

Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune Josh Robards, a sophomore at the University of Missouri-Kansas City from Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, beat former champion lan Simonich of Moorhead to win the 90th Pine to Palm Championship on Sunday. Robards made seven birdies in 16 holes to knock off the title winner from two years ago.

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Looney Days visitors keep businesses busy The annual Vergas event featured food, competitions and shopping

By Barbie Porter Detroit Lakes Tribune

"Vergas Looney Days is the best thing about summer," said Detroit Lakes resident Bev Jacobson. "I love coming to Vergas to shop."

Jacobson added her shopping included the storefronts lining Main Street, as well as the vendors that were in town for the Looney Days festival on Satur-

day, Aug. 13. Anyone stepping into a Vergas business during the four-day annual celebration would likely have heard a cash register drawer opening or paper on a credit card machine printing and tearing.

"I wouldn't be in Vergas today if it weren't for ings." Looney Days," said War-

a purchase at Natalie's Serendipity.

The shop owner, Natalie Fischer, said sales during the city festival increased by about 50 percent. While all hands on deck are needed for staffing, the crew creates windows where they can break away and enjoy a fun event or two. Sarah Wacker owns The Lavish Loon and The Lavish Loonette in Vergas. She also had a vendor booth outside of her

shop. "Looney Days is hands down one of the best weekends I have in sales," she said. "The big sellers this year are shirts with lake names on them and the graphic tees with funny say-

Standing downwind



Barbie Porter / Detroit Lakes Tribune From one end of Main Street to the other, crowds of people filled the street to look at items vendors were selling at Vergas Looney Days on Saturday, Aug. 13, and chat with friends and neighbors.

Billy's Corner Bar had "I think I've been "When I get to eat, it'll her stomach growling hungry all morning," taste twice as good."

fewer food trucks at Looney Days this year, as a real estate and construction office was built at the location that used to provide ample room for food trucks. The dozen food trucks offered in the past were reduced by half. The result was longer lines for the fair food, and the restaurants were filled with customers throughout the day.

hungry. There were

Also helping satisfy hungry stomachs was the newly opened grocery store, Ditterich Mercantile. The visitors and residents of the community were happy to see the city bring back a grocery store to the city.

"It's bigger than I thought it would be,"

she said with a laugh.

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Demand for local food pantry use is soaring



Brad Carlson, Becker County Food Pantry executive

By Nathan Bowe **Detroit Lakes Tribune**

There's good news and bad news about increased demand at the Becker County Food Pantry.

The bad news is that demand is up from last year. "We are running right now at about 150% more clients than (this time) last year," said Food Pantry Executive Director Brad Carlson.

"That sounds pretty bad," he added, but the good news is that current levels are "only about 75% of what we had pre-COVID. In terms of pre-COVID, we're still down in numbers."

So the Food Pantry isn't desperately in need of donations right now, but it is very much in need of one or more early-rising volunteers to replace a man who is retiring after turning 80.

"We need somebody willing to get up

at 7 a.m. and go to local stores and pick up mostly bread items, maybe eggs sometimes – it's generally under 20 pounds," Carlson said. The volunteer, or volunteers, will drive to retailers like Central Market, Walmart and Aldis every weekday to pick up those perishable items.

The volunteer who has been doing the daily pickup did so faithfully for 50 weeks out of the year, Carlson said. "He only took two weeks off for deer hunting. That's pretty dedicated," he added.

"If we could find people who could take one or two days a week, that would really help," he said. "We could split it up a little."

The Becker County Food Pantry will soon be celebrating 40 years of fighting

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Rootz Within to host release party

By Barbie Porter Detroit Lakes Tribune

A free, all-ages concert at Detroit Mountain is set for Saturday, Aug. 20, starting at 2 p.m.

The first band to take the stage will be Foxby, followed by Pat Lenertz at 3:30 p.m. and the Detroit Lakes-based headliner, Rootz Within, at 4:30 p.m.

The event is a CD release party for "Incre-mentum," the new-est album from Rootz Within, which offers 13 original songs.

Rootz Within has been actively touring much **PARTY:** Page 14

of this year. The stop in Detroit Lakes is a brief visit before they head out to perform more than 20 shows before October's end.

Ryan Enberg (bass guitarist and lyricist) said concert-goers can expect a summer island vibe at the Detroit Mountain concert. In addition to the proven catalog of crowd-pleasing tracks from past work, songs from the new album will be played.

Rootz Within includes Engberg, Jonah Bowe



Contributed / Rootz Within

Rootz Within members include Ryan Enberg, Jonah Bowe, Tyler Renney, Scott Thompson and Anita Cargiuolo.

Horses earn their keep at Timberline Ranch

By Barbie Porter Detroit Lakes Tribune

Timberline Ranch is a hidden gem in rural Detroit Lakes. For 25 years it has provided trail rides for all skills of riders, but more importantly a second life for horses previously on their last leg.

The adventure into rescuing horses began in 1997 for Ann and Tim Tyge. Their children had grown into adults and their water sports equipment collected dust. They decided to sell their lake house and

buy a ranch. "I grew up around horses and have always loved them," Ann Tyge said. "It was time to try something different." The intent of having

a horse or two transformed into a rescue that puts the horses to work by giving 3¹/₂ mile trail rides on the 100acre ranch to earn their keep.

"Each ride lasts about an hour and I give two rides every day, one at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m.," she said, adding all rides are by reservation only and require at least two people. "Some days, I can be ready with a day's notice and other days it may be three days before I have an opening.'

The ranch started with nine horses and now is home to 26, which includes four miniature horses and a donkey. Some horses were gifted to Tyge when the owners no longer could care for them and others were purchased at a sale where they were destined to be slaughtered.

Miles the horse is one of those slaughter pen stories. His rib cage was



Photos by Barbie Porter / Detroit Lakes Tribune Ann Tyge has 26 horses at Timberline Ranch, which opened in 1997 and provides horseback rides for riders of all skill levels. Tyge and her husband Tim, a 1976 Detroit Lakes High School graduate, pay for all the horses' needs through fees collected by rides.



When Ann Tyge takes in a horse, she often has to nurse it back to health, mentally and physically. Only the temperament-tested horses are given the privilege to provide rides on the 100 acre ranch.

pronounced, hair was falling out and his hal- ture and sent it to me," ter had grown into his Tyge said. "I didn't live face.

"Someone took a pic-

if I can, I will."

After about eight months, the horse returned to a healthy weight under her guidance. While the scars of the halter remain, he has become a go-to when giving senior citizens or children trail rides.

"Miles has a lot of miles on him," she said. "It's amazing the experiences he had left no damage when it comes to faith in people."

Not all horses are able to overcome mental blocks. Tyge explained if a horse is skittish they don't receive the honor of giving trail rides.

Since the trail rides began, Tyge said, most of her business comes from residents in other states. Families return annually, or folks visit lake country and learn about the opportunity to take a meandering ride on rolling hills and wooded landscape.

Each rider is matched to a horse based on the rider's personality, and the horse's. The weight of a rider is also considered. Tyge explained a horse can carry 25 percent of its body weight, and that includes the 50 pound saddle. She added the total rider weight cannot exceed 225 pounds.

The rides conclude for the season after the leaves have fallen.

"Typically, that is when it is getting cold and we get snow," she said.

While the acreage provides food, there too far from the auction, are still horse feet to be

Pickleball was a 'smash hit' at Looney Days

By Barbie Porter

Detroit Lakes Tribune VERGAS - The recently completed Vergas Pickleball Courts along Otter Tail County High-

way 4 were a big draw during the Looney Days

a concrete base. This past spring, the fence So, a loan was secured. was installed, the conin place.

the completed product.

Committee memcrete was painted and ber Shannon Charpentemporary nets were put tier said the remaining funds will also pay for Committee member equipment anyone can Ron Franklin explained use and court signage to the Franklin family who While the courts look have the court naming rights. To donate, con-(218) 302-5996. The was sport undoubtedly a draw, as more than 50 people took advantage of the opportunity to play pickleball. All skill levels were seen

had been raised to install the Twin Cities, to see Charpentier estimated half of those attending had never played the sport before they visited Vergas.

Pickleball requires players to use a paddle to hit a ball over a

so I got him. He was trimmed, vaccinations being in nature, too. It's pretty cheap since the to be given, teeth care sale is based on weight. to be done, supplements I don't look for a horse for arthritis to be purto rescue, but if I hear or chased and so on. The see one that needs help, rides also pay for the additional caretakers Tyge hires. The ranch provides three part-

> time jobs. "It is expensive, but I have the acreage," she said. "I enjoy being around horses and taking care of them. I enjoy 25, Detroit Lakes.

a win-win. But, I need people to come ride because that is what pays for it all."

Tyge explained her ranch is not a rescue technically, which means there is no supplemental funding.

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Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs. Loves to play baseball and spen time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.

celebration on Saturday, Aug. 13. "The organizers did a

fantastic job," said Bill Esser, a summertime Loon Lake resident.

The Pickleball Court Committee took the idea of having four courts from a dream to reality in one year. Discussion began in 2021 and quickly gained momentum to the point enough funds

the permanent nets have recognize sponsors, such been ordered and are set as Franklin Fence and to be installed this year.

complete, the fundraising goal is not. Franklin tact the city of Vergas said between \$25,000 and \$30,000 is needed to pay for the court. He explained the committee wanted the Looney Days crowd, which is filled with visitors stretching from Fargo-Moorhead to by event organizers, and

net. The rules combine tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

Since the courts opened, Franklin said a group typically plays at 8 a.m. He said all are welcome to join in the fun.

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Barbie Porter / Detroit Lakes Tribune The Vergas Pickleball Courts were a big draw during the Looney Days festivities on Saturday.

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Michael Achterling / Detroit Lakes Tribune

First responders treat a crash victim Aug. 14 at the scene of a motorcycle-vehicle crash on Highway 34 in Detroit Lakes.

Multiple injuries reported in Detroit Lakes motorcycle-vehicle crash

News Staff Detroit Lakes Tribune

Thursday, Aug. 11

8:39 a.m., near west A Central Street, Detroit Lakes, a window was broken in a vehicle parked outside.

10:36 p.m., near south Avenue, Washington Detroit Lakes, a vehicle struck a pole. No injuries.

12:11 p.m., near Summit Avenue and Frazee Street, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

1:49 p.m., near Valley View Road, Frazee, illegal burning. A 35-yearold Frazee woman was cited after her garbage burn pile spread to an adjacent property, causing a large grass fire. A nearby vacant structure suffered siding damage. No injuries. The case remains under investigation.

4:07 p.m., near Ogema, phone threats reported.

4:56 p.m., near County Road 11 and County Road 138. Audubon, motor vehicle-bicycle crash. A 68-year-old rural Audubon man suffered minor head and shoulder injuries after he collided with a vehicle while riding an electric bicycle. The man was transported to Essentia Health St. Mary's in Detroit Lakes.

p.m., 6:59 near Menards, Detroit Lakes, suspected drugs were found in a small bag. 7:27 p.m., near Osage, assault. A 77-year-old Osage woman "snuck up behind" a 71-year-old Osage woman and struck her in the back of the head. No injuries reported. No medical transport needed. Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the incident. 7:31 p.m., near Lake Street and Oak Avenue, Frazee, a caller reported a group of juveniles were "messing" with stakes at a construction site. The group denied causing any damage.

malfunctioning railway ley View Road, Frazee, crossing arm.

Lakes, fatal medical, man was transported to Detroit Lakes man struck a tree while operating a riding lawnmower. First responders reported his neck was against the tree. CPR was performed at the scene, but the man was pronounced dead.

1:36 p.m., near Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, domestic incident.

1:45 p.m., near County Road 25, Detroit Lakes, gate damaged at a rental property. The damage may have been caused by a vehicle.

2:39 p.m., near Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, 66-year-old man became unruly in a courtroom.

3:18 p.m., at Walmart, Detroit Lakes, trespassing.

5:59 p.m., near Ogema, verbal harassment was reported. A protection order was obtained by the caller.

8:58 p.m., near Highoutbuildings reported on fire, under supervision of owners.

10:39 p.m., near Frazee, a 31-year-old Frazee 32-year-old Frazee man repeatedly. No injuries reported. The woman was arrested.

Saturday, Aug. 13

a man dove from a dock 1:19 p.m., near Detroit and hit his head. The 78-year-old rural a nearby medical clinic for treatment.

> 1:01 p.m., near Summit Avenue and Holmes Street, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

3:15 p.m., near County Road 34, Ogema, assault. A 43-year-old Mahnomen man struck a 48-year-old Ogema man. The Ogema man was reportedly bleeding from the head. The Mahnomen man was arrested at a different location.

4:34 p.m., near Frazee Street and McKinlev Avenue, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

5:57 p.m., near Detroit Lakes, a caller reported their debit card had been compromised and used in Detroit Lakes.

Sunday, Aug. 14

9:33 a.m., near County Road 25 and Sunset way 87, Frazee, multiple Road, Detroit Lakes, single-vehicle crash. A 16-year-old male driver said he fell asleep at the wheel and struck a tree. He denied medical woman struck a attention at the scene.

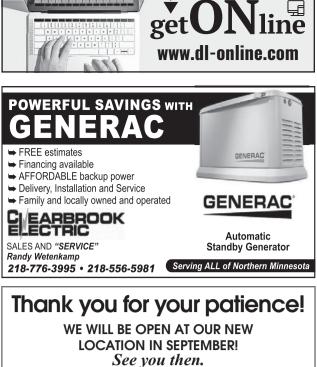
11:13 a.m., near Highway 34, Detroit Lakes, motorcycle-vehicle crash. The motorcyclist, a 52-year-old Frazee man, suffered neck 1:22 a.m., near Park and leg injuries, and Lake Boulevard, Detroit was wearing full safe-Lakes, a rock was thrown ty gear at the time of the crash, according to an emergency dispatcher report. The other driver, a 54-year-old Detroit Lakes woman, also suffered undisclosed injuported to Essentia Health St. Mary's in Detroit Lakes for treatment.

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Friday, Aug. 12

10:18 a.m., near Lori Avenue, Detroit Lakes, email scam reported. The caller said they wired more than \$30,000 to the scammer through a local bank.

10:24 a.m., near Fraphone.

11:48 a.m., near Kris Detroit Lakes, Street,

through a vehicle window.

1:23 a.m., near Woodlane Lane, Detroit Lakes, a 47-year-old Moorhead woman fell off the 6-foot water slide at the ries. Both were trans-Munson Lake community raft. She suffered a possible back injury. The woman was transported to Essentia Health St. Mary's in Detroit Lakes.

9:31 a.m., near County Road 34, Ogema, engine damage reported to a boat parked roadside and listed "for-sale."

10:55 a.m., at Walmart, Detroit Lakes, a pickup truck struck a parking lot barrier.

Lake Boulevard, Detroit Lakes, pontoon vandalized. A fire extinguisher was discharged on-board and various items were stolen, or moved.

zee, illicit photograph **11:12 a.m.**, near County sent to the caller's Road 17, Detroit Lakes, rear window broken in a conversion van.

12:49 p.m., near Val- ham, a phone and undis-

3:18 p.m., near Ladoux Road, Ponsford, small fire reported.

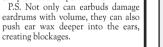
4:44 p.m., near 350th Avenue, Detroit thieves Lakes, may have accessed property through a sliding glass door. They stole various prescription drugs and an old iPhone 8.

5:22 p.m., near Indy 11:01 a.m., near Park 500 Road, Frazee, a storage trailer was reported on fire. Extinguished after about 80 minutes by Frazee firefighters.

8:21 p.m., near Detroit Lakes, phone harass-ment was reported. A harassment-restraining-order was advised.

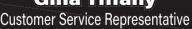
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Travel is good for faith

hey say that travel is good for the soul. I also say travel is good for faith as it gives you a greater perspective about what a fascinating planet on which we live.

Thanks to a couple of recent work and personal trips, within 10 days, I found myself on the Texas shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic beach in Florida, driving across the Nebraska plains and finally marrying my niece and her spouse high in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. Each experience gave me a much greater appreciation of the vastness of God's creation here on earth.

Standing with my toes in the water of the Gulf of Mexico, it was impossible to think that Florida was some 800 miles away by boat. And a week later, it was even more overwhelming to try to



grasp the size of the Atlantic Ocean, while standing on Florida's eastern shore.

