, experts say there will continue to be a persistent demand for travel nurses as health systems struggle to fill permanent positions.

“As long as these gaps exist,” said Sophia Morris, vice president of account management at travel-nurse staffing agency Aya Healthcare, “I believe that hospitals will continue to utilize travelers to fill those holes.”

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# Drill, baby, drill? Not so fast ...

Crash-wary energy investors don’t expect an oil boom this year

By Joseph Morton  
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — High oil prices are hammering American consumers at the pump, but don’t assume they will prompt a boom in U.S. oil production this year.

While Republican lawmakers and some industry advocates have argued that Biden administration policies are hindering production, market experts point instead to a number of nonregulatory factors preventing the industry from rushing into drill-baby-drill mode.

Hunter Kornfeind, an oil analyst for consultant Rapidan Energy Group, said the industry has indicated it expects no more than single-digit percentage growth on average this year.

“Anything above that is going to be very hard to come by just due to the kind of supply chain and inflation constraints that we’re seeing,” Kornfeind said.

Still, some additional production is almost certain. The U.S. Energy Information Administration recently said that while U.S. crude oil production fell below 11.6 million barrels per day in December, output is forecast to hit 12 million barrels per day this year.

And prices could go high enough to convince some producers to take a risk.

Frank Maisano, a senior principal at Bracewell PRG, which represents energy clients, said the administration’s early moves to satisfy environmental groups and uncertainty around the regulatory environment have influenced production decisions, but his prediction is that prices are high enough to drive greater-than-expected boosts in production this year.

“There’s a change in the game in the last week or so with this price run-up,” Maisano said last week.

But the challenges to big boosts in production are not minor.

Kornfeind said there are few rigs available and that input costs have been rising along with the price of everything else. Even if a company boosts its spending 25 percent, that could translate to a relatively small percentage of production growth because equipment, supplies and labor are all getting more expensive — if they can be secured at all.

Also, the industry’s philosophy has shifted in the wake of price crashes, with executives responding to investor sentiment that they should be much more cautious about taking on debt to increase production. Rather, companies are inclined to stretch out the life of the inventory they have at their best, most profitable drilling locations.

“I don’t think we’ll ever see kind of the boom phases we saw pre-2014 and pre-2020,” Kornfeind said. “The idea that another bust could be in the near future is most likely in the back of a lot of executives’ minds.”

If prices go high enough,

they could carry with them their own demand destruction by triggering a recession that would send prices straight down again.

Kornfeind also pointed to drilled but uncompleted wells, or “DUCs,” that are a way for producers to more easily and cheaply boost production in the short term than brand-new drilling.

But during the pandemic, companies have run through much of their DUC inventories.

Political debate

More politically inclined voices continue to focus on administration policies.

“Republicans have been demanding the administration take the shackles off American energy producers since President Biden took office,” Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., said in a statement.

As the American Petroleum Institute, the industry’s lobbying arm, endorsed the ban on Russian oil and gas imports last week, it also encouraged the administration to move forward with oil and gas lease sales and ease regulatory approval process for new oil infrastructure projects.

Morgan Bazilian, a professor and director of the Payne Institute at the Colorado School of Mines, said federal policies, or at least the perception of those policies, factors into producers’ decision-making processes. The administration has signaled it wants to quickly move the country away from fossil fuels.

But Bazilian also said even an oil-loving president signing pro-drilling executive orders at the moment wouldn’t necessarily change the current short-term dynamics.

The industry is facing supply chain disruptions, inflation and labor shortages, he said, but the biggest driving factor is the role of investors who are committed to capital spending discipline and don’t want to see companies taking on debt for big new projects.

And while the administration keeps pointing to unused leases on federal land, many of those can’t be tapped quickly for more production.

“There is no magic pump or spigot that can just be turned on in this case,” Bazilian said.

The issue of production growth was ever-present last week at an energy industry conference, CERAWEEK, in Houston.

John Hess, the CEO of Hess Corp., said at the conference that the release of 60 million barrels of oil from the strategic reserves of the U.S. and 30 allies last week was too small and that more is needed, along with more investment by the industry and governments.

He cited familiar difficulties facing the industry — inventory constraints, inflation challenges and investor sentiment — that have companies acting much more cautiously about accelerating production. But he said every producer has to step up.

“The supply chains that we all face, it affects our industry as well, but people are going to have to increase levels, because the world needs the oil,” Hess said.

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Gas prices of more than \$7.00 per gallon are posted March 9 at a downtown Los Angeles gas station.





Kristen Stewart as Princess Diana in “Spencer.”

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# Men still dominate movies

Only 7% of movies in 2021 featured more women than men, San Diego State study finds

By Pat Saperstein  
Reuters

Los Angeles

Male characters in films continued to heavily outnumber female characters in 2021, according to the latest It’s a Man’s (Celluloid) World study from Dr. Martha Lauzen, executive director of the Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film at San Diego State University. A hefty 85% of films featured more male than female characters, the study found. Male characters outnumbered females by almost two to one, and just 31% of films featured sole female protagonists. Only 7% of films had more female than male characters, while 8% of films featured equal numbers of female

and male characters. Major female characters in 2021 dropped slightly from 2020, from 38% in 2020 to 35% of major characters last year. Females made up 34% of all speaking characters, down from 36% in 2019, while sole female protagonists increased ever so slightly from 29% in the first year of the pandemic to 31% last year. “Despite the major disruptions in the film business over the last couple of years, on-screen gender ratios have remained relatively stable,” Lauzen noted. “Last year audiences saw almost two male characters for every female character, and although women protagonists led some of the most high-profile films including ‘Spencer,’

