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Expenses rising faster than revenue at Mayo Clinic

Higher labor costs and inflation are big factors

BY JEFF KIGER
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER – Mayo Clinic's latest financial report shows that the top-ranked medical center's revenues are up 4.6 percent over 2021 to \$7.9 billion for the year to date. However, expenses, driven by higher labor costs and inflation, are climbing even faster with a 10.8 increase over the previous year at this time.

An "Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Report" for the second quarter of 2022 filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking

Board stated that Mayo Clinic generated \$4 billion in operating revenue for the quarter and a total of \$7.9 billion for the first two quarters of 2022 combined.

"At the midpoint of the 2022 fiscal year, performance results reflect the challenges facing both the health care industry and the nation," according to the report summary. "Workforce shortages and inflation in both labor and non-labor costs have had an impact on the first and second quarter operating results but Mayo Clinic is well-positioned to enter the second half of 2022."

Net medical service revenue, which represents 85.3% of the total revenue, was \$3.4 billion. That's an increase of 2.9% over the same quarter in 2021.

"The increase is notable considering that during 2021, Mayo Clinic experienced limited COVID surges, pent up demand for services and limited travel by staff, whereas during 2022 Mayo Clinic is encountering workforce shortages, vacancies due to recurrent COVID transmission and restored travel for staff resulting in capacity constraints," Mayo Clinic

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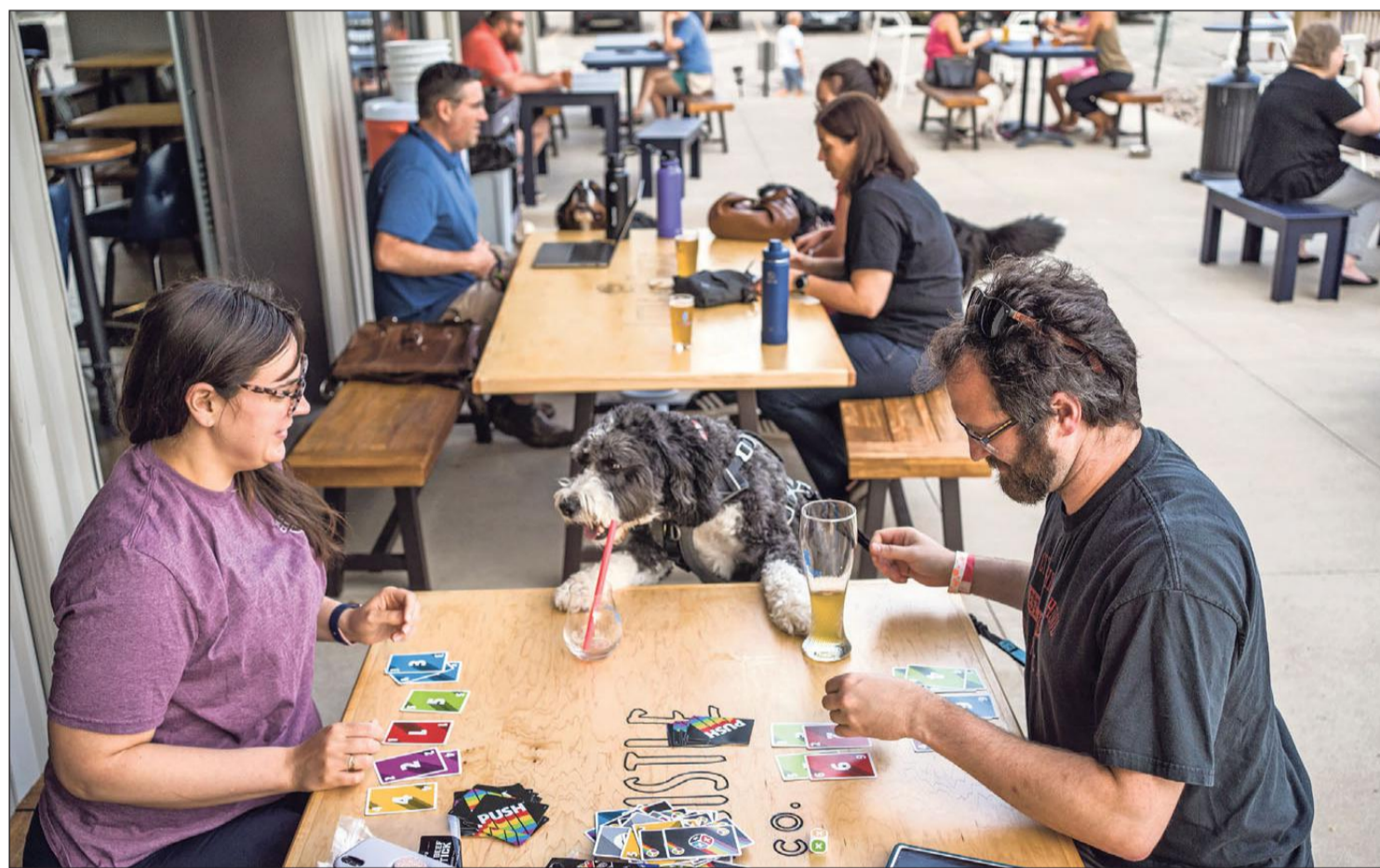
Minn. to screen for virus particles in wastewater

BY ALEX DEROSIER
Post Bulletin

ST. PAUL — The University of Minnesota is working with public health officials and local agencies to begin screening wastewater for monkeypox and polio.

Researchers working have already been testing ways to screen for the monkeypox virus at two Twin Cities wastewater plants, said Dr. Mark Osborn, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota medical school who co-leads the program. So far, they have not detected any monkeypox virus in Minnesota wastewater, Osborn said, but testing now gives the state an early warning system for infectious diseases.

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Traci Westcott / Post Bulletin

Sarah Jackson, left, and her partner Conor Murphy play a game alongside their dog Duke on Wednesday at Little Thistle in Rochester.

What'll you have?

Is Rochester a bar town or brewery town?

BY THEODORE TOLLEFSON
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER They're no longer swigging the Coors Lights at Legends Bar & Grill. The downtown drinking establishment made its temporary closing in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic permanent in early 2021.

Pints are no longer poured at Dooley's Pub.

Downtown drinking destinations such as Dooley's, Legends and The Loop have left, relegated to mere hazy memories of those who once dropped in for a drink. In fact, the last decade has seen the once thriving downtown casual bar scene dwindle to one locale staying open for the 2 a.m. crowd: Kathy's Pub.

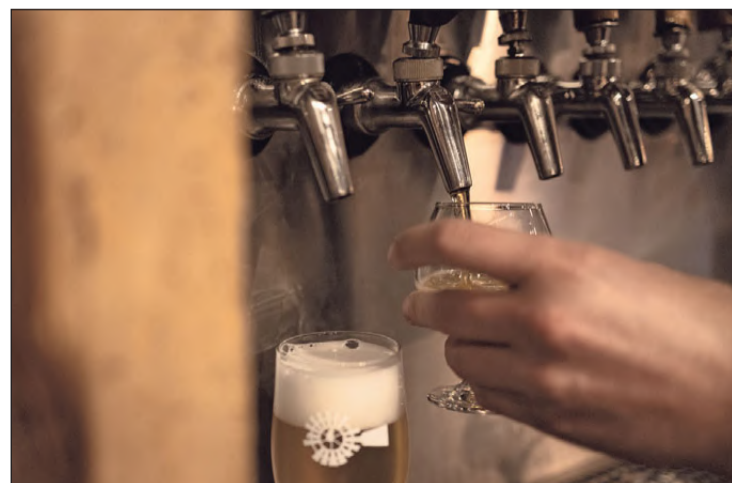
BAR SCENE: PRE-COVID VS. 2022

That's not to say you can't find a place serving drinks in downtown Rochester. Restaurants such as The Half Barrel – the establishment has a two-page whiskey menu – and the bar Bitter & Pour will serve up adult beverages late into the evening. But both stop the libations by midnight at the latest.

So, if so many bars are gone, where is Rochester drinking these days instead? More and more, the places to enjoy an adult beverage are the establishments that make their own: Rochester's growing number of breweries.

THE RISE OF THE BREWERY

The brewery scene began in 2012 Rochester's first post-Prohibition craft



Tucker Allen Covey / Post Bulletin

Bert Guter pours a flight of beers Aug. 11 at Forager Brewery in Rochester.

brewery, Kinney Creek. While arcane laws both in Rochester and from the state of Minnesota made operating a "microbrewery" difficult,

those laws began to change. And with those changes, Rochester's craft brew scene began to grow.

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ANSWERMAN

Was the photo showing Finstad and McCarthy staged? And why?

Dear Answer Man: Can we get the real story behind the photo showing Congressman Brad Finstad being sworn in by Republican Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy since it was probably staged?

the U.S. House. The Finstad campaign later released a photo of Finstad, GOP House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Finstad's wife, Jackie. It showed Finstad's right hand raised, left hand on the Bible as if taking the oath. McCarthy's hand, too, is raised. Jackie, in the middle, is holding the Bible.



Contributed

As politics has grown more toxic, a new tradition has sprung in which party leaders out of power pretend to give the oath. Rep. Brad Finstad, R-Minnesota, submitted such a photo to the Post Bulletin after his official swearing in by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-California.

not the party in power) has sprung up. Nickels said the practice has become common "since our political environment has gotten so divisive."

"Given the toxicity surrounding partisan politics these days, it is totally understandable that Finstad would want a photo with his own party leader, rather than one touting the closeness to Pelosi," she said.

An email seeking comment from the Finstad campaign was not returned.

Still, it's one thing to have a picture taken with your party leader. It's another to send out a photo that gives the impression of a swearing-in conducted by the minority leader.

McCarthy would like nothing better than to be speaker. And many

are predicting he will be if Republicans take the House in the midterm elections this November. It's a campaign photo.

Finstad, a former state representative from New Ulm, is running for a two-year term against Ettinger this fall. As part of his campaign, Finstad has made it his goal to fire Pelosi as part of a House Republican majority in 2023.

So while one photo might be charade, it is in the realm of make-believe to imagine that Finstad will mark his accession to Congress with a photo of him and the Speaker sharing a political moment together. That would be political malpractice.

Send questions to Answer Man at answerman@postbulletin.com.

T.J. Jefferson
Dear T.J.
Let's just call it a sign of the times.
Yes, it was staged. There was nothing official about it. As to the "real story," it's not hard to imagine. If you are a conservative being sworn into Congress for the first time, you are not going to mark the occasion publicly with you in a photo with Nancy Pelosi, even if she did administer the oath. Finstad, after all, ran on "firing" the speaker.

Instead, the Finstad campaign suggested through its photo an alternative reality.

Last week, fresh off his special election victory over Democrat Jeff Ettinger in Minnesota's 1st Congressional District race, Finstad was sworn in as the newest member of

If you knew little to nothing how new members of Congress are sworn, you would have sworn that McCarthy was giving the oath. He wasn't.

The Rochester Post Bulletin used the photo Monday with an online political story about the upcoming race between Finstad and Ettinger, but to further avoid giving the impression that the photo represented an official swearing-in, took it down. Oaths of office are officially and currently administered on the House floor by Speaker Pelosi, the two decade-long nemesis of the GOP.

When it's the first day of a new Congress, the oath is given en mass.

All members rise, raise their hands and recite the oath, said Iona Nickels, a congressional and public policy expert.

For special elections, like in the Finstad case, the speaker gives the official oath on the House floor with the individual House member.

"It's a longstanding tradition for all members to then go get their beauty shot for their vanity walls in the Speaker's ceremonial office just off the floor," Nickels said. "This isn't anything particular to Finstad. Everyone does it and has

done it for decades. It's a photo op."

But no new Member on the Republican side is going to send out that photo.

Thus a relatively newer tradition in which new members have ceremonial photos taken with their party leader (if they are

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Mayo Clinic urgently needs type O blood alongside 'Driving in Donors' program

BY THEODORE TOLLEFSON
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — Mayo Clinic is in high demand for type O blood donations as it launches an incentive blood donation program: Driving in Donors.

For those wanting to donate but do not know their blood type, nurses at the blood donation can help identify your blood type. Anyone who donates blood from Aug. 18-31 at Mayo Clinic Hospital-Saint Marys or Mayo Clinic's Hilton Building can enter into the incentive program.

The incentive blood donation program allows donors to win an opportunity to golf at Somerby Golf Club and Oak Summit Golf Course for a round of golf for up to four people, as well as two hours

of simulated golf at Chip Shots.

Those wanting to make a donation at either of these locations can find blood donation stations at the first floor of the Mayo Clinic Hilton and Room M-86 on the main floor of the Joseph Building on St. Mary's campus.

The Hilton is open Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the Joseph Building at the Saint Marys campus is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations can also be made at the SDSC Mobile Blood Drive. Contact 507-284-4475 or donateblood@mayo.edu for more information, or visit the Mayo Blood Donor program website at connect.mayoclinic.org/blog/blood-donor-program.

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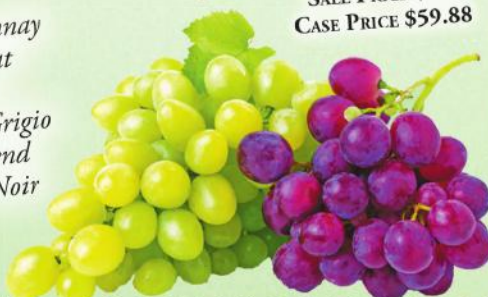
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World

Official: Omicron booster coming soon

BY RONG-GONG LIN II AND LUKE MONEY
Los Angeles Times



Jha

original strain that we built the vaccines against,” Dr. Ashish Jha, the White House COVID-19 response coordinator, said this week in a forum with the

U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

“The good news is, our vaccines are still doing a remarkable job of keeping people out of the hospital, particularly out of the ICU and worse,” Jha said. “But

the impact on these vaccines on preventing infection has declined over time because of this evolution” of the omicron strain.

The new booster “should be arriving in the next few weeks,” Jha said. They “will become available by early to mid-September,” if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention authorize the shots.

Jha said he expected the booster to be available for adults, whether they’ve

received earlier boosters or not, and regardless of whether they’ve recently been infected. But it will be the FDA and CDC who ultimately set criteria on what age groups will be eligible for the booster.

The new omicron booster will be what’s known as a bivalent shot, designed against the original coronavirus strain and the BA.5 omicron subvariant.

There are substantial upgrades in our vaccines, in terms of their ability to prevent infection, to prevent

transmission, certainly to prevent serious illness and death,” Jha said.

“And so it’s going to be really important that people this fall and winter get the new shot. It’s designed for the virus that’s out there. And, again, based on everything we have seen so far, all the data suggests it should be highly effective against the new variants,” Jha said.

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‘This work needs to be done’

Ukrainian soldier, home on leave, reflects on horrors of war

BY JOANNA PLUCINSKA AND KUBA STEZYCKI
Reuters

WROCLAW, POLAND

For Ukrainian soldier Dmytro Dovzhenko, embracing his family back in Poland after six months on the front line has a special poignancy as he tries to clear his mind of the image of a mother and child whose mutilated bodies had been tied together.

He came across the corpses in Irpin in early March as his unit fought to liberate the Kyiv suburb from Russian forces.

“The child was attached to the mother and then both had been blown up,” he said in his small apartment in the western Polish city of Wroclaw, where the family moved in 2019.

He also showed Reuters phone footage of a hospital he had visited in nearby Bucha, where the bodies of people of all ages had been laid out as part of the Ukrainian clean-up operation.

Russian forces are accused of committing atrocities while occupying the once leafy town outside the capital early in the near six-month-old war.

Moscow has repeatedly denied targeting civilians in the war and called allegations that its forces executed civilians in Bucha a “monstrous forgery.”

The defense ministry in Moscow did not respond to a request for comment on Dovzhenko’s accounts of the war, which Reuters was not able to independently verify.

One of thousands of soldiers thought to have come from abroad to fight in Ukraine, the 41-year-old — who has also seen action in the south near Kherson — can now savor the simple daily activities he has been missing since late February.

He has spent his short time back home before he returns to the front cooking, cuddling his two small children and going for long walks with his wife Oleksandra.

“I don’t really know, I might have a very small chance of being able to return (again) to my wife and kids. But this work needs to be done,” said Dovzhenko, who runs an organization of Ukrainian veterans living abroad.

‘WE NEED A LOT OF WEAPONS’

He fought against Russian troops in the eastern Donbas region in 2014, the year that Moscow annexed Crimea from Ukraine, but this time the conflict is more brutal, he said.

“There used to be a battle line — our country is here and there was a legal delineation. Now there’s no such line. And all of the rockets, the shots, everything that Russia is using now wasn’t there



Kuba Stezycki / Reuters

Ukrainian soldier Dmytro Dovzhenko, 41, looks on during an interview for Reuters at his home in Wroclaw, Poland, on Aug. 10.

before,” Dovzhenko said.

With no sign of a let-up in the Russian advance and the Ukrainian army outgunned, Dovzhenko has little patience for western voices that express concern at the course of the war but offer no tangible help.

“Someone is very concerned while there are rockets falling on our heads. If you’re so concerned, we can switch spots. I invite them to Kharkiv or Mykolaiv. Their concern will be very much needed there,” Dovzhenko said.

“We just don’t have enough

weapons right now. We need a lot of weapons, artillery, we need rocket systems and we need new handguns for the infantry. We also need a lot of technical help.”

Trying to reconcile the stark contrast between life in Ukraine and in Poland, things he once found normal, like streets full of pedestrians, suddenly seemed bizarre.

“I was driving and a helicopter was flying over the route. Maybe it was the police, maybe an ambulance, I don’t know,” he said.

“I almost had an accident

because I wanted to turn off suddenly, because in Ukraine if you see a helicopter it means you’re about to fight. So I told myself, stop, stop, stop, stop.”

But, with the sun shining in Wroclaw, Dovzhenko and his wife stayed focused on trying to enjoy their last hours together before he returned to Ukraine.

“When he’s here, it’s always a holiday,” a tearful Oleksandra said. “He’s a wonderful husband and father ... We are doing everything so we can be together.”

Low water levels on Danube reveal sunken warships



Fedja Grulovic / Reuters

Wreckage of a World War II German warship is seen Thursday in the Danube in Prahovo, Serbia.

BY FEDJA GRULOVIC
Reuters

PRAHOVO, Serbia — Europe’s worst drought in years has pushed the mighty river Danube to one of its lowest levels in almost a century, exposing the hulks of dozens of explosives-laden German warships sunk during World War II near Serbia’s river port town of Prahovo.

The vessels were among hundreds scuttled along the Danube by Nazi Germany’s Black Sea fleet in 1944 as they retreated from advancing Soviet forces, and still hamper river traffic during low water levels.

However, this year’s drought — viewed by scientists as a consequence of climate

change — has exposed more than 20 hulks on a stretch of the Danube near Prahovo in eastern Serbia, many of which still contain tonnes of ammunition and explosives and pose a danger to shipping.

“The German flotilla has left behind a big ecological disaster that threatens us, people of Prahovo,” said Velimir Trajilovic, 74, a pensioner from Prahovo who wrote a book about the German ships.

Workers in the local fishing industry are also at risk, including from Romania, which lies just across the river.

Months of drought and record-high temperatures have snarled river traffic on vital arteries in other parts of

Europe, including Germany, Italy and France. In Serbia, the authorities have resorted to dredging to keep navigation lanes on the Danube open.

By Prahovo, some of the hulks have narrowed the navigable section on this stretch of the Danube to just 100 meters (330 feet) from 180 meters.

Strwn across the riverbed, some of the ships still boast turrets, command bridges, broken masts and twisted hulls, while others lie mostly submerged under sand banks.

In March, the Serbian government invited a tender for the salvage of the hulks and removal of ammunition and explosives. The cost of the operation was estimated at \$30 million.

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Drinks

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First LTS (Life's Too Short) and Forager joined the Rochester brewery scene in 2015, and two years later Little Thistle Brewing joined the club. Finally, in 2018, the last of the five breweries in town today opened, Thesis Beer Project.

In fact, the brewery scene has seen its own closing, with the brewery at Grand Rounds starting up then moving on (to Pine Island to become South by Southeast Minnesota Brewing Co.).

As craft breweries across the country gained in popularity, the five beer destinations in Rochester became the go-to stops for a friendly drink, and the bar scene in Rochester saw a decline in venue options.

This, then, begs the question: Has Rochester's drinking identity changed from a bar town to a brewery town?

Change of scene
Corbin Holmen, bar manager at Bleu Duck in downtown Rochester, has worked in the service industry since he was 15, and has been bartending for six years downtown.

"The main thing I've noticed over the last five years, the lack of the downtown bar scene lately, I feel like has definitely pushed people towards breweries a little bit more," Holmen said. "Now, with the options being so limited compared to 2019, and spread out as far as spirits and bars selection. I feel like people would be more tempted to go to a brewery seeking to have a beer and hop around to another brewery."

Andrew Ferguson, general manager of Rochester's modern downtown speakeasy Bitter & Pour, said COVID was the greatest indicator of change in downtown's nightlife. When bars such as Dooley's and Legends closed down, the crowds that went to those places tried restaurants and bars that were not accustomed to staying open until 2 a.m. and that has brought the Rochester drinking scene to where it is today.

"We're a town of 120,000 people, and I can't think of another bar that stays open regularly until 2 a.m. other than Kathy's in this entire city," Ferguson said. "I think that's sad. If we want a thriving downtown, you have to have some dancing and other late night options. You can get food downtown after nine, 10 o'clock most nights, even on weekends."

Too late for drinks
With no venues for dancing, and the lack of dining menus available to midnight or beyond, Rochester's drinking scene generally turns in for the night earlier than in years past. And that, said Brandon Schulz, owner of LTS, fits his customers' vibe.

"I still spend some time out at bars and I would say that the majority of people who go out to bars late at night are not our crowd here," Schulz said. Schulz pointed to Kathy's, Charlie's Eatery & Pub and the two Rooster's locations as places that are open past midnight for drinks. "They're the bars that stay open late, but that's more of the bar scene sort of people. And the majority of those people are more cocktail or like domestic sort of beer people."

Schulz said LTS toyed with the idea of being open late, but the experiment was "kind of a bust."

"Honestly, the people who come to a craft brewery are not the people who want to stay



A group of co-workers sit together on Wednesday at Little Thistle in Rochester.

Traci Westcott / Post Bulletin



Traci Westcott / Post Bulletin

Trivia begins on Wednesday at Little Thistle in Rochester.

out until one or two o'clock," said Schulz.

Even for downtown bars, it's more about a relaxed atmosphere and the drink menu, said Chris Tokin, a regular at Bitter & Pour.

"I like the scene down here. The bars can have a good atmosphere but it's a bit mellower here, and I also like the drinks. This place is open until midnight," Tokin said. "So I'll be here till midnight, but after that, it's pretty much I'm going home because I'm tired."

A community in craft brew
Barb Depman, general manager at Forager, said one reason the brewery is different is that it's a venue where families often come.

"When we have a big beer release, we get all the beer-heads coming in to try the newest beer," Depman said. "Community was where (owners Annie Henderson and Austin Jevne) were starting from, it's like, how can we serve a lot of different demographics in the book and not just in our neighborhood."

Tierny Parker, a server at Forager, added that each of the breweries offers something a little different, so there is room for a variety of breweries in town.

Caria Jorgenson, Keri Norman, and Amy Gunlogson, three friends and longtime Rochester residents who found themselves as patrons at Forager one night, each spoke on the bar and brewery scene in Rochester from their own experiences.

Keri Norman, who was scouting Forager on night for her daughter's bridal shower, said the variety in the different brewery venues made them "really fun."

"They've got great beers here at Forager,



A map of breweries in Rochester.

Created with Data Wrapper

and Rochester is pretty lucky with all the unique breweries that we have," said Norman.

Her friend, Amy Gunlogson, said that growing up in Rochester, she was used to a vibrant music scene, and the breweries – especially Forager – have kept that scene alive.

Caria Jorgenson added, "I would say what differentiates bars versus breweries in town, all of their atmospheres, they exemplify the characteristics of the owners. They are the owners so you get the vibe based on the different people that operate them."

For out-of-towners such as Brian Crouse, who was visiting from Jefferson City, Missouri, the mellow atmosphere at Bitter & Pour was one draw to downtown drinking, but that was a trait he enjoyed in Little Thistle

as well. "The beer is phenomenal and the food is really good," Crouse said. "Low-vibe atmosphere, as far as just consistent quality. It speaks well for us."

Answering the question

So, is Rochester a bar town or a brewery town?

A rather unscientific poll of readers did not come to a conclusion. Twenty-one responses were split evenly between "Brewery," "Bar" and "Neither."

What those respondents did say is that Rochester has enough bars and breweries to cater to people who are drawn to one drinking scene or the other. With five breweries and 33 bars in town, according to Experience Rochester, there are plenty of places for the tens of thousands of drinkers in Rochester to go wet their whistle.



Patrons sit under the pergola on Wednesday at Little Thistle in Rochester.

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Rochester woman scammed out of \$2,100 in gift cards

BY MARK WASSON
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — A 69-year-old Rochester woman was told by scammers to send thousands of dollars worth of gift cards, according to Rochester Police Capt. Casey Moilanen.

According to Moilanen:

The woman received a voicemail from someone pretending to be from Spectrum who told her they could lower her bill. The woman called them back Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022, and she was told in order to get the deal, she would need to buy \$700 in gift cards and send them the gift card numbers. The woman did so but

was told there was an issue with the gift cards. This started a cycle where she was repeatedly instructed to go back to purchase gift cards and the scammer telling her they did not work.

The fourth time the woman went back to buy more gift cards, a Target employee asked her why she was purchasing these

gift cards. The woman told the employee who then told the woman that this was a scam.

“Thankfully the Target employee recognized something was going on and had some additional conversation with the victim to alert her that this was a scam,” Moilanen said, adding

that the woman said if the employee had not stopped her she doesn’t know how much she would have lost.

Target was able to cancel one \$500 transaction.

The woman also received a text Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2022, that \$800 would

be withdrawn from her account. The bank told her the money had not been withdrawn and the woman believes the scammers do not have access to her bank account.

Contact public safety reporter Mark Wasson at mwasson@postbulletin.com

Ramen noodles and half a dollar bill got me through tough times



DAN CONRADT

I checked the calendar for probably the 10th time that day. The dreamer in me hoped I’d miscounted; the realist knew I hadn’t.

