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Prohibition hurt Douglas County History at Home class delves into the conflict

By Travis Gulbrandson
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — Although Prohibition was enacted nationally in 1920, Douglas County itself was dry starting in 1918, and in some communities steps toward Prohibition were taken even earlier.

This was just one of the facts revealed as part of the History at Home class, “Prohibition and Douglas County,” which took place over Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

In the early part of the 20th century, Minnesota had what was called the local option, which allowed communities to vote on whether they wanted to put a stop to issuing liquor licenses within their boundaries, said Brittany Johnson, director of operations for the Douglas County Historical Society.

As a result, Kensington used the local option in 1906 or 1907, Brandon in 1907 and Evansville around 1908, she said.

Alexandria, however, was a different story. “Alexandria had a lot more alcohol-serving establishments,” Johnson said. “Alexandria was a much more major stopping point on the

railroad — a lot more hotels, a lot more people who were making this part of a leg of their journey.”

The city also had a bottling company that dealt in part in low-alcohol content beer, and several breweries.

But, Alexandria also had very active chapters of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League — two organizations that helped to bring about Prohibition on a national scale — and a local group called the Temperance Law and Order League.

The Echo newspaper — either the Brandon Echo or the Park Region Echo, depending on the year — was also a very pro-Prohibition entity, which Johnson said sometimes led to violence in part because of those views.

“The editor of the Park Region Echo was beaten at least three times in the streets of Alexandria,” Johnson said. “Their printing press was destroyed twice. People broke into their building just to destroy the whole printing press, dismantle it and render it inoperable.”

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Contributed

This is the Gilberston Saloon, circa 1910. It was operated by Adolph Gilbertson and located on the east side of Broadway between Sixth and Seventh avenues, close to where Past & Present Home Gallery is today.



Contributed photos

The northern lights over Split Rock Lighthouse, overlooking Lake Superior, captured by George Ilstrup.

Shooting the lights of the night

Photographers give insight on capturing aurora borealis

By Thalen Zimmerman
Alexandria Echo Press

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Aurora borealis, better known as the northern lights, are elusive with their night dances. Their rarity comes from the fact our eyes are not always capable of picking up their light, even in the darkest of nights.

Due to their shifty nature and our eye’s lack of ability to pick up their lights, most of the time, northern lights are best seen through a camera’s lens.

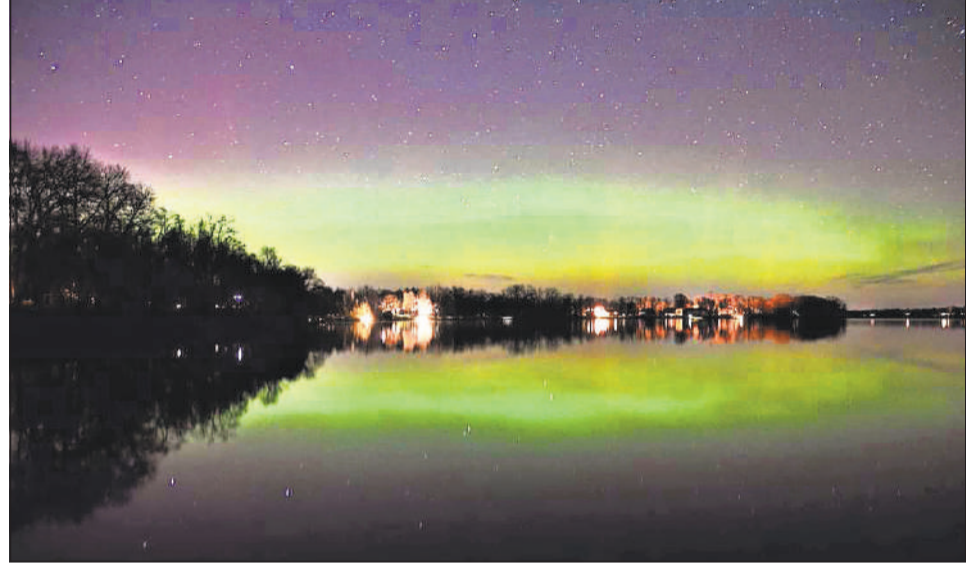
It’s like hunting for Bigfoot

Tim Erickson of Alexandria crossed off a section of his bucket list by capturing the northern lights from his dock on Smith Lake.



Erickson

His shot was featured as a Photo of the Week in the Echo Press. “I’ve always liked taking pictures, whether it be landscape, wildlife or any of those kinds of



Tim Erickson took this photo of the northern lights shining over Smith Lake on Nov. 3, 2021.

things,” he said. “It’s the satisfaction that you were able to see something and capture it.”