‘Being the Ricardos’ and ‘The Eyes of Tammy Faye,’ women comprised slightly less than one third of sole protagonists last year.” The study found that despite an increase in Asian and Latina roles for women, much of the uptick was concentrated in a handful of films. When those films were excluded from the count, roles for Asian and Latina performers dropped slightly or were flat from 2020. Black females comprised 16.4% of major female characters, up from 13.2% in 2020. In 2021, 60.6% of female characters in speaking roles were white (down from 71.0% in 2020), 19.3% were Black (up from 16.9% in 2020), 9.5% were Latina (up from 5.8% in 2020),

8.4% were Asian or Asian American (up from 6% in 2020), 0.3% were Native American, 0.5 were MENA, and 1.4% were of multiple races or ethnicities. The percentage of major Latina characters doubled from 5.7% in 2020 to 12.8% in 2021. However, if “Encanto,” “In the Heights,” “West Side Story,” “Spirit Untamed” and “Cry Macho” were excluded, the percentage of Latinas in major roles fell from 12.8% to 5.3%, slightly below 2020’s 5.7%. Major roles for Asian and Asian American females roles went from 5.7% in 2020 to 10% in 2021, but again, the increase was due to films including “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings,” “Mortal Kombat,” “Minari” and “Raya

and the Last Dragon.” Without those films, there were 6.7% of Asian and Asian American females in major roles in 2021, slightly above the 5.7% achieved in 2020. “These findings suggest that the increases in Latinas and Asian and Asian American females in major roles are largely due to their presence in a handful of films, rather than their integration in a wide variety of films,” Lauzen concluded. The study looked at over 3,100 characters appearing in the top 100 domestic grossing films of 2021, and also considered portrayals of women from Digital Entertainment Group’s Watched at Home list. However, Netflix, Amazon Prime and Disney Plus do not contribute to the Watched at Home list.

# 2022 Grammys musical lineup announced

Performers include Billie Eilish, BTS, Olivia Rodrigo and more

By Kate Feldman  
New York Daily News

The Grammy Awards are already rolling out the red carpet. The first round of performers for next month’s show include Brothers Osborne, BTS, Brandi Carlile, Billie Eilish, Lil Nas X with Jack Harlow, and Olivia Rodrigo, CBS announced Tuesday. “The Daily Show” host Trevor Noah will host the 64th annual show from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, expected to be a return to normalcy after last year’s show was postponed, then muddled into a half-in-doors, half-outdoors production during the pandemic. This year’s show was already postponed from a scheduled Jan. 31 date due to the omi-



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Billie Eilish performs onstage during Austin City Limits Festival at Zilker Park on Oct. 2, 2021, in Austin, Texas.

cron spike. The 2020 show snuck in just before the world shut

down over COVID-19. “Trevor was amazing as our host for the 63rd GRAM-

MY Awards with praise from the music community, music fans and critics,” Recording Academy CEO Harvey Mason Jr. said in a statement when announcing Noah’s hosting gig in December. “We’re so excited to welcome Trevor back to the GRAMMYS stage and feel fortunate to once again have him hosting what we believe will be an unforgettable evening.” This will be the first time the Grammys have been held in Las Vegas, which has hosted the Latin Grammys 12 times since 2009. Jon Batiste, known best as the bandleader on “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert,” leads the pack with 11 nominations for his albums “Freedom,” “We Are” and the soundtrack for Disney’s ani-

mated jazz movie “Soul.” Rodrigo, the 19-year-old first-time nominee, scored seven nods: record of the year (“Drivers License”), album of the year (“Sour”), song of the year (“Drivers License”), best new artist, best pop solo performance (“Drivers License”), best pop vocal album (“Sour”), and best music video (“Good 4 U”). Eilish also scored seven nominations, while Carlile has five of her own, including two up for song of the year. Brothers Osborne have been nominated for best country duo/group performance for “Younger Me” and best country album for “Skeletons.”





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Highly spiced Jamaican beef hand pies get a gentle heat from habanero chili.

# Portable perfection

## Try this Jamaican beef hand pie recipe

**By Gretchen McKay**  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Is there anything more delightful than a hand pie?

If you're not sure, these flaky pastries — representative of a street-food staple across the Caribbean — should win you over with their sunny, island flair. Stuffed with ground beef seasoned with the traditional Jamaican aromatics of scallions, garlic, curry powder, allspice and chili, they offer just enough spice to create some heat, but not so much that you can't taste the flavors.

The original recipe paired the beef with a sour cream pastry crust tinted yellow with turmeric, but I thought a shortening-based hand pie dough would be easier to work with. And I was right: Pulsed together in a food processor, the dough is not only super forgiving, making it easy for even a novice to roll into circles, but also sturdy enough to fold and stuff with filling. Plus, it bakes up tender and flaky.

If you like a little more fire on your lips, add another habanero or two; if you desire less, substitute a less-fiery Scotch bonnet pepper. I served the hand pies warm, with a mango dipping sauce.