Nov. 30 was still circled in red, and it was now just 24 days away.

I had no idea what I was going to do.

The owners of the house I’d been renting had called a week earlier to say they’d sold the house, and the new owner would be moving in.

That meant I’d have to move out.

I’d answered a couple of “apartment for rent” ads, but dismissed each of them for either being out of my

price range or not meeting my already-low cleanliness requirements.

“I’m renting a little house near the interstate,” my co-worker Doug said one morning when I was feeling sorry for myself in the break room. “If you’d like a roommate, we can split the rent.”

I hadn’t known Doug long, but we’d quickly become friends. Suddenly, things didn’t seem so bleak.

“How much?”

“I’m paying \$150 a month,” he said.

My \$75 share would be even less than the rent I’d been paying at my old house, and for a couple of twentysomething single guys working near-minimum wage jobs, it would mean enough financial wiggle-room to afford some luxuries. Like beer. And soap.

“I’m in,” I said, breathing a sigh of relief.

But the easiest choice isn’t always the best choice

and, in hindsight, I probably should have visited the place sometime before moving day.

It was a “tiny house” long before that movement became fashionable, and when I learned that my bed would be in the living room I decided not to rush into unpacking my suitcases.

And half an hour before sunset each day there would be sunlight shining through holes in the living room wall.

“But it’s cheap,” I kept telling myself.

Doug’s dream of striking it rich by selling Amway products hadn’t materialized yet and, until it did, we were eating a lot of ramen noodles and hoping there would be enough overtime on our next paychecks to cover the winter utility bills.

On what might have been the coldest day of the winter, we’d splurged on chicken pot pies for supper and were sitting in the kitchen to enjoy the last of the residual heat from the

oven. For the moment, you couldn’t see your breath in the house.

That morning we’d discovered that the shampoo in the shower had frozen into a pale green block.

Suddenly Doug fished the wallet out of his hip pocket, pulled out a dollar bill and tore it in half.

“Here,” he said, handing me half the bill. “Keep this, and if either of us is ever down to our last penny we’ll know who to call for help.”

It felt like a sacred oath and didn’t involve anything unhygienic like spitting into your palm and shaking hands.

Besides, it seemed like a good idea; a buck could buy a week’s worth of ramen, and there were weeks when it did.

It was 1980.

The half-bill is still in my wallet today.

It’s not the same wallet ...

Carla brought me a leather wallet from Spain, Steven gave me a wallet for Father’s Day

and there have been a couple of others with less sentimental provenance. But, after family photos, the thing that gets transferred to a new wallet is the other half of Doug’s dollar bill.

After six months we left the tiny house, Doug moved out-of-state and we lost touch.

But I still carry that torn dollar bill. It’s part good luck charm, part battle scar – a reminder of a time that was, in many ways, simple and challenging and exciting.

I avoided ramen for a long time after rooming with Doug; when I started eating it again, it was out of choice, not out of necessity.

And if I’m ever down to my last penny, I’m going to look for Doug.

I have a feeling he still has half a dollar bill hidden in his wallet, too.

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

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officials stated in the report.

While those numbers are increasing, expenses climbed to \$3.88 billion for the second quarter and \$7.66 billion for the first two quarters of 2022

combined.

Salaries and benefits are the top expense category and it spiked to \$2.29 billion for the quarter and \$4.55 billion for the first two quarters of 2022 combined. Salaries and benefits increased 7% over the second quarter in 2021 and comprised 59.1% of total expenses.

Supplies and services, the next largest expense category, climbed to \$1.3 billion in the second quarter. That’s a 20.8% increase over 2021. This category includes the cost of contract labor, which grew by 60% compared to the same quarter in the previous year.

Most patient numbers

were in the report, though admissions for the year-to-date dropped by 2.2 percent from 60,468 in 2021 to 59,158 in 2022.

“Outpatient visits, surgeries, and patient days were higher than both 2021 and 2020, reflecting sustained strong demand for services, According

to the comments on volume metrics. “While hospital admissions were lower than 2021, Mayo Clinic hospitals are operating at near capacity reflected in the increase in patient days. The difference between years is attributable to capacity constraints and the changing mix of hospital patients with

longer lengths of stay during 2022. “

Jeff Kiger tracks business action in Rochester and southeastern Minnesota every day in “Heard on the Street.” Send tips to jkiger@postbulletin.com or via Twitter to @whereskiger. You can call him at 507-285-7798.

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Obituaries

Thomas Arthur Burton



Thomas Arthur Burton passed away on August 16th, 2022. Born in Richmond, Virginia on December 29, 1934, he was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Mary Frances (Pierce) Burton; parents Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Burton and Arthur Nunnally Burton; brothers James Hamilton Burton and William Harding Burton. He is survived by brother Michael Edward Burton; children Elizabeth DuVal, Thomas Burton (Janet McGuire), Michael Burton (Lynn); 6 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Tom attended Landon High School in Jacksonville, FL and graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Industrial Engineering in 1956. He was a life-long Gator fan! He married Mary Frances, the love of his life, the day after graduation. Tom was President of Waters Instruments in Rochester for 21 years. He was a member of the Young Presidents Organization at 39 and remained a member for 11 years. Tom received multiple patents throughout his engineering career. Most notable were the kidney perfusion (transplant) machine and the gravity blender for plastics.

Tom negotiated on behalf of Sister Generose and the Sisters of St. Francis arranging the sale of St. Mary's Hospital to the Mayo Clinic. He served on the board of directors of St. Mary's Hospital for many years. Tom was appointed by Governor Arne Carlson as a Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioner, serving Minnesota for 6 years. He finished his career as a business and management consultant where he helped many local companies. He was a master woodworker, an avid fisherman, skier and scratch golfer winning the MN Pro Am in 1960.

Tom was a kind, humble man who loved helping others and providing for his family. He was a devoted man of faith. He loved his church, church family and studying the Bible. James was his favorite book. He was intelligent, curious, insightful and thoughtful. He had a quiet, fierce love for his family and we will hold him in our hearts until we are reunited in heaven.

"All things are possible to those who believe." Mark 9:2.

We will celebrate Tom's life Monday, August 22 at 10:00 am at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rochester, Minnesota. All who knew and loved Tom are welcome. In lieu of flowers we would appreciate donations to NAMI the National Alliance for Mental Health, the Rochester Chapter. We would like to thank Seasons Hospice and Madonna Towers for their love and support of both our parents.

Iris Fried



Iris (Post) Fried, of Rochester MN, passed away on August 12, 2022 at the age of 84.

Iris was born to Mabel and Herbert Post on November 5th, 1937 in Comfrey MN, and grew up as the youngest of four siblings in a loving farm family. She graduated from Comfrey High School and attended the University of Minnesota, where she excelled in English and Education, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1959. She married Charles Fried in 1960. They lived in Rochester MN for 10 years before moving to Oronoco MN. Iris taught English to recent immigrants starting in the 1970s then moved on to RCTC where as Director of Student Support Services she helped many students facing learning and life challenges to succeed in their educational goals. During this time, she earned a MA from Hamline University. She loved reading and volunteered with Friends of the Library after retirement. She also loved playing cards, puzzles, and the outdoors, especially birding and morel hunting. She was a long time member of the Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and The Nature Conservancy. She established scholarships at both RCTC and the U of M to help disadvantaged students and promote future teachers. She was also a member of the U of M Presidents Club.

Iris passed away peacefully at her home at the Waters on Maywood, a day short of her 62nd wedding anniversary, following a 10 year struggle with lymphoma.

Iris proceeded in death by her three siblings, Warren Post, Phyllis Schutz, and Beverly Almquist.

Iris is survived by husband Charles Fried, daughters Colleen Fried (m. Amy Lukes) and Carrie Fried, and many dear friends.

A celebration of Iris's life is being planned for Saturday, September 10 at 2pm at the Garden Marketplatz Event Center six miles SW of Rochester.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Iris Fried endowed scholarship fund at RCTC would be welcomed.

Rochester Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and condolences of Iris may be shared at rochestercremationservicesmn.com

Gary D. Jesse



Gary Duane Jesse, 82, of Rochester, MN, died Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at home with his loving family by his side.

Gary was born March 29, 1940, in Corwith, IA to Ernest and Beulah (Miller) Jesse. He graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1958. On May 6, 1967, he married the love of his life Jane M. Carlson at Clarks Grove First Baptist Church in Clarks Grove, Minnesota. The couple lived in Kansas City, KS; Salina, KS; Albert Lea, MN; and Rochester, MN.

Gary proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force, enlisting in April of 1961, and was honorably discharged in August of 1965.

Gary worked for the CertainTeed Corporation for the last 20 years of his career, retiring in 2004. He won numerous rewards for his salesmanship and was a true professional. He then began his second act, working as a Shuttle Driver for Go Rochester Direct for over 10 years. He enjoyed all the people he met throughout his working career from all walks of life.

Gary shared a love for the MN Twins, puzzles, gardening and planting flowers, going out to eat, and spending time with his family. He loved telling jokes and making people laugh. He was a true salesman and could sell just about anything at the annual neighborhood garage sales.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Jesse of Rochester, MN; daughter Beth and husband Bob Mehus of Rochester, MN; son, Daniel Jesse of New Hope, MN. Grandchildren; Eric Mehus, Sarah Mehus, and Allison Mehus, of Rochester, MN; brothers, Roger Jesse of Burnsville, MN and Eugene Jesse of Albert Lea, MN; nephew Lee Jesse of Albert Lea, MN; and niece Lynn Kelley of Albert Lea, MN; along with many other relatives and friends. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Gracie Ann Jesse.

Gary was preceded in death by his mother, Beulah Jesse and father, Ernest Jesse.

Gary will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Visitation will be held from 11am-1pm on Friday, August 26, 2022, with the service following at 1pm in the River Park Chapel at Macken Funeral Home, 1105 12th Street SE, Rochester, MN. Burial will be at Geneva Cemetery, Geneva, MN, at a later date.

Online condolences are welcome at www.mackenfuneralhome.com.



DONNA L. LEE



Donna L. Lee, age 89, of Rochester, MN passed away Sunday, August 14, 2022 at her home.

Donna Lanette Lee was born June 29, 1933 in Clarksville, Arkansas the daughter of Waymon and Ethel (Kidd) Hauth. At the age of 16, she graduated valedictorian of her high school class. Following high school, she was accepted into the Kahler School of Nursing and earned her registered nurse degree. Donna worked 56 years in the nursing profession and retired from management and staff RN from Mayo Clinic in 1991. Donna was united in marriage to Donald Lee on November 25, 1956 in Independence, Iowa and were blessed with 44 years of marriage.

Donna was a member of First Presbyterian Church and active in church circle, hand bell choir and past deacon. She was also a member of Nurses Club and M.K. Alumni. She enjoyed reading, travel and time at the lake. She was an avid MN Vikings fan and a Winter Texan.

She is survived by her children, Rebecca (Doug) Kaffar of Pipestone, MN, Diane Lee of Austin, TX, and Christopher Lee of Rochester, MN; grandchildren, Marisa (Jacob) Bauer of Cedar Falls, IA, Ashlyn Lee of Rochester, MN and Brenden Kaffar of Sioux Falls, SD; great grandchildren, Jones, Letty and Conley Bauer; sister, Frances Hood of Independence, IA; brother-in-law, Kenneth Klinge of Glen Ellyn, IL; extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; twin sister, Dama Hauth; sister, Shirley Klinge; brother-in-law, Ronald Hood; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Roger and Martha Lee.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, August 20, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church 512 3rd Street SW, Rochester, MN. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Frankford Cemetery, rural Spring Valley, MN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church or Frankford Cemetery Association.

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



Bryan Law



Bryan Edward Law Rochester- Bryan Edward Law, age 48, of Rochester, Minnesota passed away on July 5, 2022, at his home in Rochester. Bryan died from adenocarcinoma that had metastasized into his bone marrow. Bryan received the best possible care from the oncology and hematology teams at Mayo Clinic.

Bryan was born in Oklahoma City to Margie (Pribyl) and Mickey Law on April 10, 1974. Bryan attended Heritage Hall School and Bishop McGuinness High School in Oklahoma City. He went on to earn an undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma. After college, he spent several years living and working in various cities—Tulsa, Kansas City, Chicago—and spent a year teaching English in Slovakia. He had a lifelong love of the city of Chicago.

It was also at the University of Oklahoma that Bryan met his wife of 20 years, Laura Black. They were married in 2002 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Together, they lived in Chicago, Tulsa, Milwaukee and La Crosse before settling in Rochester. Their son, Patrick, was born in 2010.

Bryan's love of history expanded into an interest in urbanism and the elements that make a city function well and be a vibrant place to live. He then went on to earn master's degrees in Urban Planning and Public Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

At the time of his death, he was employed by Olmsted County as a Transportation Planner. He had also worked for the City of Rochester as a Transit Planner, helping to design and advance the city's transportation system, and he was instrumental in securing funding for the electric buses that were put into service in the spring of 2022 for Rochester Public Transit.

Bryan's lifetime obsessions were Oklahoma Sooners football, politics, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, bicycling, and fishing for trout in the Root River of Minnesota, but his primary focus was that of a dedicated father and husband. Bryan adored his son, Patrick, and enjoyed sharing all things Star Wars, superheroes, and classic monster movies with him. Bryan encouraged Patrick to create in different mediums including comic books, film, Lego, and designing video games.

Bryan had a razor-sharp intelligence. Many of his friends describe him as the smartest person they have ever known. He was opinionated and the first to tell you that he had a lot to learn. To really know Bryan is to know that he embodied the expression "he did not suffer fools gladly." He was dedicated to public service and to trying to improve life for every member of a community. His loved ones also remember Bryan for his spontaneous smile and laugh, his passion for ideas, his humble graciousness and his idealism. He believed that we could all make a difference.

Bryan is survived by his wife, Laura Black-Law, and son, Patrick Law, of Rochester, Minnesota, as well as his parents, Margie and Mickey Law; brother, Dave Law; sister-in-law, Claudia; nephew, Sam; and niece, Alexandra, of Seattle, Washington, in addition to extended family, friends and colleagues.

A celebration of Bryan's life will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Rochester, Minnesota, on Saturday, September 17, 2022, with a visitation at 10 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. Lunch will be available after the service.

Those wishing to honor his memory are encouraged to contribute to Mayo Clinic for cancer research or to the Friends of the Root River to help protect Bryan's favorite area to fish.

Elaine JoAnn Distad



Elaine JoAnn Distad, 92 of Wabasha, MN passed away Monday August 8, 2022 at Gunderson St. Elizabeth's Care Center Wabasha, MN.

Elaine was born July 29, 1930 to Arvilla and John Warber; she grew up on the family farm outside of Chatfield, MN. She met her husband Nordean Distad in the spring of 1953 and they were married on Sept 5 of that year.

Elaine is survived by her son Tim, daughters Desiree, Tammy, Kim; Grandchildren Jesse, Josh (Ashley), Hanah (Ryan) Fredricksen, Tamra (Randy) Hutton, Great Grandchildren: Tanner, Cody, Carter, Kayla, Evan, Mya, Brayden, Elianna, Chase, Addy, and Sophia.

She was preceded in death her husband, Nordean, parents, Brother, Leland Sisters: Helen and Janice.

Elaine started her career at the Mayo Clinic downtown Rochester in the 1960's and retired in 1992. She loved to travel, especially to the ocean and Lake Superior. Avid gardener, Adventurous soul, along with Dad and friends had a lot of UPNORTH adventures!

Elaine requested that her body be donated to Mayo Clinic for learning of the next generation of doctors. There will be a celebration of life for family in the near future for both Elaine and Nordean (he donated also)

Obituaries

Ronna M. Vagt

Ronna M. Vagt, 85, of Oronoco, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at Cascade Creek Memory Care.

Ronna was born March 30, 1937, in Endicott, NY to Ronald and Natalie (Eaton) Garrett. She was a graduate of Vestal Senior High in New York. Ronna worked for IBM in Endicott until she met and married James Vagt on May 25, 1957. Jim and Ronna returned to Minnesota where Ronna became a homemaker, caring for their children. Ronna loved all types of puzzles, crossword, jigsaw, and she especially loved to play Bingo and a challenging game of Scrabble with Jim. She also enjoyed feeding and watching the birds, going up North on fishing trips, going to garage sales and auctions. Ronna was known for her vanilla crème pies, pineapple upside down cake and her love of Werther's chewy caramels. She was always happy, and a caring, thoughtful, and generous woman. Ronna had a positive attitude and was always spreading joy to others around her. Above all, Ronna loved her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Ronna is survived by her children, Pat (John) Morris of Harrisonville, MO, Russell (Caryn) Vagt of Rochester; daughter-in-law, Suzie Vagt of Austin, MN; grandchildren, Brandon (Alyssa) Vagt, Bradley (Allison) Vagt, Kendra Vagt (Brian Swenson), Zachary Vagt, Angela (Dan) Klingfus and eight great-grandchildren. Ronna was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; son, Daniel Vagt and her sister, Carol Edwards.

The Vagt family would like to thank Cascade Creek Memory Care for all their compassion and care that was given to Ronna.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM Monday, August 22, 2022, at Mahn Family Funeral Home 1624 37th Street NW, Rochester, with Rev. Carla Werre officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:30 AM until time of services. Inurnment will be Grandview Memorial Gardens at a later date. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com



Gail Elizabeth Ohly

Gail Elizabeth Ohly was born on December 17, 1953 in Kansas City, Missouri to Thomas J. Angold and Rita K. Angold (Mulcahey). Gail met the love of her life (Paul Ohly) in 1968, and they married six years later in 1974. Gail and Paul were blessed with three children who, along with their grandchildren, were the joy of her life. The great work of Gail's life was raising her children. Gail earned a Bachelor's Degree from Winona State University in 1995 and dedicated many years to Ohly Law Office. She gave herself the title of "bookkeeper," but those who worked with her understand that a title fails to encapsulate her many contributions.

Gail died on August 13, 2022 after a brief illness. She was constantly surrounded by family during the last weeks of her life. Gail was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Rita Angold, and her sister, Carol Andreason. Gail is survived by her husband, Paul Ohly; her children, Travis Ohly (Josie), Rachel Ohly (Dain) and Zachary Ohly (Danika); her eight grandchildren: Isabelle, Tristan, Lennon, Eleanor, Olive, Juniper, Charlotte and Harrison; and her brother, Jeff Angold (Leah).

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 PM (Visitation at 1:00 PM) on August 19, 2022 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1315 12th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Gail will be interred at Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gail's name to either of the following: Community Food Response:

<https://www.communityfoodresponse.org/donate/>
Ronald McDonald House

<https://www.rmhmhmn.org/donate>



Pauline Ellen (Garlick) Billington

Pauline Ellen Billington (Garlick) was born in Oneida, NY and raised on a dairy farm in Clevelend, NY. Born to Eva and Raymond, the youngest of 5 children, they were brought up loving Jesus. After high school, she attended Seminary in Johnson City, NY where she met the love of her life and husband of 56 years, Eldon Billington. They were Married on June 18, 1966. Pauline worked at IBM in Endicott, NY and put in a transfer to the closest place to Missouri, Rochester, MN.

In Rochester, they joined the Rochester Water Shows, bought a hobby farm, and had two daughters Bonnie and Barbie. Pauline and Eldon were a true team and did everything together. Pauline was the most amazing caretaker to her daughter Barb who had a brain tumor at age 11. In 1997, Pauline retired from IBM after 31 years and they moved to Greencastle, MO. Pauline loved being a wife to her husband, a mother to her two daughters, and a grandma to Isaiah, Beau, and Ionee. As a husband-and-wife team, they enjoyed fishing, hunting, and worshipping through song and sermons. Pauline had a servant's heart and was the most incredible host to people who visited her home throughout the years. Her hope is that everyone she loved here on Earth will meet her in Heaven someday.

In March 2022, Pauline was diagnosed with Lung Cancer and fought courageously to stay here on Earth for her family. On August 8th, 2022 she went to her Heavenly home with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pauline is survived by her husband Eldon Billington, her two daughters Bonnie Billington Packer (Mike), Barb Billington, her three grandchildren Isaiah, Beau and Ionee Jurrens, who will remember her for her kindness, love, and patience for everyone.

Cards or Memorials to the family can be dropped off at Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union C/O Billie (Bonnie) Packer.



Beverly Jo Allen

Beverly Jo Allen, 84, of Rochester, MN died June 21, 2022 at Mayo Clinic, St. Mary's Campus.

Beverly was born in Iola, Kansas to Kenneth and Katherine Smail on March 7, 1938. She grew up in Worthington, MN. Beverly attended South Dakota State College where she studied to be a pharmacist. Beverly was married to Paul Allen on October 17, 1959. Beverly was a pharmacist at Mayo Clinic for 35 years. She loved her job. She was active in Eastern Star and quilting club. She loved quilting and has made many beautiful quilts.

Beverly is survived by her husband Paul, daughter Elizabeth (Keji) Ii, son Thomas (Debra) Allen, sister Marsha (Robert) Tofte, brother Thommas (Joyce) Smail, grand-daughters Ariana Allen (Brett Chatman) and Deanne (Aaron Engen), Great-grandchildren Jayden Celius and Emma Engen and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by Kenneth and Katherine Smail (parents), Patricia and Edward Burger (sister and brother-in-law).

A Celebration of Life will be held August 27, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Ranfranz and Vine Remembrance and Reception Centre, 5482 Royal PL NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

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Deanna Katherine Elias

Deanna Katherine Elias was born in Rochester on July 14, 1963, to Lorraine (Cox) Elias and Howard Elias. Deanna grew up in Rochester and graduated from John Marshall High School in 1982. She worked at various jobs until finding employment with Clothing Care where she remained for 25 years. She retired early for health reasons in 2012.

Deanna lived in Rochester with her long and loving partner, Paulette Sheehan, for many years until Paulette's death in 2015. Since then, Deanna lived in Byron with Chloe, her faithful four-legged companion and a special gift from Paulette in the months before her passing.

Family was very important to Deanna. She was a dear sister to her five siblings by birth and marriage and enjoyed being an aunt to her eleven nephews and nieces. She enjoyed spending time with friends going to garage sales and finding bargains, and taking care of Paulette, Chloe and her close friends. Deanna was very generous with her time and attention to family and friends. She was always willing to help however she was able or to lend a listening ear. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Deanna was preceded in death by her mother, Lorraine, in 1974, her father, Howard, in 2015, and her partner, Paulette, in 2015. Deanna is survived by her siblings Christine (Chip) Hendrickson, Keith (Debbie) Elias, Tana (Andrew Clarkowski) Elias, Katie (Christopher) Luhmann, Mickey (Holly) Elias and by her stepmother Brianne Tatanka.

A service to celebrate Deanna's life will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, August 28, 2022, at Mahn Family Funeral Home, 1624 37th St. NW, Rochester. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until time of the service. In lieu of gifts, the family asks that donations be made to Camp Companion. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com



Joanne M. Hebrink

Joanne Marie Hebrink, age 81, passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022 at Madonna Towers Skilled Nursing Home. She was born March 12, 1941 to Erwin and Mildred (Neumann) Tetzlaff of Viola, MN. She graduated from Eyota High School in 1959.

Joanne began working for Rochester Methodist Hospital, and later Mayo Clinic for 25 years. She was active in her church, Evangel United Methodist Church as a greeter for 25 years. She was also active in women's circle and quilting group.

Joanne was married to Gary Hebrink on October 24, 1964 at Grace Lutheran Church in Rochester. Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, and collecting Frankoma pottery.

Joanne is survived by her husband, Gary. She is also survived by children Michelle Dahl (Mike Earsom) of Stewartville and Michael Hebrink (Teri) of Littleton Co. Grandchildren Emma Dahl (Brandon Meyer) of Stewartville, Sofia and Alex Hebrink of Littleton Co. Great-granddaughters Sadie and Lucy Garbacik of Stewartville. Sisters June Bargaen of Washington, MO and Linda Tetzlaff of Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held Monday, August 22, 2022 at 11:00 am at Evangel United Methodist Church in Rochester with Pastor David Werner officiating. Burial will be in Elgin Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 5:00pm on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home and continue for one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Memorials should be directed to Evangel United Methodist Church or United Methodist Family Camp.

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



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Tufts University – Rochester: Nicole Alexandru, Emma Luo, Soni Shah, Liana Wiewert.

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Carl A. Kohlmeyer

Carl A. Kohlmeyer, 98, passed away on August 15, 2022 at Charter House in Rochester, MN.

Carl was born February 12, 1924 on the family farm in Fillmore County, rural Fountain, MN. He was the son of Charles and Dora (Schmidt) Kohlmeyer.

Carl attended 8 years in the neighborhood county school, and graduated from Wykoff High School in 1942. In 1946, he married Lorraine Arseners. They were later divorced. He was married to Dorothy Kocer in 1974. She died in 1991.

Carl was in sales at Universal Ford, Clements Chevrolet, Vans RV Center, and Curtis Camper Sales.

He enjoyed motorhome travel, European travel and traveling to South America, Mexico, and Hawaii.

Carl is survived by his children, Carl G. Kohlmeyer of Rochester, MN., Galen Kohlmeyer of Naples, FL., Rise' (Ralph) Holt of Blue Ridge, GA., Marla Buss of Blue Ridge, GA., Giselle (Al) Benitoa of Rochester, MN., Kent Kohlmeyer of Chatfield, MN., five stepchildren, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Carl is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Leah Kohlmeyer, his sisters Velma Jeske and Almeda Eickhoff, his brother Roland Kohlmeyer, son-in-law Bruce Buss, daughter-in-law Susan Kohlmeyer and stepson, Douglas Kocer.

A service is planned for a later date, and his ashes will be interred in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Wycoff, MN.

The family wishes to thank Charter House Rochester for their excellent care of Carl over the past five years.



DEATH NOTICES

Delores Shea

Nov. 18, 1937 - July 29, 2022

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - Delores Shea, 84, Hastings, Minn., died Friday, July 29, in Abbott Northwestern Hospital from respiratory failure, aortic dissection.

A celebration of life will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at Spring Lake Park Reserve East Shelter in Hastings. A graveside service will be noon Saturday, Aug. 27, at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Millville, Minn.

Robert "Bud" Holst

April 13, 1928 - Aug. 16, 2022
ROCHESTER, Minn. - Robert "Bud" Holst, 94, Rochester, Minn., died Tuesday, Aug. 16, in Rochester.

Arrangements by Mahn Family Funeral Home.