He said his biggest challenges were focusing the lens and finding the perfect settings, which gave him a greater appreciation of what it takes to capture them.

“It’s like hunting for Bigfoot to some degree. You’re just hoping to get a glimpse of something really cool,” said

Erickson. The first time George Ilstrup, a Duluth area photographer who graduated from Alexandria Area High School in 2014, saw the lights, he didn’t know what they were.

He and some college buddies from the University of Minnesota Duluth were driving north up the shore of Lake Superior in either the fall or spring to

capture shots of stars when they noticed



Ilstrup

“weird little flashes in the night sky,” Ilstrup said. They were close to Split Rock Lighthouse by this time and decided

to pull into the parking lot to get a better view.

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Bellanca Inc. to move out of Alexandria Airport

By Sam Stuve
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — The last remnants of what was once a thriving industry in Alexandria are moving out of town. At the end of the

month, Bellanca Inc. is moving its aircraft parts out of the Alexandria Airport. The parts are headed to new Bellanca owners in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Bellanca, which was

owned by Alexandria Aircraft LLC, along with everything in the old Bellanca building — parts, materials, tools, the rights and paperwork from the FAA to make some Bellanca

models — have been leased to a group, Bellanca Aircraft LLC. The group includes Viking model enthusiasts.

The Viking and Super Viking aircraft are known for their unique

wood-wing design, high performance, and outstanding quality and craftsmanship, according to the website, www.bellanca-championclub.com, that was created by a group of six avia-

tion professionals.

Approximately 1,700 of these aircraft were manufactured in Alexandria since 1956, the website said.

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Alexandria man charged with counterfeiting

By Travis Gulbrandson
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — An Alexandria man was arrested with \$16,000 in counterfeit money on Friday, Jan. 21, according to the criminal complaint.

Randy Dale Lindberg has been charged with two counts of gross misdemeanor counterfeiting

of currency, one felony fifth degree controlled substance crime — methamphetamine possession under .25 grams and petty misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the statement of probable cause, Lindberg used a total of 14 counterfeit \$100 bills to purchase items from

two local stores on Jan. 9 and Jan. 20. Security videos show a man matching Lindberg’s appearance making the purchases, the statement read.

After the purchases were made, store workers realized the bills were counterfeit, and the bills from at least one of the stores were found to have “Motion Picture Money” typed on them in small print, the statement read.

On Jan. 21, officers were told Lindberg and his girlfriend drove a Cadillac SRX, like the one that dropped Lindberg

off at one of the stores, the statement read.

Lindberg was arrested on an outstanding warrant, and he was found to have an identical jacket and hat of the suspect in one of the surveillance videos, the statement read.

A warrant was obtained to search Lindberg’s residence and vehicle, and in a black insulated cooler, 160 counterfeit \$100 bills were found with an identical serial number as the bills passed in town, the statement read.

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LAKES AREA FORECAST

It sure was nice to get a break from the Arctic air mass that was with us for several days earlier this week. We



Mark Anthony
Meteorologist

had wind chill advisories and warnings for the early portion of this week. At times wind chill values were down to -45 with actual air temperatures from -15 to -25 at times.

On Wednesday, a warm front along with a southerly flow ushered in some warmer air across the state. Alexandria and Glenwood both climbed to a high of 25 degrees. Other parts of western Minnesota were in the upper 30s on

Wednesday. Madison hit 39 degrees while Canby and Ortonville both topped out at a mild 38 degrees.

This was short-lived as it has been pretty much all winter long, as a cold front pushed through on Thursday. Highs fell into the mid to upper teens early in the day on Thursday, and then tumbled into the single digits by the afternoon.

It will remain chilly on Friday with highs from 10-15 degrees expected. The good news is that we should be back into the 20s over the weekend.

We aren't expecting too much when it comes to snowfall in the near term. A few flurries are possible along the way. Next week we could see some accumulating snow once again.

WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1914, records show that "a very rare thunderstorm for this time of the year" took place in Minnesota. There were reports of thunder and "vivid lightning."

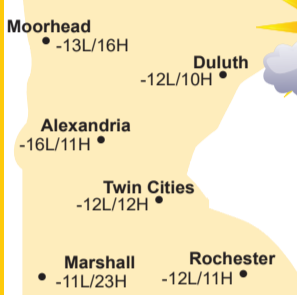
WEATHER FACT

Thunderstorms are very rare in Minnesota in December and January as a warm moisture atmosphere is rarely witnessed in Minnesota during those months.

MN AT A GLANCE

Sunrise: 7:48 a.m. Sunset: 5:21 p.m.
Normal High: 19 Normal Low: 0

FRIDAY



High **11°**
Low **1°**
Winds: SW 5-10
Prec: None
Partly cloudy.