**Jamaican Beef Hand Pies**  
**PG tested**  
**For filling**  
1 tablespoon plus 1 cup water, divided  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1 pound lean ground beef  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
12 scallions, chopped fine  
4 garlic cloves, minced  
1 habanero chile, stemmed, seeded and minced  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
3/4 teaspoon curry powder  
3/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1 slice hearty white sandwich bread, torn into 1-inch pieces

**For dough**  
4 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons table salt  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
8 tablespoons vegetable shortening, cut into half-inch pieces  
1 cup vegetable stock or broth  
2 large eggs, lightly beaten  
5 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided  
1/2 cup fresh or frozen mango cubes, thawed  
1 teaspoon honey  
1 teaspoon white vinegar  
1 tablespoon finely minced red onion  
Juice of 1 lime  
2 tablespoons water  
**Make filling:** Combine 1 tablespoon water, salt and baking soda in a large bowl. Add beef and mix until thoroughly combined. Let sit at room temperature for 10 minutes.

Heat oil in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until just smoking. Add beef mixture and cook, breaking up meat with wooden spoon, until beginning to brown 5 to 7 minutes. Add scallions, garlic, habanero, thyme, curry, allspice and pepper and cook, stirring frequently until scallions are softened, about 3 minutes.

Add bread and remaining 1 cup water and stir to incorporate. Bring to boil then reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until sauce thickens and coats beef, 8 to 10 minutes. Mash beef mixture with potato masher or fork until fine-textured and bread is fully incorporated, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a clean bowl and let cool completely.

While meat cools, make dough: Process flour, salt and baking powder in food processor until combined, about 3 seconds. Add shortening and pulse until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal, 6 to 8 pulses, Add broth and beaten eggs and pulse until

dough just comes together, about 5 pulses. Transfer dough to lightly floured counter and knead until dough forms smooth ball, about 20 seconds.

Divide dough into 16 equal pieces. With your cupped hand, form each piece into smooth, tight ball. (Dough can be covered and refrigerated for up to 24 hours.)

Adjust oven racks to upper-middle and lower-middle positions, place 1 rimmed baking sheet on each, and heat oven to 425 degrees.

Working with 1 dough ball at a time, roll each dough ball on lightly floured surface into 6-inch circle. (Don't worry if it's not perfect.) Place a scant 1/4 cup meat filling in center of dough round. Brush edges of dough with water and fold dough over filling. Press to seal, trim any ragged edges, and crimp edges with tines of fork. Pierce top of each hand pie once with fork. (This allows steam to escape during baking.)

Drizzle 2 tablespoons oil over surface of each hot baking sheet, then return to oven for 2 minutes. Brush tops of hand pies with remaining 1 tablespoon oil.

Carefully place half of the hand pies on each prepared sheet and bake until golden brown, 20-25 minutes, switching and rotating sheets halfway through baking. Transfer pies to wire rack and let cool.

Meanwhile, make mango sauce by pureeing mango, honey, vinegar, onion, lime juice and water in blender or food processor until ingredients are smooth.

Serve hand pies warm or at room temperature, with mango sauce for dipping.

Makes 16 hand pies.

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# Florida just named its official dessert

**What happened to the Key lime pie?**

**By Michelle Marchante**  
Miami Herald

Florida loves its Key lime pie. We love it so much that it's the state's official pie.

But now Florida has a new state dessert, too.

On March 4, a bill to make strawberry shortcake — with a "healthy dollop" of Florida-made whipped cream — the state's official dessert passed in the House and is on its way to the governor's desk. The House passed the bill 109-4. The Senate passed the bill unanimously in January.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the bill into law March 7.

Naturally, the bills have had dessert connoisseurs in a frenzy over which is best, especially in Key West.

One of the lawmakers voting in support of the strawberry shortcake bill Friday was Rep. Jim Mooney of District 120, who represents all of the Keys.

Key lime pie vs. strawberry shortcake

"I have a lot of farmers in my district and we need that protection. They need help," said Mooney, according to Florida Politics. "A little recognition is not gonna hurt anybody and I'm pretty sure that this bill is not going to change anybody's opinion of how delicious Key lime pies are."

Last week, Key West city commissioners unanimously voted to make Key lime pie the city's official dessert. That's not surprising since Key lime pie is the signature dish of the Florida Keys.

And in 2006, the Florida Legislature made Key lime the official state pie, a designation it will continue to keep. There are also lots and lots of places to buy the pie at in the Keys, too.

"Key lime pie reminds people of sun, sand, tropical breezes," reads the resolution. "Designating Key lime pie as

the official dessert of the City of Key West enhances the welfare of pie lovers in the City of Key West and affirms the cultural and historical significance of this beloved dessert."

Now, Key lime pie has to share the limelight with strawberry shortcake as Florida's signature sweet.

The Senate version of the bill, SB 1006, was sponsored by Sen. Danny Burgess, who represents areas that include Plant City, which has more than 10,000 acres of strawberry fields, hosts an annual Florida strawberry festival in March and makes up 75% of the U.S. winter strawberry crop, according to the bill.

Key lime pie is everywhere in Key West, but here are the best places to get it

How will Key West take this?

Probably not well based on a video Key West Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman made in January with Key Lime Festival co-founder David Sloan, Kermit Carpenter of Kermit's Key Lime Pie Shoppe and Paul Menta, who owns a rum distillery in downtown Key West. They explained Key lime pie's superiority to strawberry shortcake.

They also created a Change.org petition under the name Conch Republic Key Lime Pie Council, calling on lawmakers to amend the bill to make strawberry shortcake Florida's official cake, not dessert.