Donna Tator

Sept. 7, 1955 - Aug. 16, 2022
ROCHESTER, Minn. - Donna Tator, 66, Rochester, Minn., died Tuesday, Aug. 16, in her home.

Arrangements by Rochester Cremation Services.

Jill Nelson

April 28, 1963 - Aug. 14, 2022
ROCHESTER, Minn. - Jill Nelson, 59, Rochester, Minn., died Sunday, Aug. 14, in her home.

Arrangements by Rochester Cremation Services.

BIRTH NOTICES

Olmsted Medical Center August 4
Anthony and Katrina Dahlke, of Rochester, a daughter Katlynn.
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NEWS BRIEF

MPCA INVESTS \$185K INTO ROCHESTER, CEDAR RIVER EXTREME WEATHER PREPARATION PROJECTS

BY DENÉ K. DRYDEN
Post Bulletin

AUSTIN — The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency announced this week that it is allotting a \$78,000 grant to the Cedar River Watershed District to assess how it can improve its water infrastructure around Austin amid heavier rainfall spurred on by climate change. The MPCA also awarded \$107,000 to the city of Rochester to develop “climate resilience

hubs” that respond to extreme weather events. For the watershed district, it will work with the MPCA and the city of Austin to evaluate, then develop stormwater infrastructure improvements to reduce the risk of flooding and other adverse outcomes during heavy rainfall for Austin residents, particularly those in low-income communities. “The Cedar River Watershed District and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency are forward-thinking agencies who share a common vision,” said Austin Mayor Steve King in a

press release “Their efforts to support, plan and prepare for extreme weather events caused by our changing climate are appreciated by every resident of Austin and our surrounding communities. This partnership and these grant funds will make an impact.” Meanwhile, the city of Rochester will use its MPCA grant to build a network of climate resilience hubs. The hubs would provide shelter for people endangered by flooding, storms, extreme temperatures and other severe weather emergencies.

Proposed funding boost tips hat to Rochester Civic Theatre turnaround

BY RANDY PETERSEN
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — A pair of Rochester City Council members are suggesting boosting financial support of Rochester Civic Theatre beyond the group's \$75,000 request.

"I think it shows a good commitment from us, that we appreciate what they do, and that they can work with other groups," council member Shaun Palmer said Wednesday of a recommendation to boost 2023 funding to \$125,000. "If they can do that, it's a good thing for Rochester."

The recommendation comes after the council reduced financial support to \$15,000 this year, following years of financial struggle and changes for the group that operates out of a city-owned building.

The nonprofit was on the cusp of losing its lease in the Mayo Civic Center in 2020, but now reports a brighter financial picture.

"As of the end of fiscal year that just ended two weeks ago, we are under \$40,000 left in long term debt with our bank. That's it," said Erich Heneke, the Civic's senior accountant. "Everything else is current, no outstanding accounts payable that's over 30 days."

Additionally, he said the nonprofit has gone from having its liabilities outweigh assets by \$170,000 in 2021 to seeing assets outweigh liabilities by \$300,000 in the July 31 annual report that's currently being audited.

The group has received federal payroll and operating support amid the COVID pandemic, and Heneke said the financial liabilities related to the funding are being cleared from the nonprofit's books.

It's a drastic shift from when the Rochester City Council put the organization on notice in 2020.

The organization's 2019 fiscal year ended with its cash accounts overdrawn by nearly \$60,000, and in 2020 questions about an unsecured \$300,000 loan and unpaid debts prompted the city to pull funding.

Since then, several board members were



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The Rochester Civic Theatre.

replaced, and the organization's 10 full-time staff members were cut. Misha Johnson also became the theater's full-time managing director, and the organization stopped the practice of hiring professional actors.

Additionally, the Civic has opened its doors to a variety of community organizations, including other theater groups, to provide stage time and resources for events.

Johnson said the new direction has put the community organization on a solid path, with bookings set for the next two years and community groups sharing the space on a daily basis.

"I don't view it as competition," she said. "I view it as adding more art for the citizens."

The City Council has approved various levels of funding for the performing arts organization on an annual basis, hitting a recent high of \$280,000 in 2017.

While COVID-related pressures curtailed some local funding in recent years, a change in Mayo Civic Center operations also reduced the city's

direct funding to the theater group.

The new operating model shifted maintenance and custodial duties to the Civic Center operators, rather than requiring tenants to cover their own costs. With other services also combined, the city adjusted funding, which resulted in a \$15,000 Civic Theatre contribution this year.

Johnson said the Civic Theatre board requested \$75,000 to fund staffing needs, largely related to duties tied to other community groups using the space.

Civic Theatre currently has two full-time staff members and eight part-time employees, and Johnson said the goal would be to move at least two positions to full-time.

Any additional funding, she said, would help increase work with community organizations and could be used to bring new performance opportunities to the city.

Council member Mark Bransford, who joined Palmer in recommending a \$125,000 contribution for 2023, said the Civic

Theatre turnaround has been impressive and he wants to see efforts grow.

The recommendation doesn't guarantee City Council approval, and council member Molly Dennis opposed the move without specific insight to what the funds would provide.

"I am in favor of increasing the budget, if possible," she said. "I just feel a bit blindsided with not having the data on how it impacts other things."

As one of the three members of the council's Outside Agency Oversight Committee, she also said she worries boosting the recommendation could set a precedent for other groups to expect more funding.

Bransford pointed out the proposed funds would be in line with what other groups operating in city-owned facilities already receive.

City Administrator Alison Zelms said the topic could be discussed with the full council Monday when it reviews her 2023 budget recommendations, but the potential budget impact of the requested funding boost remains uncertain until more work is done.

The oversight committee, which reviews finances of all nonprofits occupying city buildings or receiving more than \$100,000 in city financial contributions, will meet with representatives from RNeighbors and 125 Live at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug.

24. **What happened:** The Rochester City Council's Outside Agency Oversight Commission met with representatives of Rochester Civic Theatre to discuss the organization's financial status, operations and the city's potential financial contribution for 2023.

Why does this matter: Rochester Civic Theatre operates out of city-owned space tied to the Mayo Civic Center and has struggled financially in recent years.

What's next: The City Council will make a final decision on funding during its budget process.

Contact local government reporter Randy Petersen at rpetersen@postbulletin.com.

Screening

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"If we start them and start surveilling before we see anything, then we'll be very well positioned," he said, explaining that establishing a "zero level" gives officials a starting point for detecting when viral particles begin to appear.

Now that the monkeypox screening technique has been validated, it could soon be used for regular testing at other sites in Minnesota. Osborn said the university will work with the state health department to determine the best plants to screen.

Wastewater screening for COVID-19 has become an invaluable tool for tracking the coronavirus' presence in a community. Data compiled by the U of M accurately predicted January's unprecedented surge in cases driven by the new omicron variant of the virus, and as widespread COVID-19 testing declines, wastewater has become one of the main ways public health officials monitor for the coronavirus.

The university wastewater program tracks COVID-19 virus particles in wastewater from more than 40 treatment plants across the state of Minnesota — a sample that covers about two-thirds of the state's population.

Public health experts and officials have recognized the value of screening sewage for disease and are now expanding their use of the technique to detect other diseases. Osborn said monkeypox and polio are at the forefront right now, but they'll continue to monitor for other pathogens to add to the program.

The U of M program is just one of many across the U.S. working on expanding wastewater disease surveillance, and some cities have already picked up emerging outbreaks of disease. Last week, New York City detected polio in its wastewater. San Francisco detected monkeypox in its wastewater in June.

Monkeypox started to spread in

Europe this spring, concerning world public health observers as the virus is typically found in western and central Africa. The first U.S. case appeared in May, and Minnesota saw its first case in late June. As of Aug. 17, there have been 13,517 cases nationally and 78 cases in Minnesota. President Joe Biden in August declared the outbreak a public health emergency.

Monkeypox is a viral illness that can cause fever, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes, head and body aches and a rash that can resemble pimples or blisters. It's spread through direct and indirect contact with the virus, such as through contact with bodily fluids, lesions or respiratory particles. As of late July, Minnesota cases had been reported in men who are gay, bisexual or have had sex with other men. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends anyone at high risk for the virus get a vaccine.

Meanwhile, the CDC last month confirmed the second time polio has been spread domestically since 1979. An unvaccinated young adult from the New York City area ended up with paralysis from the infection, the agency said. Officials said the virus likely came into the U.S. from outside of the country before spreading.

Despite being declared eradicated in the U.S. in 1979, the CDC said it's likely polio has been circulating in the New York City area since April. Polio was once a dreaded disease in the U.S. that disabled tens of thousands each year, but mass vaccinations virtually eliminated the disease. There have only been occasional cases in the last four decades in the U.S.

The CDC is devoting resources to tackle a potential reemergence of the polio, and is working with local public health agencies to develop better screening for the virus in wastewater.

Osborn said researchers with the U of M hope to start beta testing their polio screening technique starting next week.

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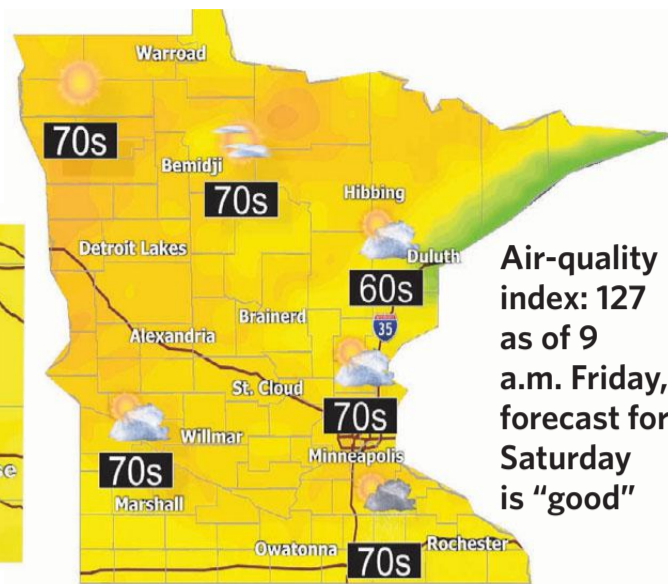
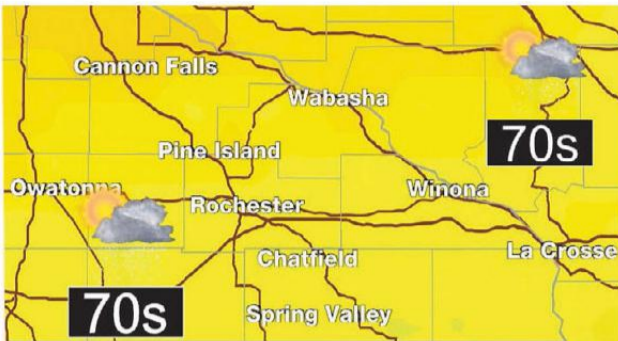
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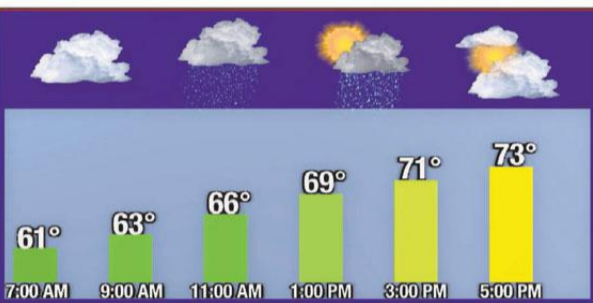


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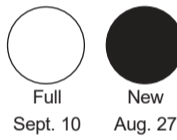
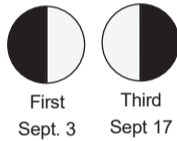


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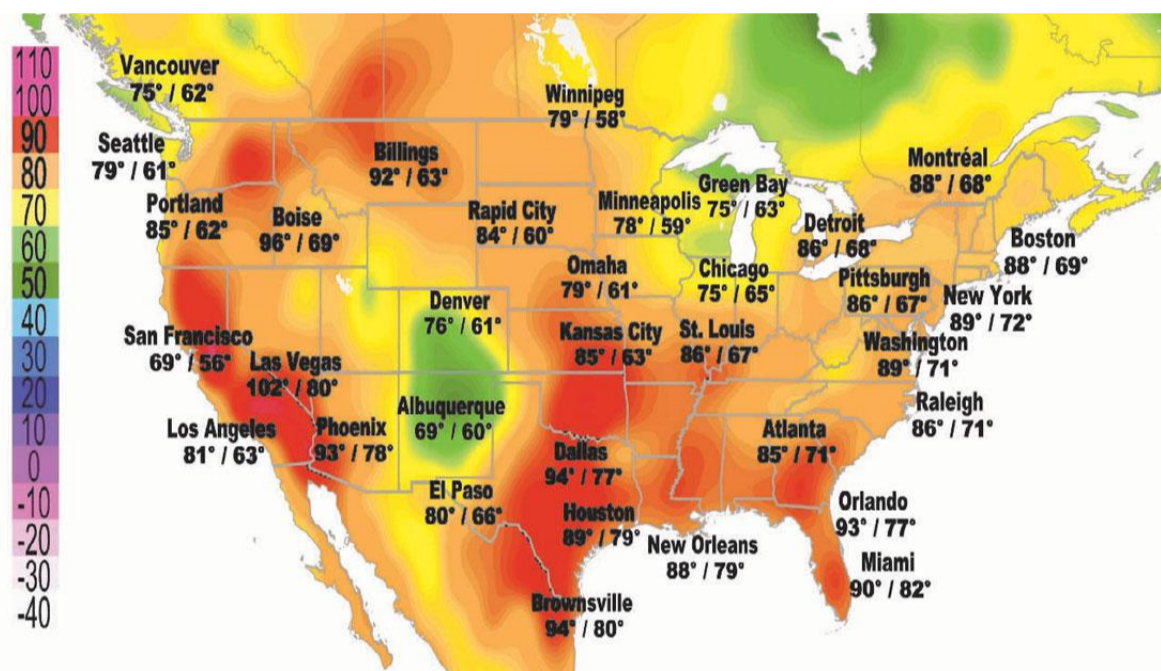


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Correa, Miranda have developed strong bond

BY BETSY HELFAND
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Jose Miranda describes Carlos Correa as a big brother, always there with a word of advice. Correa takes it one step further.

“He’s my son. Jose’s my son,” Correa said. “That’s what I call him. He’s my son.”

No matter how they want to define their relationship, one thing is clear: The two Twins infielders have developed a strong bond this season, with Correa becoming one of the rookie’s biggest advocates.

In the days before the trade deadline, Correa, 27, spent his time trying to get the message across to Twins decision-makers that Miranda, 24, who is hitting .286 with a .805 OPS and 12 home runs in 79 games this season, should be untouchable because he is a big part of the organization’s future. As Eduardo Pérez assembles Puerto Rico’s World Baseball Classic team, Correa once again went to bat for Miranda, telling Pérez that the infielder needed to be in the lineup.

Correa’s interest in Miranda is born out of his desire to see Miranda, a fellow Puerto Rican, be great — and the strong conviction that he can be, if he has the right resources. The two didn’t know each other before this season, though Miranda did play on a team back in Puerto Rico with Correa’s younger brother, J.C. Correa.

“We don’t get many Puerto Rican players in the big leagues that become successful,

become superstars, and I want him to become one of those,” Correa said. “I want him to be a special player for a long time, so I just want him to have the right information that I didn’t have when I was his age.”

What kind of information?

Some of it is approach at the plate, some of it is how to craft a sustainable routine, some is feeding him what might be a hard truth.

About a month and a half ago, when he noticed Miranda had added a few pounds, Correa said he “called him out on it,” telling him that he is more valuable to the team if he can play both first and third base, and if he put on too much weight, third base might be out of the equation.

“I told him, ‘You’ve got to get on a diet. You’ve got to work out. You’ve got to get on a routine,’ and right away he did that,” Correa said. “He’s lost like nine, 10 pounds already and you can see him. He looks really fit. He looks very strong. He’s been swinging it great. I want him not to just be a good player, I want him to be a great player.”

Miranda, who was the Twins’ minor-league player of the year last season, was called up on May 2. But the start to his career was anything but smooth. In his first 19 games in the big leagues, Miranda hit .164 with a .484 OPS, earning himself a demotion to Triple-A. But the very next day, Miranda was recalled after Royce Lewis landed on the injured list. From

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Jeffrey Becker / USA Today Sports

Minnesota Twins shortstop Carlos Correa (right) and first baseman Jose Miranda celebrate after Wednesday’s victory against the Kansas City Royals at Target Field.

SATURDAY SPORTS Q&A



Andrew Link / Post Bulletin file photo

Chatfield head coach Jeff Johnson signals to his team during the Class AA football state championship game against West Central Area/Ashby on Nov. 26 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

‘Our kids have really bought in’

Chatfield coach Johnson feels Gophers have finally ‘arrived’

BY PAT RUFF
Post Bulletin

CHATFIELD — Jeff Johnson is in his 17th year as the Chatfield head football coach. The 43-year-old and former Pine Island and Winona State University football player has won a pair of state titles at Chatfield, in 2013 and then last year. His cumulative record is 100-61. Chatfield went 13-1 last year.

Chatfield enters this season as a favorite to go back-to-back in state titles, with eight starters back on offense, eight on defense.

Post Bulletin: How did you go unbeaten after losing to P-E-M in your opener last season?

JOHNSON: We won a nail-biter against Triton (21-20) the next week after losing to P-E-M, coming from behind to do it. We moved some guys around then, including using (star running back) Sam Backer at quarterback (Backer finished the year with a whopping 2,384 yards rushing and 34 rushing touchdowns, while recording 3,117 all-purpose yards and 51 TDs). That was the deciding factor for us. It opened things up and spread the field out so much with him back there. Our season turned on moving Sam to quarterback.

PB: Does it feel like your

football program has truly arrived after what you did last year?

JOHNSON: Yes, from a state perspective, I think so. I think we earned a lot of respect not only from local schools but got our stamp on the state map. A lot of coaches from around the state and referees reached out to us after the season and noted how good of a football team we had. I think they admired our story in general, our journey.

PB: You’ve been a football coach for a good long time, 17 years. What drives you?

JOHNSON: I am competitive and I know how much the (players) put into this. The kids put in a ton of work and I don’t want to let them down. ... They only get one or two shots to play and they’re going to create memories that they’ll have for a lifetime. I want to be as prepared as possible.

PB: How would you describe yourself as a coach?

JOHNSON: What I am good at is gathering good people around me. I have been fortunate to have sought out some very good football minds and bring them in either as voluntary coaches or paid coaches. We’ve had a lot of great minds on our coaching staff. We have also had a great speed-and-agility program here and a Hall of Fame coach, Tom

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49ers’ veteran Williams likes what he sees in Vikings’ Darrisaw

BY CHRIS TOMASSON
St. Paul Pioneer Press

EAGAN — Vikings left tackle Christian Darrisaw has drawn comparisons to a young Trent Williams, including from the San Francisco star himself.

Williams, a nine-time Pro Bowl pick at left tackle, was put in contact earlier this year with Darrisaw and the two have had a number of phone conversations. On Wednesday, before the Vikings and 49ers took the field for the first of two days of joint practices at the TCO Performance Center, they met for the first time.

“I love C.D.,” Williams said Thursday about the second-year pro. “He’s a great kid. He’s open and willing to learn. He’s physically gifted. ... I do



Williams



Darrisaw

see a lot of myself in him, especially the young Trent.”

Williams played for Washington from 2010-18 and is entering his third 49ers season. Darrisaw grew up in the Washington area and said Wednesday that Williams was his “favorite player.” He said it’s been beneficial getting tips from the future hall of famer.

“Our conversations are me just kind of helping him morph into a more consistent professional,” Williams said. “He took

a huge leap from year one to year two. And it’s just the little things. He’s such an athlete that he overlooks the technical part of the game because he can just wake up and win (with his blocking).”

Williams said he also has gotten by at times with his athletic ability.

“That’s how I got through college (at Oklahoma), that’s how I got through my first three or four years in the NFL,” he said. “I still have bad habits going back to that, so that’s all I’m working on (Darrisaw) about, just kind of letting him know what’s to come, what changes to make and what could help him.”

REED AT CENTER?

Despite Chris Reed sitting out last Sunday’s preseason opener at Las Vegas and the joint

practices with San Francisco because of a right elbow injury, Vikings coach Kevin O’Connell said he remains a candidate to start at center.

Reed, who entered the NFL in 2015 out of Minnesota State, Mankato, only has played guard in the regular season but has gotten a good bit of preseason work at center. Garrett Bradbury is the returning starter, but O’Connell has not guaranteed he will open the season in that role.

“(Reed is) definitely still in the mix, obviously, at center and guard,” O’Connell said.

There is competition at right guard. Jesse Davis is first on the depth chart and started against the Raiders. But rookie Ed Ingram worked

with the first team both days of the joint practices, including when Davis sat out Thursday to apparently rest a surgically repaired knee.

It’s uncertain if Reed will play in today’s preseason game between the Vikings and 49ers at U.S. Bank Stadium. Regardless, Reed said his elbow is “not a problem,” and he expects to practice next week.

“I think I’m in the mix (to start at center),” said Reed, who made note of having played center in the preseason for Jacksonville, Miami, Carolina and Indianapolis. “I just got to get back out there.”

SMITH DOING WELL

O’Connell said tight end Irv Smith Jr., who underwent right thumb surgery Aug. 2 after being

hurt Aug. 1 in practice, remains on track to return for the Sept. 11 opener against Green Bay.

“Everything with Irv has been really positive,” said O’Connell, who said Smith is doing well with conditioning and should resume catching in “a few more days.”

BRIEFLY ...

O’Connell said the joint practices went well and can take the place of key players being “exposed to a little more injury” in preseason games. He wouldn’t say which starters might play today. ... Guard Alex Boone, who played six years for the 49ers and was with Minnesota in 2016, attended the practices. Boone, who retired from the NFL in 2020, said he now weighs 240 pounds, 85 less than as a player.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUG. 20
AUTO RACING
Deer Creek Speedway: Weekly points races, 6 p.m.
AMATEUR BASEBALL
Class B state tournament, first round, Rochester Royals vs. Hamel Hawks, 4:30 p.m. (at Miesville)
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Century, Mayo at John Marshall, 9 a.m.
JR. COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER
Madison College at RCTC, 5 p.m.
JR. COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
RCTC vs. Parkland College, at Rockford, Ill., 3 p.m.
RCTC vs. Harper College, at Rockford, Ill., 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUG. 21
JR. COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
RCTC vs. College of DuPage, at Rockford, Ill., 9 a.m.
RCTC vs. Black Hawk College, at Rockford, Ill., 1 p.m.

NEXT 3

Next 3 games and TV info. for Minnesota sports teams:
MINNESOTA TWINS
• Saturday, Aug. 20: Texas, 6:10 (BSN)
• Sunday, Aug. 21: Texas, 1:10 p.m. (BSN)
• Monday, Aug. 22: Texas, 6:10 p.m. (BSN)
MINNESOTA UNITED FC
• Saturday, Aug. 20: Austin, 7 p.m. (BSN Extra)
• Saturday, Aug. 27: Houston, 2:30 p.m. (BSN)
• Wednesday, Aug. 31: at Salt Lake, 8:30 p.m. (BSN Extra)
MINNESOTA VIKINGS
PRESEASON
• Saturday, Aug. 20: San Francisco, 6 p.m. (CW)
• Saturday, Aug. 27: at Denver, 8 p.m. (CW, NFLN)
REGULAR SEASON
• Sunday, Sept. 11: Green Bay, 3:25 p.m. (Fox)
GOPHERS FOOTBALL
• Thursday, Sept. 1: New Mexico State, 8 p.m. (BTN)
• Saturday, Sept. 10: Western Illinois, 11 a.m. (BTN)
• Saturday, Sept. 17: Colorado, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

TV HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY, AUG. 20
AUTO RACING
NASCAR Cup Series, qualifying, 11:30 a.m. (USA)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Toronto at Yankees OR Angels at Detroit, noon (MLBN)
Milwaukee at Cubs, 1 p.m. (FS1)
Houston at Atlanta, 6 p.m. (Fox-KXLT)
Texas at Minnesota, 6 p.m. (BSN)
Miami at Dodgers OR Washington at San Diego, 9 p.m. (MLBN)
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
Little League World Series, Game 13, teams TBD, noon (ABC)
Little League World Series, Game 14, teams TBD, 2 p.m. (ABC)
Little League World Series, Game 15, teams TBD, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Little League World Series, Game 16, teams TBD, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)
PRO BASKETBALL
WNBA Playoffs, first round, Game 2, New York at Chicago, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
WNBA Playoffs, first round, Game 2, Phoenix at Las Vegas, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)
PRO FOOTBALL
NFL Preseason, Denver at Buffalo, noon (NFLN)
NFL Preseason, Washington at Kansas City, 3 p.m. (NFLN)
NFL Preseason, San Francisco at Minnesota, 6 p.m. (CW, Fox-KMSP)
NFL Preseason, Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 6 p.m. (NFLN)
NFL Preseason, Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 9 p.m. (NFLN)
GOLF
PGA Tour, BMW Championship, third round, 11 a.m. (GOLF); 2 p.m. (NBC)
U.S. Amateur Championship, semifinals, 2 p.m. (GOLF)
PRO SOCCER
Premier League, Tottenham Hotspur vs. Wolverhampton Wanderers, 6:30 a.m. (USA)
Premier League, Leicester City vs. Southampton, 9 a.m. (USA)
Premier League, AFC Bournemouth vs. Arsenal, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Austin FC at Minnesota United FC, 7 p.m. (BSN Extra)
PRO TENNIS
Western & Southern Open, quarterfinals, noon (BSN)

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
AUTO RACING
NASCAR Cup Series, race, at Watkins Glen, N.Y., 2 p.m. (USA)
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Toronto at Yankees OR Houston at Atlanta, 12:30 p.m. (MLBN)
Texas at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (BSN)
Miami at Dodgers OR Washington at San Diego, 3:30 p.m. (MLBN)
Boston vs. Baltimore, at Williamsport, Pa., 6 p.m. (ESPN)

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
Little League World Series, Game 17, teams TBD, 8 a.m. (ESPN)
Little League World Series, Game 18, teams TBD, 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Little League World Series, Game 19, teams TBD, noon (ESPN)
Little League World Series, Game 20, teams TBD, 1 p.m. (ABC)
PRO BASKETBALL
WNBA Playoffs, first round, Game 2, Dallas at Connecticut, 11 a.m. (ABC)
WNBA Playoffs, first round, Game 2, Washington at Seattle, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
PRO FOOTBALL
NFL Preseason, Philadelphia at Cleveland, noon (NFLN)
NFL Preseason, Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m. (NFLN)
NFL Preseason, Baltimore at Arizona, 7 p.m. (Fox)
GOLF
PGA Tour, BMW Championship, final round, 11 a.m. (GOLF); 1 p.m. (NBC)
U.S. Amateur, championship match, 1 p.m. (GOLF)
PRO SOCCER
Premier League, Leeds United vs. Chelsea, 8 a.m. (USA)
Premier League, Newcastle United vs. Manchester City, 10:30 a.m. (USA)
MLS, Atlanta at Columbus, 4:30 p.m. (FS1)
MLS, Portland at Sporting K.C., 6:30 p.m. (FS1)

BASEBALL

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St. Louis (Mikolas 9-9) at Arizona (Henry 2-1), 8:40 p.m.
Miami (Luzardo 3-5) at LA Dodgers (Anderson 13-2), 9:10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
NY Mets at Philadelphia, 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Peralta 4-3) at Chi. Cubs (Stroman 3-5), 1:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dunn 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Beede 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
NY Mets at Philadelphia, 6:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Cobb 4-6) at Colorado (Feltner 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Hudson 6-6) at Arizona (Bumgarner 6-12), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Gray 7-8) at San Diego (Musgrove 8-6), 7:40 p.m.
Miami (Garrett 2-6) at LA Dodgers, 8:10 p.m.
Interleague
Wednesday's Results
Boston 8, Pittsburgh 3
Thursday's Results
Chi. Cubs 3, Baltimore 2
Pittsburgh 8, Boston 2
Friday's Games
Houston (McCullers Jr. 1-0) at Atlanta (Wright 14-5), 6:20 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Houston (Javier 7-8) at Atlanta (Strider 7-4), 6:15 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for Professional WNBA Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and National League. Rows include team names and statistics (W, L, Pct, GB).