Then there was the trip across the plains to the Colorado Rockies. As I drove through the openness of Nebraska and eastern Colorado, I was moved by its unique beauty. And then I reached the mountains, and I was simultaneously overcome with joy because of the sheer beauty of them and seized by fear because of their intimidating presence.

These amazing adventures, so close in succession, gave me an up close glimpse of the Creator's handiwork, while also putting my small

place in the universe into perspective.

"For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed." (Psalm 95:3-5)

That's why travel is important: It's too easy to get trapped into our daily routines, where we believe we are so in control of everything, and our surroundings are reduced to a very small world. When in reality, these unimaginably large bodies of water, the plains that stretch to the horizon and mountains that reach the heavens remind us that we are but a speck in the larger cosmos.

Yes, we are each a beloved child of God, but our human egos easily can run amok

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with that little bit of selfrealization. We become selfcentered, actually there is not only a great big world, but an entire universe out there.

Gaining perspective is important. It not only educates us, but it can also humble us. And that is not a bad thing.

When your wheels are clinging to the edge of a switchback with no guardrail, with a semi-truck bearing down on you from the opposite direction, 8,000 feet up in the mountains, you find a healthy dose of humility quickly.

And that's not a bad thing for one's faith.

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Moorhead

t's perfectly legal, and vet, it's upsetting. Nazi memorabilia are on sale at the Moorhead Antique Mall. You can buy swastika flags, the insignia of the notorious SS, German Army helmets and German Army weapons, among other things.

I asked the apparent owner of the store if The Forum could publish photos of the exhibit, but she declined. Still, it's easy to find similar-looking items on the internet.

The store has every right to sell these items, but it's disturbing that someone is making money off memorabilia from one of the most murderous, barbaric and evil regimes in history.

The Nazis murdered more than 16 million people. Seven of them were related to Dina Butcher, of Bismarck. They were her grandmother, three aunts, an uncle and two cousins. They were exterminated in the gas chambers at Auschwitz. Butcher's father amazingly survived the torture at the monstrous Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp in Germany, where 100,000 inmates were murdered.



many military people, and so many innocent people suffered from people wearing this stuff. This is a lack of sensitivity for people who remember the horrors from this. ... These symbols represent the horrors inflicted when liars, narcissistic madmen and amoral grifters win elections."

Butcher is also troubled by people who purchase these items at the store.

"I am more concerned about the people who would be buying this Nazi paraphernalia," Butcher said. "The people buying them are likely not to even understand or remember the horrors to which this collection relates." "It's awful to sell these items to celebrate and commemorate the vicious atrocities committed against Jews, Roma, gays and the disabled, among other groups," said Steve Hunegs, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations

Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas. "Eighty years after the war, we strive to honor their memories."

The apparent store owner told me the Nazi items are in space leased to vendors, and they can do what they want. I asked her if she had any problems with the Nazi memorabilia being sold in her store. She said she would not answer any more questions and declined to provide her name.

"This exhibit is an insult to the memory of our World War II veterans who defended our country against these people," Hunegs said. He's right. Those veterans

saved the world.

About 419,000 Americans were killed in World War II. and another 672,000 were wounded. That's roughly 1.1 million American casualties. That's more than the entire combined population of North Dakota and St. Paul.

One of the wounded was

Otterson is very upset that the Nazi merchandise is for sale around here.

"I don't like it. It's not right," he said. "We were fighting against the Nazis. They were horrible. Why should anyone be running around selling Nazi stuff?"

Runyon Peterson, of Dilworth, fought against the Nazis as part of legendary General George Patton's 3rd Army. He was also among the soldiers who liberated the gruesome Buchenwald and Dachau concentration camps. Peterson died in 2006.

"I don't think they should sell that stuff," said Wayne Peterson, of West Fargo, who is Runyon's son. "That stuff should have been buried and put away a long time ago. It represents atrocities.'

There are places that these items should be on public display. Those places include museums.

"I'm appalled that these items are being sold," Butcher said. "We lost so

LETTERS

Act now – Hwy 34 logging bids in Smokey **Hills set for September**

The appearance of the Lake Country Scenic Byway is about to be changed forever.

MnDOT plans to remove trees and vegetation on a 21-mile stretch between Detroit Lakes and Park Rapids. The plan is to remove trees and vegetation 65 feet from the center of the road for both sides of 21 miles of the Lake Country Scenic Byway from County Road 29 to the Shell River east of Osage.

Also, most egregiously, the plan is to selectively remove trees beyond the 65 feet by 150 feet on the south side of the seven miles encompassing the Smoky Hills State Forest from Snellman to the Shell River.

The project description states that the cut area is less than 4% of the project. Yet this is deceptive in that the trees to be removed are through the Smoky Hills.

The Lakes Country Scenic Byway was designated in 1999. The public is betrayed in that this designation does not provide protection to one of the most scenic forest drives along the 67-mile stretch from Walker to Detroit Lakes.

highway, a State of Minnesota brochure reads:

Visitors will see remarkable changes in vegetation in a relatively short distance as you drive through prairie grasslands from the west to deciduous forests and coniferous forests as one travels east along the byway. Look for the Showy Lady's Ślippers in June along the south side of Hwy 34 prevalent from Height of Land Lake area to east of Snellman. Admire the stands of mature red and white pines ... in winter, and their deep green spires jut among colorful hardwood leaf foliage in the fall. Take a break among the majestic pines at the roadside rest west of Osage."

The reason given for removing such a significant stretch of forest and scenic beauty is to provide for more sunlight on the roadway during the winter in order to reduce the amount of chloride required for icy roads and to provide safety. Selectively removing the trees may be ineffective in reducing road ice as the sun is so low in the sky in winter, and it is often cloudy. To lose this tree-lined drive is too great a sacrifice.

With the current proposal, drivers would likely be Advertising this stretch of less cautious and drive faster.

Vern Otterson, 96, of Fargo. He was a medic and military police officer and took part in the horrific Battle of the Bulge.

"Ălmost every day, I saw people get shot by the Nazis," he said. "I cry when I think about it. A lot of them didn't make it. It was terrible. War is hell."

documentary films and history books. However, this is merchandise that belonged to people who killed and tortured Americans and innocent civilians. Making a profit off it is blood money.

As Wayne Peterson said, "My father would be very upset about this, because he fought against all of this."



Also, invasive weeds such as Buckthorn will grow unabated. Spraying invasive species would be more harmful to the environment. Instead of stately red and white pines and deciduous trees, there would be eroding ditches and open views of pastureland. The delicate Showy Lady's Slipper areas would likely be damaged beyond recovery as they require shady forest areas to thrive.

Minnesota Tourism Center's 2010 economic impact study estimated expenditures by travelers visiting the Lake Country Scenic Byway to be \$29.3 million annually. To take the "Scenic" out of the Scenic Byway may have a negative impact on the communities along the Byway. MnDOT, in a very success- head

ful project a few years ago, installed passing lanes on Highway 34 which has made the highway much safer. This was done with minimal impact on the trees and Lady Slippers. The resurfacing project is important, but it is unnecessary to remove veg-etation and trees along the Lake Country Scenic Byway to improve the roadway.

Bids for logging during fall/ winter 2022 will be let next month. Your response now is urgent.

To express your concern, call or write to: Rep. Steve Green, rep.steve.green@ house.mn (651-296-9918) and Sen. Paul J. Utke, sen. paul.utke@senatemn (651-296-9651).

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Robert "BOB" Spilman

Robert Dale Spilman, age 78, died Friday August 12, 2022 at is residence in Detroit Lakes, MN, Bob was born December 1, 1943 to Robert Spilman and Violet Spilman (Menz) Minneapolis. in MN. Shortly after, his family moved to



Brainard, MN where he spent his childhood. Bob attended Brown Institute where he graduated with a degree in Radio Broadcasting. He then moved to Detroit Lakes and was hired at KDLM on September 7, 1964. He would spend the next 30 years at KDLM bringing magic to the airways as everyone knew his distinctive radio voice. He was a marketing genius and helped bring success to so many businesses in the community. It was May, 1965 that he met the love of his life, Joyce, at KDLM when she was sent from the business school to work a week at the radio station. It was love at 1st sight for Bob and they married on September 4th, 1965. They would have celebrated 57 years of marriage this year. In 1970, they built a home in Detroit Lakes and it is there where they shared many beautiful memories raising their 2 daughters Kimberia and Kara. One of Bob's many successes was putting his very own radio station on the air on July 4, 1994. KRCQ immediately became the #1 radio station in Becker County. The outpouring and support from the community was overwhelming but it was not a surprise. Bob had an undying and exceptional work ethic and he held people to high standards. He was a man of integrity and the ones who knew him best knew the tender heart of gold that he had. Bob had a passion for watching every sport but his favorite to watch and attend was the Boy's NCCA Basketball games. He attended the Final Four games for 30 consecutive years. Bob had strong values and a deep deep love for the America he once knew. He proudly flew the flag every day and had undying love and respect for Veterans and the people who serve our country. Bob enjoyed playing countless games of cribbage with his daughter Kara where they still have a running tally of money owed to each other. Grandpa "Bob-Bob" loved spending time with his grandchildren and he was so proud. Bob is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. He is survived by his wife Joyce; daughter; daughter Kimberia Kara (James), and grandchildren; Collins, Wilson, Keaton, Robert and Ben. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, August 18th, 2PM, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. lunch will be provided at the American Legion Post #15 in Detroit Lakes, after the service.

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The Detroit Lakes Tribune accepts community calendar items for publication online and, space permitting, in our Wednesday and Sunday print editions. Submissions must be made at least a week in advance of the event date, in writing, to either dltribune@dlnewspapers.com or vgerdes@dlnewspapers. com. Each submission must include the date, time and location of event. and where to go for more information (phone, email and/or website). Also include whether the event is free or paid admission. and how much it costs when applicable.

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

Betty Jo Leach

Betty Jo Leach, 90, Detroit Lakes, MN, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Ecumen-Emmanuel Nursing Home with family at her side. Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Saturday, August 20 at David-Donehower Funeral



Home. A time of gathering and memory sharing will be held from 11:00 until the time of the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Betty Jo Leach was born April 15, 1932 on the family farm near Ord, Nebraska to Joe and Lula (John) Veleba. She moved with her family to North Loup, NE where she was raised and graduated from high school in 1949. Betty Jo was united in marriage to Emitt Leach, June 1, 1964 in Grand Island, NE. They moved to Detroit Lakes, MN that same year. During her working life, Betty Jo worked for Lund's Office Supply and, for many years at Ace Hardware where the guys would play Johnny Cash for her in the backroom. She was very devoted to her husband Emitt and as his health declined, she visited him every day in the nursing home until his death in 2016.

Betty Jo was a great bargain hunter and never missed a good garage sale or thrift store. She loved going to the Casino and playing the nickel machines and enjoyed sewing and crafts. Most of all she loved her Family and spending time with them.

Survivors include 2 sons and a daughter: Bob Leach and Joe (Deb) Leach all of Detroit Lakes, Sharon Mattson of Moorhead, MN, 4 grandchildren: Amy (John) Hanawalt, Sarah (Chris Tyge) Leach, Michael Leach and Matthew Leach: a sister, Mary Lu Koll of Ord, NE. She was preceded in death by her husband, and 1 brother, LaVern Veleba. David-Donehower is assisting the family.

Darlene Uselman

Feb. 9, 1946 -Aug. 11, 2022 FRAZEE, Minn. Darlene Uselman, 76, Perham, Minn., formerly Wadena, Minn., died Thursday, Aug. 11, in Frazee Care Center.

A visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, at Furey Funeral Home in Frazee. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial Mass at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 19, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frazee

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Thursday, August 18

Free Root Beer Floats:

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Women Take the Mountain:

All area women age 14 and up are invited to come to Detroit Mountain Recreation Area from 5-9 p.m. for a relaxing evening of wine tasting, scenic lift rides, Yoga on the Summit, mini-massages and much more. All tickets \$10; sign up online at detroitmountain. com. (Additional charge to participate in 7 p.m. "paint and sip" event with Jollybird Studio.)

Trucks and Tunes: The **Detroit Lakes Noon Rotary** Club is sponsoring an evening of food, fun and live music at the Detroit Lakes City Park, starting at 5 p.m. A variety of food trucks will be gathered in the parking lot until 8 p.m., serving up a host of summer favorites, while over at the bandshell, the JT Kennelly Band will be performing. Admission is free, though the cost of food may vary from truck to truck.

Friday, August 19 Food Truck Fridays: Hosted Rotary Peach Sale: The Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary is serving up its 23rd Ánnual Peach Sale, 12-8 p.m. in the Nereson's Automotive parking lot, while supplies last. All proceeds donated to support area community projects.

Saturday, August 20

Young Life Triathlon: The annual Young Life Triathlon takes place at Detroit Lakes' City Park, 6:30 a.m. (registration) to noon (awards presented). To register, or for more information, visit younglifetriathlon.com.

Rotary Peach Sale: The Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary is serving up its 23rd Annual Peach Sale, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Nereson's Automotive parking lot, while supplies last. All proceeds donated to support area community projects.

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DAV Fundraiser: A

fundraiser for the Disabled American Veterans of Becker County will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Meadow Lake Campground (25809 Meadow Lake Road, Detroit Lakes) picnic shelter. Free-will offering lunch, with over 80 basket raffles.

Howie Miller: Comedian Howie Miller performs live at Mahnomen's Shooting Star Casino at 6 p.m. Tickets available at starcasino.com.

Detroit Lakes Craft Beer Tour: The lakes area's only craft beer event returns to Detroit Lakes' Washington Ball Park, with unlimited beverage sampling, prizes, people's choice voting, commemorative swag and more. VIP ticket holders can enter one hour early, at 1 p.m., while the main event runs from 2-5 p.m. Tickets available online at craftbeertours com

Sunday, August 21

Shoreham Chapel Music and Worship: Celise Swanson will be performing

as part of worship services at Shoreham Chapel in rural Detroit Lakes, starting at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome.

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 \$8 for a meal including scrambled eggs; pancakes or French toast; sausage or bacon; and coffee or orange juice. Plenty of tables, lots of space. All are welcome.

Outdoor Church Service:

Congregational Church UCC of Detroit Lakes will host an outdoor service in celebration of 150 years in the 150-yearold city of Detroit Lakes. The service will take place at 10 a.m. in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Park, 317 Washington Ave., which was the site of the original Congregational Church. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain the service will be at the church (900 Lake Ave.).

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The Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary Club's 23rd Annual Peach Sale is set for this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-20 at Nereson's Automotive in Detroit Lakes.



Rotary Peach Sale returns to Detroit Lakes this Friday and Saturday

By Vicki Gerdes **Detroit Lakes Tribune**

peaches. ripened Freshly shipped directly from Washington State via Frazee's Daggett Truck Line, will be available for sale once again this weekend, via Detroit Lakes' Breakfast Rotary Club.

"It's our 23rd annual," said club member Kathy Michaelson, who has helped organize the event for several years, though the 2022 peach sale is chaired by Ted Heisserer.

"They're so popular we don't even have to sell tickets!" she exclaimed, noting that the ripened peaches are picked fresh and shipped directly from Washington to Detroit Lakes for the sale, via Frazee's Daggett Truck Line.

"They're delicious," Michael-son added. "The name — Colorful Sunburst Fruit (the peaches' supplier) — kind of reflects what the peaches really taste like."

Peaches are sold by the lug for \$39, or half lug, for \$23. Though the Rotarians have always tried to keep prices the same from year to vear, they did go up slightly in 2022 due to the rising cost of fuel,

and the peaches themselves.

A lug is determined by the weight, rather than number of peaches: For instance, Michaelson said, a lug could be 38 large peaches, or 42 smaller ones, depending on the customer's preference.

The sale will take place at one location this year, Michaelson said, so that a larger number of Rotary volunteers can be serving customers on-site rather than spread out over two locations. The parking lot at Nereson's Automotive (923 U.S. Hwy. 10, Detroit Lakes) will be the designated site for this year's sale, which takes place from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20 — or until they sell out.

"They're sold first-come, first serve, so I always tell people to get here early rather than late," she said. "Once they're sold out, they're gone, so just come and get 'em."

If they are not sold out on Saturday night, the sale would continue on Sunday, Michaelson added, but based on past experience, she expects most of them to be gone by Saturday afternoon.

All proceeds from the sale go to support Breakfast Rotary projects, whether they be local, regional or international in scope.