If not, the dispute would have to be settled during a "duel at high noon between the Vice Mayors of Key West and Plant City, each armed with only their favorite dessert," the petition states. It has 7,002 signatures since it was created two months ago.

Will we get that duel? Who knows. This is Florida after all.

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Florida has a new state dessert: strawberry shortcake.

# Maple glaze adds sweet, tangy flavor to pork chops

**By Linda Gassenheimer**  
Tribune News Service

Here's a way to add flavor to boneless pork chops. I find they can easily become dry when served without a sauce. This maple glaze solves that problem and adds a sweet and tangy sauce to the dish. You can make this quick dinner in one skillet. To speed the cooking time, the potatoes and broccoli are first cooked in the microwave.

**Helpful hints:**

- ▶ You can use yellow Yukon Gold potatoes instead of red potatoes.

**Countdown:**

- ▶ Mix maple syrup, vinegar and mustard together.



Linda Gassenheimer / TNS  
Skillet maple-glazed pork chops with potatoes and broccoli.

▶ Microwave vegetables.  
▶ Make pork and vegetables in skillet.  
**Shopping list:**

1/4 pound broccoli florets, 2 6-ounce boneless pork chops

**Staples:** olive oil, salt and black peppercorns.

**Skillet maple-glazed pork chops with potatoes and broccoli**  
*Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer*

1/4 cup maple syrup  
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar  
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
1/2 pound red potatoes  
1/4 pound broccoli florets, cut in half if large (about 1 1/2 cups)  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 6-ounce boneless pork chops  
Salt and freshly ground

black pepper

Mix the maple syrup, apple cider vinegar and mustard together in a small bowl and set aside. Wash potatoes do not peel and cut into 1/2- to 1-inch pieces. Place in a microwave-safe bowl and add the broccoli florets. Microwave on high 4 to 5 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork chops, potatoes and broccoli. Saute 4 minutes, stirring vegetables as they cook. Turn the pork over and continue to stir the potatoes and broccoli. Saute 3 to 4 minutes. A meat thermometer

should read 145 degrees Fahrenheit. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Divide the pork and vegetables between two dinner plates. Add the maple syrup sauce to the skillet and stir to warm through, about 1 minute. Spoon the sauce over the pork.

Yields 2 servings.

Per serving: 478 calories (38% from fat), 12.4 g fat (2.4 g saturated), 5.0 g monounsaturated), 96 mg cholesterol, 45.1 g protein, 49.7 g carbohydrates, 3.1 g fiber, 226 mg sodium.

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Unvaxxed Yankees, Mets can't play at home under current rules

**By Stefan Bondy and Dennis Young**  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Unvaccinated players on the Yankees and Mets are covered by the same private sector employer mandate that is keeping Kyrie Irving off the court in Brooklyn, a City Hall spokesperson told the New York Daily News.

Mayor Eric Adams repealed the Key2NYC vaccine mandate covering indoor spaces like gyms, dining and entertainment on Mar. 7. But Irving remained ineligible to play under a separate regulation: A private employer mandate put in place by the former mayor Bill de Blasio's administration on Dec. 27.

The spokesperson cautioned that mandates could shift with the state of the pandemic, but said that the city would not be carving out

individual exceptions. The fact that the baseball teams play outside has no bearing on the mandate, the spokesperson said.

Bottom line: unless the mandate changes, unvaccinated members of the Mets and Yankees would not be eligible to play home games, in addition to road games in Toronto.

"We have to worry about the health of almost nine million people. No one is trying to hurt Kyrie Irving or a Yankees player," the spokesperson said.

The Mets and Yankees did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday morning.

The start of the MLB season was slightly delayed by the owners' lockout. The Mets' first home game is scheduled for Apr. 15, while the Yankees' home opener is Apr. 7,

opening day against the Red Sox.