FOOTBALL

Table with columns for Professional NFL PRESEASON Pre-Season Week 2, Thursday's Games, Friday's Games, and Saturday's Games. Rows include team names and statistics.

Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 9 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 7 p.m.
Monday's Games
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
Pre-Season Week 1
Thursday's Games
N.Y. Giants 23, New England 21
Baltimore 23, Tennessee 10
Friday's Games
Atlanta 27, Detroit 23
Cleveland 24, Jacksonville 13
N.Y. Jets 24, Philadelphia 21
Arizona 36, Cincinnati 23
San Francisco 28, Green Bay 21
Saturday's Games
Chicago 19, Kansas City 14
Carolina 23, Washington 21
Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24
Pittsburgh 32, Seattle 25
Miami 26, Tampa Bay 24
Houston 17, New Orleans 13
Denver 17, Dallas 7
L.A. Rams 29, L.A. Chargers 22
Sunday's Games
Las Vegas 26, Minnesota 20

SOCCER

Table with columns for Professional MLS Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and National League. Rows include team names and statistics (W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA).

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

RCTC should again be a state, region power

BY GUY N. LIMBECK
Post Bulletin

The Rochester Community and Technical College volleyball team is coming off a 20-8 season in 2021 and a runner-up finish in the Region 13A Tournament. The Yellowjackets should be a contender to land a national tournament berth again this season.



Nihart

Here's a look at the 2022 RCTC volleyball team:
Head coach: Jennifer Nerison (2nd year, 20-8 record).
Assistants: Molly Kleist, Hailey Huseeth, Chanda Xiong.
Last season: The Yellowjackets finished 20-8 and were runners-up in the Region XIII A Tournament.
Top returners: Kiley Nihart (libero), Alexis Simpson (outside hitter), Chelsea Lasker (setter).
Season outlook: The Yellowjackets were disappointed in missing out on a national berth a year ago and have high expectations for

this season. "We are working on the little things now to fix and get better at," coach Jennifer Nerison said. "This is a group of young ladies who work hard, are very coachable, and have set their standards high for themselves and for the team right from the get-go." RCTC returns three players from a year ago and some key additions figure to be Kylie Smidt of Spring Valley, Kennedy Hady of Rochester and Bailey Johnson of Adams. The Yellowjackets should again be among the top teams in the state and be in contention for

a region championship and a berth in the NJCAA National Tournament. Other contenders figure to be Minnesota State-Fergus Falls, St. Cloud Technical and Community College, and Century Community College. "RCTC is a wonderful place to be able to coach in a competitive and passionate program," Nerison said. "I am looking forward to seeing this team grow and improve in so many areas."
ROSTER
Sophomores: Alexis Simpson (OH, 5-6, Caledonia), Kiley Nihart (L, 5-5, Faribault),

Alyvia Eide (DS, 5-3, Rushford), Kenzie Mentlick (OH, 5-7, Dover), Chelsea Lasker (S, 5-7, Dodge Center), Trinita Gbala (MH, 5-10, St. Charles), Jennifer Albrecht (MH, 5-10, Houston), Eliana Hammann (S, 5-6, Lewiston).
Freshmen: Kennedy Hady (OH, 5-9, Rochester Mayo), Sereniti Shumaker (OH/DS, 5-6, Dodge Center), Samantha Matarelli (OH/RS, 5-9, Carlton), Kylie Smidt (DS, 5-5, Spring Valley), Bailey Johnson (MH, 5-11, Adams), Makaya King (DS, 5-3, Mazeppa), Lauren Johnson (DS, 5-6, Hokah).

Bond

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that point on, he has hit .325 with a .908 OPS and 67 hits in 60 games. When things weren't going well, Correa was in his ear, offering words of encouragement. During that time period, Miranda said Correa was telling him to slow the game down and keep the trust in himself. "He just tells me I remind him of when he was a rookie in the league and he was coming up," Miranda said. "He's like, 'Man, I want you to do good, you've got good talent. I feel like you can have a really good career,' so he's always giving me advice, helping me out. ... He wants me to work hard every day, do my best out there, which I mean I like that from him. He's always pushing me to be better."

Gophers

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Edstrom, started our weight-room culture here 10 years ago. And now our current weight-room coach, Adam Hurley, has taken it to a completely new level and our kids have really bought in.
PB: What has it been like competing all of these years against what had been the most consistently great program in the state, Caledonia, with both of you in Section 1AA? Before you won the state title last year, Caledonia had won it five straight years.
JOHNSON: It has made us better. With the current alignment (Chatfield and Caledonia both in Section 1AA), it has been frustrating

at times because we have had some really good teams that then did not make it to state. But we have really good football because both of us have tried to one-up each other year after year, always looking for an advantage. With it, the brand of football goes up every year.
PB: What makes all of the time you spend making this Chatfield football program great, worth it?
JOHNSON: There are a few things. Just seeing how kids grow, throughout their senior year and after they graduate. We have also been fortunate in that we've been able to send close to 30 athletes to play college football in the last 16 years. Just being able to see them use the game of football to motivate themselves to get a college degree has been very

rewarding.
PB: How else do you enjoy spending your time when you're not coaching and teaching?
JOHNSON: I like to go on vacation with my family (wife Kiley, son Kaisen and daughter Jaya) and spend as much time with them as I can after the season is done. They have been super supportive of me, because I have to cheat away some of my time from them during the season.
PB: As you head into this football season, your team the likely favorite to win the Class AA state title again with eight starters returning on offense and eight on defense, what's that feel like?
JOHNSON: Honestly, I am not looking ahead to what might be the end result. We are just looking at what is

in front of us now. There is a lot of excitement about what we are capable of and what we can do with all of the experience we have coming back. We have the ability to attack teams in multiple ways, using multiple weapons. Getting all of these kids involved is going to be a large task.
PB: What is the mood of your team right now?
JOHNSON: Excited. The players are having fun. We just finished a very hard day of practice (Thursday) and their mood is still pretty high. They are anxious and ready to go. They've been thinking about this since a week after we won it all last year. They've been putting in the time and are ready to go, ready to get out there and play that first game.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

RCTC expects to contend for national tournament spot

BY GUY N. LIMBECK
Post Bulletin

Rochester Community and Technical College has six returning MCAC All-Conference players from a women's soccer team that was 9-3 a year ago and lost 1-0 in the Region XIII championship game.

Here's a look at the 2022 version of the Yellowjackets:

Head coach: Bryan Weiss (5th year at RCTC, MCAC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year 2021).

Assistants: Alexa Hepner, Sarah Baack.

Last season: The



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Yellowjackets finished 9-3 and lost 1-0 in the Region XIII championship game.

Top returners: Mia Pierre (12 goals, 2 assists, All-Region XIII Player of the Year, MCAC Elite Team, All-Conference), Haley Doyea (7 goals and 6 assists, All-Region XIII, MCAC Elite Team, All-Conference), Libby Janka (All-Region XIII,

MCAC Elite Team, All-Conference), Eliana Bentley (All-Region XIII, MCAC Elite Team, All-Conference, 4 goals, 4 assists), Kaitlyn Weiss (All-Region XIII, MCAC Elite Team, All-Conference), Amy Gonzalez (All-Region XIII, All-Conference, RCTC Defensive MVP), Jordan Weber (Academic All-American, 2 games in goal, both were shared shutouts), Allison Thompson (4 goals, 3 assists).

Season outlook: The Yellowjackets will feature an experienced and deep roster with 15 sophomores. And

with plenty of quality back, RCTC will be a top contender to capture a Region XIII championship with a goal of earning an NJCAA national tournament berth. RCTC outscored foes 38-9 a year ago and has six returning All-Conference players including its top offensive and defensive players. The team will be led by captains Mia Pierre, Amy Gonzalez and Kes Whalen. "We've also added a solid group of transfer players and freshmen," coach Bryan Weiss said. "RCTC women's soccer has big goals for this season. We

also have the talent and drive to achieve them." Of the 23 players on the squad, 19 are from Minnesota. Other teams to beat in the state and region are Madison College and Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

ROSTER

Sophomores: Mia Pierre (F, St. Charles), Isabella Andrijasevic (M, Rochester), Kaitlyn Weiss (D, Rochester), Allison Thompson (F, Eyota), Hailey Lewis (F, Stewartville), Khloee Zelinske (D, Stewartville), Jordan Weber (G, Oronoco), Eliana Bentley

(F, Austin), Libby Janka (D, Owatonna), Ashlyn Nysteen (G, Red Wing), Serena Leonard (M, South St. Paul), Haley Doyea (M, Anoka), Grace Maschino (M, Delano), Kes Whalen (M, Dubuque, Iowa), Kayla Barclay (M, Franklinton, La.), Amy Gonzalez (D, Smithfield, Utah).

Freshmen: Mongi Obang (F, Rochester), Paige Johnson (M, Eyota), Layken Koehler (M, Dover), Emily Vollrath (M, Dover), Mackenzie Polson (F, Elgin), Emma Buck (D, Zumbrota), Keely Troup (D, Green Bay, Wis.).

AMATEUR BASEBALL



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Mike Michalak, right, and Sam Warren have combined to hit seven home runs and drive in 49 runs for the Rochester Royals this season. The Royals will open play in the Class B amateur baseball state tournament today against Hamel in Miesville.

Royals face tough draw again at state

BY GUY N. LIMBECK
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — If the Rochester Royals want to achieve their goal of winning a Class B amateur baseball state championship, they will need to get past Chanhassen in an early round to do so.

Chanhassen is the four-time defending Class B state champions and the Red Birds slipped past the Royals 2-1 in the second round a year ago on their way to another state crown.

If the Royals and Red Birds win their state openers this weekend, they will again clash in the second round. The first two rounds of the 16-team tournament are single elimination and after that the final four teams play a double-

elimination format.

"It's something you have to do sooner or later," Royals player/manager Tim Oesterlin said of playing Chanhassen. "It would be nice to play them a little later in the double-elimination side of things."

The Royals (27-8) open against the Hamel Hawks at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Miesville. The Royals are rated fifth in the state and Hamel is No. 12.

"We're obviously going to focus and do everything we can to beat Hamel on Saturday because that's really the only game that matters," Royals player/manager Drew Block said. "If we end up playing Chanhassen, that would be great."

Hamel is not a team the Royals know much about. "So that's a little bit

of an unknown and a little scarier than usual," Oesterlin said. "We're familiar with a lot of the teams we play at state. So it will be a little different playing them."

The Royals haven't officially announced their starting pitcher for the state opener. But left-hander Matt Meyer (6-2, 1.69 ERA) is likely to get the start against Hamel. Matteo Finocchi (8-0, 1.89 ERA), another left-hander, has been the Royals' No. 2 starter and he is also having a stellar season. Meyer is a former minor-league pitcher who reached the Triple-A level.

"You always have a chance when you throw one of our top two guys," Block said. "You try to scrape (together) a few runs early and get a lead. It's a lot easier to play that way."

"I don't think anyone really wants to play us and have to face Matt (Meyer)," Oesterlin said.

While the Royals have excelled at pitching and defense this season, they also have a very complete lineup.

Oesterlin has been with the Royals since 2007 and he believes this might be the Royals' best and deepest squad in that time.

"We have guys on the bench who would probably start or play for a lot of other teams," he said. "That kind of speaks to the talent and kind of team we have here. It's a good group of guys all on the same page and pulling for the same thing right now."

The Royals will have virtually all of their regular starting players on hand for the state opener. Joe Sperry, a 2021

Lourdes graduate, had to leave for college and he had provided depth at the plate and on the mound during the season.

"That's a bummer because he's a nice right-handed arm that would definitely be used throughout the tournament if we make a nice long run," Block said.

The Royals have eight core players hitting .300 or better this season in Tate Meiners (.435 average, five homers, 23 RBIs), Block (.378, one homer, 28 RBIs), Nick Pearson (.376, two homers, 19 RBIs), Logan Milene (.363, four homers, 23 RBIs), Jake Halverson (.357, 12 RBIs), Michael Michalak (.349, four homers, 29 RBIs), Alex Holets (.330, one homer, 19 RBIs) and Nolan Jurgenson (.319, seven RBIs). Sam Warren

is hitting .280 with three homers and 18 RBIs.

"We have a good mix of older guys and college players," Block said. "We have a good group of core guys that now live in Rochester and are out of school. That makes it a little easier to write a lineup and not have to worry about kids going off to college."

Right-handed pitchers Brevin Goetz, a 2021 Mayo grad, and Derek Lilledahl, a 2020 Triton grad, both pitched in the Northwoods League during the summer, but they are eligible to play in the state tournament with the Royals.

If the Royals win their state opener, they will face either Chanhassen or Coon Rapids in the second round at 11 a.m. on Aug. 27 in Miesville.

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Minnesota Gophers head coach P.J. Fleck leads his team onto the field prior to the game against the Bowling Green Falcons on Sept. 25 at Huntington Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

What could new Big Ten media rights deal mean for Gophers?

BY JEFF DAY
Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — The Big Ten’s new seven-year, \$7 billion media rights deal with Fox, CBS and NBC figures to have a major impact on the University of Minnesota Gophers football team and athletic department. The deal, announced Thursday, goes into effect in 2023, one year before USC and UCLA join the conference to make it 16 members. Eventually, the 16 schools will share more than \$1 billion per year.

The deal will “showcase Minnesota to more fans, alumni and recruits than ever before,” Gophers athletic director Mark Coyle said in a statement. “The breadth and magnitude of this deal is historic, and we are thrilled that Minnesota

student-athletes will receive unparalleled national exposure.”

Here is how the enormous influx of money and broadcast airtime could affect the U.

DOUBLING OF ANNUAL MEDIA REVENUE

The previous Big Ten media rights deal was signed in 2017, a six-year contract with ESPN and Fox worth \$2.64 billion — or about \$440 million per season. The new deal dwarfs that, and will create a dramatic increase in media revenue. In 2019, the most recent athletic department budget not affected by the pandemic, the Gophers earned \$45 million in conference distributed media rights — \$36 million for football, \$9 million for men’s basketball. While the new contract will gradually increase over time, it will eventually see the conference

distribute \$80 million to \$100 million in media revenue to the Gophers annually for football and men’s basketball, according to multiple media reports.

For perspective, consider: In 2019, total operating revenue for the entire athletic department was \$130 million. Saturday television takeover Big Ten football will truly take over Saturday national broadcasts starting in 2024 when the Southeastern Conference moves from CBS to ABC. At that point, Fox will air its Big Ten game of the day at 11 a.m., followed by the CBS Big Ten game of the week at 2:30 p.m. and then NBC will have “Big Ten Saturday Night” in prime time.

That’s six Big Ten teams on linear national television sets every week, which could give the Gophers and coach

P.J. Fleck a larger national platform. In 2021 the Gophers were on national network broadcasts twice, facing Ohio State in the season opener and Wisconsin in their regular-season finale on Fox. The NBC primetime broadcasts will start in 2023, while CBS will carry seven Big Ten games in 2023.

BASKETBALL VIEWING IMPACTED

Losing ESPN as a broadcast partner might not have a big impact for football viewership since so many games will be on national television, but it creates questions for how fans will watch Gophers men’s and women’s basketball. The Gophers men had six games and the women had one on ESPN networks last season. The biggest change is that Peacock — the NBC streaming service — will stream as many as 47 men’s basketball games

(32 conference games) and 30 women’s games (20 conference) per season. The Big Ten Network will still be a primary broadcast partner for the sport, while CBS will air 11 regular-season men’s games in 2023 and 15 per season starting in 2024.

OLYMPIC SPORTS UNCHANGED

While the new media rights deal will alter the landscape for football and men’s and women’s basketball, the conference announced that Olympic sports coverage will not be part of the deal. Those rights will remain with the Big Ten Network — and its streaming service, B1G+ — with plans to currently “carry the same level of Olympic sport content as before.”

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Timberwolves hire Grady for play-by-play | Grady spent the past five seasons with YES Network

BY JACE FREDERICK
St. Paul Pioneer Press

The Timberwolves have their new television play-by-play voice, as Michael Grady was announced as the choice for the job Thursday by the Wolves and Bally Sports North.

Grady replaces longtime voice Dave Benz, whose contract was controversially not renewed this offseason.

Grady comes to



Grady

Minnesota by way, primarily of Indiana and Brooklyn. And he has a robust history in the NBA.

He spent the past five seasons with the YES Network, working as the sideline reporter for Brooklyn Nets games while also handling play-by-play

duties for the New York Liberty in the WNBA.

Prior to his work in Brooklyn, the Indiana native worked in his home state, where he earned 2016 Indiana Sportscaster of the Year honors as a sports anchor at WRTV-TV, while also hosting a local ESPN radio show and serving as the Pacers’ public-address announcer from 2010-17.

Grady will work

alongside beloved Timberwolves color analyst Jim Petersen.

“Today is a thrilling day for myself and my family, this has been a lifelong dream to be an NBA play-by-play announcer,” Grady said in a statement. “I can’t wait to join Jim and the rest of the Bally Sports North crew calling games for this exciting franchise.”

The hiring was

announced just one day after Bally Sports announced its Bally Sports+ streaming option, a pay-for-product set to launch in late September that will allow fans without cable to stream Timberwolves and Wild games for \$20 per month. Grady’s first on-air appearance will come during Timberwolves preseason games in early October.

“Michael’s unique

background and basketball acumen will serve him well in his new role. Fans will enjoy his smooth delivery for this exciting new era of Timberwolves basketball and he will be a great complement to longtime Timberwolves analyst Jim Petersen,” Bally Sports North executive producer Tony Tortorici said in a statement.

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Man given probation for burglarizing brother's Rochester home

BY MARK WASSON
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — Zachary Koetz, 24, of Plainview, was sentenced to five years of probation Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, in Olmsted County District Court for the theft of several items from his brother's Rochester home.

District Judge Pamela King gave Koetz a stay of imposition on a felony theft charge Koetz pleaded guilty to in June.

A stay of imposition means that while the court records a guilty plea, if the defendant successfully completes their probation, the conviction is reduced to a misdemeanor.

As part of his plea deal, a felony first-degree burglary charge was dismissed.

Koetz was charged for stealing multiple firearms and an Xbox from his brother's home.

When law enforcement found Koetz shortly after the burglary, he initially fled on foot but was apprehended by officers, Rochester Police Capt. Case Moilanen told the Post Bulletin in May.

Contact public safety reporter Mark Wasson at mwasson@postbulletin.com

CONSUMER HEALTH

Teens and depression: A back-to-school concern

BY LAUREL KELLY
Mayo Clinic News Network

With many teens heading back to school, peer pressure and academic expectations are once again a reality. These added pressures can cause ups and downs during what can be an already tumultuous time of life. For some teens, though, the lows are more than just temporary feelings. They're symptoms of depression.

Depression is one of the most commonly diagnosed mental disorders in children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Teen depression is a serious mental health problem. It affects how teenagers think, feel and behave, and it can cause emotional, functional and physical problems. Although depression can occur at any time in life, symptoms can differ between teens and adults.

What to look for
Signs and symptoms a teen may be depressed include a change in his or her previous attitude

and behavior that can cause significant distress and problems at school or home, in social activities, or in other areas of life.

Be alert for emotional changes, including:

- Feelings of sadness, which can include crying spells for no apparent reason.
- Frustration or feelings of anger, even over small matters.
- Feeling hopeless or empty.
- Irritability or annoyed mood.
- Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities.
- Loss of interest in, or conflict with, family and friends.
- Low self-esteem.
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt.
- Fixation on past failures, or exaggerated self-blame or self-criticism.
- Extreme sensitivity to rejection or failure,

and the need for excessive reassurance.

- Trouble thinking, concentrating, making decisions and remembering things.
- Ongoing sense that life and the future are grim and bleak.
- Frequent thoughts of death, dying or suicide.

Watch for changes in behavior, including:

- Tiredness and loss of energy.
- Insomnia or sleeping too much.
- Changes in appetite, including decreased appetite and weight loss, or increased cravings for food and weight gain.
- Use of alcohol or drugs.
- Signs of agitation or restlessness, including pacing, hand-wringing or an inability to sit still.
- Slowed thinking, speaking or body movements.
- Frequent complaints of unexplained body aches and headaches,

which may include frequent visits to the school nurse.

- Social isolation.
- Poor school performance or frequent absences from school.
- Less attention to personal hygiene or appearance.
- Angry outbursts, disruptive or risky behavior, or other acting-out behaviors.
- Self-harm, including cutting or burning.
- Making a suicide plan or a suicide attempt.

Treatment
Treatment depends on the type and severity of a teenager's depression symptoms. A combination of talk therapy and medication can be effective for most teens with depression. If a teen has severe

depression or is in danger of self-harm, he or she may need a hospital stay or may need to participate in an outpatient treatment program until symptoms improve.

While antidepressant drugs often effectively treat depression and anxiety in children and teenagers, their use in children and teens must be monitored carefully, as rarely there can be severe side effects. Antidepressants carry a Food and Drug Administration black box warning about a risk of increased suicidal thinking and behavior in some people under 25.

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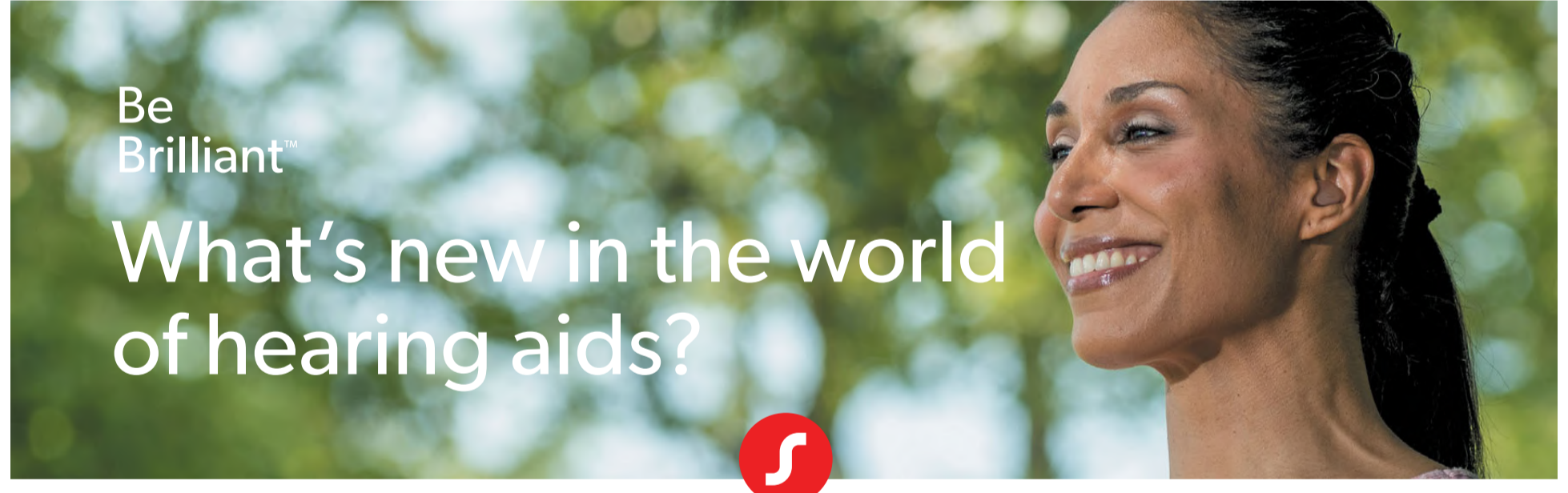
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Judge rules against former Brainerd-area restaurant owner

BY CHELSEY PERKINS
Brainerd Dispatch

ST. PAUL — The former owner of Iron Waffle Coffee Co. in Lake Shore, Minnesota, lost in court again last month in a ruling issued as part of a lawsuit brought by the state after repeated violations of pandemic-era executive orders.

Ramsey County Judge Laura E. Nelson granted the Minnesota Attorney General's Office's motion for summary judgment in favor of the Minnesota Department of Health, determining the facts of the case prompting the suit were undisputed.

The case hinged on the fact defendant Stacy Stranne repeatedly opened the coffee shop and restaurant for business after the revocation of her food and beverage license by the health department. The revocation came after Stranne failed to correct violations observed by a health department employee, including multiple employees not wearing masks and allowing indoor dining when such activity was restricted by executive order.

"Although Iron Waffle has genuinely held disagreements with the reason their license was revoked, there is no dispute that they knew the license was revoked and yet they continued to operate," Nelson's ruling stated.