'Rotary donates locally, district-wide and internationally, but the bulk of our money does stay local, within a 25-mile radius of Detroit Lakes," Michaelson said. "We concentrate on literacy, health and wellness initiatives.'

Some of their recent projects have included donating \$500 to each of 10 area schools' guided reading programs; giving away between 1,500-2,000 kids' books per year at special events, free of charge; and donating to support area nonprofits like Let's Go Fishing, the Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, and the Boys and Girls Club of Detroit Lakes, as well as the building of a new Becker County Museum and the opening of the new Cornerstone Youth Center in Frazee. The Breakfast Rotary also supported a recent initiative by Detroit Lakes' Noon Rotary Club to raise funds for Rotary International's Ukrainian relief program.

'Right now, we're working with a past Rotary Exchange student to do a children's book giveaway in Lith-uania," said Michaelson. "They get a lot of Ukrainian refugees there."



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By Vicki Gerdes Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES — The 400-acre Soo Pass Ranch south of Detroit Lakes has been home to WE Fest since the country music festival's beginnings in





But this coming weekend, the sounds of roaring guitars will be replaced by the roar of rally car engines: The Soo Pass is the designated headquarters for the 2022 Ojibwe Forests Rally, which takes place on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-20. "We've been work-

ing on getting something going at the Soo Pass for about eight years now,' said race director Erick Nelson. "We finally got all the details sorted out, so we've moved our home out there."

Everything from registration and vehicle inspections on Thursday to the final four rally stages and awards podium presentation on Saturday will be held at the Soo Pass, with only Friday afternoon's and Saturday morning's stages moving out onto the rural forest roads in the Akeley-Park Rapids area, as in years past.

What this means, Nelson noted, is that for the first time, organizers are able to offer camping options for race staff, participants and spectators, as the Soo Pass grounds include some beautiful, spacious campgrounds to choose from — at least, those campgrounds that

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The forest road stages of the Ojibwe Forests Rally offer up some mighty scenic views ... when the drivers aren't kicking up too much dirt to see what lies beyond the road ahead. This year's race begins Friday, Aug. 19 and concludes on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Detroit Lakes' Soo Pass Ranch.

aren't being used for the nated viewing areas; there race.

"The roads they're running on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, that's all gravel forest roads, owned by county or DNR," he said. "Then on Saturday afternoon at the Soo Pass, it's going to be the camping roads — the ones used to get around amongst the different campsites."

Though they're not official, designated roadways, the camping roads are ideal for a race like the Oiibwe Forests Rally, Nelson added. "They work great for us," he said.

Spectators will be able to watch both the forest road stages and the Soo Pass stages from desig-

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are only a handful of areas that don't offer viewing options.

"The gates at the Soo Pass will open at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday," Nelson said. "The racing will start around 5:30-5:45 and will go to 8 or 8:30; spectators can also stay for the podium presentation afterwards."

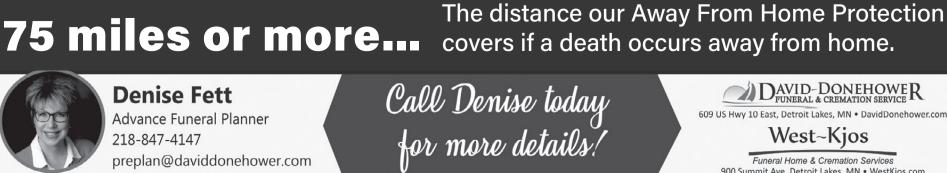
There will also be food and beverage vendors on-site at the Soo Pass, where a large viewing screen will be available for viewing the final stages of the race.

As for the race itself, Nelson said that more than 50 drivers are expected, including crowd favorites Travis Pastrana, Ken Block and Brandon

A complete, downloadable copy of the 2022 Spectator Guide is available at the Ojibwe Forests Rally website; paper copies will be available at the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce as well.

"We're just so happy that it's working out this year," Nelson said, adding that they hope to bring the rally back to the Soo Pass in future years as well.

Camping and VIP Access options are also available at the website, ojibweforestsrally.com, and there will be regular event updates posted to their Facebook and other social media pages throughout the race.



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Man gets prison for domestic assault

News Staff

Pete Alan Thompson, 39, of rural Waubun has been sentenced in Becker County District Court to 26 months in prison at St. Cloud on a felony domestic assault.

According to court records, on Oct. 18, 2020, he dragged a woman into a green sedan and held her there. The woman told officers that Thompson had a small knife and attempted to stab her with it, and that she was scared. She added that Thompson was mad because she was "going back out to Naytahwaush.'

A tribal police officer he found out that the prison, with credit for then went to the residence and called for Thompson, who came outside and appeared agitated. He smelled like alcohol and admitted to drinking. He told officers he was mad at the woman and just wanted to give her a ride adding that he was not concurrent with a felogoing to let her go off with a different man, so he got mad and tried to keep her in the vehicle. Thompson demonstrated to the officer how he kept the woman in the car by blocking her from sentenced by District being able to get out. Judge Gretchen Thilm-

woman was cheating on him.

On July 8, he was sentenced on that charge to 26 months in prison, with credit for 50 days served. He was fined \$50 plus \$200 in court fees.

The sentence was ny charge of violating a domestic abuse no-contact order. The criminal complaint for that charge was not available online.

On that charge, he was He later admitted that ony to 26 months in

299 days served. He was fined \$50 plus \$125 in court fees.

A felony theft of a motor vehicle charge from a separate case was dismissed in a plea agreement.



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Pillow-cleaning fundraiser at Detroit Lakes Methodist Church Aug. 24

By Nathan Bowe Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes United Methodist Church is holding an unusual new fundraiser pillow cleaning.

Feather pillows and down pillows will be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized and fluffed, with new ticking (fabric covers) of the customer's choice.

Crushed foam pillows can be cleaned and polyester pillows can be recovered.

The pillow cleaning event is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24 at the church at 885 Pembina Trail.

"Your pillows will be made cleaner than new for little more than the cost of new ticking," according to the advertising flier by Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service of Willmar – a longtime, reputable family business that brings a mobile unit to fundraising events, according to church member and fundraiser orga-



Cleaning Service A clean pillow is like a breath of fresh air. Detroit Lakes United Methodist Church holding a pillowis cleaning fundraiser on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

has been making annual visits to Perham for about 10 years, she said. The service is especially popular with owners of feather pillows and down pillows, she added.

"He (owner Mike Carlson) will add more down and feathers if nizer Judy Lightowler. some if they've gotten involved in raised sev-Carlson Pillow Cleaning hard," she said. "Just eral hundred dollars.

show up," she said. "You can drop off your pillow at 8 a.m. and pick it up later, or wait while he works on yours."

Carlson only works on one pillow at a time, she said. "There's no mixing of feathers or down." As part of the cleaning process, he removes the feathers or down and puts it back in new ticking, she said.

Feather or down pillows can last over 100 years, Lightowler said. She had her grandmother's comforter made into two pillows a service that Carlson also provides.

Carlson recommends cleaning pillows at least every two years, Lightowler said.

The fundraiser is charging \$13.95 for a standard-sized pillow, \$15.95 for a queen-sized pillow, and \$16.95 for a king-sized pillow, and the church gets a percentage of that, Lightowler said, adding that the last pillow-cleannecessary, or remove ing fundraiser she was

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Since Walz initially provided this relief across our state.' in July, gas prices have in Minnesofallen ta, but supply contin-The extended relief is

price of gas fall from their record highs, we continue to do what we can to drive prices down and make fuel as affordable and accessible as possible," Walz said in a news release. "As drivers and suppliers struggle to keep up with demand, this action will provide relief from regulations and allow fuel to be efficiently transported

Data from the Minnesota Department of certain hours of service Commerce continue to regulations that would ues to be constrained. show that inventories of certain fuels in Minneauthorized via Emer- sota are at lower levels of essential supplies.

terminals across the state, including those in Sauk Centre, Alexandria, Wrenshall, and Roseville are reporting shortages or outages of products, and drivers have experienced long wait times due to increased demand at terminals that do have available supply. This Executive Order,

which is effective immediately and expires on Sept. 11, relieves motor carriers and drivers of prevent or hinder the efficient transportation



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Rochert man sentenced for domestic assault

Improper search leads to dismissal for Perham woman

News Staff

Anthony Britton Nelson, 45, of rural Rochert, has been sentenced in Becker County District Court for gross misdemeanor domestic assault.

A felony domestic assault by strangulation charge was dropped in a plea agreement.

According to court records, on June 1, he began hitting a woman while at a residence located on Evergreen Shores Drive, Detroit Lakes. The woman fled the home, but fell outside, and he pushed a motorcycle onto her legs. Nelson then jumped on top of the woman, grabbed her by the throat and began choking her.

The woman said that she could not breathe and that Nelson threatened to kill her. The two share a 4-year-old daughter, who was there and yelled "don't hit

records. The woman was transported to the emergency room.

On June 30, Becker County District Judge Gretchen Thilmony sentenced him to 365 days in jail, with 363 days of that time stayed for two years. Credit was granted for two days served. He has completed an anger management program and must get a chemical dependency evaluation and follow the recommendations.

Drug charge dismissed for

improper car search A felony fifth-degree drug charge has been dismissed in Becker County District Court against a Perham woman after a judge ruled that the vehicle search that led to the charge lacked probable cause.

According to court records, Lauren Ashley Desouza, 54, of Perham was a passenger in a car pulled over in Detroit Lakes on July 5, 2021, by a Detroit Lakes police officer responding to a ny and reviewing squad my mom," and "don't, report of a possible drug car video and 911 tapes, dad," according to court deal in the Burger King Thilmony ruled on July is still that the stop was

parking lot.

The driver, described by the witness as being a blonde woman driving a dark red or maroon Chevy Impala, was pulled over about two miles east of Burger King on Highway 10.

The driver gave permission to search the car, and the officer found an orange butane torch and red straw with drug residue inside Desouza's backpack. A baggie containing 1.7 grams methamphetamine was found shoved near the front passenger seat cushion.

The apparent drug deal was reported by concerned citizen, а who didn't see or hear anything specific, but thought it suspicious that the driver had gotten into a parked Suburban for about two minutes, then left the parking lot.

A contested omnibus hearing was held on May 11 before District Judge Gretchen Thilmony. After hearing the officer's testimolacked probable cause for the traffic stop.

In a memorandum, Thilmony noted that the officer had testified that "while Impalas and people with blonde hair are common, it was late at night, and it was the only vehicle on the road fitting the description given by (the concerned citizen).

The judge added that "the squad video, in fact, shows that the Impala was blue (not red), and that the officer was following the Impala in the dark and from a distance that it was not possible to make out the physical characteristics of the driver before he activated his emergency lights."

The officer testified that "the only basis for the stop" was the infor-mation provided by the concerned citizen, his suspicion of a drug deal, and his description of the driver and the make and model of the vehicle.

While the court believes that the officer acted in good faith, Thilmony added, "the end result

law. Because the stop was not justified, any evidence obtained from the resulting and subsequent search of the vehicle must be suppressed. Consequently, there is

that the officer had not justified under the no probable cause sufficient to maintain charges against the defendant."

> Desouza's motion to suppress the evidence was granted, and the charge was dismissed.



White Earth woman sentenced to 23 months for multiple crimes

News Staff

Rudy Nicole Mercado, 30, of White Earth, has been sentenced in Becker County District Court for felony fourth-degree drugs.

According to court records, on Jan. 20, 2022, staff at the Becker County Jail found a small bag with a white powder-like substance in her wallet. Mercado told a deputy that she uses Oxy-Contin but did not know what the substance in the bag was. The bag weighed .18 grams and appeared to field test positive for fentanyl. The substance was sent to a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension lab for further testing.

On June 30, District Judge

Michael Fritz sentenced Mercado in prison at Shakopee, with to 19 months in prison at Shakopee, with credit for 66 days served in jail. She was ordered to pay \$200 in court fees.

She was also sentenced on a separate felony theft charge involving several shoplifting episodes at Walmart - to a year and a day in prison at Shakopee, with credit for 217 days served. She was ordered to pay \$974 in fines and fees, including about \$400 in restitution.

Mercado was also sentenced on a felony third-degree burglary charge for incidents involving forged checks in Detroit Lakes. She was sentenced to 23 months rently.

credit for 54 days served, and was ordered to pay about \$1,050 in fines and court fees, including about \$850 in restitution.

She was also sentenced on a felony check forgery charge, for trying to cash a forged \$3,000 personal check in Detroit Lakes. She was sentenced to 15 months in prison at Shakopee on that charge, with credit for 194 days served. She was ordered to pay \$650 in fines and fees on that charge.

All these sentences were ordered to be served concur-

DL woman meets conditions, theft charge dropped; charge dismissed for Battle Lake man

News Staff

Desi Rose Swanson, 20, of vised probation for five years.

tution. She was placed on super- two checks for purchases at L&M Fleet Supply – one for \$400.42 on Sep. 18, 2019, and another the next day for \$216.83. The total was \$617.25, and police identified Loots as being the person to use the checks after reviewing surveillance camera footage. Both checks were on a Wadena Federal Credit Union account that had been closed several years earlier. Loots' sentence included a \$500 fine, \$650 in court fees and restitution of \$666. He spent 101 davs in jail. On July 13 the charge was dismissed by District Judge Michael Fritz because he successfully completed supervised

Detroit Lakes, has had a felony theft charge dismissed because dismissed by Becker County Disshe has met the conditions in Becker County District Court.

According to court records, she stole \$2,200 in cash from the Detroit Lakes JC Penney store while working there as a cashier between March and October of 2020. She admitted to the theft and signed a confession in the police investigator's presence.

Swanson was sentenced to serve 10 days in jail or on electronic home monitoring at her own expense. She was fined \$300 plus \$300 in court fees and was ordered to pay \$2,000 in resti-

On July 12, the charge was trict Judge Gretchen Thilmony, because Swanson had successfully completed supervised probation.

Conditions met, felony check charge dismissed

Robert James Loots, 51, of rural Battle Lake has had a felony dishonored check charge dismissed because he has met the conditions in Becker County District Court.

According to court records, on Jan. 7, 2020, Detroit Lakes police learned that Loots had signed probation.

NEWS BRIEF

Boater drowns in Aitkin County

AITKIN, Minn. — A 25-year-old Hopkins, Minnesota, man drowned Saturday, Aug. 13, on Elm Island Lake in southwestern Aitkin County.

The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office reported emergency dispatch-

lake at 4 p.m. Saturday boat when he suddenly assist with the search. in Nordland Township, southeast of the city of Aitkin.

for the missing man.

The initial report was a group of friends were out fishing for about

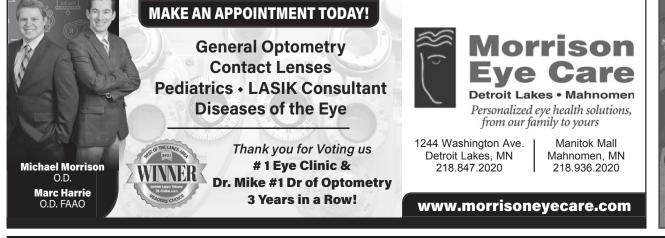
fell into the water. The Marine electronics were victim was not wearing a life jacket and tim. At 7:59 p.m., the Deputies responded to did not resurface. One Crow Wing County Dive the north end of Elm of the victim's friends Island Lake and used jumped into the water body. boats to begin looking to attempt to locate the victim, but was unsuccessful in the murky water.

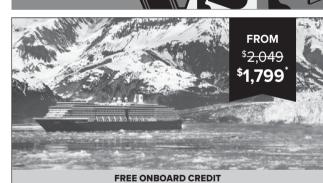
two hours. The victim Dive/Rescue Team was Nelson died of freshwaers received a call of a was drinking and sit- contacted and respond- ter drowning. man overboard on the ting on the edge of the ed to Elm Island Lake to

used to locate the vic-Team recovered the

The victim was identified as Daniel Thomas Nelson. Ramsey Countv Medical Examiner's The Crow Wing County preliminary finding is

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Australia's Josh

Josh Robards won the Pine to Palm championship with a 3-2 win over Ian Simonich on Aug. 14 at the Detroit Country Club in the 90th Pine to Palm tournament. **PINE TO PALM**



A HEAP OF FUN'

By Jared Rubado Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes very Pine to Palm champion gets their name engraved on the trophy before it's mailed to their home. This year's shipping and handling will cost a little more than usual.