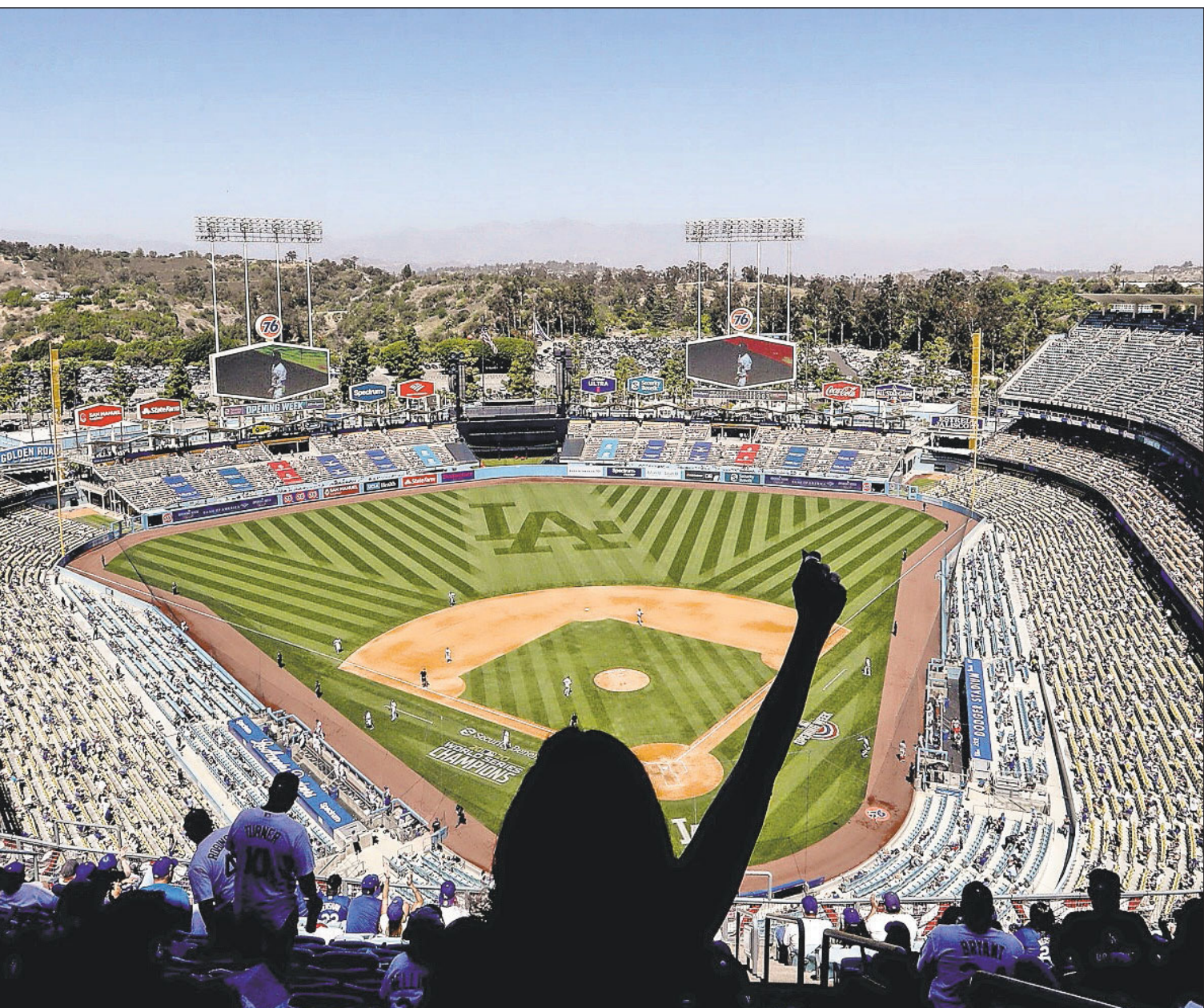
It's unclear exactly which players on the New York baseball teams are unvaccinated, but Yankees superstar Aaron Judge is widely believed to have not received the shot. Judge was asked on Tuesday if he was vaccinated and evaded the question. "We'll cross that bridge whenever the time comes," he said. "So many things could change, so not really too worried about that right now."

Several prominent Mets, like Pete Alonso, Francisco Lindor and Max Scherzer, took the vaccine in 2021. But the Mets were also one of the least-vaccinated teams in baseball last year, never hitting the 85% threshold to loosen COVID-19 protocols.

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Aaron Judge (99) of the New York Yankees reacts after striking out to end a game against the Seattle Mariners at Yankee Stadium on August 08, 2021 in New York City.



Luis Sinco / Los Angeles Times / TNS

Socially-distanced fans attend the Dodgers' season home opener on Friday, April 9, 2021.

Private equity loves MLB  
Revenue is plentiful, but how much will it cost fans?

**By Bill Shaikin**  
Los Angeles Times

For \$300, the Dodgers will sell you a special kind of season ticket. By signing up for the "Dodgers at Home" program, you can get a year's worth of gift boxes delivered to your door, access to "exclusive videos, photos, and player content," entry into team contests, and priority access to sales and special events.

What you do not get is entry into a game. It is a season ticket without a ticket.

The Dodgers' program is an example of how teams are developing loyalty in and making money from fans in ways that go far beyond selling tickets, T-shirts and cable television subscriptions. If you cannot get to the ballpark, teams can bring the ballpark to you.

That could come through online content and merchandise, and perhaps soon through betting, digital collectibles and virtual reality experiences, according to panelists at the MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference. Those new frontiers could provide new experiences for fans and new revenues for owners.

For the most part, the owners we have come to

know are individuals — the Dodgers' Peter O'Malley and the Angels' Gene Autry a generation ago; the Dodgers' Mark Walter and the Angels' Arte Moreno today. But the spiraling price of sports franchises has led Major League Baseball and other leagues to permit private equity ownership of minority stakes in teams.

The investment funds aren't getting involved to run the teams. They're buying in to make money on the investment.

Arctos Sports Partners is one of those funds. Arctos has bought into teams in Major League Baseball, the NBA, and the NHL. (The NFL does not allow private equity ownership.)

"We're big believers the asset values in the industry are going to grow," Jordan Solomon, co-founder of Arctos, said at the Sloan Conference.

MLB commissioner Rob Manfred awkwardly suggested last month that the stock market might make for a less riskier investment than ownership of an MLB team, but data does not support that contention. From 2002–2021, MLB teams appreciated in value at an average of 669%, according to data presented at the

conference, with the S&P stock index appreciating 458% in the same time.

Firms such as Arctos are not about civic involvement, or the joy of ownership. They evaluate opportunities on a "Can we make money?" basis. The data showed that Arctos and similar firms invested nearly \$2 billion into stakes in pro sports teams last year.

"These are strong, recurring revenue businesses," Solomon said.