As part of the order, Nelson granted the state's motion for a permanent injunction against Stranne, preventing her from operating the Iron Waffle as a food and

beverage establishment without first obtaining a license from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Stranne is no longer operating the business. On April 12, Iron Waffle announced in a Facebook post it would reopen April 15 under new management. A health department spokesperson confirmed the issuance of a new food and beverage license to S and S Waffle and Coffee LLC, a Pillager-based company that filed as a Minnesota business Feb. 1.

Nelson also ordered Stranne to pay a \$9,500 administrative penalty to the health department and allowed the state to file a future motion seeking reimbursement for litigation expenses.

Attorney Richard Dahl, Stranne's attorney, declined to comment when reached by phone Wednesday, Aug. 17, on whether his client plans to pursue an appeal. According to Minnesota Court Rules, those wishing to file an appeal generally have 60 days after the entry of a judgment to do so.

Dahl previously argued the revocation of Iron Waffle's license was improper for multiple reasons, including: the health department did not serve Stranne the revocation notice in person; the Office of Administrative Hearings, which handles appeals for licensure actions, did not have the power to hear such matters while the state of emergency was in place; the health department lacked standing to pursue the revocation on the basis of an executive order

or under the Minnesota Emergency Management Act; and both the health department and Office of Administrative Hearings lacked authority to continue the revocation after Gov. Tim Walz declared an end to the state of emergency.

These arguments were rejected by both the district and appeals courts as not relevant to the matter at hand — whether the business operated without a license. The Minnesota Supreme Court also denied a petition for review based on similar arguments in May.

Dahl also submitted several exhibits throughout the course of the court case disputing the nature, scope and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the order, Nelson included a footnote to the heading "Procedural History and Uncontested Facts" explaining the defendant's differing opinion on the facts of the pandemic.

"Defendant cites the opinion of Dr. Scott Jensen to support their view of Covid-19 and the appropriateness of the governmental response to it, including the executive orders that were at issue in MDH's decision to revoke its food-and-beverage license," the footnote stated.

A January 2021 affidavit signed by Jensen was among the material submitted by Dahl.

During a May 18 hearing on the state's motion for summary judgment, Dahl delivered a scathing rebuke of the health department,

Assistant Attorney General Kaitrin Vohs and the judicial system, lobbying accusations of dishonesty and threatening prosecution of state officials should Dahl work for a Republican attorney general in the future.

The lawsuit — first initiated in December 2020 — was the next step at the time after months of inspections, fines and other administrative actions failed to prevent the business from disobeying the executive orders. The health department revoked Stranne's food and beverage license after she failed to correct the violations.



Forum News Service file photo

The Iron Waffle Coffee Co. in Lake Shore, Minnesota, had drawn controversy over its apparent failure to enforce a statewide mask mandate.

Judges presiding over the case granted the state's motions for both a temporary injunction and a June 2021 contempt of court finding for Stranne continuing to open and sell food and beverages, despite not having a license. Fines totaling \$120,000 were leveled at the business

— \$2,000 for each day the health department documented the Iron Waffle was open after the license revocation.

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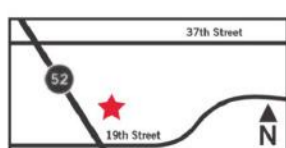
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'Better Call Saul' visits the 507

Rochester streetscape fills in as Omaha in final season episode

BY JOHN MOLSEED
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — Just like Bob Odenkirk isn't actually con artist attorney James McGill (AKA Saul Goodman), Rochester, Minnesota, isn't Omaha, Nebraska.

For 30 seconds of the penultimate episode of the final season of AMC's drama "Better Call Saul," a snowy Rochester streetscape filled in as Omaha.

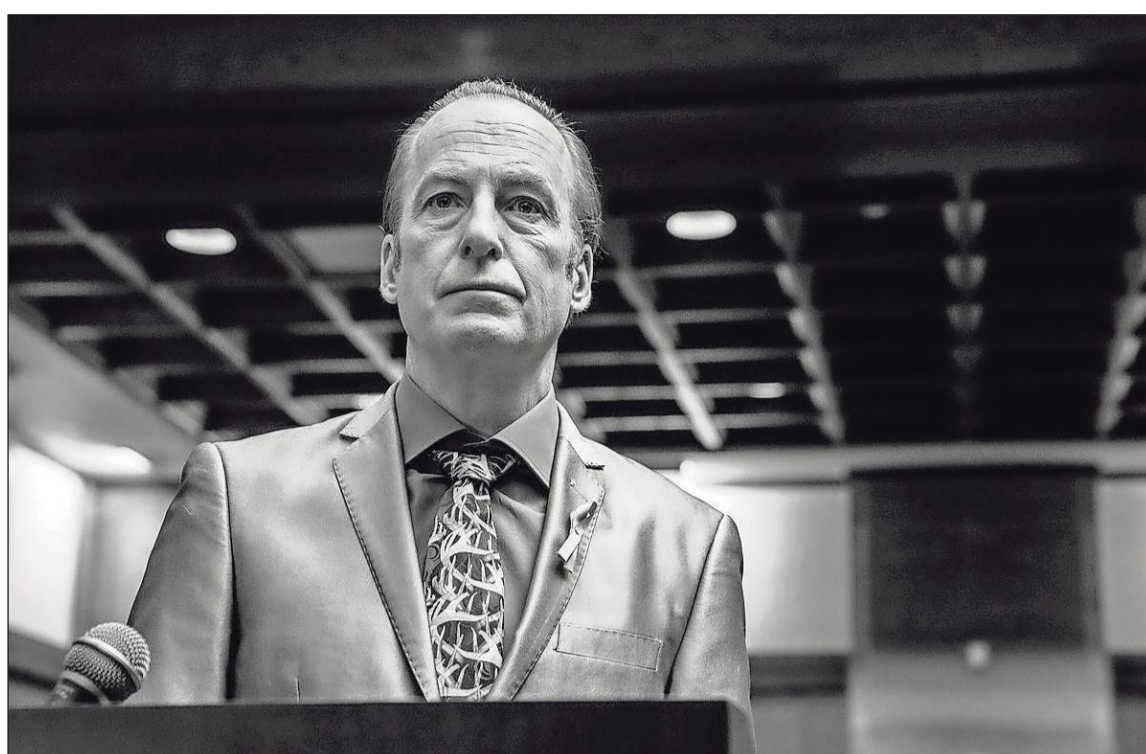
Odenkirk, as McGill, formerly Goodman, and now laying low as Omaha Cinnabon manager Gene Takovic, sings to "The Tide is High" while driving. Show fans determined the 30-second scene was shot on a stretch of North Broadway in Rochester.

All viewers see of Rochester is a blur of a few buildings and trees along North Broadway from the windows of a moving car.

"There's a small group of people from around the country who really get involved with filming locations for television," said Marc Valdez, who blogs and writes about location filming for the show.

Valdez, who lives in Sacramento, Calif., grew up in Albuquerque, N.M., where most of the events in "Better Call Saul" take place. Much of the show, along with its predecessor "Breaking Bad," is shot on location in Albuquerque.

That's what roped Valdez, an author, a semi-retired PhD atmospheric researcher, and former California gubernatorial candidate, into sleuthing where episodes of



Bob Odenkirk as Saul Goodman in AMC's "Better Call Saul."

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both shows are shot. Valdez recalled the moment he went from a casual first-time viewer to a post-broadcast location scout. He was watching a first-season episode of "Breaking Bad."

"I'm looking at it and Walter White (played by Bryan Cranston) is handing Jesse Pinkman (Aaron Paul) his life savings in order to buy an RV," Valdez said. In the background was a hill Valdez enjoyed hiking when he was growing up in Albuquerque.

"For me, it became very personal," he added.

Valdez began occasionally posting on social media whenever he immediately recognized an Albuquerque

location. Then he began to dig a bit on obscure locations and blogged about it.

"I became a guy on the internet posting about locations," he said.

Valdez gives credit to his fellow location detectives for spotting Rochester in "Better Call Saul."

"Our group of people recognized pretty quickly it wasn't the Albuquerque area," Valdez said. "My thought is okay, maybe it's the Omaha/Council Bluffs area."

People affiliated with the show don't publicly share that kind of information. Sometimes that's because location sites are negotiated with private property owners

and people affiliated with the show are trying to protect privacy. Other times, directors, production staff and location scouts don't like to share their secrets of good spots.

However, Valdez and the group have a particular set of skills.

"We all have our super powers," he said. "Working together, we know we can do this."

James Gelet, a professional photographer, has an eagle eye for spotting locations based on road markings and signs, Valdez said.

Valdez said it was likely Gelet who figured out the scene was shot in Minnesota.

"Hats off to him, he's a

miracle worker," Valdez said.

Gelet travels to visit shooting locations throughout the country, he added.

"He's in constant motion," Valdez said.

Google Maps likely helped confirm the scene was shot along North Broadway around Northern Heights Drive.

Could that 30-second scene inspire a would-be location scout in Rochester the same way "Breaking Bad" inspired Valdez?

"It might," Valdez said. "It's like a point of pride that you didn't even know was there."

Valdez has published two books listing and interpreting location shots for "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul." Now that "Better Call Saul" is concluded, Valdez plans to travel to some of those locations later this month and finish revisions of both books for publication in September.

However, there are still some locations he and his group are trying to figure out.

On Tuesday an extra bragged online about being part of a "Better Call Saul" courtroom scene but isn't saying where it was shot.

"We'll figure it out in a different way," Valdez said.

What's next for Valdez now that the books are almost complete and the show has run its course?

"For me, the purpose of existence will have disappeared," Valdez joked.

Whatever comes next, "I will do my utmost whatever I can do what I'm doing," he added.

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Rochester's Lisa Schutz fights hunger

Building bridges between growers and food insecure communities

BY JOHN SIEVERS
For the Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — Getting local food and hungry people together is something Lisa Schutz is passionate about. She's worked hard to help decrease both food insecurity and food waste by bringing local growers and food producers together with those in need of food while also focusing on the needs of those in our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color – BIPOC – communities.

"I grow medicinal herbs, tomatoes, squash, corn, pumpkins, cantaloupe, and peppers," says Schutz, who grows on land outside of the city, but also does urban gardening at her Rochester home.

She can be found selling her goods at local markets like the Rochester Farmers Market and the Night Market.

Schutz, a Cherokee from the Paint Clan, retired early from IBM where she was involved with fiber optics technology working in marketing communications. Then, she worked as an event organizer and later opened her own company called Laurel Confections that specializes in "hand crafted confections and custom special occasion confection displays."

Near the beginning of the pandemic, she organized and became



Lisa Schutz poses for a portrait on Aug. 12 in Peace Plaza in Downtown Rochester.

Tucker Allen Covey / Post Bulletin

the director of the Southeast Minnesota Food Rescue and Redistribution Program. The organization works to rescue food from local growers that might go to waste and leverage it to help those with food insecurity.

Sometimes the organization helps by transporting food from growers or markets to people who need it. At other times, it finds ways to preserve food through dehydration or processing. It also tries to encourage the creation of product lines from local food establishments, especially by BIPOC-owned businesses.

"We're setting up produce rescues and pickups," says Schutz. "If a farmer has a field that needs to be gleaned, we'll go and glean that field." Schutz helps local growers have the opportunity to donate food that might be wasted or sell overages or imperfect crops not suitable for general sale at discounted rates.

"The culture of the food is being lost," says Schutz. "One thing that's very big specifically for indigenous people, our culture is heavily rooted in knowing where our food came from, and our culture is heavily rooted in sustaining

that system." To this end, The Southeast Minnesota Food Rescue and Redistribution Program works to get recognizable, locally sourced food to those who are hungry and to BIPOC-owned businesses who might process them into products like jam, salsa, sandwiches or fine-dining plates.

"There is always a need for more diverse growers in relation to reducing food insecurity," says Patrice Bailey, an assistant commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture who chairs the Emerging Farmer Working Group.

"I see the work that Lisa Schutz does to highlight Minnesota Food Rescue which plays a significant role to increasing diversity around more emerging farmers being visible on the Minnesota agricultural landscape."

"Representation matters, and Lisa is a great champion who is passionate and always using her voice to find solutions to barriers, and more importantly to also bring collaborators together to support farmers of color in unique and innovative ways," writes Lillian Otieno, coordinator from the DOA's Emerging Farmer Outreach &

Engagement office.

In December 2021, the Southeast Minnesota Food Rescue and Redistribution Program won a \$20,000 economic development grant from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. The grant, according to the SMIF website, is intended to help Schutz's organization reduce economic barriers and strengthen food distribution channels for emerging BIPOC food growers and processors in Southeast Minnesota.

On June 6, Schutz and other local representatives met with Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan at the Rochester Diversity Council office. At the meeting, Schutz was able to show the Flanagan some of the products made using food her group had rescued.

"This past week, for a community night out, we delivered corn, squash, beans and tomatoes over to the Meadow Park area," says Schutz, adding that they've also delivered food to Friendship Place, a volunteer outreach for children and families who live in southeast Rochester.

The neighborhood is predominately populated by minorities and low-income residents, most of whom are recent immigrants, migrant workers or newcomers to Rochester.

In 2021, the Southeast

BRIEF

EVENT IN AUSTIN WILL EXPLORE BISHOP'S ADVOCACY FOR THE DAKOTA, OJIBWE

AUSTIN — As part of its monthly Lunchbox History Series, the Mower County Historical Society will host a special presentation from The Venerable Canon Ben Scott at noon on Thursday, Aug. 25 in the Mower County Fairground's Pioneer Building. Scott's presentation

will focus on Bishop Henry Benjamin Whipple, who was the first Episcopal bishop of Minnesota. Whipple, who lived from 1822 to 1901, worked out of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour in Faribault and is known for his advocacy for the Dakota and Ojibwe people in southern Minnesota. Scott, a retired Episcopal priest from Rock Dell, Minnesota, wrote a book detailing the history of the

cathedral. The Mower County Historical Society says attendees should RSVP for the Lunchbox History event by emailing director@mowercountyhistory.org or calling the society at 507-437-6082. The society hosts its Lunchbox History Series every fourth Thursday of the month from April to September. Dené K. Dryden, Post Bulletin

Schultz

From page C1 Minnesota Food Rescue and Redistribution Program rescued around 4,000 pounds of food from growers that might otherwise have been wasted. So far in 2022, Schutz says they've already rescued about 5,000 pounds of food, and that's before prime harvesting season for many crops. Schutz says she is running out of the refrigeration space her

food rescue organization needs. Though she has been using her Laurel Confections business refrigeration units, she's now trying to procure a refrigerated trailer to deliver food from farms and markets to processing at BIPOC-owned restaurants or businesses and food insecure communities or agencies that serve those communities. "We want to have the biggest outcome by the end of this season," says Schutz. "Do we need volunteers? Yes, absolutely we do."

For Schutz and the Southeast Minnesota Food Rescue and Redistribution Program, it's all about building bridges between growers and food insecure communities. "We want to help emerging farmers. We want to help any people that would like to start farming. We want to help food processors. We want to help emerging BIPOC businesses. We want to help BIPOC growers and BIPOC communities that are dealing with food insecurity," Schutz says.

Friendship on the high seas

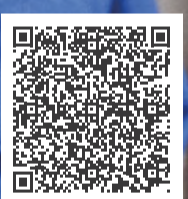
Dear Annie: I have been going on a Super Bowl cruise for 14 years with the same group of people, including two couples and two ladies, one of whom is married and the other is single. We get together for breakfast every day, and then we break away and I hang out with one of the couples all day. The others usually find us in the afternoon and hang out with us. We split up several hours before dinner but eat dinner every night together. Here is my problem. I have a friend coming on the cruise who got me into going on this trip more than 17 years ago. She is coming with some of her friends. She and I know another couple who are our best friends. She talked to them about the cruise. The wife didn't really want to come, but her husband talked her into coming, telling her that the four of us would hang out. My problem is that the cruising couple I have been hanging out with for the past 14 years and the other couple and the single girl coming onboard expect me to hang out with them. How do I hang out with both couples? I feel that I should say something to my friend, but I don't know how to phrase it. I think he is going to get mad. — At Odds at Sea Dear At Odds: Just because you know everyone coming on the cruise doesn't mean it's your job to play cruise director. You don't need to keep tabs on how the groups are getting along. Everyone coming aboard is an adult and is expected to act as such. Enjoy your vacation and mingle with all your friends. Extend invitations for dinner, excursions and outings to all and leave it up to each person to decide if they'd like to join you and whoever else is attending. It's possible this trip will spark new, genuine friendships. If not, that's OK, too. There are plenty of activities to take part in over the course of the cruise that



DEAR ANNIE Annie Lane

will keep everyone busy and having fun, whether that's alone, with you, with a significant other or with newfound friends. Dear Annie: I've been married for four years now. My husband drinks a lot every day and night. I try to tell him he needs to quit, but he is bossy and says mean things to me. I try to talk to him about what's on my mind, but I don't know how to tell him some of these things. I was married before to a man who was a drunk. He hit me, said mean things, and put me and our daughter down all the time, so we got a divorce, and now I'm putting up with the same things from the guy I'm married to now. — Over the Alcohol Dear Over the Alcohol: It's not uncommon for those with an alcohol problem to fail to realize or admit they have one. Try as you might, ultimately, the choice to sober up is one only your husband can make. Continue to express your concerns to him about his drinking and make sure that when you approach him, you're doing so when he's sober. As someone who has encountered alcoholism in a previous marriage, too, you might find it helpful to attend your local Al-Anon meetings or speak with a licensed therapist about ways to cope with your husband's behavior and get your own thoughts in order. Of course, if your second husband turns violent toward you as your first husband did, you should absolutely seek help. The National Domestic Violence Hotline can provide free local resources and support if and when you need it. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Ordination is a time to reflect on God's guiding grace



HOLY EVERYTHING
Emily Carson

A host of pastors and deacons lined up in the church basement wearing red stoles and exuberant smiles. We were gathered together for an ordination. Ordinations are joyful occasions, and celebrating ordination anniversaries is a delight as well. In recent months, I've had the opportunity to attend both ordinations and ordination anniversaries. These experiences have served as meaningful reminders of the privilege and responsibility of church leadership.

have their own rituals to formalize the process of becoming a church leader. Within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the denomination of which I am a part, both pastors and deacons are ordained. After years of study, contextual experience and pastoral formation - during which the individual is accompanied by a group of people called a "candidacy committee" - a person is eligible for ordination.

The ordination service appears much like regular Sunday morning worship with a few additional elements. The color of the day is red to signify the movement of the Holy Spirit. The paraments and vestments are red, and attendees often wear red clothing, too.

A bishop presides over the occasion. Music, prayers, the sacrament of communion and

Scripture readings are part of the day. There is a specific prayer during the service in which the bishop asks God to pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the person being ordained. During this part of the rite, other pastors and deacons in attendance gather around the leader and place a hand on their shoulder. It is a moment of solidarity, collegiality and community as together we're reminded of our shared call and responsibility as church leaders.

Members of congregations sometimes find ways to mark the occasion of their called leader's ordination anniversary (especially for significant years like 10, 20 and 30). If you are a member of a context in which ordination is part of the tradition, I encourage you to find out the date of your pastor's/ deacon's ordination and share it with the church

council. Anniversaries can be celebrated within a worship service, and shared meals and programs (with speakers, presentations and music) may also highlight the occasion.

Anniversaries are opportunities for church leaders to remember the commitments they made before God, and they're also chances for everyone in attendance to reflect upon the grace and guidance God provides. It's a celebration of the faithfulness of God and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.

My 13th ordination anniversary is coming up later this month. As I think back on that August afternoon in Independence, Iowa, I recognize that I had only the faintest clue of what I was getting into as a new pastor. Church ministry is a profound, perplexing, wonderful vocation. I am utterly humbled day in and day out by the

people with whom I get to connect: members of congregations, folks from other religious traditions, column readers, and active and retired pastors and deacons. I give thanks to God for these last 13 years, and I look forward to all the learning and connection still to come.

There's a moment in the rite of ordination when the bishop asks the individual, "Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?" The ordinand responds, "I will, and I ask God to help me."

What a beautiful intention. To live in such a way that all of it is a reflection of God's love. I pray that with God's help, this is a path for us all - regardless of our official job titles.

Before the end of the service, the bishop proclaims that the ordained person now has authority to preach

and administer the sacraments "serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world."

These words point to the heart of the pastoral identity. We're human beings called to serve other human beings as everyone together bears divine, creative, healing love to all the world. The role of spiritual leader is a most magnificent gift, and it is a most precious responsibility. Ordinations and ordination anniversaries are ideal opportunities to give God thanks and to ask for the Holy Spirit's ongoing guidance for all faith communities and their leaders.

"Holy Everything" is a weekly column by Emily Carson. She is a Lutheran pastor. Visit her website emilyannecarson.com.

'Stupidification' shows how humans can mess up a good thing



FROM THE PULPIT
Chris Brekke

We humans have always had a stupid problem. We try to be smart, and sometimes we are, but stupidity keeps crawling back in. "Stupid" means "unintelligent, careless, senseless." We have brains, but other forces are at play within us too. Let's think about that, and ponder if there might be any cure for stupid.

The human story seems like a long blooper reel some days.

We mangle our priorities. We mistreat each other. We mar God's masterpiece creation. We spew lies and we besmirch our neighbors. We neglect the elderly. We continue our racism. Well.... one could go on, but... you get it. Look around at the world on any old day, and you will see plenty of stupid. Or if you prefer, look in the mirror, and that may show it to you also, eh. Supposedly, we are the smartest of all creatures on earth, but yet we have no lack of doing dumb things.

Now, this term "stupidification" is a newer construct. It means "the process of making more stupid." As if we don't come by it naturally enough, we sometimes systemically contribute to increased

stupidity. Social psychologist Jonathon Haidt has some good stuff on this if you want to look him up on Google.

The Scripture tells us that our foolishness is one of the ways we sin and make a mess of life. Christians know that the shed blood of Jesus and the eternal grace of God is our only hope for our tragic brokenness. We just plain are not smart enough nor good enough to rescue ourselves. History is one clear and long proof of that.

Thus, it's only a secondary blessing when God's Word lauds wisdom. The truth and benevolence of the Lord's teachings to us do not save, but they do bless. They can make us less stupid.

"The fear of the Lord is the

beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who practice it" (Psalm 111:10)

We must begin with the humility to know that we are not God. We bow before Him in full awareness of our errors and in grateful realization of His majesty. We silence ourselves in awe of the Almighty. To do otherwise is to be air-headedly arrogant. Arrogance is part of how stupidifying works. The first step in learning is to be willing to be taught; to know that you are under the tutelage of one who is greater.

It says, "all who follow his precepts have good understanding." It is such a modern Western mantra that we are to "do our own thing" and "be your own person"

and "follow your dreams" and etc. We are in love with self-invention and individuality. We often accept no authority. With that as our thick cultural milieu, will we actually subject our wills to another; even if that other is God Himself? Don't be stupid; listen to the truth that stands the test of time.

Chris Brekke is a retired pastor who served Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rochester for 13 years and Trinity Lutheran in West Concord for 10. He and his wife live in Roseville, Minn., where he keeps busy with volunteering, church and family. "From the Pulpit" features reflections from area religious leaders. To contribute, email us at life@postbulletin.com with "From the Pulpit" in the subject line.

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SOUTH
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The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠
Opening lead - jack of clubs.

knows that East on lead can do him no harm, whereas if South takes the king with the ace, the contract might fail if West later gained the lead with a club and shifted to a heart.
So declarer ducks the king and wins East's club continuation with the ace. South then leads a low trump and, after West follows with the deuce, plays the eight from dummy! When the eight unexpectedly wins, declarer draws trump, cashes five diamond tricks, discarding his two heart losers, and later ruffs a club in dummy to finish with 12 tricks.

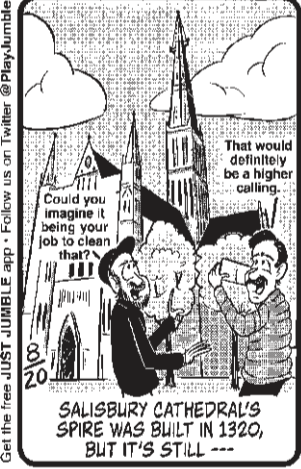
It is true that any declarer seeing all four hands would do just as well. However, the deep trump finesse at trick three is not based on a peek at the opponents' cards. Looking at only the North-South hands, the trump finesse is clearly the right play. South fully expects the eight to lose to the jack or queen -- which is what would normally happen -- but with East on lead, the contract is virtually assured.

Note what happens if declarer plays the ace or king of spades from dummy at trick three instead of finessing the eight. Regardless of what he does next, he eventually goes down one, losing a trump, two hearts and a club. (©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.)

A competent declarer does everything he possibly can to guard against unfavorable distribution. Today's deal illustrates the type of reasoning required in a potentially dangerous situation.
West leads the jack of clubs against four spades, and declarer covers the jack with the queen, hoping West has led from a combination headed by the K-J-10. But when East produces the king, declarer runs into his first problem -- whether to take East's king with the ace.
South correctly reasons that it would be a mistake to win the trick. This is because he

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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1 Antlered animal
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15 Box office buy
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18 Outback runner
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22 Gym unit
23 Houston team
24 Dance music
25 River of song
27 "Xanadu" band
30 Elevator operator's question
31 Plant
32 Writer Beattie
33 Squelch
35 Orlando team
38 Furious
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H A H S G E A R
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- 5 With child
6 Tour carrier
7 Fire proof
8 Scan, as data
9 Coercion
10 Used up
16 Minotaur's slayer
20 Apart from
21 Great Leap Forward leader
24 Writer Brown
25 Liszt work
26 Improvise
27 Sevilla setting
28 Blackout thief
29 They have titles
30 Full range
34 Lake near Buffalo
36 Drink cubes
37 Compact, e.g.