Josh Robards of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, and a sophomore at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, defeated former champion Ian Simonich 3-2 on Sunday to win the 90th Pine to Palm Championship.

somewhere in (me). I ended up finding it with the putter today, and I'm just really happy to be on top."

Robards took a 1-up lead on No. 1 with his first of five birdies on the front nine. After Simonich evened the match with a par on No. 3, Robards began a streak of four straight birdies on No. 5 to take a 3-up advantage. He added another to Simonich's deficit with a par before the turn.

Despite holding a lengthy lead going to the back nine,

Robards beats former champion to win 90th Pine to Palm

> a few more down that home stretch and close the door."

Simonich got a hole back on No. 11 with a beautiful approach on his second shot, leaving him a tap-in birdie. Two holes later, he sank a lengthy birdie putt to put the pressure on Robards.

On No. 16, Simonich put one a few feet from the pin again. Robards had a 15-foot birdie putt to the right of the cup after his second shot stayed on the edge of the green.

"I said to Mom walking up there, 'If there's any putt to hole, this is the one to go in," Robards said. "After I cleaned my ball and stepped back, it was straight up the hole. All I had to do was hit it firm and keep it solid up the middle." Robards stunned the gallery, putting the pressure on Simonich after what looked like another hole that would cut into the lead. Simonich pushed his putt past the hole, ending his bid at a second Pine to Palm Championship.

Josh, left, and his mom, Karen Robards, walk off the No. 16 green after Josh's 3-2 win over Ian Simonich in the Pine to Palm championship on Aug. 14 at the Detroit Country Club in the 90th Pine to Palm tournament.

Robards made seven birdies in 16 holes in what he called his "best round of the week." Claiming the historic prize came down to finding 'It" within him.

"It's been a heap of fun to come up here and play," Robards said. "It's honestly such an amazing course. It's awesome to cap off a win in my last summer tournament before I go back to school. I played solid all through summer, but I had not been able to find *it*. After my first two days, I knew it was

Robards knew a surge was coming. Simonich, a North Dakota State University sophomore, competed against Robards in Summit League play a few months

ago. "Ian played behind me at our conference championships, so I have met him before," Robards said. "When he started charging, I was like, 'Here we go. This is the golf I know Ian can play.' I just kept my head down and kept playing my game. I made a heap of birdies on the front nine. Let's just try and get

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PINE TO PALM

Mike Melhus joins elite company as back-to-back Mid-Am Division winner

By Jared Rubado

Detroit Lakes Tribune DETROIT LAKES Mike Melhus is one year away from putting his name on the Pine to Palm tournament's historic 25-year list. However, he's already making history.

On Sunday afternoon, Melhus became the third back-to-back champion in the Mid-Am Division with a 4-3 win over Jeff Bernstrom.

"It feels excellent," Mlehus said. "This is hus responded with a my 24th year playing in this. There are a lot of years of making it and sometimes not making it. I got into (The Mid-

Am Division) and really a 1-up lead before the found my sweet spot two years in a row. It means a lot because I love the tournament so much."

Despite closing in on his second straight title, the front nine was dicey for the defending champion. Melhus took a 1-up lead with an eagle on No. 1 before Bernstrom's birdie on No. 3 squared match, I really had a nice the match.

took a Bernstrom 1-up lead with a birdie all the way around. I had on No. 5 before Melmatch-squaring birdie a hole later. Melhus pretty solid all day tee to evened the score for a second time on No. 8 with a par before taking

turn.

Melhus found his stroke on the back nine. He doubled his lead with a par on No. 10 before winning back-to-back holes on Nos. 12 and 13. Melhus finished off the win with back-to-back pars.

"In my semifinal putter," Melhus said. "Today was pretty clean a couple of tee shots that got a little squirrely, but other and that, I was green."

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Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Mike Melhus hits from the rough on No. 5 in the Mid-Am Division championship in the 90th Pine to Palm on Aug, 14 at the Detroit Country Club.

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Above: Carson Skarperud, right, shakes hands after his 3-2 win over Will Czeh in the Championship Division quarterfinals on Aug. 13 in the 90th Pine to Palm at the Detroit Country Club. Below: Carson Skarperud smiles after sinking a putt on No. 13 in the Championship Division quarterfinals.

'He would be proud of me'

Grand Forks senior unexpectedly loses uncle 2 weeks before Pine to Palm run to the final four

By Jared Rubado Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES - If you walk along any of the 18 holes at the Detroit Country Club on Saturday during the Pine to Palm tournament, you will see a gallery of spectators following each group of golfers. For 17-year-old Car-son Skarperud, playing for the people behind him means a little more this year.

Two weeks before Skarperud was gearing up for his second Pine to Palm, he and six other family members entered The Birchmont tournament in Bemidji. The Skarperud family routinely plays in the historic northern Minnesota match play events. However, this year's slate came with a heavy heart.

During The Birchmont, Matt Skarperud, Carson's uncle, unexpectedly passed away at Lake Ryan and Tim. The four boys,

MELHUS



Bemidji State Park.

Matt, 48, grew up in Grand Forks with his brothers Chad,

raised by Craig and Brenda Skarperud, were all within six years of each other. In an interview with the Grand Forks Herald, Tim said Matt will be remembered by family and friends for his love of family and golf.

"It's awesome to be around friends and family out here," Carson Skarperud said. "They're all so supportive. After we lost our Uncle Matt, being able to be out here with my family and play like this is awesome. It hasn't been easy, but weeks like this make it better."

Carson is one of four remaining players left from a field of 64. He beat 49th-seeded Will Czeh 3-2 after taking down 25th-seeded Joe Christianson on Saturday morning.

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'It means more than you'll

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ever know'

Schommer wins back-to-back Senior **Division titles**

By Jared Rubado Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES -Lakeville's Bill Schommer used to make the trip north for the Pine to Palm golf tournament to play with longtime friend Pat Vincelli.

A few years ago, Vin-celli passed away. Since then, Schommer has back-to-back won Senior Division championships. The latest came on Sunday in a 1-up win over Bob Cavanagh.

"It means more than ever know," vou'll Schommer said on winback-to-back ning championships. "When I started coming up here, I just wanted to get my name on the board. That was it. We lost a guy who's been on the board a ton of times, Pat Vincelli, a couple of years ago. We played at the same golf course down in Lakeville. I've known Pat for a long time, and he's been kind of a SENIOR: Page 11

mentor to me. Last year when I won, I was very emotional. Right now, I know he'd be very proud, and that means everything to me."

Schommer took a 2-up lead with an eagle on No. 1 and a par on No. 2. He took advantage of Cavanagh's bogey on No. 8 to go three up before giving the hole back with a bogey before the turn.

Cavanagh pulled within one with a birdie on No. 11 before Schommer rolled in a par putt on No. 13 to retake a twohole advantage. With four holes to play, Cavanagh made a charge.

A par on No. 15 and a birdie on No. 16 squared the match heading to the 17th tee box. Schommer's par on No. 17 gave him a 1-up lead before securing the win with another par on the final hole.

Schommer won the Senior Division title in 2021. However, it was a more demanding task to repeat. Three of his four matches went the full 18 holes, with the other ending on No. 17.



Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune Bill Schommer wins the Senior Division championship in the 90th Pine to Palm on Aug. 14 at the Detroit Country Club.

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match. I played with the lead - low because there's a lot of this tournament. When we got ers after the first day, so that golf ahead of you." a chance to buy lake homes might as well go for three, was enough to rev my engine. The Pine to Palm tourna- here, we did because of what right?" Melhus said. "It's

"Once you get two, you

Entering the field as the defending champion has pros and cons. While Melhus didn't have to worry about qualifying for the lot of 16, he was concerned he'd have rust in the first round.

"I was a little worried," Melhus said. "Sometimes, those two qualifying rounds put you in a mental spot for a

because you get an edge from qualifying. Once I put a tee in the ground on Thursday, it clicked just like any other match. Then it's grind time."

As the week went on, Melhus found the same rhythm he did a year ago.

"It helps to get that experience of what it takes to win under your belt," Melhus said. "You don't get too high or too

It's a little bit of a concern ment turned Melhus from a visitor to a resident.

"When I first played high the first competitive tournaments I played in." Melhus said. "My twin brother, Greg, and I started playing in it. We grew to love the tournament so much that we now both have a lake home here. Our love for Detroit Lakes started with origins of (playing in)

this course and these people mean to us."

Next summer, Melhus will school golf, this was one of celebrate his 25th summer of playing in Detroit Lakes' match play extravaganza. He will also look to be the first-ever three-time consecutive Mid-Am champion. He joined Perry Piatz (2017-18) and Kent Spriggs (2014–15) as the only ones to win it backto-back years.

always a fun week about camaraderie with the people you meet in the competition. It's great if you come home with the trophy, but at the end of the week, you look back on all of the people you met, which is what this whole thing is about. But I'll try as hard as anyone to get a third next year."

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Semifinals go down to the wire

Robards and Simonich needed all 18 holes to put away Carson Skarperud and Nate Deziel.

Robards took a 1-up lead with a birdie on No. 2 before doubling his margin with a par on No. 3. Skarperud, the 41st seed, got one back with a birdie on No. 6 before tying the match with his second birdie on No. 9.

Both players made back-to-back pars and a birdie following the turn before Robards retook a one-hole lead. After Robards' 1-up par, Skarperud squared the match again with a birdie on No. 14. However, another bogey on 15 put Robards 1-up for a third time.

Both players made par on No. 16 before Robards missed a par putt a hole later, squaring the match with one hole to play in regulation. On No. 18, both

players missed the fairway to the right side. Robards' second shot landed about 25 feet from the pin, while Skarperud needed an up-and-down from the rough in front of the green for par.

Skarperud's chip left him about 20 feet from the cup. After Robards tapped in a short par putt, Skarperud left his attempt inches short.

"Young fella up this way, Carson is," Robards said. "To be honest, I think (came down to) experience. He's only going into his senior year of high school. You could see he was a bit nervous there towards the end. I won it, but I think he also kind of lost it there towards the end. He certainly played a very solid game, and he's got a bright future ahead of him.³

Simonich's match also ended on No. 18 after a round with 11 combined birdies against his teammate at NDSU.

He took a one-hole lead over Deziel with a birdie on No. 3 before Deziel squared the match with a birdie on No. 6. Deziel took his

first lead of the day on No. 8 with his fifth birdie on the front nine, heading to the turn 1-up.

Both players made par on the first three holes on the back nine before Simonich evened the match with a birdie putt on No. 13. He took a 1–up lead with a par on No. 14 before doubling it on No. 16 with a birdie. Deziel, needing to win the final two holes, got one back with a par on No. 17.

On No. 18, Simonich found the middle of the fairway, while Deziel was in the rough on the right side. Deziel's second shot found the bunker to the left of the green. Needing to go up-and-down for par, he sailed his third shot into the other bunker on the right side. Simonich won the hole with a bogey putt to clinch a spot in the final.

From Australia to the lakes area

For many, the Pine to Palm is a chance to return to the Detroit Lakes area and see familiar faces in a

friendly, competitive golf setting. A week ago, only a few people around the Detroit Country Club could put a name to Robards face. Now, that name is etched in the Pine to Palm's illustrious history.

"Ever since I was about 14, I wanted to come to (America) to play college golf," Robards said. "I was always reasonably bright academically. In Australia, there's no student-athlete pathway. You're either a student or an athlete. When I found out about that here, I knew it was the place for me. I ended up in Kansas City, which is an awesome place to be. My coach down in Kansas City told me a good tournament to go to is in Detroit Lakes in the Pine to Palm. I figured it could be my last one for the summer, and here we are."

After beating Skarperud on Sunday morning, Robards wasn't convinced he was sharp enough to take down the champion from two years ago. After a trip to the Lakeview Golf Club driving range, he found a way to get in championship form.

"This morning, I didn't hit it great, Robards said. "I went to the range for a warmup. I told myself, 'I got 30 balls. Let's figure out what we can do with them and go make it work this afternoon.' I got in a bit of a groove. I warmed up on the putting green and felt really good. As I said before, it was the putter that was just unbelievable."

In the final days of match play, Robards mother, Karen, followed him every step of the way like a caddy. "I carried my own

clubs. You don't want to put that on your mother," Robards said with a laugh. "She walked with me and kept my head level. It was really good."

When he looks back on his first Pine to Palm, Robards will have fond memories. The one that will stick out the most was seeing his mother while he walked off the No. 16 green as a champion.

"Doing it with Mom there means a lot to me," he said. "Mom hadn't seen me play golf in a couple of years. Either Dad would come with me, or she'd be too nervous. I told her she has to come out for the match play. To do it in front of Mom, even though I know she was really nervous, was pretty cool."

In his first Pine to Palm appearance, Robards improved throughout the week. He finished in 37th place after two qualifying rounds before outlasting six opponents in match play. Next year will pose challenges only a defending champion can face. In going from unknown to revered, Robards looks forward to the second week of August in 2023.

"It will be pretty cool to come back next year and see my name on the board," Robards said. "I probably would've come back anyway because I enjoyed it so much, But now I'll certainly be back here next year.'

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PINE TO PALM

Detroit Lakes native Olson claims Super Senior Division title

By Jared Rubado Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES - Bert Olson moved away from Detroit Lakes years ago but still calls the Pine to Palm course at the Detroit Country Club his home.

On Sunday, Olson won his first Pine to Palm title with a 2-1 victory over Ron Vincelli in the Super Senior Division Championship.

"To put things in perspective, we stay with friends here in Detroit Lakes. We have our kids and grandkids here with us. It becomes a family week for us," Olson said. "I thor-oughly enjoy match play. I like getting a chance to meet different players. I get a lot of energy by playing match play. Today I think I played the best that I have all week."

After dropping the first hole, Olson won three of the next four to take a 2-up lead. Vincelli squared the match with birdies on Nos. 7 and 8 before Olson took a one-hold lead to the turn with a par on No. 9.

Olson increased his lead by winning the first three holes on the back nine with birdies on Nos. 10 and 12. Vincelli got one back with a par on No. 13 before a birdie on No. 16 pulled him within two. Olson sank a putt on No. 17 to claim his first ever Pien to Palm championship in 20 years.

"I hit a lot of good shots," Olson said. "My driver was working. I played Ron Vincelli, and he's part of a well-known family at the Pine to Palm. I made a couple of key putts. One of them was on 3, and the other was on 17. I made a



Ron Vincelli chips from the rough on No. 3 in the Super Senior Division championship in the 90th Pine to Palm on Aug, 14 at the Detroit Country Club.

11 and 12. It made a difference in the outcome of those holes. I was up, and I managed to close out on 17."

Olson's run to the Super Senior Division championship came secondary to what the Pine to Palm tournament week means to his family.

"This is my 20th Pine to Palm," Olson said. "Both of my parents are deceased, but they got me started in golf many years ago. We visit-ed their graves earlier in the week. Mom and Dad are here with me. This week gives me the ability to spend time with my kids and grandkids, especially my grandkids. It really kind of puts things in perspective. We play this game,

couple of key iron shots on 10, here. It's more about the time we get to spend out here in this beautiful area with loved ones.'

After two decades of competing in each division the Pine to Palm tournament offers, Olson found a lane to end up on the story's leaderboards that hang on the clubhouse. While his name will be there forever, the memories of his championship will be of the fun he had playing against like-minded golfers.

"Over the years, I've played Championship, Flights and Senior Divisions until this year when I became eligible for the Super Senior Division," Olson said. "I think the Senior Division is a bit more competitive. When you a more significant milestone and it's a lot of fun to be out get to the Super Senior level, in five years.



Photos by Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Bert Olson makes a long putt on No. 3 in the Super Senior Division championship in the 90th Pine to Palm on Aug, 14 at the Detroit Country Club.

you've lived enough life to know that you're on the back nine. You look forward to the camaraderie with the people you've played with for years and years."

Olson is already looking forward to returning to Detroit Lakes next summer as a champion. While he would like to repeat his fortunes in 2023, he's focused on hitting

"Absolutely," Olson said when asked if he'd be back to defend his championship. "I'd like to keep coming back to attend the 25-year veteran awards. That's the next goal. This is my home course, even though I live in Sioux Falls now. It's great coming back to see friends and people that have been on the golf course for a long time, especially the volunteers."