The owners get a guaranteed share of growing league revenue, including national broadcast revenue — and not just from television networks, as Wednesday's deal between Apple and MLB shows. The average annual value of the MLB national broadcast deals, according to Forbes: just shy of \$2 billion, or about \$66 million per team. That is guaranteed revenue, without even accounting for local cable rights or selling a single ticket or T-shirt.

The owners need not worry about relegation, or getting kicked out of the league for poor performance, as European soccer teams do. They get tax benefits, Solomon said.

They can start their own media companies, as the

Dodgers have done. They can control the land around their ballparks and run side businesses as developers and landlords, as the Angels hope to do.

Under a new collective bargaining agreement, they are allowed to sell advertising patches on player jerseys and advertising decals on batting helmets. The Lakers recently signed a patch deal worth at least \$100 million. The Dodgers play twice as many games, so they can offer a sponsor twice as much exposure.

At the ballpark, teams can collect information from your mobile ticket, and your concession apps. If you enter the ballpark early, eat at particular concession stands, or buy a popular cap, teams can entice you to spend with digital coupons — on early-bird specials, your favorite foods, and other caps.

It is baseball your way, with teams deploying analytics and technology to make being a fan more fun. Some of these ideas will work, and some will not, but more revenue will flow into an already bursting revenue stream. It is good to root for a team. It is better to invest in one.

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All-American first team includes 3 Big Ten picks, no Gonzaga

**Field Level Media**

Illinois center Kofi Cockburn, Iowa forward Keegan Murray, Wisconsin guard Johnny Davis, Kentucky forward Oscar Tshiebwe and Kansas guard Ochai Agbaji were named Associated Press first-team All-Americans on Tuesday.

The Big Ten dominated the selections, adding one player on the second team, one on the third team and two honorable mentions.

Gonzaga, the No. 1 team in the country and the top overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, missed out on the first team but had forward Drew Timme and freshman center Chet Holmgren named to the second team. Auburn forward Jabari Smith, Arizona guard Benedict Mathurin and Purdue guard Jaden Ivey filled out the second team.

Murray ranked fourth in the nation and first among power-conference players in scoring at 23.6 points per game. Cockburn returned to dominate the collegiate ranks for another season and averaged 21.1 points and 10.6 rebounds.

Davis burst onto the scene as a sophomore, improving from 7.0 points and 4.1 rebounds per game in a reserve role last season to 19.7 points and 8.2 rebounds in 2021–22.

Tshiebwe averages 17.0 points and leads the nation with 15.1 rebounds. He could become the first player from a power-conference team to finish a season averaging at least 16 points and 15 rebounds since Bill Walton did so for UCLA in 1972–73.

Agbaji led Kansas to the Big 12 regular season and conference titles with 19.7 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

The full list of selections is listed below:

**First team**  
Keegan Murray, Iowa  
Kofi Cockburn, Illinois  
Johnny Davis, Wisconsin  
Oscar Tshiebwe, Kentucky  
Ochai Agbaji, Kansas

**Second team**  
Drew Timme, Gonzaga  
Chet Holmgren, Gonzaga  
Jabari Smith, Auburn  
Benedict Mathurin, Arizona  
Jaden Ivey, Purdue

**Third team**  
Paolo Banchero, Duke  
Collin Gillespie, Villanova  
E.J. Liddell, Ohio State  
Walker Kessler, Auburn  
James Akinjo, Baylor  
JD Notae, Arkansas

**Honorable mention**  
David Roddy, Colorado State  
Armando Bacot, North Carolina  
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Which team in the conference that you cover wins its tournament title?

**Mick Hatten (Huskies):** I've doubted them all season long, but I've finally learned my lesson. I'll go with North Dakota. The Fighting Hawks fought through a ton of injuries throughout the regular season to tie for the Penrose Cup and I'll take them in a talented NCHC Frozen Faceoff field.

**Christian Babcock (Beavers):** I still think it's Minnesota State, even though Bemidji State has been playing some inspired hockey. Last weekend's 5-2 win over Michigan Tech in the CCHA semifinals was a perfect example of just how good the Beavers can be. But MSU has been No. 1 almost wire-to-wire this year, and BSU could play the same quality of game this weekend and still lose to the Mavericks.

**Jess Myers (Gophers):** The Minnesota Gophers' last memory of facing Michigan was the Wolverines leaving Minneapolis on a cold Saturday night in January with a 4-1 win, the traveling trophy they share, and a commanding lead in the Big Ten standings. That was a different Gophers team than this one, which is confident, mostly healthy and already in possession of the conference regular season title. Playing on the home rink for the final time this season, it says here Minnesota beats Michigan for the playoff crown.

**Matt Wellens (Bulldogs):** I'll take a flyer here on the Bulldogs. While not a strong team during the regular season, they flipped the switch and were impressive (minus a period) last weekend at St. Cloud State. Scott Sandelin's teams are built for postseason runs, and Xcel Energy Center has been good to them in the past.

**Brad Schlossman (Fighting Hawks):** With last line change, Denver can get the matchups it wants for its high-scoring forwards. The Pioneers are 17-1-1 with last change this year, 10-7 without it. Denver will have it throughout the NCHC Frozen Faceoff.

# MEETING AT THE 'X'

Capsule look at the NCHC Frozen Faceoff entrants

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Four of the top nine teams in the PairWise Rankings will be vying for the NCHC Frozen Faceoff championship this weekend at Xcel Energy Center. The PairWise try to mimic the criteria used by the NCAA Division I committee to pick the 16-team national tournament field.