CRYPTOQUOTE | KING FEATURES

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is LONGFELLOW

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8-20 CRYPTOQUOTE

K P B C Z E I I E C Q I C X I

F K D G C Z D V E Q K A I D C M V B ,

N K L I ' I Q B C Z H E . — M C A A B

R V H D C X

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AND THOUGH SHE BE BUT LITTLE, SHE IS FIERCE. — SHAKESPEARE

Stolen wallet a chance to forgive 77 times



DEVLYN BROOKS

seventy-seven times.”
 I didn't want to give up the anger. ... Or maybe was it just a self-defense mechanism to protect me from my own absentmindedness?
 Regardless, in the days after it happened, I didn't want to forgive the thief who stole my wallet that I had left on top of our car in Colorado Springs, Colo., as we were returning from a family trip, even once, let alone 77 times.
 I wanted to hold onto that anger; I felt I was justified in my anger; and I desperately wanted that thief to know they contributed to a miserable end to an

amazing family trip to the Colorado Rockies.
 But, as the days have passed since the theft, and the items contained in the wallet are slowly being replaced, a magical transfiguration is taking place.
 The more I ask God to help instill true forgiveness in my heart, the more the incident that seemingly ruined the vacation subsides, and the more I remember presiding over my niece's fairy tale wedding 8,000 feet up in the mountains.
 The more I pray the thief was able to put the funds to some good use, the more I recall the soaring pine tree-covered

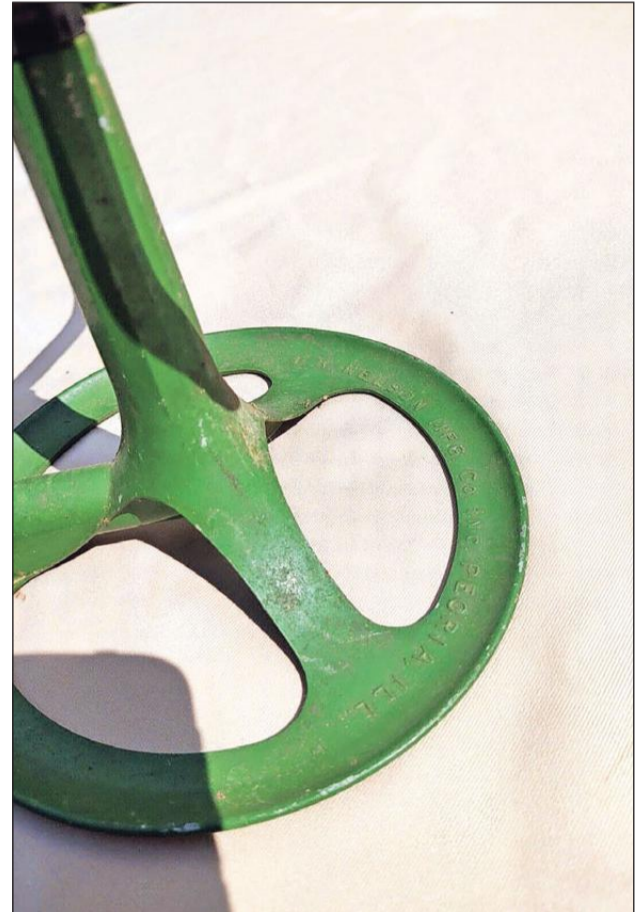
peaks of the Rockies, jutting impossibly skyward out of the soil.
 The more I pray for peace, the fonder I become of the memories watching our teenage daughters dance the evening away with their cousins with sunkissed mountains as a backdrop.
 While important to building community by showing empathy to our neighbor, Jesus' command to forgive — not seven times but, rather, 77 times — has more to do with our own well being than it does making us feel better about the offender.
 I will never know the

circumstances of the person who picked up my wallet and, rather than returning it, grabbed whatever they could before I shut down the cards.
 I know a little bit about rough patches, as my childhood years were no picnic, but I can't know for certain their reality. So, all I can do is share my empathy from afar, and pray for their welfare.
 Because, frankly, the anger I was holding onto wasn't hurting anyone but me, and my wife Shelley, who had to put up with it.
 Alright, Jesus ...

I'm not yet to my 77th forgiveness, but here's one more ...
 I pray the person who took my wallet is safe today, sheltered, fed, among loved ones and can feel the Holy Spirit's love wrapped around them, just as I do. ... Amen.
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MYSTERY PHOTO

Here's a new mystery for this week. Think you know what it is? Send an email to life@postbulletin.com with the words "Mystery Photo" in the subject. Watch this feature next week for the answer and the name of the first person to guess correctly.



Dotty Leimer was sprinkled with insight as to what this item was. This is a Lewen R. Nelson vintage sprinkler made by L.R. Nelson Mfg. Co. Inc., in Peoria, Ill. That is one of the first manufacturers of lawn care items. With the increase in manicured lawn popularity in the 1940s and early '50s, their cast-metal base rotary lawn sprinkler became a bestseller. The sprinklers had either a two or four rotating propeller arm with a nozzle and was designed to adjust to the size of the lawn. Some even featured an automatic shut-off function. Many of their popular styles such as the "Poppy" and "Jewell" came in colors like red, yellow or green and had a nice footed base with the company name. The company was family owned until 2008 and is now part of Fiskars Corp. When found they are worth around \$15-\$150 depending on size and are selling for the same.

Contributed photo

PUZZLES | AUGUST 22, 2022

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

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

chose the conservative course by passing, hoping her side had nothing big in the offing. The undoubled contract went down three for a score of plus 150 to the Dutch, but this scarcely made up for what happened at the other table, where the bidding went:
 South West North East
 Pass Pass 1♠! Dble
 Redble 4♥ Pass Pass
 4♣ Pass Pass 5♥
 Dble

Here, with room to operate, the American East-West pair, Kitty Bethel and Margie Gwozdziński, were able to find their heart fit and determine that their side had the balance of power. Bethel had no trouble carrying on to five hearts after South bid four spades. South then doubled, no doubt thinking her side had the balance of strength.

With the trumps divided 2-2 and the heart king onside, Gwozdziński easily made the contract with an overtrick for a score of 1,050 points. The 900-point difference between the two tables gave the U.S. a 14-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: Defensive reasoning. (c) 2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRON

JUMBLE

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

CTSER
 CIBKR
 RUTAME
 NARSIP

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



WITH SO MANY DEMANDING PASSENGERS, THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT WAS FEELING SOME ---

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

Saturday's Jumbles: SWEPT TOOTH RIPPLE BANDIT
 Answer: Salisbury Cathedral's spire was built in 1320, but it's still — IN TIP-TOP SHAPE

SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

	3			1	8		9	2
				3		7	1	
9	1		5		6	3		
2				4		9	6	
	7	6		2		5	8	
	9	5		8				3
		9	8		4		7	6
	5	8		9				
7	4		3	6				5

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

SOLUTION:

4	7	8	6	1	2	3	9	5
5	9	2	7	4	3	8	1	6
1	6	3	9	8	5	2	7	4
7	8	4	1	5	9	6	2	3
2	5	6	4	3	7	9	8	1
9	3	1	2	6	8	5	4	7
8	1	9	5	7	6	4	3	2
3	4	5	8	2	1	7	6	9
6	2	7	3	9	4	1	5	8

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

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
 1 Halts
 6 Less colorful
 11 Kayak's cousin
 12 Rust compound
 13 Deeply impressed
 14 Wherewithal
 15 Border
 17 Sewer rodent
 18 Describe too glowingly
 22 Tide type
 23 Annoying sort
 27 Monument Valley sights
 29 Cuss
 30 Puts up
 32 "Frozen" queen
 33 Film set technicians
 35 That guy's
 38 Mecca resident
 39 Customary
 41 Small error
 45 Act the coquette
 46 Sore spots
 47 Bring back
 48 Backgrounds for fireworks

DOWN
 1 Biol. or geol.
 2 Sandy color
 3 "Not ___ dare!"
 4 Electrical converter
 5 Watermelon waste
 6 Grapefruit relatives
 7 Chopping tool

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

M	O	O	S	E	B	A	R	D	S
A	N	N	E	X	U	S	E	U	P
S	T	E	E	P	S	H	A	R	E
T	I	C	K	E	T	D	E	N	
E	M	U	C	H	E	M	I	S	T
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	S	W	A	N	E	E	E	L	O
	G	O	I	N	G	U	P	S	O
	A	N	N		S	T	E	P	O
	M	A	T	I	C		I	R	A
	U	T	I	C	A		N	I	N
	T	A	T	E	R		G	E	A

8 Tale teller
 9 Writer Ferber
 10 Take a breather
 16 Sgt.'s superior
 18 "This round's ___!"
 19 Turn suddenly
 20 Comfort
 21 Spot for lumbar support
 24 Sandwich shop
 25 Shocked sound
 26 Historic times
 28 Sneakiness
 31 Leb. neighbor
 34 Charity events
 35 Fit of pique
 36 Cruise stop
 37 Spades or clubs
 40 Curved path
 42 Frat letter
 43 Look upon
 44 Snaky letter

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8-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

LB, YNVVJZ, MBL S QAMJZ WAN

BLEJ SA VLGJ NY YNOOJZ LPT

KRGJ RS. — ZNYYJCK ULGJZ

Saturday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WITHOUT A SMILE TODAY, GIVE 'EM YOURS. — DOLLY PARTON

PUZZLES | AUGUST 23, 2022

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: A K J 4, 7 3, A 8 5 2, J 6 5. WEST: 9 8 6 3 2, 9 2, Q 6 4, K Q 4. EAST: 10 5, K 10 4, J 10 9 7, A 9 7 3. SOUTH: Q 7, A Q J 8 6 5, K 3, 10 8 2.

The bidding: South 1♥, West Pass, North 1♠, East Pass. Opening lead — king of clubs.

In the great majority of deals, it is incumbent upon the declarer and the defenders alike to assume that a distribution of the cards exists which allows the contract to be made or defeated.

Consider East's situation in today's deal after West leads the K-Q of clubs and continues with a third club to East's ace.

tricks already in the bank, the question is what East should do next. The mechanical return would be the jack of diamonds, a "safe" lead that cannot jeopardize any diamond values West may hold.

Accordingly, East should return his remaining club at trick four, hoping to find his partner with the nine of trump -- a card declarer certainly does not need to have for his bidding.

CRYPTOQUOTE | KING FEATURES

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc.

8-23 CRYPTOQUOTE: DY CBK'H FSTY FRQHSTYQ, IPQH JSOOU ERHHEY

SVVRCYKHQ. — GBG LBQQ. Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AH, SUMMER, WHAT POWER YOU HAVE TO MAKE US SUFFER AND LIKE IT. — RUSSELL BAKER

PUZZLES | AUGUST 24, 2022

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: J 5, K J 8 3, A 9 8 6 2, K 4. WEST: 9 4, 10 9 6 2, 4, J 8 6 5 3 2. EAST: K 10 7 6 3, A Q 4, 7, A Q 9 7. SOUTH: A Q 8 2, 7 5, K Q J 10 5 3, 10.

The bidding: East 1♠, South 2♦, West Pass, North 4♦. Opening lead — nine of spades.

A fine declarer plays most hands as though he can see the opponents' cards. This ability is usually based on inferences derived either from the bidding or the early plays by the defenders.

the nine is obviously West's highest spade, declarer knows that East has the K-10. He immediately puts this knowledge to work by covering the nine with the jack.

CRYPTOQUOTE | KING FEATURES

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8-24 CRYPTOQUOTE: D IZVF LBNQFMR. D WZDGV VIFP UFOZTRF VIFE'MF OIFZWFM VIZG PNCFBZ ZGC VIFE CNG'V

PNXF. — SFNMSDZ N'HFFLF. Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE DON'T MAKE MISTAKES, JUST HAPPY LITTLE ACCIDENTS. — BOB ROSS

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME. Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. RODPO, THAMC, VANEHE, GRELYC. Includes cartoon and answer: CABIN PRESSURE.

SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

Sudoku grid with difficulty rating: ★★☆☆☆. Includes solution grid and difficulty rating.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER: Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. Includes solution grid.

CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

CROSSWORD ACROSS and DOWN. Includes crossword grid and yesterday's answer: STOPS, PALER, CANOE, OXIDE, etc.

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME. Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. PVIRE, CRAFS, RVAYOS, ZLYILA. Includes cartoon and answer: ACCOMPANY HER.

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CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

CROSSWORD ACROSS and DOWN. Includes crossword grid and yesterday's answer: DEFINED, PEEL, ORANGE, ALTO, etc.

CROSSWORD ACROSS and DOWN. Includes crossword grid and yesterday's answer: BATHED FROM BELOW, RUGGED RANGE, GROUP OF NINE, etc.

PUZZLES | AUGUST 25, 2022

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH ♠ K 10 9 8 7 ♥ A K 9 5 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 8 4 WEST ♠ J 3 2 ♥ J 4 ♦ K 10 8 7 ♣ J 10 9 7 EAST ♠ A 6 5 4 ♥ Q 10 8 7 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 6 5 2 SOUTH ♠ Q ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ A J 9 5 3 ♣ A K Q 3

The bidding: South 1♣ West Pass North 1♠ East Pass 2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 3 NT Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Prudence and thrift are admirable traits, both at and away from the bridge table. But there are times when an apparent extravagance becomes a necessity.

Take this case where South was in three notrump and West led the jack of clubs. Declarer won with the queen and led the queen of spades, ducked by East.

When the nine lost to the ten and the suit divided 4-2, he came to an unhappy end, finishing down one. Since declarer had nine iron-clad tricks after the opening club lead, this was far from a satisfactory outcome.

The proper play for South is to overtake the queen of spades with the king at trick two. This assures him of three spade tricks whether or not the king is taken with the ace.

Admittedly, there might be a natural reluctance to spend the queen and king of spades on the same trick. But the failure to make this play constitutes a form of prudence that, in the end, proves to be quite expensive.

Tomorrow: Test your play. (c)2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

CRYPTOQUOTE | KING FEATURES

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8-25 CRYPTOQUOTE

QR EVNZ BCOR DHR. NZFRNN

TCJJYZ RSHNZ HJ ZBR DFRNRJTR

YM C DHR. — LCOHL ECERZ Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I HATE FLOWERS. I PAINT THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE CHEAPER THAN MODELS AND THEY DON'T MOVE. — GEORGIA O'KEEFE

PUZZLES | AUGUST 26, 2022

BRIDGE | KING FEATURES

1. You are East, defending against Three Notrump, South having opened one notrump, raised by North to three. Your partner leads the four of spades.

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Spades. North leads the king of hearts. How would you play the hand?

1. The correct return is the five of clubs! This play will almost certainly defeat the contract. Judging from declarer's play, it seems likely that your partner has the ace of diamonds.

2. Ruff the heart high and cross to dummy with a trump. Assuming both opponents follow suit, which is likely, ruff another heart high, return to dummy with a trump and ruff still another heart.

to the first two tricks. He can scarcely have the ace of diamonds and attack the suit without cashing the ace first.

Once West is credited with the ace of diamonds, his spades cannot be good enough to justify a spade return.

Now lead a club to the ace and cash the ten of trump, discarding your club loser. Then claim the last four tricks with the A-K-Q-J of diamonds.

This method of play succeeds whether the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1. In all, you score seven trump tricks (four heart ruffs in your hand, plus dummy's 10-9-8), four diamonds and two clubs.

CRYPTOQUOTE | KING FEATURES

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8-26 CRYPTOQUOTE

R HRIK L UE KUDL R

ORYPRDL HUCB R EJQAO

CQRO. — TUCPB BLXVLQM Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE MUST HAVE PIE. STRESS CANNOT EXIST IN THE PRESENCE OF A PIE. — DAVID MAMET

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

JUMBLE

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

Jumble puzzles: TALS N, HAKIK, BH PAUC, LBTE OG

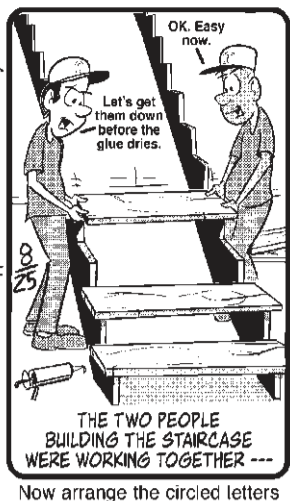
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Answer here: [grid]

Yesterday's Jumbles: VIPER SCARF SAVORY LAZILY Answer: The wrestling match between the two adversaries would begin after his — RIVAL'S ARRIVAL

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

Sudoku grid with numbers 8 7, 5 6, 3 9, 4, 2, 5 6, 4, 3 4, 7 5, 4, 2, 1 9, 3 8, 1 2

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

Sudoku solution grid: 7 2 6 4 8 1 3 5 9, 5 9 4 2 6 3 7 8 1, etc.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Ref's decision
5 Intersect
10 Tibet setting
11 Bridal party
12 Sports figure
13 Philadelphia team
14 Wiry-haired dog
16 "Paul Bunyan," for one
20 Sacks out
23 Squid's home
24 Blender button
25 Can't stomach
27 Ulna's place
28 "Key Largo" star
29 7 on the Beaufort scale
32 Clutter-clearing event
36 Band aide
39 High point
40 Bays
41 Drummer Krupa
42 Saloon orders
43 Track figures

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid for yesterday's crossword answer: USES, CALF, PINUP, CUTIE, LENNY, ARENA, IRE, THREADS, TRASHED, SET, ADHOC, TEN, ANKHS, GAG, LEAST, COP, DEARTHS, HARDEST, RAM, ALOOF, UNITE, NINNY, PUPIL, TEST, BEST

- 11 Elite Navy group
15 Inside info
17 Nick and Nora's dog
18 Lusty look
19 Sunrise site
20 Reach across
21 Lead on
22 Writer Bombeck
25 Ship storage
26 Way back when
28 Uncovers
30 Winona of "Stranger Things"
31 Paces
33 Made fun of
34 Give for a time
35 Former spouses
36 Make fun of
37 Count start
38 Saloon order

DOWN

- 1 José's house
2 Italian wine region
3 Deceitful sort
4 Library penalty
5 Pool hall stuff
6 Thesaurus author
7 Symbol of wisdom
8 Spot
9 Fourth-yr. students

Crossword grid with numbers 1-43

8-25

JUMBLE | ARNOLD AND ARGIRION

JUMBLE

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

Jumble puzzles: TJYET, RRREA, NARDIC, PNUSRG

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Answer here: [grid]

Yesterday's Jumbles: SLANT KHAKI HUBCAP GOBLET Answer: The two people building the staircase were working together — IN LOCKSTEP

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

SUDOKU | UNIVERSAL FEATURES

Sudoku grid with numbers 8, 5 3, 4, 4 1, 9, 9 6, 6, 1, 5, 5 6, 4 8, 8, 2, 4, 3, 2, 3, 4 7, 5 3, 4, 9 8, 5

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

Sudoku solution grid: 1 9 2 8 7 4 3 5 6, 6 7 8 1 5 3 9 2 4, etc.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

CROSSWORD | THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Dull finish
6 Fire remnants
11 Clear sky
12 Kick in
13 Very thin
14 Sum of one's actions
15 Capitol Bldg. figure
16 Ohio college
18 Numerical prefix
19 "Gnarly!"
20 Conclude
21 Hiker's burden
23 Blackjack call
25 Young one
27 Some answers
28 Make fresh
30 Rocker Collins
33 Brooks of film
34 Baseball's Ripken
36 Purpose
37 Shipping ban
39 Monk's title
40 Mythical weeper
41 Until now
43 Fashion
44 TV's DeGeneres
45 Cart pullers
46 Film units

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid for yesterday's crossword answer: CALL, CROSS, ASIA, SHOWER, STAT, EAGLES, AIREDALE, FOLKTALE, SLEEPS, SEA, PUREE, HATES, ARM, BOGART, NEARGALE, YARDSALE, ROADIE, APEX, INLETS, GENE, BEERS, ODDS

- 3 Colson Whitehead novel
4 Player's peg
5 Goof
6 Did a butler's job
7 Flag feature
8 Colson Whitehead novel
9 Kingly fur
10 Position
17 Derisive cry
22 Relatives
24 Spinning toy
26 Fiats
28 Sends, as payment
29 Funny fellow
31 Jordan neighbor
32 Gets wise
33 High-IQ group
35 Sad sack
38 Skilled
42 Flamenco cry

DOWN

- 1 Bungle
2 Goddess of wisdom

Crossword grid with numbers 1-46

8-26

Brenna Brom: Style is a 'piece of art'

Mother, business owner plays many roles with busy schedule

Style motto

Wear clothes for the role you're playing



YOUR STYLE
Jeanette Caban

Brenna Brom has many jobs, her biggest one being a stay-at-home mom to her one-and-a-half-year-old son, Oliver.

She's also the proud owner of the art business It's a Whimsical Life, where she creates colorful acrylic paintings that she then turns into prints. But that's not all.

"I also work downtown Rochester at Threshold Arts a couple days a week, and as a group fitness instructor at The Rochester Athletic Club.

High intensity water aerobics is my specialty." Brenna says that while life often feels hectic, "it all keeps things very interesting."

She loves to be outside to include taking part in activities like hiking, biking, gardening, skiing/snowboarding, plus more. Lastly, she adds, "I am obsessed with house plants and elephants. You can find them all over our house."

How would you describe your style?

Whimsical and ranging from simple and athletic to bold and colorful.

In what ways do you express yourself creatively through your style, and how is your role as an artist reflected in

how you dress?

I love expressing myself through my style and think of it as a piece of art. Sometimes it's with a fun pair of earrings, different hair style, bold top, vintage dress, or patterned pair of pants, and sometimes it's all of the above.

What does a typical day of attire look like for you?

It ranges and depends on what role I'll be playing that day – comfortable mama, fitness/water aerobics instructor, outdoor adventurer, or whimsical artist. If I'm not working or going out to a brewery/day on the town, I usually resort to a comfy pair of sweats or shorts and pair it with a comfy T-shirt or sweatshirt.

Items you find yourself gravitating to most?

Bold statement earrings made by local artists, a good hat (beanie, backwards baseball, sun hat) or hair accessory, and a funky pair of glasses/sunglasses. For morning/outdoor play/fitness convenience, I usually gravitate towards a good pair of sweats/shorts and a T-shirt or sweater/sweatshirt.

What trends are you seeing now that you particularly like or dislike?

I love overalls, fanny packs, flowy dresses and skirts, and dislike crop tops, platform shoes and clothing with weirdly placed holes.

Thoughts on shopping second-hand?

Love it. I'd say about half of my clothing I've found shopping second-hand or vintage. Each piece is usually super unique and stands out from the norm.

Best clothing purchase you've ever made and what made it so great?

My gardening/painting overalls from Duluth Trading Company are the best. They are colorful and covered in vegetables. So comfy and water resistant. I also love my yellow Chaco sandals, Timberland hiking boots, Asics tennis shoes and Minnetonka moccasins. (All shoe staples in my opinion.)

Best compliment ever received?

I get a lot of compliments when I'm doing my art markets. I love when people tell me that my clothing style resembles my art style.

What's on your "want" list in terms of clothing/shoe purchases?

I am always on the search for a good pair of overalls or vintage dresses/skirts, and I need a new pair of tennis shoes and hiking sandals.

Fill in the blank: I feel best when I am wearing:

My gardening/painting overalls, a high-waisted pair of jeans/sweats with an oversized shirt/sweater or a flowy summer dress.

Do you know someone who has unique style? Send nominations to life@postbulletin.com with "Your Style" in the subject line.



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Brenna Brom on Wednesday, June 22 in Rochester.



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Couple finds new life in old items at Urban Artifacts of Preston



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Rinnhofers have items tucked away.

Kathleen says, “I have a hard time walking away from architectural salvage, vintage furniture and various other ‘junk’ which many may think is hoarding but I know I will find a purpose for it someday, right. Don’t look in the basement.”

The couple offer do-it-yourself classes and sell Dixie Belle Paint and other products they use both for the classes and for the refinishing work Martin does.

They have also teamed up with other local businesses that have been gracious enough to host them.

“We had a craft corner that we dismantled due to COVID and are considering reinstating,” Kathleen says. “Our barn quilt class was a big hit last winter and a fun way to spend an evening. Our classes will be starting up for the fall and winter months and will be posted on our website.”

Kathleen says the couple is extremely happy with their business.

“We never thought we would someday own a business like Urban Artifacts, but we have loved every step of the way,” she says. “Where

If you go

WHAT: Urban Artifacts of Preston, 117 W. Fillmore St, Preston

Phone: 507-202-6996

Online: urbanartifactspreston.com.

we are now, we never thought we would be.”

Cindy Rigotti, owner of The Yellow Monkey in Rochester, says, “Martin and Kathleen make unique items from scrap wood and metal. Kathleen also sells furniture transfers that I buy and use in some of my pieces. They both are very talented.”

Extending an invitation to the shop this fall, Kathleen says, “We hope you can stop into our store and check out all our unique items. Some of our items are available to purchase online. Don’t hesitate to contact us if you are looking for something you don’t see online as well. We would love to hear from you. You can also find us on Facebook under our store name.”

Sandy Erdman is a Winona-based freelance writer and certified appraiser concentrating on vintage, antique and collectible items. Send comments and story suggestions to Sandy at life@post-bulletin.com.

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If you’re looking for some authentic wood, something with real grain to it and a feeling of a life lived, a drive to Preston might be in order. There you’ll find Urban Artifact of Preston, located in the beautiful Drifflless region of Fillmore county. “We have been open for eight years in downtown Preston. Our shop has evolved through the years and we focus on refinished and handmade furniture, home goods and gifts items,” said Kathleen Rinnhofer, who owns the store with her husband Martin Rinnhofer. “Martin makes charcuterie boards, signs and American flags out of oak that are uniquely used to bring out the grain. Our workshop is located in the back of our store and we are working on items between customers. The trade off is it creates a lot of dust which we refer to as ‘man glitter.’”

The business kind of started as Kathleen tells, “With a dining room table. A few years ago, we were in the market for a new table, but we couldn’t find an authentic wood one that we liked. So, we purchased an old wooden table, and Martin refinished it himself in our garage. That was all it took for us to catch the creative bug. After that first project, we kept going, learning new techniques and trying out different materials. We use a variety of things to create our products, including barn wood and other salvaged materials that we find.”

Martin enjoys refinishing furniture, so when his position at Mayo was outsourced he took the opportunity to take life in a different direction.

“We sold our Rochester home and bought our historical building in Preston,” he said. “It was a leap of faith and loaded with many trial and tribulations, but we like a challenge so forged ahead. Preston is a very welcoming community and they have encouraged us along the way. We have been involved in the Preston Chamber of Commerce and they have been a great asset to our business.”

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RDA launches mural grant program for businesses

BY THEODORE TOLLEFSON
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER — The Rochester Downtown Alliance has launched a new grant program for downtown businesses to receive funding for mural artworks to be painted on their buildings.

The grant can reward up to \$5,000 in funding per mural and the funding for this grant program comes from the American Rescue Plan Act through the City of Rochester. The \$5,000 available per mural can cover up to 50% of the costs for the business wanting to have murals installed.