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"You see the same guys over and over, and it's awesome," Schommer said. "It's fun because we are all grinding away and are competitive, but

of hugs after, and people are very appreciative. here for years, and you The bottom line is it's get to know these guys. really fun. Win or lose; I It's like coming home. have a blast when I come It's so special." Schomout here. Coming up 17 mer said. "I've been (on Sunday), I just told playing my worst golf in myself that it doesn't 20 years until I came up matter what happens."

Schommer wasn't coming home. It's just so confident in his game comfortable here."

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"I've been coming up here this week. It's like

happened, you know win three straight. what I mean? That was really fun."

in the Pine to Palm since "I've missed a few over

which is good because I only been one repeat seven families come out, can't hit it very far," he champion before this added. "I kept surprising summer. Robert Wermyself because when I nick went back-to-back needed to make a shot, in 2000-01. Schommer I did. That hasn't always looks to be the first to

"It was probably '97 or '98," Schommer said Schommer has played of his first Pine to Palm.

and we rented a resort during my first one. We all came up here and had so much fun, and that's how it started. I'll be back for sure. It's something I'm not going to miss."

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"Making sure to stay sharp and focused," Skarperud said on what the biggest challenge is during the week. "I played (33) holes in one day today. That's a lot of golf. I just try to stay sharp, stay ready and keep grinding.

Skarperud will be a senior at Grand Forks Red River high school in the fall, which makes him the youngest player left in the field by a wide margin. His semifinal opponent, Joshuaa Robards, is a sophomore at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. If he wins, he will take on either Nate Deziel or Ian Simonich, who golfs for North Dakota State University. "Absolutely it does," Skarpe-

rud said when asked if a senior in high school gives him a chip on his shoulder. "The first step was making the cut. Then it was winning the first match. It goes on from there. I've proven I can compete with these guys.¹

Skarperud hasn't been in the final four in the Championship Division before, but he doesn't feel intimidated by the challenge that stands ahead. In his second summer of playing in the Pine to Palm, Skarperud said he feels more equipped mentally than a year ago.

"I have a little bit more experience here now," he said. "I feel ready to go every time I step on the box out here. A lot of it is about keeping your mind right because you win and lose these matches in your head. Take it shot by shot, and don't worry about anything other than that."

is going to have his people behind him for as many holes as he plays. It's a reminder that weeks like the Pine to Palm mean much more than a few rounds of golf.

Win or lose, Skarperud

"My family means everything to me, and I have something to play for," Skarperud said. "I know how much tournaments like this meant to my uncle-to be able to be with us. He would be proud of me."

And then there were four

Of the 16 players who entered Saturday hoping to win the 90th Pine to Palm, only four remain. Skarperud, Robards, Simonich and Deziel each won two matches to claim spots in Sunday's final four. Here's how the quarterfinal action shook out:

Skarperud def. Czeh, 3-2

Czeh looked to build off the momentum of beating Detroit Lakes' Tanner Lane 3-2 in his first match of the day. He took a 1-up lead with a par on No. 2 before Skarperud squared the match with a par on No. 4. Czeh retook the lead on No. 5 before Skarperud's birdie on No. 7 evened the score again.

With a par on No. 8, Skarperud took his first lead of the match and went into the turn 1-up. He doubled the lead on No. 11 with a par before taking control with a 3-up par on No. 13. Both Czeh and Skarperud made par on the final three holes, closing out a quarterfinal win for the Grand Forks Red River Roughrider.

Robards def. Berger, 4-3

Robards took care of business in his quarterfinal match against 36th-seeded Sam



Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Carson Skarperud hits from the No. 4 fairway in the Championship Division quarterfinals on Aug. 13 in the 90th Pine to Palm at the Detroit Country Club.

Berger.

six holes, Robards, the 37th seed, took a one-hole lead with a birdie on No. 7. He doubled it before the turn with a par on No. 9. Berger cut into the lead Simonich def. with a birdie on No. 10 before Robards answered with a birdie of his own on No. 11 to regain the 2-up lead.

On the par-five No. 12, Robards got in the driver's seat with a birdie to take a threepicking up a 4-3 win.

In his first match, Robards With the match square after beat 53rd-seeded Breck Erholtz 5-4, while Berger claimed a 2-up win over 13th-seeded Jack Olson.

Schwamb, 6-5

Simonich, the 2020 Pine to Palm champion, is looking to repeat what he did two years ago. After beating seventh-seeded Brennan Hockhole lead. He put the match mann 3-2, Simonich domiaway with a par on No. 14, nated his quarterfinal match against second-seeded and

medalist Kyler Schwamb.

Simmonich won 6-5 over Schwamb to earn a match against his NDSU teammate on Sunday morning. Schwamb beat Jack Dudeck 4-3 in the round of 16 before falling in the quarterfinals.

Golf Genius did not have a posted scorecard for this match.

Deziel def. Nelson, 2-1

Nobody had a more hectic Saturday on the course than Deziel.

After beating defending runner-up Ben Welle in a 23-hole playoff, the 14th-seeded Deziel outlasted sixth-seeded Brandon Nelson to earn a spot in Sunday's semifinal.

Deziel made two birdies on the first three holes to take a 1-up lead over Nelson. The lead doubled with a par on No. 6 before a birdie on No. 9 put him 3-up.

One of the stranger sequences of the day came on No. 5. Deziel's shot sailed into the Pine to Palm clubhouse before stopping in the hallway.

"It was inbounds by the lines designated (out of bounds," Pine to Palm chairman Vern Schnathorst said. "He got a drop outside the clubhouse and halved the hole."

Nelson got one back with a birdie on No. 11. It started a string of four consecutive holes where Deziel and Nelson traded wins. On hole No. 16, Nelson got another one back with a pair to trim the deficit before matching pars on No. 17 halted a comeback push.

Deziel's 2-1 win over Nelson was far less dramatic than his 1-up win over Welle. The two battled it out over five playoff holes before Deziel got the winning putt to go on No. 5 for the win.



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CITY OF LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAKE PARK CITY CODE CHAPTER 154 AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA DOES OR-DAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Appendix B of Lake Park City Code Chapter 154 and Lake Park City Code Section 154.26 are hereby amended pursuant to Lake Park City Code Section 154.63 as follows: The zoning district classification of

the following described property shall be and hereby is changed and amended to R-2 Multi-Family Residential District (R-2): The South 55 feet of Lot 1, Nober

Addition, according to the certified Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Becker County, Minnesota. Identified as Becker County Tax Parcel No.: 51.0171.002 AND

That part of the Southeast Quarter of That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SEI/4 NWI/4) of Section 3, Township 139 North, Range 43 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Becker County, Min-nesota, described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the south line of Lake Street intersects the north and south quarter line of said Section 3; thence running westerly along the line of the south side of said Lake Street produced a distance of 472 feet; thence south on a line par-allel to the said quarter line, a dis-tance of 425.9 feet to the Northern Pacific right-of-way; thence easterly along the curved line of said right-of-way 475 feet to the quarter line of said Section 3; thence north on the quarter line, a distance of 469.5 feet to the place of beginning.

Identified as Becker County Tax Parcel No.: 51.0005.006 AND

That part of the Northwest Quarter (NWI/4) of Section 3, Township 139 North, Range 43 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Becker County

Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest comer of Lot 2 of the Subdivision Plat of Noben Addition as of public record in the of-fice of the County Recorder, Becker County, Minnesota; thence on an as-sumed bearing of South on the West-erly line of said Noben Addition for a distance of 155.08 feet to the South-west corner of Lot 1 of said Noben Addition; thence North 87 degrees 52 Westerly of the Southerly line of said Lot 1 for a distance of 46 feet; thence on a bearing of South and parallel with the Easterly line of said Noben Addition for a distance of 227 feet to Westerly of the Southerly line of Lake Street as dedicated in the Subdivision Plat of Canfield's Addition as of public record in the office of the County Recorder, Becker County, Minnesota: thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes West on last said prolongation line for a distance of 260 feet; thence on a bearing of North for a distance of 370.56 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds East 305. 79 feet to point of begin-

ning. Identified as Becker County Tax Parcel No.: 51.0005.004 51.0003.005 and

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SEC-**RETARY OF STATE**

Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333 The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. ASSUMED NAME: Double O Seven

Security PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 23936 Co Hwy 22, Detroit Lakes, MN

56501 NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: Peplawn, Inc.

Address: 23936 Co Hwy 22, Detroit akes, MN 56501

By typing my name, I, the under-signed, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chap-ter of Minnesota Statutes. I underas stand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath. SIGNED BY: G. Scott Piepkorn MAILING ADDRESS: Non Provided EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: pep7pep7@gmail.com (Aug. 14 & 17, 2022) 90653

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT Court File No. 03-PR-22-1538

Estate of Larry Dean Tretbar,

Decedent NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEAR-ING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY,

DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO

CREDITORS It is Ordered and Notice is given that

on September 14, 202_3, at 1:15 p.m. , a hearing will be held in this Court at 913 Lake Av-enue, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and de-termination of heirship of the Dece-dent and for the appointment of lean A. Tretbar, whose address is 49177 County Highway 26, Ponsford, MN, 56575 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UN-SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all neces-sary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. BY COURT

Dated: 8/5/22 /s/ Referee Susan Solheim District Court Dated: 8/5/22 /s/ Sarah Schlauderaff, Deputy Court Administrator, Renelle Fenno Attorney for Petitioner Amy L. Jenson Haugen Jenson PLLC 1009 Lake Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN, 56501 Attorney License No: 0390673 Telephone: (218) 844-8900 Email: amy@haugenjenson.com (August 17 & 24, 2022) 91817

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED YOU ARE NOTIFIED:

1. Default has occurred in the Con-tract for Deed ("Contract") dated July 1, 2020, and filed for record October 2020, as Document Number 672637 in the Office of the County Recorder of Becker County, Min-nesota, in which DARLENE A. AUS-TAD, as Seller, sold to THALEAHA MARIE MCBEE and JEREMY ALEN HOLDER, as Purchaser (whether one or more), the real property in Becker County, Minnesota, described as follows: That portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼NW¼) of Section Twenty-one (1) of Section Iwenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Thirty-eight (138) North, Range Forty-one (41) West of the Fifth Principal Merid-ian in Becker County, Minnesota, de-scribed as follows: Beginning at a State Highway #59 as the same is now located and established, which point is located as follows: Compoint is located as follows: Com-mencing at the northwest corner of said Section Twenty-one (21); thence proceeding South 88°20'00" East 172.46 feet in the North line of said Section Twenty-one (21); thence pro-ceeding South 09°51'00" East 951.65

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feet to the said point of beginning; thence running by the following five courses and distances, viz: North 88°53'00" West 43.60 feet to an iron stake; North 88°53'00" West 240.00 feet to an iron stake on the East line of (old) State Highway #59; North 01º17'00" East 140.00 feet in the East line of said (old) State Highway #59 to an iron stake; South 88°53'00" East 256.20 feet to the southwesterly line of (new) State Highway #59; and South 09°51'00" East 142.55 feet to the point of beginning and there ter-minating; contains 0.87 acres; 2. The default is as follows:

2. The default is as follows: 2.1 Purchaser failed to pay Seller the additional payment of \$10,000.00 on March 1, 2022, according to Para-graph 4 of the Contract. 2.2 Purchaser failed to pay Seller the \$700.00 monthly payment for July 2022.

2022. 2.3 Purchaser failed to pay Seller the

2022 2.4 Purchaser failed to pay the real estate taxes due and payable in and for the years 2021 and 2022.

2.5 Purchaser failed to keep or main-tain property insurance according to Paragraph 7 of the Contract.

(A) THE PERSON AUTHORIZED IN THIS NOTICE TO RECEIVE PAY-MENTS RECEIVES FROM YOU:
(1) THE AMOUNT THIS NOTICE SAYS YOU OWE: PLUS
(2) THE COSTS OF SERVICE (TO BE SENT TO YOU): PLUS
(3) \$500.00 TO APPLY TO ATTOR-NEYS' FEES ACTUALLY EX-PENDED OR INCURRED: PLUS
(4) FOR CONTRACTS EXECUTED ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 1980, ANY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS BECOM-ING DUE UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE SELLER AFTER THIS NO-TICE WAS SERVED ON YOU: PLUS
(5) FOR CONTRACTS, OTHER TICE WAS SERVED ON YOU; PLUS (5) FOR CONTRACTS, OTHER THAN EARNEST MONEY CON-TRACTS, PURCHASE AGREE-MENTS, AND EXERCISED OPTIONS, EXECUTED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 1985, **S290.36** (WHICH IS TWO PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT IN DEFAULT AT THE TIME OF SERVICE OTHER THAN THE FINAL BALLOON PAYMENT, ANY TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, MORT-GAGES, OR PRIOR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ASSUMED BY YOU: OB GAGES, OR PRIOR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ASSUMED BY YOU; OR (B) YOU SECURE FROM A COUNTY OR DISTRICT COURT AN ORDER THAT THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT BE SUS-PENDED UNTIL YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ARE FINALLY DIS-POSED OF BY TRIAL, HEARING OR SETTLEMENT. YOUR ACTION MUST SPECIFICALLY STATE THOSE FACTS AND GROUNDS THAT DEMONSTRATE YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES.

THAT DEMONSTRATE YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES. IF YOU DO NOT DO ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE ABOVE THINGS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECI-FIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOUR CON-TRACT WILL TERMINATE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD AND YOU WILL LOSE ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE PAID ON THE CONTRACT; YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CLAIMS OR DE-ASSERT ANY CLAIMS OR DE-FENSES THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE; AND YOU WILL BE EVICTED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY.

5. The name, mailing address, street address or location and telephone number of the seller or of an attorney authorized by the seller to accept payments pursuant to this notice is: Elliot J. Stoll Attorney for Seller Mailing Address: 903 Washington Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Telephone: 218-847-4858

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Dated: July 8. 2022

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"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORT-GAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED

TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL

TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MIN-NESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORT-GAGED PREMISES ARE IM-PROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRO-DUCTION, AND ARE ABAN-DONED." Dated: July 8, 2022

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE &

BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of

100 - 19-010023 FC IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COM-

MUNICATION FROM A DEBT COL-

LECTOR. (July 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2022) 84802

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE 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: July 6,

MORTGAGOR: Chad R. Brown, a

single man. MORTGAGEE: JPMorgan Chase

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORD-ING: Recorded July 10, 2007 Becker County Recorder, Document

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Assigned to: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. Dated March 14, 2017 Recorded March 17, 2017, as Document No. 640820. And there-

after assigned to: J.P. Morgan Mort-gage Acquisition Corp.. Dated February 15, 2022 Recorded Febru-ary 15, 2022, as Document No. 687458.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORT-GAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORT-GAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: JPMorgan Chase

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SER-

VICER: Carrington Mortgage Serv-

MORTGAGED PROPERTY AD

DRESS: 401 South Lake Street,

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 500290000 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROP-

The Northeasterly One-half (NE'ly 1/2)

of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) of Block Four (4) of John Neuner's Second Addition to the Townsite of Frazee, according to the

certified Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County

Recorder in and for Becker County

Minnesota. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS

LOCATED: Becker ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF

MORTGAGE: \$119,085.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO

BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE:

That prior to the commencement of

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

Bank, N.A

No. 549675

Bank NA

ices LLC

ERTY

Frazee, MN 56544

Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416

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: December 20. 2018

MORTGAGOR: George Z Wolfe, a

single person. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nomi-nee for United Wholesale Mortgage

its successors and assigns. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORD-ING: Recorded December 21, 2018 Becker County Recorder, Document No. 656035

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servic-ing, LLC. Dated January 30, 2020 Recorded February 6, 2020, as Doc-

Recorded February 0, 2022, ument No. 665596. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORT-GAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE:

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORT-GAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: United Wholesale Mortgage RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SER-

VICER: LoanCare, LLC MORTGAGED PROPERTY AD-DRESS: 204 Willow St W, Detroit

Lakes MN 56501 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 490349000 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROP-

ERTY

The South Fifty (50) feet of the East One Hundred Fifty-five (155) feet of Auditor's Lot No. 109, being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the North-east Quarter (SW1/4 NE1/4), Section 34, Township 139 North, Range 41 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Becker County, Minnesota. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Perform

LOCATED: Becker ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF

MORTGAGE: \$135,893.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$161,243.95 That prior to the com-

mencement of this mortgage foreclo-sure 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: Septem-ber 22, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Becker PLACE OF SALE: 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 PROP-ERTY: If the real estate is an ownerunless 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 March 22, 2023, 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

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: They will come...