The tournament champions from the six Division I conferences will each receive automatic bids to the national tournament. All four teams from the NCHC — Denver, North Dakota, Western Michigan and Minnesota Duluth — are locks to make the national tournament no matter what happens this weekend.

In the semifinals Friday, top-seeded Denver (27-8-1) plays fifth-seeded UMD (19-15-4) at 4:07 p.m. and second-seeded North Dakota (24-12-1) plays third-seeded Western Michigan (24-10-1) at 7:37 p.m. The championship game will be played at 7:38 p.m. Saturday. All games will be on CBS Sports Network.

Here's a capsule look at the four teams going into the Frozen Faceoff:

## Denver Pioneers

**Head coach:** David Carle (82-42-13, fourth season).

**NCHC quarterfinals:** Swept Miami, 5-2 and 5-1.

**Top five scorers:** Junior forward Bobby Brink (14 goals, 41 assists, 55 points), Sr. C Cole Guttman (18-25-43), So. W Carter Savoie (20-22-42), Sr. C Brett Stapley (15-25-40), Fr. F Carter Mazur (14-21-35).

**Starting goalie:** Jr. Magnus Chrona, 24-7-1, 2.24 goals-against average, .905 save percentage and 5 shutouts.

**Special teams:** Power play (25.7%, 5th nationally), Penalty kill (78.3%, 41st).

**Scoring offense:** 4.5 goals-per-game (1st).

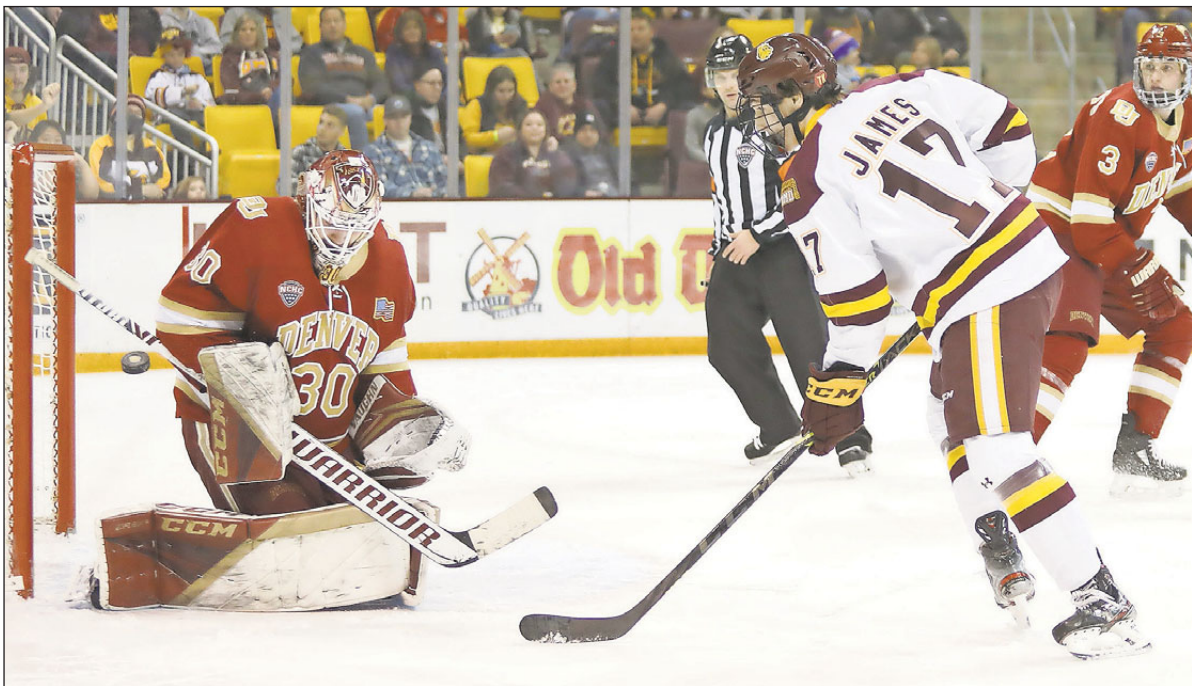
**Scoring defense:** 2.4 gpg (tied for 13th).

**Faceoff winning percentage:** 55.2% (4th).

## Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs

**Head coach:** Scott Sandelin (268-239-67, 22nd season).

**NCHC quarterfinals:** Swept at St. Cloud State, 5-2



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Minnesota Duluth forward Dominic James (17) watches as Denver goalie Magnus Chrona (30) stops a shot in an NCHC game on Dec. 11, 2021, at Amsoil Arena. Chrona, a junior from Skellefteå, Sweden, has received All-NCHC honorable mention status this season and is 24-7-1 with a 2.24 goals-against average, .905 save percentage and five shutouts.

and 4-3, OT.

**Top five scorers:** So. F Blake Biondi (16-11-27), 5th-year F Kobe Roth (13-12-25), Jr. F Quinn Olson (6-19-25), Sr. F Noah Cates (11-13-25), 5th-year F Koby Bender (7-17-24).