“This program allows people to tell a story of Rochester beyond the medical and science side of the city we’re so well known for,” said Holly Masek, executive director of RDA. “The Mural Grant

Program is intended to help encourage collaboration and creativity between business and artists and enhance the vitality of downtown.”

Naura Anderson, RDA public space coordinator, has already been working with four downtown businesses and a dozen Rochester based mural artists to plan out multiple murals from this funding.

“Our downtown is already very walkable, and we want to provide more for people to take in while staying downtown that helps showcase the more quirky side of town,” said Anderson.

One business already interested in adding a mural to their downtown building is Fagan Studios, a photography business located at 324 S. Broadway.

“I see the symbolism of the murals as an opportunity to

showcase our community and what we have going on, and to beautify the walls and space downtown,” said owner Shawn Fagan. “I like the idea of engaging with the community and the public for them to stop and check it out while downtown. I’m excited for the process. It’s the perfect timing for us and allows us to better support an artist and create something amazing.”

Fagan has yet to partner with a mural artist for his mural project but is hopeful that Anderson will find someone that will be a good match. Fagan has yet to draw any concept together himself of what he wants the mural to look like on his business, but believes it’ll be better to share ideas once he knows which mural artist he is working with.

Any downtown business



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A mural Wednesday in downtown Rochester behind Cafe Steam.

or property owner interested in applying for this grant can apply through a Google Form hosted by RDA. Further questions that people have

beyond what info is available on the form can be addressed to Anderson at publicspace@downtownrochestermn.com or 507-218-4342.

It's never too late to make a career change

Do not allow yourself to be held back by age

As working women grow older, we often wonder (or maybe I am alone in this), whether or not we will last in the same job or career for the remainder of



WOMEN AT WORK
Kristen Asleson

our working days. Personally, at 52 years old, the thought crosses my mind at least weekly. Questions such as, “Should I try a new career altogether? Should I go back to school? Do I remain doing what I’m doing?” sweep through my brain on a weekly basis if not more often. Does it mean I am not content at what I do? Absolutely not. In my opinion, I bet a lot of women are perfectly content with their career choice, but the thought still crosses their minds.

When women ask themselves the questions above, often they are followed with the statement of, “Maybe I am too old to change careers” which quiets the thoughts for a day or two. Thinking back, college at the age of 18 did not suit me well, so I quit after a year. But then, at the age of 28 (which some people are beginning to think as “old”), I went back and acquired two degrees.

Again, from a personal experience, another change in the form of a career, came at the age of 47. After 17 years in the staffing business, my work life and focus did a complete 180. One is never too old for a start-up business either. If you are willing to put in the work and the time, then go for it. Get it done.

In 2017, a friend and I opened a coffee and wine house starting from scratch, from the ground up including a remodel, health department visits and compliance regulations, pricing, inventory, and learning all about the coffee and wines we would be making and serving. It was quite a learning experience.

Along with letting go of the idea that you are too old for a career change is the idea that you are either under or overqualified for the jobs that are available. Women in their 40s and 50s are entering the



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Laura and Adam Kramer along with Brad and Nina Webbles have acquired the former Whiskey Bones Roadhouse at 3820 N. Broadway Ave. with the goal of turning the long-empty, 7,920-square-foot building into an indoor skate park to be called The Garden with its own skateboard gear and coffee shops.

Year-round skating

Couples planning to turn road house to skate park

ROCHESTER

Local couples hope to help the Rochester area skateboarding community bloom year-round by turning a derelict former bar into an indoor skate park.

Laura and Adam Kramer along with Brad and Nina Webbles have acquired the former Whiskey Bones Roadhouse property at 3820 N. Broadway Ave. with the goal of turning the long-empty, 7,920-square-foot building into an indoor skate park to be called The Garden with its own skateboard gear and coffee shops. It will also be open to inline skaters and scooters.

Laura Kramer explained the idea for the project started with their son.

“My son has been skating the last few years and has become obsessed with it. As a mom, I’ve been watching the community of skaters and I realized what a cool community they really are. They look out for each other. They don’t put up with bullying. They’re just a good group of people,” said Kramer. “They only have somewhere to skate in the summertime, so we thought this would be a good idea.”

The concept is to support the skate park with



HEARD ON THE STREET
Jeff Kiger

admission and membership fees along with sales from the coffee shop and the skate shop.

Looking for a local home for a year-round skate haven led them to battered and graffiti covered former road house, which has been empty since Whiskey Bones closed in 2015. Others have looked at the property in recent years to possibly house a live theater venue or a day center for people struggling with homelessness, but neither of those proposals moved forward.

While the ex-bar building looks rough today, The Garden group is very optimistic about salvaging it and transforming it into a place for skateboarders to gather.

“While there is a lot of work to do, it has a good solid frame. We’ve had some skaters go through and take a look. They’re really excited about it,” said Kramer. “I



Contributed

The Garden Skatepark logo.

think it’s a perfect place for an indoor skate park.”

The skate park group purchased the property for \$850,000 on Aug. 7. The hope is to have the park ready for skateboarders by late fall or early winter.

While residents of the very close-by Viking Hills neighborhood had issues with loud music and other problems stemming from Whiskey Bones, Kramer said the park will not stay open too late, and as for the volume of music she is optimistic that noise and music will be kept under control.

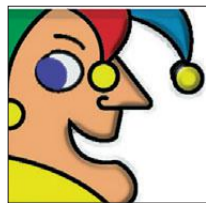
“We’re hoping that this will be a good, fun and safe place for kids to come and hang out,” she added.

On the issue of the

unusual name, Kramer explained that The Garden was sort of a family joke.

“My husband and I were talking about building our son a skate ramp at our house. We couldn’t find a good spot to put it. Then it was suggested to put it in the garden and I wasn’t real happy with that,” she said. “After that, we always called it (the ramp) the garden. From there, it just kind of morphed a little bit. We decided to take it a little bit farther and it just seemed to work.”

Jeff Kiger tracks business action in Rochester and southeastern Minnesota every day in “Heard on the Street.” Send tips to jkiger@post-bulletin.com or via Twitter to @whereskiger. You can call him at 507-285-7798.



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Ask the Fool

WHAT'S GREENWASHING?

Q What's "greenwashing"? – *R.R., Odessa, Texas*

A According to Dictionary.com, a "greenwash" is "a superficial or insincere display of concern for the environment that is shown by an organization," while the Cambridge Dictionary says that a company engaged in greenwashing aims "to make people believe that [it] is doing more to protect the environment than it really is." Consumers have grown more concerned about the environment in recent years. So while some companies are making their products more environmentally friendly (such as by using more recycled materials or reformulating packaging), others are exaggerating their dedication to the environment. As an example, a company may stress a (possibly small) positive thing it has done while not mentioning many negative things. Carmakers may tout the more fuel-efficient vehicles they're making without revealing that they're lobbying hard against rules that require them to do so. A big coffee seller touted new cup lids that did away with plastic straws, but those lids reportedly used more plastic than the old lid-plus-straw combo.

Q What percent of my income should I invest? – *Q.F., Brattleboro, Vermont*

A The answer is different for each of us, depending in part on our age, income and projected needs in retirement. Consider aiming for 20% of your income. If you're young, that can get you started saving early, and all that money will have decades in which to grow, which can be extremely powerful. If you're older, there's a good chance you're behind on preparing for retirement, so saving aggressively now can help make up for some lost time. All investors would do well to consider investing via low-fee broad-market index funds, such as those that track the S&P 500 (or the entire market).

Fool's school

The Basics of Options

Most, if not all, investors can build great wealth via long-term investing in the stock market – without ever buying or selling stock options. But it's still worth knowing a bit about options. Imagine wanting to invest in Idirarod Express (ticker: MUSHH), known for its slogan, "When it absolutely has to get to a remote corner of Alaska in a few weeks." You can buy some shares the usual way – or you can use options. There are two main kinds of options contracts: "calls" and "puts." Owning a call gives you the right to buy a certain number of shares, at a specific price, within a certain period (typically a few months). Owning a put gives you the

right to sell a certain number of shares at a specific price within a certain period. Imagine that shares of Idirarod Express are trading at \$50 per share. If you expect the shares to rise in value soon, you could buy 100 shares for \$5,000. Or you might buy, say, \$6 "October \$55" call options. In that case, \$600 would get you the right to buy 100 shares at \$55 each until the calls expire in October. If the shares rise to, say, \$65 before the options expire, you can exercise the options and buy 100 shares for \$5,500. You can then keep them – or sell them at their going price, for \$6,500. Since you paid \$600 for the options, your

profit is \$400, less any commissions and taxes. If those MUSHH shares fell in value, though, or didn't rise much, your calls would expire worthless and your \$600 would be entirely lost. You essentially wagered that the stock would top \$61 per share – \$55 plus \$6 – by the October expiration date. Options are enticing because they let you amplify gains or hedge against losses. But they also often expire worthless, losing all the money you paid for them. Option-trading strategies range from somewhat conservative to risky. Learn much more before trading in options – or just avoid them altogether.

My dumbest investment

Too Good To Be True

I spent thousands of dollars on various services, trying to learn how to make a lot of money day trading, so that I could retire early. This goes all the way back to the days of Wade Cook (about 20 years ago) and Online Trading Academy (10 years ago). I wanted to learn how to time the market and make a quick buck. I realize now that those were all very dumb investments. Now, for the past few years, I've been

regularly investing in quality stocks that I found through The Motley Fool. I've done well – without having to get up every morning to spend hours in front of my computer placing buy and sell orders. Had I been investing before the way I do now, I would have been able to retire early. – M.S., online

The Fool responds: Many people are understandably drawn to suggestions (or promises) that they can get rich quickly, but there's no reliable way to

do so. Usually, the ones getting rich are those selling their training services. The two outfits you mentioned, for example, ended up in hot water with the Federal Trade Commission, charged with having made false or unfounded earnings claims while selling expensive courses. Both settled their cases, and the Online Trading Academy's founder and others ended up paying millions of dollars and turning over assets.

The Motley Fool take

Microstrong

Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) didn't shoot the lights out with its fiscal 2022 financial results, but those offered plenty of reasons to buy the stock. Microsoft is best known for its Windows operating system and Office 365 document suite, and its products are used by more than a billion people worldwide. But the company has invested in expanding its footprint to include the professional networking platform LinkedIn, and it has a hardware business that includes both the Xbox gaming console and the

growing Surface line of notebook computers and tablets. The company's "intelligent cloud" segment is growing briskly and is now the largest revenue contributor to Microsoft as a whole. The company's advertising business pales next to rivals', but it just scored a huge win, securing Netflix as a client. Meanwhile, Microsoft plans to acquire video game developer Activision Blizzard, the studio responsible for blockbuster titles like Call of Duty and World of Warcraft. It can add a whole

new dimension to Microsoft's gaming business and further diversify the company overall. Microsoft is a dividend payer, with a recent dividend yield near 0.9%, and an average annual dividend growth rate of nearly 10% over the past five years. With shares recently down some 15% from their high point over the past year, this is a growth stock that should appeal to long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Microsoft.)

Foolish trivia

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1912, when one of my founders released "Queen Elizabeth" – the first feature-length drama shown in the United States (starring Sarah Bernhardt). There's a big 1994 merger with Viacom in my history, and another one in 2019. Today, based in New York City and with a recent market value near \$17 billion, I'm a premier global entertainment and media company. I boast the longest-operating and only

remaining major studio in Hollywood. My brands include CBS, Showtime Networks, Nickelodeon, MTV, Comedy Central, BET, Pluto TV and Simon & Schuster. Who am I?

Last Week's Trivia Answer
I trace my roots back to Denmark in 1904, when a father and son bought a used steamer ship and launched a shipping business. An early cargo was Ford Motor Co. car parts. I ran

a shipyard for nearly 100 years, too. I got into the oil business in the 1970s, but more important, into container shipping. Today, I'm one of the largest cargo shipping companies in the world, with 67 terminals in 42 countries, more than 730 container vessels deployed, more than 100,000 customers and around 95,000 employees. I move nearly 20% of global shipping. Who am I? (Answer: A.P. Moller-Maersk)

The rise of the one-day workweek for office commuters

BY JO CONSTANTZ
Bloomberg News

Despite calls from bosses at Peloton and other companies for employees to get back to their desks, the number of people commuting into the office once a week has soared, according to data from Basking.io, a workplace-occupancy analytics company. A full 50% of office visits globally were just once a week in the second quarter, up from 44% in the first quarter, according to Basking.io. At the same time, fewer people made the commute four to five days a week, especially in large cities. Recession fears have many wondering whether a return-to-office crackdown might be around the corner. Major companies like Tesla Inc. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. are at the forefront of this effort, and even bestselling author Malcolm Gladwell has said people need to be in the office to have a "sense of belonging." Yet many employees still feel comfortable ignoring mandates in the tight labor market, with the demand for workers far outpacing the supply. "Even with most firms



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The length of office visits has increased as frequency has dropped.

implementing a 'three days in the office hybrid policy,' most employees prefer visiting the office just once a week," Eldar Gizzatov, Basking.io's chief executive officer, wrote in the report. "The pandemic has accustomed people to work remotely and there is not a concrete reason in most professions to return to the offices." While the number of days workers were in the office fell, the duration

of visits rose, according to Basking.io, which analyzed Wi-Fi data from 100 offices of seven organizations around the world to measure changes in office space utilization. Work-from-home habits are settling into industry-specific patterns. About 55% of workers are in-person full-time, mostly those in frontline jobs like retail, food service and manufacturing,

according to separate research from Stanford economics professor Nicholas Bloom. Roughly 30% have hybrid arrangements, typically managers and professionals, while 15% of workers are fully remote, largely in support roles like payroll and information technology.

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Women

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second acts of their lives with an unwavering confidence in themselves and their career knowledge or desires to start a business of their own. Statistically speaking, 1,821 businesses are being started or opened daily in America. Breaking that down even more, according to Inc. Magazine:

- A 50-year-old startup founder is 2.2 times more likely to launch a successful startup than a 30-year-old.
- A 40-year-old startup founder, 2.1 times more likely to succeed than a 25-year-old.
- And a 50-year-old startup founder, 2.8 times more likely to succeed than a 25-year-old founder.

If you were doubting your capabilities, don't. After all, whose life are you living? Yours? Or do you crumble under what society thinks when it comes to age? The

standard rules, beliefs and expectations need to be shattered. No matter your age, there are many things you can consider when thinking of changing careers. For instance, what role or industry intrigues you? Would you rather take a step back from managerial or leadership position and move to something that is less stressful, or you don't take home with you when your shift ends? Totally okay. Do you have skills and experience that could help with the transition or are you committing to something entirely new, which is totally doable. Is it time to open that business or start the company you have only dreamed about? So, when is "too old" to make a career change or even entertain the idea? The answer, Never. You are never too old to make a change in any aspect of your life. Kristen Asleson is owner of Midwest Virtual Assistants. Send comments and ideas to news@postbulletin.com.

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582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. DATED: August 12, 2022 MidFirst Bank Assignee of Mortgagee LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP BY Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070 Attorneys for Mortgagee LOGS Legal Group LLP 1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210 Eagan, MN 55121 (952) 831-4060 (Aug. 20 & 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 4, 2022) 91879

PUBLIC NOTICE 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 the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 22, 2011 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$123,408.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Andrew P Goldammer, a single man MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Everest Financial, Inc. DBA Supreme Lending TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100307110003763328 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed in the office of the Olmsted County Registrar of Titles on December 30, 2011 and memorialized on Certificate of Title No. 34321 as Document No. T-130271. ASSIGNED TO: Wells Fargo Bank N.A. by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/12/2021, filed on 01/13/2021 and memorialized as Document No. T153430. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust I by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 05/05/2021, filed on 05/05/2021 and memorialized as Document No. T154385. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, CARROLL'S SECOND ADDITION PROPERTY ADDRESS: 700 15TH ST NE, ROCHESTER, MN 55906 PROPERTY I.D.: 74.25.34.002910 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Olmsted THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Ninety-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six and 92/100 (\$97,856.92) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; 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: 10:00AM on September 22, 2022 PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Lobby of Government Center, 101 4th Street SE, Rochester MN 55904-3710 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagor, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 22, 2023, or the next business day if March 22, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. "Dated: August 6, 2022 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust I Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburg Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 22MN00226-1 A-4756197 (Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3 & 10, 2022) 88733

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF OLMSTED DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Quiet Title DAVID T. BISHOP TRUST U/A/D DECEMBER 5, 1996; BEATRICE H. BISHOP TRUST U/A/D DECEMBER 5, 1996; KATHRYN E. BISHOP, ANGELA ALVIG, and RICHARD KRUEGER, TRUSTEES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED TRUSTS, Plaintiffs, v. CHARLES H. LINDSLEY, deceased; SILVIA A. LINDSLEY, deceased; LYANDER C. JACOBY, deceased; JAMES H. JACOBY, deceased; MARY A. JACOBY, deceased; G. H. JACOBY, deceased; RICHARD B. SMITH, deceased; and ALSO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EACH OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DECEASED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, INTEREST, OR LIEN IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN. Defendants. Court File No. 55-CV-22-5304

SUMMONS THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALSO TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EACH OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DECEASED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, INTEREST, OR LIEN IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE SUMMONS HEREIN. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiffs' Complaint and First Amended Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though there may be no court file number on this Summons. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at the address located at: Leon P. Wells Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thomson, P.A. 333 South Seventh Street, Suite 2600 Minneapolis, MN 55402 YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the First Amended Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the First Amended Complaint, you must say so in your Answer. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the First Amended Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the First Amended Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the First Amended Complaint. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information

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about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still file and send your written response to the First Amended Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located at Olmsted County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows: The East half of the vacated alley adjacent to Lot 12, Block 31 on the West thereof, less the South half of the vacated alley running East and West adjacent to Lot 13, Block 31, Northern Addition to the City of Rochester

This action is brought to quiet title to the real property described above and to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiffs are the owners in fee of the real property described above and that the Defendants, known and unknown, have no right, title, interest, estate, or lien in or upon the property described above. FABYANSKE, WESTRA, HART & THOMSON, P.A. Dated: August 15, 2022 /s/ Leon P. Wells Gary C. Eidson (#0138381) geidson@fwhtlaw.com Leon P. Wells (#397809) lwells@fwhtlaw.com 333 South Seventh Street, Suite 2600 Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612) 359-7600 (P) (612) 359-7605 (F) ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS (August 20 & 27; September 3 & 10, 2022) 92534

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT 01 2022 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Dodge County Environmental Services ReUse Center Building Mantorville, Minnesota ATTENTION: Contractors Dodge County Environmental Services is requesting proposals for the construction of a ReUse Center Building. Project Location: Parcel ID 13.901.1501, Section 28 - Mantorville Township 62436 240th Ave, Kasson, MN 55944 14.61 acre Parcel south of the Dodge County Transfer Station/Recycling Center/Demolition Landfill To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals, contact: Rita Cole at rita.cole@co.dodge.mn.us or can be picked up at the Dodge County Environmental Services office at the location below on the 2nd floor. Contractors may submit proposals to: Dodge County Environmental Services, 721 North Main Street Dept 391 Mantorville, MN 55955 All proposals must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 6th, 2022. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed clearly: Dodge County ReUse Center Dodge County has the right to reject any proposal for a sound, documented reasons or to reject all proposals if there is an insufficient number of proposals. Sealed bids for the project designated above will be received for and on behalf of Dodge County hereinafter referred to as the Owner, at the location listed above, on or before the above mentioned time and date. (August 16 & 20, 2022) 91353

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program The Minnesota Department of Education has announced the household income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for free and reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Contact your school, childcare center, family childcare home or adult care center to find out whether it participates in these programs. Participating schools and childcare centers that charge separately for meals will provide a form upon request to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Most participating centers and all participating family childcare homes provide meals to all enrolled participants without any separate charge. At schools and centers that charge separately for meals, households with incomes that are less than or equal to the guidelines for free meals qualify for free meals. Households with incomes that are greater than the guidelines for free meals, but less than or equal to the guidelines for reduced-price meals, qualify for reduced-price meals.

Table with 3 columns: Family Size, Free Meals Monthly Income up to, Reduced-Price Meals Monthly Income up to. Rows for family sizes 1 through 8.

Additional text regarding the program, including application procedures and contact information for more details.

New York Times Crossword Puzzle

Tina Labadie lives in London, Ontario. This is her first New York Times crossword. It has one of my favorite kinds of themes - one offering many different "aha" moments. The example at 118-Across, at the bottom of the puzzle, is a little different from the others, like the kicker of a joke. As a construction fillip, every letter in the alphabet is used at least once in the completed grid. — W. S.

- ACROSS 1 Homes that may have butlers 7 Singer Dylan of the Wallflowers 12 Supporting beams 18 Bear or boar 19 Bees, e.g. 21 Gleaming 22 The "C" of AMC Theatres 23 The whole package, colloquially 24 Sevastopol is its largest city 25 Not true? 27 Visitor to a website, in analytics lingo 29 "Time ____" 30 Concedes 33 Santa ____, Calif. 34 m. to Einstein 35 B.C. neighbor: Abbr. 38 Think creatively 40 XL or 11C 42 Beer named for a founding father W-2, for one 47 W.W. I helmet, informally 51 2004 Will Smith sci-fi film 52 D.S.T. starting time ... or a hint to 42-Across 54 Weightlessness ... or a hint to 118-Across 56 ____ Compton, first woman to cover the White House for a TV network 57 Rating unit 60 Libya's Gulf of ____ 61 Reporter's credit 62 TV tavern 64 Mimic 66 "Royal" bird 67 In 68 Top credit rating ... or a hint to 25-Across 71 23rd in a series ... or a hint to 27-Across 73 Trust in 76 Fails to be 78 Keen 79 Google ____ 83 Holds in high regard 84 Old lab burners 86 Water bird with a haunting call 88 Bit of HI gear? 89 Cops ... or a hint to 115-Across 90 Club for farm kids ... or a hint to 97-Across 91 Pouch on a string 93 Game with L- and T-shaped pieces 96 Locale for a West Coast wine tour 97 Secretive 99 R.&R. settings 101 Crystal-clear 103 "O, ____ fortune's fool!": Romeo 104 Singer King with the 2014 hit "Ex's & Oh's" 108 Body feature of a mammoth 110 Holy ____ 112 It might be taken to the airport 115 Spelling aid? 118 Baseball announcer s call on a home run 121 Nigerian city of 3.5+ million 122 Set on the ground 125 "Jeopardy!" fodder 126 This evenin 127 Video-call glitch 128 "I kid you not!" 129 Rate 130 Like the Xbox One X vis-à-vis the Xbox One 131 Makes some Z'

LETTERPLAY By Tina Labadie / Edited by Will Shortz

Grid for Letterplay puzzle with clues and answers. Clues include: 19 Colorful parrot, 20 Santa ____, 31 Jazz singer born Eunice Kathleen Waymon, 45 Warning sign, 52 Commercial follower of "o-", 61 A-game or b-ball, e.g., 67 The "you" of the song lyric "I'm begging of you, please don't take my man", 85 Part of the knee, for short or a hint to 97-Across, 99 D.I.Y. buy, 101 "Magnum, P.I." setting, 111 Sauvignon ____, 12 Where one might turn on the jets, 13 D&D monster, 14 Pelvis bone, 15 Gregor ____, Kafka protagonist, 16 Some genealogical work, 17 Pioneering mail-order company, 19 Introductory courses, 20 Mixes together, 26 Not looking good, 28 Ctrl + Q, 31 First couple of the early 1910s, 32 "Shut your trap!", 36 Apply with a Q-tip, say, 37 Kerfuffles, 39 Wore down, 41 RNA polymerase, e.g., 42 Thailand, once, 43 River through Tuscany, 44 Reaches, 46 Bone filler, 48 No. 2 on a table, 49 Bone-dry, 50 A great deal, 53 How-to go-to, 55 Obtain, 58 YouTube or Gmail, 94 Small-screen entertainers?, 95 lbn ____ (former Mideast king), 97 Responsibility of a personnel director, 98 Japanese noodle, 100 Young salmon, 102 Like hawks, 104 Hit 1979 musical in which a character's mistress is one of the main roles, 105 University of New Mexico team, 106 Bank deals, 107 ____ Vedder, lead singer of Pearl Jam, 109 Garden-variety, 111 Some I.R.A.s, 113 Licoricelike flavor, 114 Rap producers make them, 116 The "O"s" of Cheerios, 117 Old ____, Conn., 119 Spinach is rich in it, 120 Ei ____, 123 Drop o' the mornin', 124 Cheer to a matador.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMARY OF BOARD MINUTES
 Proceedings of the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners held on August 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm via Microsoft Teams in the Council/Board Room at the Government Center. The Olmsted County Board of Commissioners met on the above date with the following Commissioners physically present: Thein, Flynn, Bier, Brown, Wright, Podulke, and Kiscaden. Chairperson Mark Thein called the meeting to order.
 Pub Hrg:
 Appr Res 22-117
 Appr Res 22-118
 Appr Res 22-119
 Consent:
 Appr Res 22-120
 Appr Res 22-121
 Discssn/Decsn:
 Appr Res 22-122
 Appr Res 22-123
 Mid-Year Priority Update (August 20, 2022) 93042

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON ROCOG DRAFT 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments will be meeting at **12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022**, in Conference Room A, Olmsted County Campus 2122 Building, 2122 Campus Drive SE, Rochester, MN, to consider the following:
 The Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments (ROCOG) Policy Board at their scheduled monthly meeting on August 24, 2022, will review the Draft 2023-2026 ROCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP identifies a four-year program of federally funded transportation projects in the Rochester-Olmsted County metropolitan planning area. A 30-day public comment period will begin on August 20, 2022, during which time the draft 2023-2026 TIP will be available on the Transportation Improvement Program page of the ROCOG website (<https://rocoqmn.org/>), or by contacting Charlie Reiter, Principal Transportation Planner, at 507-328-7136 or charlie.reiter@olmstedcounty.gov. The purpose of this meeting agenda item is to take public comments and questions about the draft TIP. The various street/highway, bicycle/pedestrian and transit projects listed in the draft TIP are expected to receive federal transportation funds that are coordinated locally by ROCOG. Participation in the meeting will also be available to the public online via access provided through the Olmsted County online meeting portal at: www.olmstedcounty.primegov.com/publicportal (Aug. 20, 2022) 92904



PUBLIC NOTICE

ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISD 535 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Rochester Public Schools ISD 535 is requesting bids for TSSC Roof Project, information can be found: www.rochesterschools.org/bids
 Sealed bids are due at 2:00 PM CST Thursday, August 25, 2022 at: Facilities Services Center, 3935 Highway 14 East, Rochester, MN 55904. Please contact Tanner Sorensen, Purchasing Manager at 507-328-4410 with any questions. (Aug. 6, 9, 13, 16, & 20, 2022) 88585

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF OLMSTED DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 20-PR-22-4971
 In Re: Estate of Knute Loren Bungum, Decedent.
 NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT
 Judith Bungum ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.