\$105 652 44

\$700.00 monthly payment for August

3. The conditions contained in Min-nesota Statutes § 559.209 have been complied with or are not applicable. 4. THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT BY THIS NOTICE THE SELLER HAS BEGUN PROCEED-SELLER HAS BEGUN PROCEED-INGS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 559.21, TO TERMINATE YOUR CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE REASONS SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE. THE CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE UNI ESS. BEFORE THIS NOTICE UNLESS BEFORE

HEN: A) THE PERSON AUTHORIZED IN

Thursday, Aug. 25th. Everyday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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Effective date. This amendment to Lake Park City Code Chapter 154 shall take effect immediately from and after passage and publication of this amendment PASSED AND ADOPTED August 8, 2022, by unanimous vote the City Council of the City /s/ John Beaudine John Beaudine Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Lonnie Neuner Lonnie Neuner Clerk-Treasurer Published as required by law on the 17th day of August, 2022. /s/ Lonnie Neuner Clerk -Treasurer (August 17, 2022) 91644

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This person is authorized to receive the payments from you under this no-

tice. Dated: August 10, 2022. /s/ Elliot J. Stoll Elliot J. Stoll, #0402588 PEMBERTON LAW, P.L.L.P. Attorney for Seller 903 Washington Avenue Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501 Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 55501 Telephone (218) 847-4858 Email e.stoll@pemlaw.com RDF:EJS:cg | 2020-7152.600 (August 17, 24 & 31, 2022) 91659

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(singer and songwriter), Tyler Renney (vocalist and guitarist), Scott Thompson (drummer) and Anita Cargiuolo (percussion, djembe and vocalist).

The music has reggae undertones that are mixed with a variety of other styles that give the album a familiar, yet unique presence.

Bowe, the 27-year-old son of Nathan and Teresa Bowe of Detroit Lakes, said that lyrically his favorite song on the new album is called, the Rabbit Hole." "Down

"It's about going through the toughest times that I've ever gone through in my life," he said. "I had massive health issues.'

Before he fell ill and had to battle infections, severe allergic reactions to medications and immobility, Rootz Within was booking upwards of 80 shows annually. Bowe was cut off from touring and performing as he recovered. During that time he focused on writing lyrics.

When Bowe was healthy and the band returned to full force, the songs began to flow.



Vicki Gerdes / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Rootz Within played at Zorbaz in the spring. The Detroit Lakes-based band has been on tour since, and will return for a short home stint with a free, all ages album release concert at Detroit Mountain on Aug. 20.

is Burning" took maybe has produced dozens of 30 minutes to write. After hit albums and provides playing a bass line, it was quickly matched with a

guitar and melody. "We were exploring ideas and that song fell together really quick," he said.

When the band had a dozen or so songs to pick from, they scheduled a recording session metropolitan area, some at the famed Pachyderm of whom stopped by for Studios in Cannon Falls, Engberg noted "Babylon Minnesota. The studio mentum."

a house on-site for the band. "The studio is set up in

the woods with a flowing river," Bowe said. "It's beautiful." Being close to the Twin

Cities also opened oppor-tunities for collaborations with friends in the guest spots on "Incre-

The studio had its house engineer, Nick Tveitbakk, work with the band's engineer, Sam Licari of Mankato, Minnesota, to mix each song to create the most robust version for the album.

Bowe said the band members are "very proud" of their work and are eager to provide a great concert for their hometown crowd.



Contributed / Rootz Within

Rootz Within, a band based in Detroit Lakes, recently released a new album, "Incrementum."

SOARING

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hunger in the community. And with inflation at its worst in 40 years, pantry volunteers are seeing higher demand for food and supplies.

It doesn't help that many relief programs that were in operation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have ended. For example, the Farm to Table project that distributed semi-truck loads of food and supplies for hundreds of families in the area has ended.

Also, a federal waiver program providing free school meals for all children — regardless of income — has expired, and Ruby's Pantry, a monthly distribution where families paid \$20 for a "share" of surplus foods, has now ceased operations in Becker have noticed many new as a new home for the ly-subsidized food for as ing on building a new Carlson said. "Now we're County.

food pantry in Becker tion may be taking a toll. County," Carlson said, although fortunately the White Earth Reservation pounds of food to operates a food shelf in Mahnomen County.

Located at the fairgrounds in Detroit Lakes, the Becker County Food Pantry provides food once a month to those in need, Carlson said. "We generally run through 30,000 to 33,000 pounds a voucher per month," he added. necessary. "This month we're on track to have about 300 families come in."

Every Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 3 p.m. the Food Pantry distributes carts full of groceries and supplies to Becker County households.

Often the line for food forms by 10 a.m. Some arrive on bikes. Some are homeless, living in cars. Many are families with working parents, needing help to make ends old waterworks buildmeet. Pantry volunteers ing at the fairgrounds

This May, the Pan-

try distributed 35,414 1,169 individuals — an increase of 600 people over May of 2021. Clients are asked to bring a piece of mail with a physical address to show residence in Becker County (or if homeless, mail is not required). Obtaining a voucher is no longer

The Food Pantry opened July 8, 1982, with food and supplies distributed out of the current Senior Center in the lower level of the Historic Holmes Theatre. A lot has changed since then.

Clients used to have to first secure vouchers from Social Services or area churches. Storage was limited and no produce or perishables were distributed. In 1999, the city offered use of its base growing by more than 500% over the last uted to those in need. 20 years.

a key role in food rescue and waste reduction. When Aldi, Central Market, or Walmart have expired products, surplus produce, or egg cartons with a cracked egg, they are donated to the Pantry, whose volunteers stop by regularly to distribute the food each pick up food that might otherwise be thrown out. Thanks to those food retailers, as well as KFC and other local restaurants and stores, the Food Pantry rescues and distributes over 10,000 pounds of perfectly good food each month.

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Big events like the The Food Pantry plays Becker County Fair carnival collection bring in many thousands of pounds of food to fill the shelves as well.

Volunteers at the Food Pantry make all this possible: More than 150 volunteer hours a week are needed to collect and week.

Have some energy to burn off? New volunteers are much appreciated, especially during semitruck unloading days, and for jobs requiring heavy lifting. Volunteers can be on-call or work a set schedule. Call Brad Carlson at 218-846-

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The Food Pantry has outgrown its space at the fairgrounds and is work-

\$500,000 donation а from Becker County, and with Detroit Lakes federal funds, the new facility will more than double capacity for food storage, allow handicap accessibility and improve safety, among other improvements.

The Food Pantry has signed a purchase agreement with the city for a lot off Terry Street on the north side of Detroit Lakes, but has not purchased the property yet, Carlson said.

Groundbreaking was set for early 2023 under the original construction timeline, but on Monday Carlson said that "construction may be delayed due to lack of water and sewer (at the site) and lack of contractors," who are asking two to three times the original estimate for the construction project.

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Photos by Barbie Porter / Detroit Lakes Tribune The inflatable games at Looney Days on Saturday, Aug. 13 were a big draw for youngsters.



The annual Looney Days Road Rally had several teams competing this year. Winning the Best Costumes were Julie Jaeger, Sharon Broker (both of Columbus, Ohio) and Patty Jaeger of Vergas. The three were dressed as the Brady Bunch sisters.

BUSY

From Page 1

said George Flaskerude of Lake McDonald.

"And I like the variety of stuff they have," said his wife, Kristi Flaskerud.

Vergas residents Tony and Steph Berstler had been driving to Detroit Lakes or Perham to do their grocery shopping. Now, the duo can save gas money and still have a good selection of groceries in their hometown.

Deb Evenson raved about the caramel corn being made at the grocery store. She said the

smell pulled her to the corner where the fresh treat was being bagged. While the sweet treat

was one of the many bonuses of her visit to Vergas, the Pelican Rapids resident's top agenda item was to see the dachshund dog races. The event began several years ago, where the little-legged wiener dogs are held by owners at the start line. A second person goes to the finish line to coax them onto a win.

"I had never seen the wiener dog races, but it was something I always wanted to see," Evenson said. "It was exciting and fun."

Another big-time

draw to Looney Days is the annual loon calling contest. People are encouraged to practice the distinct calls of the Minnesota state bird and perform them for the opportunity to win the title of grand champion.

There were 65 total competitors in the 2022 Vergas Looney Days Loon Calling Contest. There were three age categories offered. The champion of each age category was invited to the grand championship competition. In the age category of birth to 8, there were 27 entrants; ages 9-15 saw 19 entrants and for those 16 and older there were eight contestants. The event also hosted a loon calling competition for representatives of a business, which had two, and for area lakes, which had nine competitors.

As Nick Johnson walked to the stage in Long Lake Park, the park where the iconic Îoon statute calls home, he had an air of confidence. As soon as the microphone was handed to him, he told the audience to be prepared for something great. While some laughed, it turned out he wasn't joking. He won his age division and then went on to take the grand champion title.

The 17-year-old from the Twin Cities had been practicing his loon call for the past five years at a cabin on East Spirit Lake. He was training with his older brother, who had been calling loons for years. "The wail was the toughest call to get down," Johnson said. It was Johnson's first year in the competition, and he doesn't plan to defend his title.

"I don't want to blow them out of the water again next year," he said, his grin growing as those around him groaned and laughed.

Johnson added the event was a lot of fun and the other competitors did a great job. He also thanked the judges and event organizers for hosting the competition.



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By Natalia Zinets Reuters Kyiv

oscow denounced sabotage and Ukraine hinted at responsibility for new explosions on Tuesday at a military base in Russianannexed Crimea that is an important supply line for Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The blasts engulfed an ammunition depot at a military base in the north of the Crimean peninsula, disrupting trains and forcing the evacuation of 2,000 people from a nearby village, according to Russian officials and news agencies.

Plumes of smoke were later seen at a second Russian military base in central Crimea, Russia's Kommersant newspaper said, while blasts hit another facility in the west last week.

The explosions raised the prospect of new dynamics in the six-month-old war if Ukraine now has capability to strike deeper into Russian territory or pro-Kyiv groups are having success with guerrilla-style attacks.

Russia has used Crimea, which it annexed from Ukraine in 2014, to reinforce its troops fighting in other parts of Ukraine with military hardware, a process Ukraine is keen to disrupt ahead of a potential counter-offensive in the south.

Crimea is the base of Russia's Black Sea Fleet and also popular in the summer as a holiday resort.

In Tuesday's blasts, an electricity substation also caught fire, according to footage on Russian state TV. Seven trains were delayed and rail traffic on part of the line in northern Crimea had been suspended, Russia's RIA news agency said.

'Creating chaos'

Ukraine has not officially confirmed or denied responsibility for explosions in Crimea, though its officials have openly cheered incidents in territory that, until last week, appeared safe in Moscow's grip beyond range of attack. Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak and Guardian newspaper later

UKRAINIANS FIGHT BACK **BLASTS AT RUSSIAN BASE IN CRIMEA** SUGGEST UKRAINIAN RESISTANCE

Nipsey Hussle gets a star

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on Hollywood Walk of Fame



A serviceman with a Russian flag on his uniform stands guard near the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in the course of Ukraine-Russia conflict on Aug. 4 outside the Russian-controlled city of Enerhodar in the Zaporizhzhia region, Ukraine.

chief of staff Andriy Yermak both exulted on social media at "demilitarization": an apparent mocking reference to the word Russia uses to justify its invasion.

"Operation 'demilitarization'

that Ukraine's strategy was to destroy Russian "logistics, supply lines and ammunition depots and other objects of military infrastructure. It's creating a chaos within their own forces.

said the explosions at the ammunition depot were "a result of sabotage."

With the war raging since Feb. 24, attention has also focused in recent days on shelling in the vicinity of the

Healthy foods nutritionists snack on each day Page 5

> city of Enerhodar where the plant is located. They accused Ukraine of doing so to provoke Russia into returning fire.

Later on Tuesday, 20 Russian rockets and 10 artillery rounds hit the city of Nikopol on the Ukrainian government-controlled bank of the Dnipro river across from Enerhodar, the Ukrainian regional governor Valentyn Reznichenko wrote on Telegram.

He said four people were wounded.

Reuters could not immediately verify either side's accounts.

Each side has blamed the other for heightened risks to the Zaporizhzhia plant, which Russia seized in March though Ukrainian technicians continue to operate it.

The technicians work under the gaze of heavily armed Russian troops and face huge pressure, but are staying on to make sure there is no Chornobyl-style disaster, one of them said, offering a rare glimpse into the unnerving working conditions there.

"It's very hard when you go into the plant and see these people and have to be there. It's very mentally and psychologically taxing," he said, asking for anonymity for fear of Russian reprisal.

Meanwhile, Russia's FSB security service accused Ukrainian "saboteurs" of repeatedly blowing up electricity pylons running from a nuclear power station in the Kursk region, some 90 km (55 miles) north of the Ukraine border, disrupting plant operations.

Reuters could not substantiate the report. Ukraine's defense ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Ukraine conflict has caused millions to flee, killed thousands and deepened a geopolitical rift between Moscow and the West.

Moscow calls its invasion a "special military operation"

in the precise style of the Armed Forces of Ukraine will continue until the complete de-occupation of Ukraine's territories," Yermak wrote on Telegram.

Podolyak told Britain's

"I certainly agree with the Russian ministry for defense, which is predicting more incidents of this kind in the next two, three months," Podolyak was quoted by the Guardian as saying. Russia's defense ministry

Zaporizhzhia nuclear reactor complex, Europe's largest, in a Russian-occupied area of southeastern Ukraine.

Russian-installed officials there, quoted by Interfax news agency, said on Tuesday Ukrainian forces shelled the

to demilitarize its neighbor and protect Russian-speaking communities. Ukraine, which was part of the Russiandominated Soviet Union until its 1991 break-up, accuses Moscow of waging an imperial-style war of conquest.

Cheney loses to Trump-backed challenger in Wyoming

By Nathan Layne Reuters

JACKSON, Wyo., — U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, a fierce Republican critic of Donald Trump who has played a prominent role in the congressional probe of the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol, lost to a Trump-backed primary challenger on Tuesday, Edison Research projected.

Cheney's defeat by Harriet Hageman marks a significant victory for the former president in his campaign to oust Republicans who backed impeaching him after a mob of his supporters stormed the Capitol building last year.

In conceding the race, Cheney said she was not willing "go along with President Trump's lie about the 2020 election" to win a primary.

"It would have required that I enable his ongoing efforts to unravel our democratic system and attack the foundations of our republic. That was a path I could not and would not take," she told a gathering of her supporters.

The fate of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, who also voted in favor of impeachment

and is facing off against another Trump-backed candidate on Tuesday, remains unclear. The polls for that primary, a nonpartisan format in which the top four vote-getters advance to the general election, have not yet closed as of late Tuesday evening. With 37% of the

expected ballots counted, Hageman led the Republican field with 59% of the vote, followed by Cheney with 36%, according to Edison Research.

Both Wyoming and are reliably Alaska Republican, making it unlikely that either's result will influence whether President Joe Biden's Democrats lose their razor-thin majorities in Congress. Republicans are expected to retake the House and also have a chance of winning control of the Senate.

The ousting of Cheney is nevertheless the latest sign of Trump's enduring sway over the Republican Party. Trump, who has hinted that he will run for president in 2024, made ending Cheney's congressional career a priority among the 10 House Republicans targeted for supporting his impeachment in 2021.

Cheney, the daughter ate, voted to convict him



Reuters file photo

Vice Chairwoman Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., speaks during a public hearing of the U.S. House Select Committee to investigate the January 6 Attack on the U.S. Capitol, on July 21. On Tuesday, Cheney was defeated in the Wyoming Republican Primary by Harriet Hageman, who was backed by former President Donald Trump.

of Republican former Vice President Dick Cheney, has used her position on the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack to keep attention on Trump's actions around the Capitol riot, and his false claims about the 2020 election, in a bid to persuade fellow Republicans the former president is a threat to democracy.

Cheney, in the House, voted to impeach Trump on a charge of inciting the Capitol riot, while Murkowski, in the Sen-

on that charge. Trump was ultimately acquitted. Biden's weak public approval numbers, weighed down by an unsteady economy, remain a concern for Democrats heading into November. A two-day Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll completed on Tuesday showed that just 38% of respondents approve of Biden's job performance, down from 40% a week earlier. His job approval has been below 50% since August 2021.

to bring Biden's legislative agenda to a halt. Already they threaten to launch potentially damaging investigations into his administration should they win.