**Starting goalie:** Jr. Ryan Fanti (17-11-4, 1.99 GAA, .921 save percentage, 4 shutouts).

**Special teams:** Power play (18.3%, 33rd), Penalty kill (83.1%, tied for 18th).

**Scoring offense:** 2.6 gpg (tied for 34th).

**Scoring defense:** 2.4 gpg (tied for 13th).

**Faceoff winning percentage:** 45.5%, 56th.

## North Dakota Fighting Hawks

**Head coach:** Brad Berry (162-75-25, 7th season).

**NCHC quarterfinals:** Swept Colorado College, 2-1 and 2-1.

**Top five scorers:** So. F Riese Gaber (15-21-36), Fifth-year F Connor Ford (4-23-27), So. D Jake Sanderson (8-18-26), Fr. F Jake Schmaltz (8-16-24), Jr. F Ashton Calder (11-10-21).

**Starting goalie:** Fifth-year Zach Driscoll (22-9-1, 2.34 GAA, .908 save percentage, 2 shutouts).

**Special teams:** Power play (24.3%, 12th), Penalty kill (79.1%, 39th).

**Scoring offense:** 3.1 gpg (tied



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Minnesota Duluth goalie Ryan Fanti (39) blocks a shot by St. Cloud State forward Kevin Fitzgerald (28) during the second period Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, at the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center in St. Cloud. Fanti was named to the All-NCHC First Team and is 17-11-4 with a 1.99 goals-against average, .921 save percentage and four shutouts.

for 18th).

**Scoring defense:** 2.6 gpg (tied for 20th).

**Faceoff winning percentage:** 55.3%, 3rd.

## Western Michigan Broncos

**Head coach:** Pat Ferschweiler (24-10-1, 1st season).

**NCHC quarterfinals:** Swept Nebraska Omaha, 4-2 and 5-4, OT.

**Top five scorers:** Sr. F Drew Worrad (9-33-42), Fifth-year F Ethen Frank (26-12-38), Jr.

D Ronnie Attard (13-22-35), Sr. D Michael Joyaux (7-24-31), Fifth-year F Josh Passolt (8-20-28).

**Starting goalie:** Jr. Brandon Bussi (24-10-1, 2.61 GAA, .911 save percentage, 4 shutouts).

**Special teams:** Power play (25.6%, 6th), Penalty kill (81.8%, 26th).

**Scoring offense:** 3.8 gpg (4th).

**Scoring defense:** 2.6 gpg (tied for 20th).

**Faceoff winning percentage:** 51.0% (20th).

# B1G Ben! Gophers' Meyers named Big Ten Player of the Year

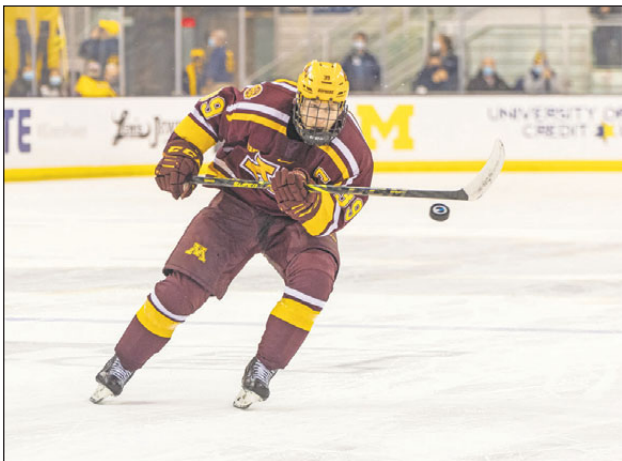
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MINNEAPOLIS —

Whenever the current Minnesota Gophers hockey season ends and the expected bidding war among NHL teams for the services of Ben Meyers begins, the forward will have at least one more impressive accolade on his resume.

On Tuesday, Meyers — a junior from Delano, Minn., and a standout for the USHL's Fargo Force before he got to college hockey — was named Player of the Year in the Big Ten.

Despite missing five games in February while he was in China playing for Team USA at the 2022 Winter Olympics, Meyers leads the Gophers in goals (16) and points (36) as the team heads into Saturday night's confer-



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Minnesota Gophers co-captain Ben Meyers worked to corral a flying puck during his team's 5-1 win versus the Michigan Wolverines on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich.

ence playoff championship game versus Michigan at 3M Arena at Mariucci.

Meyers, who is an undrafted free agent, has attracted the attention of

numerous NHL teams, with officials from the Minnesota Wild on hand at the Gophers' play-off opener on Saturday, March 12. He is expected to sign a maximum rook-

ie contract at the conclusion of the current season and forgo his remaining college eligibility.

When the awards were announced via Big Ten Network on Tuesday morning, Meyers learned he had some Gophers company among the winners of major conference honors. Defenseman Brock Faber, who also made the American Olympic team, was named the Big Ten's Defensive Player of the Year, and Bob Motzko was named Coach of the Year among the conference's seven programs.

Faber, a sophomore from Maple Grove, Minn., becomes the third Gopher honored by the Big Ten for defensive prowess after Mike Reilly won the award in 2014 and 2015 and Jake Bischoff grabbed that accolade in 2017.

For Motzko, it is the sixth time in his 17 seasons as a college head coach that he has been named the best in his conference. During his 13 seasons at St. Cloud State, Motzko was honored by the WCHA twice and by the NCHC twice. He has now won the Big Ten accolade twice in his four seasons with the Gophers, in 2020 and 2022.

Meyers and Faber were named to the Big Ten first team. Freshman forward Matthew Knies was named to the second team along with junior defenseman Jackson LaCombe. Senior forwards Blake McLaughlin and Sammy Walker, and junior goaltender Justen Close, received honorable mention in the league awards. Knies was also a unanimous selection to the all-freshman team.