It is Ordered that on October 5, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 151 Fourth Street SE, Rochester, Minnesota, on the petition. The hearing will be conducted by electronic means (Zoom). There will be no in person appearances. The petition represents that the Decedent died intestate more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court determine the descent of such property, and assign the property to the persons entitled. Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

1. Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.
2. Publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401(3).

BY THE COURT

Date: 08/08/2022
 /s/ Christina Stevens
 Judge of District Court
 Hans Holland - Court Administrator
 Moosbrugger Law Office PA Anthony J. Moosbrugger #0322180 208 W. Main Street
 Kasson, MN 55944
 (507) 634-4111
anthony@moosbruggerlaw.com
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
 (Aug. 13 & 20, 2022) 91066



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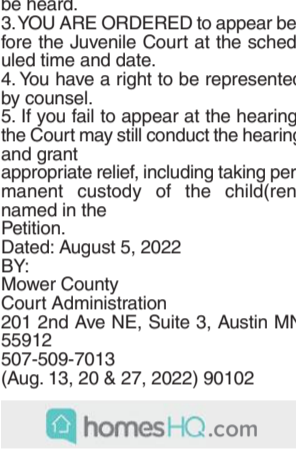
ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISD 535 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Rochester Public Schools ISD 535 is requesting bids for Mayo High School Pool – Mechanical Upgrade, information can be found: www.rochester.k12.mn.us/bids
 Sealed bids are due at 10:00 AM CST Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 at: Facilities Services Center, 3935 Highway 14 East, Rochester, MN 55904. Please contact Tanner Sorensen, Purchasing Manager at 507-328-4410 with any questions (August 16, 20, 23, 26, & 30; September 3 & 6, 2022) 91296

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

County: Mower
 Judicial District: Third
 File Number: 50-JV-22-1399
 Case Type: Juvenile
 In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
 Kathleen Guy Parent
 Fortino Ramirez-Reyes Parent
 Brandon Utzka Parent
 Summons and Notice
 Child in Need of Protection or Services Matter
 NOTICE TO: Fortino Ramirez-Reyes, above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s)

1. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) is/are in need of protection or services.
2. This is your notice that this Child in Need of Protection or Services case is scheduled for a hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 201 2nd Ave NE, Suite 3, Courtroom 2, Austin, Minnesota, on September 21, 2022 at 3:30PM or as soon after as the case can be heard.
3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.
4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.
5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition.

Dated: August 5, 2022
 BY:
 Mower County Court Administration
 201 2nd Ave NE, Suite 3, Austin MN 55912
 507-509-7013
 (Aug. 13, 20 & 27, 2022) 90102



PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF OLMSTED THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION
 Court File No. 55-PR-22-5040
Estate of Cyril Michael O'Neill, Decedent
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON OBJECTION TO APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR AND 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 October 5, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 151 Fourth Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904, Minnesota by Zoom, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Andrew O'Neill, whose address is 305 1st Avenue NE, Kasson, MN, 55944 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in 0 an UNSUPERVISED ? a SUPERVISED administration. There will be no in person appearances. 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 necessary 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 THE COURT

Dated: 08/12/2022
 /s/ Robert Birnbaum
 Judge of District Court
 Hans Holland - Court Administrator
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Bruce K. Piotrowski
 Restovich Braun & Associates
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 Telephone: (507) 288-4908
 Email: bruce@restovichlaw.com
 (August 20 & 27, 2022) 92544



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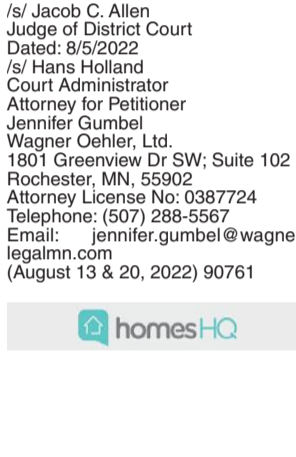
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF OLMSTED THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION
 Estate of Scott William Peterson aka Scott W. Peterson, Decedent
 Court File No. 55-PR-22-4906
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 151 4th Street SE, Rochester, MN by ZOOM, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Tammy Peterson, whose address is 5931 Sheldahl Dr NW, Rochester, MN, 55901 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED 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 necessary 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 THE COURT

Dated: 8/5/2022
 /s/ Jacob C. Allen
 Judge of District Court
 Dated: 8/5/2022
 /s/ Hans Holland
 Court Administrator
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Jennifer Gumbel
 Wagner Oehler, Ltd.
 1801 Greenview Dr SW, Suite 102
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 (August 13 & 20, 2022) 90761



PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF OLMSTED DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Court File No.: 55-PR-22-5052
 In Re: Estate of William Joseph Miller, Decedent.
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

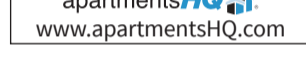
Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. No Will has been presented for probate. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Thomas Anthony Miller, whose address 4755 381st Trail, North Branch, Minnesota 55056, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent. Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 12, 2022
 /s/ Darla J. Busian
Registrar
 /s/ Hans Holland
Court Administrator

Ann M. Tessneer (#0264519)
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 43020 Blackhawk Road
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ann@tessneerlawoffice.com
Attorney for Applicant
 (Aug. 20 & 27, 2022) 92898

The contents of the following storage unit will be sold to the public on storage-treasures.com on 9/12/22 at 1pm. Fred Dierking: household items. David Christenson: occupation items. Christina Torres: boxes, bedding. Heather Moe: furniture, boxes. Latoya Baumgard: boxes, cooler. (August 20 & 27, 2022) 91542



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 Stoddard, WI 54658-8927

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 VISIT: WWW.COULEDRIVERJOBS.COM

Proksch Transit is hiring substitute truck drivers for local routes for our Rochester, MN operations. Substitute drivers will learn multiple routes. Split shift. Must be 18 years of age. Good driving record and work history required. Military Veterans and retired drivers encouraged to apply.

\$22.70 to \$23.77 per hour plus benefits which include holiday pay, vacation pay, and an excellent retirement plan.

Call 608-457-2671 with questions, fax resume to 608-457-2656, email resume, or mail resume to N811 Old River Road, Stoddard, WI 54658. More details about the position can also be found at www.couledriverjobs.com.

Process Improvement Consultant needed in our Rochester office

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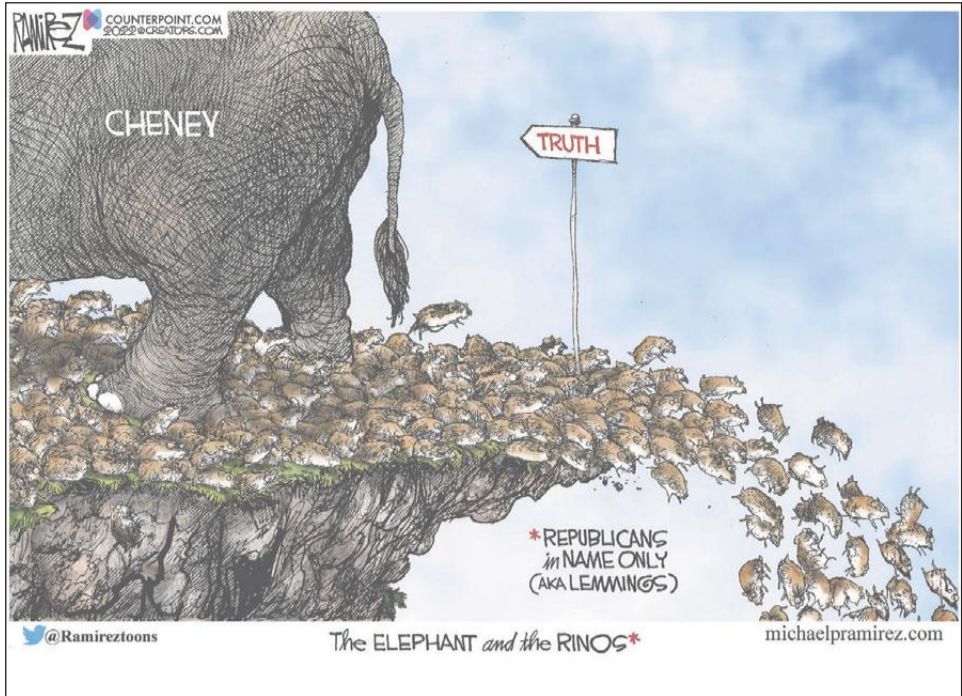
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Opinion



OUR VIEW

As long as schools are violent, it will be hard to retain teachers

Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools recently announced a substantial pay increase for substitute teachers. Subs will earn \$135 per day this year, up from the \$100 rate that had been in place for more than a decade.

K-M didn't make this move out of generosity, or in response to inflation and the resulting increase in the cost of living. No, the school district made this move because it is desperate for substitute teachers – and it isn't alone.

School districts across southeastern Minnesota, and indeed the entire state, already faced a shortage of full-time teachers and substitutes before the COVID-19 pandemic. That challenge has now become a full-blown crisis, as the complexities of distance learning, COVID protocols and other pandemic-related difficulties in the classroom pushed thousands of teachers and subs to pursue other careers or to retire early.

How serious is this problem? According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, America's public schools currently employ 567,000 fewer educators than they did before the pandemic.

Denise Specht, the president of Education Minnesota, last month called the situation “disheartening” and “scary.” She said that while Minnesota has struggled for years to recruit new teachers, retention also is a big problem. “Once they get into the profession, how do we keep them there?”

That's the heart of the issue in our public schools today, and substitute teachers can provide an interesting case study. While we hope that the pay increase will attract more people into K-M's pool of potential substitutes, we know that the true test will be whether these new subs show up for a second day of work. And then a third.

The wages probably won't be the deciding factor, and it isn't for full-time teachers, either.

While Minnesota needs to do a better job of recruiting new teachers through better pay and increased flexibility in the certification process, we'd argue that a decent salary alone won't keep bright young people in this field. After all, almost no one goes into teaching for the money, and those who do seldom stick around for long.

Ask long-time teachers why they chose this career and they'll likely talk about intangible rewards, about the joy of seeing lights go on in a child's eyes, about the satisfaction of knowing they've helped hundreds of kids along life's journey. A lot of people teach simply because they can't imagine doing anything else. They love school, they love the kids, and they embrace the daily challenge of being at the front of a classroom.

But right now, that love of teaching is being sorely tested.

To put the matter bluntly, teachers no longer command the respect and authority they once enjoyed. Far too many “involved” parents constantly question teachers' decisions regarding subject matter, classroom procedures, grading and discipline, and when a student is struggling, too often it's a teacher who takes the

blame.

That parental lack of respect for teachers trickles down to kids, which leads to big problems in the classroom. A study by the American Psychological Association this spring found that nationwide, 14% of teachers were physically attacked by a student in the past year, and more than one-third experienced harassment and/or a threat of violence from a student. Those numbers don't include the growing problem violence or threats from disgruntled parents.

Is it any wonder, then, that of the 15,000 teachers who participated in this survey, 43% said they want to quit teaching?

Rochester is far from immune from this trend. While there have been just a couple documented incidents of student assaults against school staff in the past several years, we've heard enough anecdotal, off-the-record reports to convince us that violence against teachers is a serious, ongoing problem.

A line must be drawn, and it should be drawn in concrete, not sand.

As the new school year approaches, teachers need to know that they have the full support of their administrators and district officials. To that end, every student in middle school and high school, and every parent of such students, should be informed of a zero-tolerance policy regarding violence against teachers.

No teacher should be punched or shoved by a student, then see that same student in the hallway one week later. One strike and such students should be out. Rochester has plenty of higher-security educational settings for kids who refuse to play by the rules, and it's unfair for rule-following students to endure the disruptions caused by troublemakers who think they can get away with anything.

If it sounds like we are advocating for stricter discipline in the classroom – well, we are. While we are aware that Rochester for years has been dealing with apparent racial disparities in disciplinary enforcement, we'd argue that teachers need the authority (and security backup, if necessary) to create and maintain positive learning environments in their classrooms. That can't happen if a disruptive student is sent to the principal's office, only to return a few minutes later.

Regardless of their race or gender, no student should be allowed to disrespect teachers and interfere with the education of their classmates. Period. No teacher should have to turn a deaf ear when a student unleashes a profanity-laced tirade at them.

There's no time to waffle. If things don't improve soon, we'll reach the tipping point where the exodus of good, experienced teachers and the lack of eager newcomers to the profession will push more families into private schools – and turn our Minnesota's once-ballyhooed public schools into little more than warehouses for kids whose parents can't afford to send them someplace else.

Good luck finding substitute teachers then.

Democracy not a partisan issue

EDITORS NOTE: Leonard Pitts is off this week. Jesse Jackson writes in his place.



LEONARD PITTS

While the United States champions democracy across the world, our own democracy is under siege. Nothing is more fundamental to democracy than the right to vote – yet there is no explicit guarantee of the right to vote in the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. ranks near the bottom of industrial democracies in voter turnout. This isn't accidental – many states purposefully create barriers that make it difficult to register to vote or to cast a ballot. The sensible answer to this is to create – and enforce – the right to vote for every citizen.

The 2020 presidential election witnessed the highest turnout in recent history. Eighty million people voted for Joe Biden; 74 million for Donald Trump. Yet, another 80 million who were eligible by age and citizenship did not vote. In midterm elections, like the upcoming election this year, voting turnout plummets to an average of about 40 percent of eligible voters casting ballots.

Part of this low turnout comes from neglect: campaigns focus their resources and attention on targeted segments of the population. Too often poor and working people get no attention. Part of this comes from intent – the purposeful suppression of the vote.

At the founding of the nation, U.S. leaders purposefully limited the right to vote. Initially only white, male landowners could vote. After the Civil War, the 15th Amendment outlawed discrimination on the basis of race in the right to vote, yet across the South, that right was systematically suppressed, through organized terror, poll taxes, literacy tests, or ridiculous hurdles like correctly guessing the number of beans in a jar. After much struggle, the Voting Rights Act, the centerpiece of the civil rights struggle, outlawed those tactics and Black turnout surged across the South.

In the wake of Barack Obama's victorious

presidential campaigns, however, the Republican Party became ever more intent on making voting more difficult – particularly for Blacks and Latinos and the young. And after Donald Trump's defeat – and Republican embrace of his Big Lie that the 2020 presidential election was stolen, Republicans in various states have launched a concerted drive to restrict voting and to give Republican partisans more power over the casting and counting of votes. Over 400 bills have been introduced to make registration and voting more difficult.

In 2020, a presidential election held in the midst of the pandemic, record numbers of voters – particularly people of color – elected to vote by mail or to vote early, in order to avoid crowds and lines on Election Day. Forty-three percent of voters cast a ballot by mail; only 21 percent cast their ballot on Election Day.

So Republicans – particularly in swing states where they control the state legislature – have passed measures to make voting by mail more difficult, to make it easier to disqualify such votes, to cut early voting days, to cut back on the number of polling stations particularly in urban areas. In all, The Voting Rights Alliance lists 61 different measures created to make voting more difficult, ranging from punishing voter registration groups to excessive purges of the voting rolls, to limits on student voting or on voting by those with a criminal record, to voter intimidation at the polls and more.

These measures – pushed particularly in the so-called swing states – are given greater power because of the structural impediments to democracy in the U.S. For example, Democrats have won the popular vote in seven of eight presidential elections

since 1992, but because of the electoral college, have won the presidency only five times. Add to that the obscene role of big money and increasingly dark money in politics – unleashed by decisions of the activist right-wing judges on the Supreme Court, and the principle of one person, one vote is eviscerated.

Standing in the way of rectifying voter suppression is another structural impediment to democracy – the Senate created “filibuster rule” which requires a supermajority of 60 of 100 senators to overcome a filibuster to get anything done. In just the last two years, Republican senators have repeatedly used the filibuster to block electoral reform, torpedoing the For the People Act, the Freedom to Vote Act, and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. These would have limited big money in politics, made voting registration easier, policed voter suppression in the states, and revived the Voting Rights Act to impede suppression measures targeted on minorities. A minority of senators representing a largely white minority of voters are blocking reforms that would empower the American people to vote and make their voices heard.

Democracy should not be a partisan issue. Voting should be grounded on the right of citizenship, not the interests of politicians. Eligible voters should be registered automatically. Election Day should not only be a national holiday, but early voting days should be extended, not constricted, voting sites should be convenient, not distant, election management should be nonpartisan, not subverted. One thing is clear: Our democracy won't survive for long unless the people demand it – and vote to remove those who are subverting it.

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Voting is central to U.S. democracy, but the right to vote is not protected in the U.S. Constitution.

Dreamstime



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't limit golf in Rochester

Current plans before the Park Board suggest reducing or eliminating Soldiers' Field Golf Course. The premise seems to be that golf is a dying sport. Actually, the opposite is true; golf is growing in Rochester.

A recent online community survey asked, “In the last 12 months, what facilities have you used at Soldiers' Field Memorial Park?” The largest number of respondents (54%) chose the golf course.

Golf can be enjoyed by all ages. This year, Rochester's “First Tee” program (which teaches the rules of golf while promoting character development) had around 275 youngsters involved. Some 207 high school students golfed. Our men's and women's leagues have over 1,080 participants golfing weekly from May to September. These numbers do not

include many golfers who do not join leagues. Many hours of exercise and entertainment would be adversely affected by eliminating a golf course.

All of our golf courses are very well utilized, and losing historic Soldiers Field would be an enormous loss to our city. The location of Soldiers in the midst of our beautiful city is unique. Tourists, Mayo patients, golfers young and old love Soldiers. Its walkability makes Soldiers a tremendous asset. For those who love golf, and appreciate the health benefits golf affords, Soldiers Field is a gem!

My husband and I moved to Rochester four years ago. One of the reasons we chose Rochester as our home was the availability of public golf. I'm hopeful we made a good choice.

Jeanne Logelin, Rochester

Opinion

Get pumped? Or is this too good to be true?

Growing up through the years, it was always nice to have a few pearls of wisdom that managed to guide me throughout the unpredictable ups and downs of life.

An old tried and true favorite: “If something’s too good to be true, it probably is.” A bit cynical, sure, but how could anyone argue with this timeless classic?

When I was 8 years old, for example, I learned that, despite my red-hot start selling lemonade for the very first time (raking in \$12 in a *single* Saturday afternoon!), I would not, in fact, be allowed to drop out of second grade and start a professional, full-time lemonade-selling business.

Or as a teenager, seeing a late-night infomercial for a product that promised to get rid of acne in two weeks



STEFAN VILCINS

– *guaranteed!* (It ended up taking closer to two *years*.)

Or my junior year in college, getting an e-mail from a mysterious Nigerian Prince who claimed he could unlock millions of dollars in family fortune and share it with me. But I’d need to first wire him \$4,000 to “release the funds.”

This basic foundation that I grew up with – a skepticism of things that appeared *too good to be true* – was unexpectedly disrupted one day in April, thanks to an unlikely culprit: my local Kwik Trip.

Since last spring, Kwik Trip has been promoting a new 88 octane gasoline. What’s disruptive about this? It somehow was costing *less than 87* unleaded – by about 20 cents per gallon. For weeks, this strange contradiction tormented me. How was this possible? Higher octane gas costing *less than* regular gas? How is this not something that’s *too good to be true*?

I soon noticed though, based on the stickers at the pump, that this 88 gas was made up of 15% ethanol, rather than 10% ethanol, like regular unleaded 87.

Aha! Is this what made it cheaper? Less gas and more ethanol? And can’t that mess up my engine? So it *is* too good to be true, after all!

But then I googled it. According to mnfuels.com: “This fuel has a higher octane

rating than regular 87 octane fuel, offering your engine a boost, and it burns cleaner than regular unleaded, improving our air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.”

So, not bad for my car? And better for the environment?

I asked my mechanic: “I mean, I know it’s tempting, but you should probably check your owner’s manual to make sure it’s OK first,” Jerry said, wiping his hands from my oil change.

I went ahead and checked – page 364, to be exact – and it only said this: “Unleaded gasoline, pump octane number 87 or higher.” That was it.

But how can *cheaper* gas be *better*? If “too good to be true” was now in doubt, which homespun axiom would fall next? “Practice makes perfect?” “Better late than

never?”

With this new, disoriented worldview, I found myself recently filling my tank on a Sunday afternoon, feeling vaguely lost, as though in a deep haze. I mindlessly pulled the “87” lever at the pump, as usual, knowing that I was quite possibly about to waste money – again. While other, more sensible, people these days are thinking of ways to *save* money.

The world around me was changing. Would it ever change back to how it used to be? What would the cost be of preserving the old ways, the way things were when I was young, selling lemonade at the corner? For now, that would be about an extra \$3 per fill-up.

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What does Afghanistan look like after a year of Taliban rule?

BY COLIN P. CLARKE
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One year after the United States withdrew from Afghanistan, the country is an even more dangerous place.

The Taliban now serves as the de facto government, doling out punishments and beatings to Afghans who run afoul of the group’s strict Islamic mores. Yet, in addition to a society and economy on the verge of collapse, Afghanistan could soon descend once again into serving as a safe haven and sanctuary for transnational terrorist groups and violent extremist organizations.

With the Taliban back in power since mid-August of last year, and its al-Qaida allies getting a new lease on life, the situation in Afghanistan will get worse before it gets better.

Afghanistan did not immediately devolve into a failed state where groups such as al-Qaida and the Islamic State could launch attacks against the West with impunity. But senior U.S. defense and intelligence officials are seriously concerned that jihadist groups in Afghanistan may develop those capabilities over time. It could take roughly two years for terrorist organizations to recruit, train and deploy militants abroad to launch terrorist attacks, according to assessments by Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chief of Staffs, and many others.

Before a U.S. drone strike on July 31 killed longtime al-Qaida leader Ayman Zawahiri in Kabul, Afghanistan, he had enjoyed much greater freedom of movement since the Taliban takeover of the country, a recent U.N. Monitoring Team report concluded. As a result, Zawahiri had released more frequent video messages. His “increased comfort and ability to communicate,” the report notes, had “coincided with ... the consolidation of power of key Al-Qaida allies” within the Taliban’s de facto administration.



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Taliban fighters and supporters ride in a convoy to celebrate their victory day in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Monday, Aug. 15, 2022. Taliban fighters chanted victory slogans next to the U.S. embassy in Kabul as they marked the first anniversary of their return to power in Afghanistan following a turbulent year that saw women’s rights crushed and a humanitarian crisis worsen.

The comfort Zawahiri felt moving around Afghanistan is ultimately what led to his demise. His presence in Afghanistan’s capital also demonstrates that al-Qaida and the Taliban remain in lockstep — with the Taliban providing al-Qaida a base from which to operate.

In late June, a Wall Street Journal reporter said Gen. Michael E. Kurilla, commander of the U.S. Central Command, had disclosed that the U.S. possessed intelligence confirming that terrorist groups are already building training camps inside Afghanistan. Rebuilding the capability to plan and execute successful attacks abroad takes time, as militants need to reconstitute logistics, identify new safe houses, and upgrade communications and transportation capabilities.

The ultimate goal for groups like al-Qaida or the Islamic State is to plan and execute a high-profile terrorist attack on western soil or against western targets. It is nearly impossible for a terrorist group to replicate an attack on the scale of the one on

Sept. 11, 2001. Jihadist groups are aware of the improved counterterrorism capabilities of western countries, so the attacks they might launch could be similar to those that took place in Madrid in 2004 and London in 2005 when transportation targets were bombed. Non-aviation transportation is typically considered a “soft target” and such attacks yield high casualty counts.

Other possibilities could include going after Western embassies, as al-Qaida did in East Africa in 1998, or focusing on soft targets such as hotels frequented by Westerners, as al-Qaida-linked groups did in Jakarta, Indonesia, in 2003 and again in Islamabad, Pakistan, in 2009.

The tactics used by terrorists are significantly more high-tech than they were when Afghanistan was last a hub for transnational terrorist groups in 2001. The Islamic State has introduced something known as the “virtual plotter model,” which means terrorist operatives in one country use encrypted

technologies to communicate with operatives in another part of the world. In most cases, the virtual planners and the attackers meet only online.

As Afghanistan becomes more of a permissive environment for terrorist groups, militants will have more bandwidth to meet, plot and plan attacks, perhaps attempting to encourage homegrown violent extremists in Europe or the United States to take action on their own while offering advice and preparatory planning tips.

The Taliban’s leaders frequently tried to fault the United States for their own failure as a government over the last year. The chief Taliban spokesperson, Zabihullah Mujahid, claims that “the United States is the biggest obstacle” to the government of Afghanistan being officially recognized by the broader international community. The Taliban has had nearly 350 interactions with approximately 30 countries since taking power last August, yet its regime is still not formally recognized by the international

community.

But Mujahid and his comrades would be wise to look in the mirror. Across the board, life in Afghanistan for ordinary citizens has become far more difficult, with women and girls denied fundamental human rights and the country’s economy cratering. Additionally, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and a June earthquake that killed more than 1,100 Afghans and displaced countless others have compounded the misery and suffering there.

On its own, the bleak picture in Afghanistan just one year after the U.S. withdrawal is heart-wrenching. As evidenced by the drone strike that killed Zawahiri, Washington still takes seriously its responsibility to prevent the country from becoming a launching pad for global terrorism. And while the targeted assassination of al-Qaida’s leader is an example of a successful offshore counterterrorism strike, launched by an unmanned drone, it’s merely one data point. The United States is still without “eyes and ears” on the ground in Afghanistan, which will pose a challenge to carrying out similar future strikes against terrorist leaders.

At the Aspen Security Forum in late July, President Biden’s national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, remarked that the president has no regrets about withdrawing American combat troops from Afghanistan as of Aug. 30, 2021. But if a major terrorist attack on Western soil is traced back to Afghanistan, his decision will be scrutinized, and pressure could build for the United States to send troops back to South Asia.

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