Alaska voters are also determining whether to pick Sarah Palin, a Republican firebrand and former governor who Trump has endorsed for the state's only U.S. House seat.

Terry Sullivan, a political strategist who managed Republican Senator Marco Rubio's 2016 presidential campaign, viewed a Cheney loss on Tuesday as a "foregone conclusion" but sees her efforts as part of a larger battle.

"Liz Cheney isn't fighting for re-election. she's fighting for the direction of the Republi-can Party," he said, noting that some observers have discussed whether Cheney should mount a 2024 presidential campaign. "It's more of a kind of a beginning, not an end."

Two recent polls showed the challenge facing Cheney, whose relentless criticism of Trump as an existen-A majority in either tial threat to democrachamber of Congress cy has turned off many

would allow Republicans Wyoming Republicans, despite a congressional voting record that supported Trump's agenda.

Cheney trailed Hageman 52% to 30% in a survey of likely primary voters from July 7 to 11 published by Wyoming's Casper Star-Tribune. A University of Wyoming poll released last week put Hageman's lead at 29 points.

Supporters of Cheney believed she still had a shot if enough Demo-crats and independents cross over and vote for her, which is allowed in the state's primary system and whose numbers may not be fully captured in the polls.

Jim King, professor of political science at the University of Wyoming, said Cheney's opponents have painted her positions on impeachment and the Jan. 6 committee as adverse to the interests of Wyoming, where Trump won 70% of the vote in 2020.

Cheney was one of 10 House Republicans who voted to impeach Trump over the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. Three others have already lost their primaries, four decided not to run again and two won their contests.

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Public submits monkeypox names to WH

By Emma Farge and **Jennifer Rigby** Reuters

GENEVA/LONDON - Poxy McPoxface, TRUMP-22 or Mpox: these some of the ideas sent in by the public to the World Health Organization as it seeks a new name for monkeypox.

Often disease names are chosen behind closed doors by a technical committee, but

the public. After a slow start, vote on the choice). dozens of submissions have now been made from a range of contributors including academics, doctors, and a gay community activist.

They range from the technical (OPOXID-22, submitted by Harvard Medical School emergency physician Jeremy Faust) to the farcical (Poxy McPoxface, submitted by Andrew Yi in an allusion to Boaty McBoatface - almost

Pressure is growing for a new name for the disease, in part because critics say it is misleading, since monkeys are not the original animal host. A group of leading scientists wrote a position paper in June calling for a name that was "neutral, non-discriminatory and non-stigmatizing" amid fears the name can be used in a racist way.

Until this year, monkeypox the WHO has this time decid- the name of a British polar has mainly spread only in a ed to open up the process to research vessel after a public group of countries in west and submissions so far is Mpox, removed from the WHO site.

central Africa.

"It's very important we find a new name for monkeypox because this is best practice not to create any offense to an ethical group, a region, a country, an animal etc," WHO spokesperson Fadela Chaib said on Tuesday.

"The WHO is very concerned by this issue and we want to find a name that is not stigmatizing," she added without giving a timeline.

submitted by Samuel Miriello, director of a men's health organization RÉZO which is already using the name in its outreach campaigns in Montreal, Canada.

"When you remove the monkey imagery, people seem to understand more quickly that there's an emergency that needs to be taken seri-ously," he told Reuters.

Submissions mocking the iving a timeline. gay community had earlier One of the more popular been posted but were later

Proponents celebrate climate bill win Environmental groups next turn to permit reform

By Valerie Volcovici Reuters

WASHINGTON — With President Joe Biden expected to sign a long-negotiated climate spending bill later on Tuesday, environmental groups are turning their focus to their next fight - halting efforts to fast-track permitting for major infrastructure projects like pipelines and highways.

Green groups hailed last week's passage of the Inflation Reduction Act and its \$369 billion for climate and energy spending. But amid the celebration, some frontline and indigenous groups said they felt betrayed.

For Senate Democrats to win backing from their final holdout - West Virginia's Joe Manchin - they offered compromises that would boost fossil-fuel production, including a pledge to work on legislation for speeding up the yearslong process for infrastructure permits.

Some low-income communities warned that the effort could open the door to hasty approvals for polluting indus-tries without local objections being heard.

"The permit reform bill will be harmful and damaging to environmental justice communities and will eliminate the tools that we do have resigned from the board of er, U.S. environmental cam- sil-fuel infrastructure and to available to fight back against environmental policy group paigners and grassroots prevent the erosion of bedrock projects," said Dana Johnson, Evergreen Action, which had groups fought the deregulato- environmental laws and com-senior director of strategy and helped shape the bill. He said ry policies of former President munity participation in the federal policy at WE ACT for he no longer wanted to be part Donald Trump. Environmental Justice. A RIFT EMERGES



Leah Millis / Reuters President Joe Biden speaks during a bill signing ceremony where the president is signing "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" into law on Tuesday in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington.

lowed last week's passage in es." Congress of the climate bill left environmental justice campaigners cold.

Rogers-Wright, Anthony the environmental justice director at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest,

It was an abrupt moment after several years of unity. after national green groups vowed in 2020 to focus on addressing racial injustice in the wake of the George Floyd murder by police. Togeth-

director Jamal Raad said the group's work advocating for environmental justice is "far from over."

'We will continue to work closely with leaders across the climate movement ... to stop the buildout of any new fos-

rebuild unity and trust within the environmental movement is for all groups to work together on ensuring that frontline communities are protected through the permit process reform.

Current proposals for the reform include setting a twoyear limit on the permitting process for major projects under the National Environmental Policy Act, and addressing anti-infrastruc-ture litigation that can drag on for years.

That targets the two ways local communities most often voice opposition – through filing lawsuits challenging projects, or through registering objections during the public-comment process that is a traditional part of NEPA's approval process.

Also included in the reform proposals is a promise to fasttrack the Mountain Valley Pipeline, which runs through Manchin's state and had been nearly halted due to protests and legal challenges.

Rosemary Ahtuangaruak, the mayor of Nuiqsut City, on Alaska's North Slope, said the roughly 500 Iñupiat residents she represents need to be consulted as the government weighs a new oil project nearby that she said could affect the community's hunting grounds as well as their air and water quality.

"It is very important that we

of an organization "taking a

Evergreen Action did not cess," Raad said. victory lap knowing full well comment on Rogers-Wright's The celebration that fol- the pain this behavior caus- resignation, but executive ACT, said the best way to are amplified."

environmental review pro-

are engaged effectively," she said. "When we are not at the Johnson, of the group WE table, the severity of impacts

US approves over-the-counter hearing aids for sale

By David Shepardson Reuters

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Tuesday adopted a final rule on Tuesday to create a new category of over-thecounter hearing aids that can be sold directly to millions of Americans.

The FDA said the rules, which take effect in mid-October, should cut the costs of hearing aids for people with perceived mild to moderate hearing impairment. The rules lower the maximum aids will be available directly from stores or online without a medical exam, prescription or fitting adjustment by an audiologist.

The rule follows a directive in President Joe Biden's broad user-adjustable volume concompetition executive order trol and performance spec-

told the Health and Human Services Department to "promote the wide availability of low-cost hearing aids," among many other directives aimed at a wide variety of industries.

In 2017, Congress passed legislation requiring the FDA to create a category of overthe-counter hearing aids, but it was not fully implemented.

The new category applies to hearing aids for adults with mild hearing loss. The final sound output to reduce the risk to hearing from over-amplification of sound, revise the insertion depth limit in the ear canal, require all over-thecounter hearing aids have a

signed in June 2021, which had ifications and device design requirements.

Manufacturers of hearing aids sold prior to the effective date of the final rule have 240 days after its publication to comply.

The Hearing Industries Association, which represents hearing aid manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, and hearing health professionals, backs the rule and says it will "expand access to hearing aids among the estimated 38 million Americans who have perceived mild to moderate hearing loss."

Republican Senator Chuck Grassley praised the final rules saying it was "good news for consumers" and said the measure would "lower prices" and result in "more competition."



Joe Raedle / Getty Images / TNS A patient holds her hearing aid in 2021 as she visits Hear Again America for a checkup in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Biden's emergency board delivers recommendations on railroad labor dispute

WASHINGTON/LOS ANGE-LES - President Joe Biden's a 52-year-old man to life in emergency board tasked with helping major freight railroads and unions end a contract negotiation stalemate delivered its recommendations on Tuesday, a White House official told Reuters.

Talks between major freight railroads, including Union Pacific, Berkshire Hatha-Berkshire wav-owned BNSF and CSX, and unions representing 115,000 workers have dragged out for more than two years.

German driver jailed for life for 2020 pedestrian zone killings

TRIER, Germany – A German court on Tuesday sentenced prison for killing five people, including a baby, by driving a speeding car into a pedestrian zone in the western city of Trier.

A Trier court also ordered the man, who had been drinking before the killings, to undergo psychiatric treatment.

Authorities said at the time the 2020 killings appeared to be deliberate and he was convicted of murder. The accused, Bernd W., had spent sever-

did not seem to have a fixed address.

BRIEFS

First lady Jill Biden tests positive for COVID-19

WASHINGTON – First lady Jill Biden tested positive for COVID-19 and is experiencing mild symptoms, the White House said on Tuesday, adding that President Joe Biden has continued to test negative after recently recovering from the virus.

The 71-year-old first lady tested negative earlier on Monday as part of her regular testing routine, but a PCR test taken after she developed coldlike symptoms came back pos-

al nights in the vehicle and itive, her spokesperson Elizabeth Alexander said.

President Biden will wear a mask for 10 days when indoors and when in close proximity to others because he is considered a close contact of the first lady, according to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said.

US spares Western states from **Colorado River water** cuts - for now

The U.S. government spared seven Western states from ing year. mandatory Colorado River

water cutbacks for now but warned on Tuesday that drastic conservation was needed to protect dwindling reservoirs from overuse and severe drought exacerbated by climate change.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in June had given the states 60 days, until mid-August, to negotiate their own reductions or possibly face mandatory cutbacks enforced by the federal government. Federal officials asked for a reduced usage of 2 million to 4 million acre-feet of water per year, an unprecedented reduction of 15% to 30% in the com-

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Tony Megna is CEO and general counsel of Genesis Health Care. The center began as an independent clinic in Darlington, South Carolina, and later converted to a federally qualified health center. The federal funding that came with that change helped the clinic gain a more solid footing. From 2018 to 2021, Genesis recorded more than \$65 million in surpluses.

Community health centers' big profits raise oversight questions

By Phil Galewitz and Bram Sable-Smith Kaiser Health News

Darlington, South Carolina ust off the deserted town square, with its many boarded-up businesses, people lined up at the walk-up pharmacy window at Genesis Health Care, a federally funded clinic.

Drug sales provide the bulk of the revenue for Genesis, a nonprofit community health center treating about 11,000 mostly low-income patients in seven clinics across South Carolina.

Those sales helped Genesis record a \$19 million surplus on \$52 million in revenue — a margin of 37% — in 2021, according to its audited of the industry and whether its money is being spent fast enough.

"No one is tracking where all their money is going," said Ganisher Davlyatov, an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma who has studied health center finances.

The federal Health Resources and Services Administration, which regulates the centers, has limited authority under federal law over how much the centers spend on services and how they use their surpluses, said James Macrae, an associate administrator.

"The expectation is they will take any profit and plow it back into the operations of the center," Macrae said. "It's definitely something we will look at and what they are doing with those resources," he added about KHN's findings. Ge Bai, an accounting and health professor at Johns Hopkins University, questioned why some centers should be making profit margins of 20% or more over consecutive years. A center with a high margin "raises questions about where did the surplus go" and its tax-exempt status, Bai said. "The centers have to provide enough benefit to deserve their public tax exemption, and what we are seeing here is a huge amount of profits," she said. Bai said centers must be able to answer questions about "why aren't they doing more to help the local community by expanding their scope of service." Officials at the health centers defended their strong surpluses, saying the money allows them to expand services without being dependent on federal funds and helps them save for big projects, such as constructing new buildings. They pointed out that their operations are overseen by boards of directors, at least 51% of whom must be patients, ostensibly so operations meet the community's needs. "Health centers are expected to have operating reserves to be financially sustainable," said Ben Money, a senior vice president at the National Association of Community Health Centers. Surpluses are necessary "as long as health centers have plans to spend the money to help patients," he said.

building projects. Grants and donations appear as revenue in the year they were given, but a project's costs are allocated on financial statements over a longer period, often decades.

'We don't take unnecessary risks'

The annual federal base grant for centers makes up about 20% of their funding on average, according to HRSA. The grants have more than doubled over the past decade. These federal grants to the centers are provided on a competitive basis each year based on a complex formula that takes into account an area's need for services and whether clinics provide care to specific populations, such as people who are homeless, agricultural workers, or residents of public housing. The centers also receive Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements that can be as much as twice what the federal programs pay private doctors, said Jeffrey Allen, a partner with the consulting firm Forvis. In addition, some health centers like Genesis also benefit from the 340B federal drug discount program, which allows them to buy medicines from manufacturers at deeply discounted rates. The patients' insurers typically pay the centers a higher rate, and the clinics keep the difference. Clinics can reduce the out-ofpocket costs for patients but are not required to. For its analysis, KHN started with research by Davlyatov that used centers' tax filings to the IRS to identify the two dozen centers with the highest profit margins in 2019. KHN calculated bottom-line profit margin for each of the past four years (2018 through 2021) by subtracting total expenses from total revenue, which yields that year's surplus, and then dividing that by total revenue. Money given by donors for restricted uses was excluded from revenue. After examining the centers' finances, KHN found nine that had margins of 20% or more for at least three years. North Mississippi Primary Health Care was one of them. "We don't take unnecessary risks with corporate assets," said Christina Nunnally, chief quality officer at the center. In 2021, the center had nearly \$9 million in surpluses on \$36 million in revenue. More than \$25 million of that revenue came from the sale of drugs. Nunnally said the center is building a financial cushion in case the 340B program ends. Drugmakers have been seeking changes to the program.

The center recently opened a school-based health program, a dental clinic, and clinics in neighboring counties.

"There may come a day when this type of margin is not feasible anymore," she said. If the center hits hard times, it would not want to "have to start cutting programs and people."

In Montana, Sapphire Community Health in Hamilton, which accumulated nearly \$3 million in surpluses from 2018 through 2020 and had a profit margin of more than 24% in each of those years, wants to move out of its rented quarters to a building that will cost at least \$6 million to construct. 'A new facility will enable us to provide services that we cannot provide due to lack of space, such as imaging, obstetrics, and dental services," CÉO Janet Woodburn said. Outside Los Angeles, Friends of Family Health Center CEO Bahram Bahremand said his high margins are the result of good management and California's broad Medicaid coverage for low-income residents. The center — whose profit margins topped 25% from 2018 to 2020 — opened a \$1.9 million facility in Ontario last year and purchased the building that houses its main clinic, in La Habra, for \$12.3 million, with plans to expand it, he said. Bahremand added that the center also keeps administrative costs down by focusing on having more providers in relatively fewer locations. "You shouldn't be asking: 'Why are we making so much money?' You should be asking: 'How come other clinics are not making so much money?"" Bahremand said.

\$50 million to renovate and expand its aging facilities, Megna said. In Darlington, a new \$20 million building that will more than double the facility's space is scheduled to open in 2023. And its strong bottom line helps the center pay all its workers at least \$15.45 an hour, more than twice the minimum wage in the state, Megna said. Darlington County's annual median household income is a bit over \$37,000.

Megna was paid nearly \$877,000 in salary and bonuses in 2021, according to Genesis' latest IRS tax filing, an amount nearly four times the industry average.

David Corry, chairmanelect of the Genesis board of directors, said in a memo to KHN that part of that compensation made up for several years when Megna was inadvertently underpaid. "We determined early on that providing Mr. Megna an 'average' compensation like those of other FQHCs CEOs was not what we wanted. Mr. Megna's extensive legal experience and education as well as his institutional and regulatory knowledge set him apart from others." Megna said his base salary is \$503,000. Genesis officials said the financial security afforded by the center's surpluses has allowed them to provide extra patient services, including foot care for people with diabetes. In 2020, Genesis used \$2 million to create an independent foundation to help families with food and utility bills, among other needs. Most of Genesis' revenue comes from the 340B program, according to its audited financial statements. Many prescriptions filled at the clinic pharmacy are for expensive specialty drugs, which treat rare or complex conditions such as cancer. Getting accredited to dispense specialty drugs was expensive, Corry said, but "paid off because it gives our patients access to extremely highpriced, and often lifesaving prescription drugs that would not otherwise be available to many of them." Megna, 67, a former bankruptcy lawyer, said it's vital to keep the center financially secure to stay open for patients. "We are very careful in how we spend our money," Megna said.

financial statement. It was the fourth consecutive year the center's surpluses had topped 35%, the records showed. The industry average is 5%, according to a federally funded report on health centers' financial performance.

Genesis attributes its large margins to excellent management and says it needs the money to expand and modernize services while being less reliant on government funding. The center benefits financially from the use of a government drug discount program.

Still, Genesis' hefty surplus stands out among nonprofit federally qualified health centers, a linchpin in the nation's safety net for treating the poor.

The federal government pumped more than \$6 billion in basic funding grants last year into 1,375 privately run centers around the country, which provide primary care for more than 30 million mostly low-income people. In 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act provided an additional \$6 billion over two years for covid-19 care.

These community health centers must take all patients regardless of their ability to pay, and, in return, they receive annual government grants and higher reimbursement rates from Medicaid and Medicare than private physicians.

Yet a KHN analysis found that a handful of the centers recorded profit margins of 20% or more in at least three of the past four years. Health policy experts said the surpluses alone should not raise concerns if the health centers are planning to use the money for patients.

But they added that the high margins suggest a need for greater federal scrutiny Some center officials noted bottom-line profit margins can be skewed by large contributions earmarked for Concern about paying the bills

In South Carolina, Genesis began as an independent clinic and was sometimes barely able to make payroll, said Tony Megna, Genesis' CEO and general counsel. Converting to a federally qualified health center about a decade ago brought federal funding and a more solid footing. It recorded more than \$65 million in surpluses from 2018 to 2021.

"Our attitude toward money is different than most because it's so ingrained in us to be concerned about whether we are going to pay our bills," said Katie Noyes, chief special projects officer.

The center is spending

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Luis Sinco / Los Angeles Times / TNS A Hollywood Walk of Fame star for slain rapper Nipsey Hussle was unveiled during a sidewalk ceremony along Hollywood Boulevard on Monday in Hollywood, California.

Nipsey Hussle gets a true LA honor: a star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

By Kenan Draughorne Los Angeles Times

OS ANGELES — On Monday morning, a plane circled above Hollywood Boulevard trailing a banner that wished a happy birthday to Nipsey Hussle.

Below, a huge crowd of fans, artists and family members took over the fabled Los Angeles street to celebrate the late rapper receiving a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on what would have been his 37th birthday.

Tributes to Hussle, who died in 2019, were scattered across Hollywood Boulevard, from custom blue Lakers jerseys sporting the number 60 and "Hussle" to larger-than-life paintings available for sale. Even the refreshments were reflective of Hussle's brand and motto, as a man weaved his way through the crowd selling "Marathon waters" — aka your standard bottles of Aquafina. Plenty of big names came out for Hussle's ceremony, including rappers Roddy Ricch, Saweetie and YG, along with Big Boy, the L.A. radio legend (who has his own star on the Walk of Fame). "Nip would have been honored by this moment," his longtime partner Lauren London said at the ceremony. "I think he would want everyone to remember that you can't get to what's possible unless you commit to moving forward. That doesn't mean forgetting where you come from, but it requires acknowledging the reality you were born into and the power you have to change that reality for the better. "So whenever you're in the City of Angels and you see this star, I hope it encourages you to break away from whatever might be holding you back, and for you to run your marathon until God says that it's finished," London added. Near the end of the ceremony, Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson proclaimed Aug. 15 to be Nipsey Hussle Day in Los Angeles. Harris-Dawson handed the framed proclamation to Hussle's grandmother, Margaret Boutte, who posed with it alongside Hussle's sister, Samantha Smith, and his father, Dawit Asghedom. "Nipsey was the love of my life." Boutte said. "Always very respectful. I miss him, but I look at his picture and remember all the wonderful times we had together. I thank my daughter for blessing me with Nipsey." The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, which presents the Walk of Fame ceremonies, had initially announced that Monday's event would take place at 11:30 a.m., but the time was quietly changed to 10 a.m. to keep the crowd from growing too large. James Davis was one of the people who "Nip would have been honored by this moment. "I think he would want everyone to remember that you can't get to what's possible unless you commit to moving forward. That doesn't mean forgetting where you come from, but it requires acknowledging the reality you were born into and the power you have to change that reality for the better."

LAUREN LONDON, NIPSEY HUSSLE'S LONGTIME PARTNER

didn't catch the update, arriving after

Last week, the new Hyde Park Station on the K Line in South Los Angeles was dedicated in his honor. The station is at the Crenshaw and Slauson intersection, where the rapper first sold his early mixtapes and T-shirts and later established the Marathon Clothing store.

"After [Nipsey] caught the vision and he understood what the train would mean to this community and his neighborhood and businesses like his, he got very involved in making sure that this train worked on behalf of our people and helped us express and live

the five speakers had left the stage.

Davis, who said he had come to the event to honor Hussle's birthday, still stuck around to take in the celebratory scene. About six months ago, he bought a T-shirt emblazoned with a painting of Hussle's face but hadn't worn it until Monday, thinking it was finally the perfect occasion.

"I was trying to find the appropriate reason to wear it, and here we are," he said. "This is the first day. I don't know if I'll wear it again, but I finally popped the tag on this one."

Hussle's star was unveiled right outside the new home of Amoeba Music at 6212 Hollywood Blvd. Much of the crowd lingered long after the star was revealed, craning their necks over a metal fence to see it or taking pictures with the most die-hard supporters, who went all out for the ceremony.

Chris Campbell, who came to the event from his home right around the corner, reflected on when he had met Hussle in the same area when he was still just trying to make his name.

"I met him in 2005, on Hollywood and La Brea — it was an internet cafe back then — and he impressed me even there," Campbell said. "He seemed focused. I followed his career and always knew he was going to be big, I'm just sad he never lived long enough to fulfill his career completely."

Others traveled far to make it to Hussle's big day. MassV, an artist and producer, made the trek from San Diego. It wasn't his first Walk of Fame ceremony — he had come once before when 50 Cent got his star — but all the love in the air for Hussle made this one feel special.

"It's amazing, you really feel the energy, the spirit. You feel what he's left out here and that he's left an impact on people," he said. "You really don't know what impact you leave until you're gone, and when something like this happens, you can really feel the love."

The Walk of Fame honor is the latest posthumous achievement for Hussle, who was shot and killed in 2019. (His killer, Eric Holder Jr., was convicted in July and will be sentenced on Sept. 15.) out our possibilities and our hopes and our dreams," Harris-Dawson said at last week's station ceremony.

The Crenshaw and Slauson intersection was renamed Ermias "Nipsey Hussle" Asghedom Square in 2019. Since then, his flagship store, the Marathon Clothing, announced plans for a second location on Melrose Avenue. The Marathon Collective, the brand's first cannabis dispensary, opened in June.

Born Aug. 15, 1985, Hussle became one of the most important rappers in L.A. — not only because of how beloved his music was, but because he made a blueprint for how to make it out of South Los Angeles with his integrity and independence intact. From an early age, it was clear he didn't just want to rap, he also wanted to have his hands on everything associated with the process — building his first computer at age 12, later teaching himself to record on it.

Hussle founded his All Money In record label in 2010 after an unsatisfying stint with Epic Records. Assembling a roster that included J. Stone, Pacman da Gunman and Cobby Supreme, Hussle set out to take over L.A. without major-label backing, creating innovative ways to sell his music (he sold 1,000 mixtapes for \$100 each in less than 24 hours during the Proud 2 Pay campaign for his Crenshaw mixtape).

Techniec, a rapper who made up one-third of the LBC Crew in the mid- to late 1990s, drove up from Long Beach to celebrate Hussle's latest victory. For him, the Walk of Fame ceremony was bigger than the people who were there — it would motivate others to see how far Hussle had come and how they could follow his path.

"He really set the precedent for the inner-city youth to believe they could take it to another level," Techniec said. "A man of respect, it's only right that he got his star right here. I believe it's the most deserved; his life is to be an impact on future generations. They got to check in and see what it is."

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Healthy foods nutritionists snack on each day

By Nancy Clanton The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

all love our We snacks. They not only hold us over until our next big meal, but they also satisfy our need for mashed avocado and crispy, crunchy, sweet and savory treats.

Too much snacking on the wrong foods, however, can lead to health problems. So Eat This, Not That asked some nutritionists what they munch on every day.

Schlichter, Sarah MPH, RD, a registered dietitian and owner of Bucket List Tummy, prefers prefers granola, "because it's crunchy and satisfying, filing and offers a balanced mix of protein, fat, carbohydrates, and fiber," she told Eat This, Not That. "I love adding it to my oatmeal or yogurt for some crunch, or even eating a handful with a spoonful of peanut butter."

Elizabeth Ward, MS, RD, co-author of "The Menopause Diet Plan,' prefers a snack that ĥelps her bones, heart and brain. "Every day I have plain Greek yogurt and frozen cherries (I microwave them for about 30 seconds first). The cherries are so naturally sweet that I don't have to add any sugar to the yogurt. Nutrition-wise, this snack helps me to include a serving of fruit and dairy"

Rice cakes have a bad reputation for not having a lot of flavor. But Kacie Barnes,

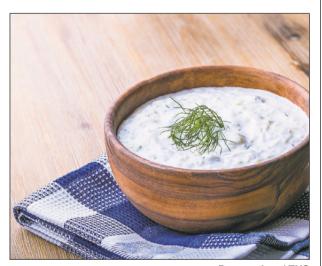
MCN, RDN, creator of Mama Knows Nutrition, knows how to jazz them up with both flavor and nutrition. "My go-to snack is a brown rice cake topped with flaky sea salt. ... The fat from the avocado is so satisfying that it completely tides me over until dinner. I love the crunch of the rice cake, and I choose brown rice

Tejal Pathak, MS, RD, CDCES, registered dietitian and owner of TejRD, prefers baby cucumbers because they're easy to carry around and need no "With refrigeration. 95% water it is great for hydration, it is also low glycemic food, provides cardiovascular benefits and can aid with regular bowel movement."

When Theresa Gentile, MS, RDN, CDN, a Brooklyn-based registered dietitian, has the munchies, she turns to a treat we likely all have in our pantries: peanut butter. "I snack on peanut butter every day. ... Sometimes I'll put it on a rice cake, or in a smoothie, or sometimes I eat it alongside an apple."

Just remember that snacking isn't bad for you, but what you snack on can be. Instead of sweets or fried treats, pick foods with protein, healthy fat and/or fiber to get you through the day.

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cakes for the fiber."

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Cold Cucumber Soup with Shrimp.

Cool down with refreshing cucumber soup recipe

Make this quick meal without having to cook

By Linda Gassenheimer

Tribune News Service ucumbers and cooked shrimp make a cool and refreshing summer soup. No cooking is needed. The entire soup is made in a food processor or blender and takes about 10 minutes, start to finish. You can serve it right away at room temperature. Or, if you want to serve it very cold, fill a large bowl with ice water. Add the cucumber soup to a smaller bowl and nest it in the ice water. Stir to help the cooling.

Helpful Hints:

- You can find cooked shrimp in the frozen section of the market. It takes about 5 minutes to defrost in a bowl of water.

COLD CUCUMBER SOUP WITH SHRIMP

Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer 2 cucumbers (about 1 3/4 pound, 3 1/2 cups cubed)

3 slices whole wheat country-style bread, divided use

3/4 cup plain, low-fat Greek style yogurt 1/2 cup fresh dill leaves, coarsely chopped, divided use

1 crushed garlic clove

Shopping List:

bread.

1 cup coarsely chopped onion 1/4 cup no-salt-added chicken broth Salt and freshly ground black pepper 1/2 pound small, cooked shrimp

2 tablespoons olive oil

Peel cucumbers and cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out seeds with a teaspoon and discard. Cut off half of

To buy: 2 cucumbers, 1 loaf

fat Greek-style yogurt, 1 bunch

shrimp, and 1 container no-salt

whole wheat country-style

bread, 1 container plain, low-

fresh dill, 1/2 pound cooked

into 1 inch pieces. Add these pieces to a food processor or blender. Remove crust from 1 bread slice and reserve remaining 2 slices. Add the crustless bread, yogurt, half the dill, garlic clove, onion and broth to the food processor. Process until a smooth puree. Add salt and pepper to taste. Save out 6 shrimp for a garnish. Divide the rest of the shrimp between two soup bowls. Pour the cucumber puree over the shrimp. Divide the reserved cucumber cubes in half and add to the bowls as a garnish. Add the reserved shrimp to the cucumber cubes. Sprinkle the remaining dill on top. Drizzle olive oil over soup. Toast remaining 2 slices of bread and serve with the soup.

Yield 2 servings.

Per serving: 444 calories (36% from fat), 17.8 g fat (3.5 g saturated, 7.3 g monounsaturated) 3 ma choleste 36.9 g protein, 34 g carbohydrates, 5.7 g fiber, 275 mg sodium.

Dreamstime / TNS Greek vogurt is a good choice for a healthy snack.

The recipe uses a small amount of chicken broth. Freeze the remaining broth for another time.

– You can use any type of bread.

Countdown:

- Prepare all ingredients.
- Make the soup.
- Toast the two slices of

one cucumber, cut into small cubes and set aside. Cut the remaining cucumbers

added chicken broth.

Staples: olive oil, onion, garlic, salt and black peppercorns.

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Companies rush in pumpkin offerings

Seasonal favorites from popular brands returning to shelves in August

By Karu F. Daniels New York Daily News

Pumpkin Spice pandemonium is upon us — and it's not even Sept. 22.

Weeks before the first day of Autumn, a slew of food brands have announced new offerings based on the seasonal flavor profile that is beloved by some, and maligned by others.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University point to the smell of pumpkin spice — with notes of cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger — as the reason why people love it so much. According to data released in 2021, the aroma reportedly conjures deeply rooted cozy memories of the late year season.

In contrast, the ubiquitous fall-time flavor has its detractors. On social media platforms, "I Hate Pumpkin Spice" groups have strong followings, and there's even merchandise sold on e-commerce sites such as Etsy, Poshmark and Amazon underscoring the disdain.

Love it or hate it, pumpkin spice is big business.



Tate's Bake Shop / TNS

Tate's Bake Shop Pumpkin Spice Cookies.

for pumpkin spice products vored crème, making them exceeded \$600 million, an exponential increase of \$500 million from three years before.

And food brands are getting in early on the action in 2022.

Following a five-year hiatus, Oreo brought back its Pumpkin Spice Sandwich Cookies as of Monday.

"These limited edition Oreo cookies feature two gold-2018 data from Nielsen en wafer cookies filled with and Forbes determined sales a rich pumpkin spice-fla-

supremely dunkable and delicious," the brand described on its website about the certified kosher offering, which was officially announced Wednesday.

Tate's Bake Shop also introduced pumpkin spice cookies as a new seasonal, limited-edition flavor featuring creamy white chocolate chips.

"Consumers' enthusiasm for pumpkin spice shows no sign of slowing down, and

Nestle / TNS Coffee Mate Pumpkin Spice

Tate's Bake Shop is excited to debut our crispy cookie twist on this classic fall trend," the Southampton, New Yorkbased company's marketing chief Lauren Sella said in a statement, adding that they remain committed to meeting the evolving tastes of their customers.

Certified kosher, pumpkin spice cookies are available this month with a suggested retail price of \$5.99 for a seven-ounce bag.

For customers who like to bake their own pumpkin spice cookies, Nestlé Toll House has started selling its pumpkin spice cookie dough (featuring Premier white morsels), alongside its M&M'S Ghoul's Mix Sugar Cookie Dough.

Available in 14-ounce packages, both seasonal cookie doughs have a suggested price of \$3.49.

And before Starbucks which is credited with mainstreaming the pumpkin spice craze with its most popular seasonal caffeinated concoctions — starts rolling out its fall menu offerings, the Coffee Mate Pumpkin Spice Flavored Creamer has been popping up in retailers nationwide within the last several weeks.

With the idea that "the coffee shop isn't required to enjoy your favorite fall fla-vors," the self-described No. 1 creamer also comes in a Zero Sugar version and retails at or around \$4.39 for 32 fl. ounces. ©2022 New York Daily News. Distributed

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Flavored Creamer.