We are continuing to have little moisture in our forecast along with temperatures all over the place. Temperatures will be below average for Friday and then above average for Saturday. More seasonal temperatures will be with us for Sunday before we climb into the low to mid 30s by Monday. Don't get too used to it, however, as colder than normal temperatures return by next week.

OUTLOOK

SATURDAY Partly to mostly cloudy and warmer
High **27°** Low **5°**
Winds: NW 10-20 mph
Prec: None

SUNDAY Mostly cloudy
High **20°** Low **16°**
Winds: SW 5-10 mph
Prec: None

MONDAY Cloudy.
High **33°** Low **17°**
Winds: SSE 5-15 mph
Prec: None

TUESDAY Mostly sunny and windy.
High **21°** Low **-7°**
Winds: NW 20-30 mph
Prec: None

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Photo of the Week



Contributed / James Walburg

Pastor James Walburg took this photo of sun dogs with the cross tower at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Alexandria on Jan. 19.

COVID-19 case count

Total number of COVID-19 cases confirmed by the Minnesota Department of Health in Douglas County and the surrounding area as of Jan. 26 (cumulative):
Douglas County – 9,674 (111 deaths).
Grant – 1,266 (12 deaths).
Otter Tail – 11,645 (153 deaths).
Pope – 2,540 (15 deaths).
Stearns – 44,815 (337 deaths).

Stevens – 2,286 (12 deaths)
Todd – 5,950 (54 deaths).
Statewide (cumulative) – 1,236,933 (11,282 deaths).
Active cases in Douglas County – 232 (according to Horizon Public Health as of Jan. 25).
People (16 and older) with at least one vaccine dose in Douglas County – 20,801 or 68.6% of the population (as of Jan. 24).

BRIEF

Feedlot meeting, farmer appreciation dinner March 17

TODD COUNTY — After a two-year hiatus due to COVID restrictions, Todd Soil and Water Conservation District brings back its annual Feedlot Meeting and Farmer Appreciation Dinner on March 17. Rotating locations annually, this year's meeting will return to Central Lakes College in Staples beginning with its coffee and baked good social at 9:30 a.m. The meeting for livestock and crop farmers is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. –

2 p.m., with a free full-course meal and dessert offered to break the meeting up.

Todd SWCD was able to procure three highly-sought speakers: Man-and-wife farmer team Dawn and Grant Breikreutz, and Don Reicosky, soil scientist for the North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory in Morris, and soil science adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

A cost-share panel will be introduced to share the many ways farmers can access a variety of fund-

ing assistance for their farming needs. Nathan Wiese, Otter Tail/Wadena County, will present on irrigation technologies and the new grant to help farmers access those technologies through cost-share in Todd County. CLC is on the tentative agenda to share its latest program on meat cutting/butchery and how these can impact farmers locally. Other smaller feedlot related topics will be interwoven throughout the day.

RSVP for a meal ticket at 320-732-2644.

— Alexandria Echo Press news staff

Spotlight: Madison Platt

Alomere Health is an equal opportunity employer.

Meet Madison Platt, a Medical Laboratory Scientist at Alomere Health. Having grown up in Alexandria, Madison Platt was happy to return home to build a career.

Attending South Dakota State University in 2013, helped her identify "Lab Technician" as a profession suited to her talents and disposition—and that resonated with Madison, "I have always wanted a career that helps other people."

Further into her degree, she was able to get an internship sponsored by the Alomere Health Foundation. The experience of working in the lab convinced her that she had chosen the right career.

After graduation, Madison's first job was at a large health system in St. Cloud, Minnesota. But after one and a half years, she and her soon-to-be-husband, Josh, desired to live in a smaller town. She found and applied for the newly opened position at Alomere as the Medical Lab Scientist. "Coming from a bigger facility, I was really excited to get back to a small town feel. Alomere has the quality of care found in a large city, with all of the benefits of living in a small community."

"I've been at Alomere for two and a half years now, yet I feel like I am always learning new things. At Alomere we serve the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Units, Med/Surg Floor, Surgery Center, The Birth Place, and all of the clinics—there's always a lot of variety."

Madison identifies four characteristics that are essential to her job: "A good attitude, adaptability to stressful situations, good communication skills, and the willingness to try new things and pitch in and help. Oftentimes, you are baptized by fire and you have to learn as you go."

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Man charged with 3 counts of possession of child porn

By Travis Gulbrandson
Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — An Alexandria man made his first court appearance after being charged with three counts of felony possession of pornographic work involving minors.

Cameron Michael Kiehn appeared via Zoom in Douglas County Circuit Court in relation to the charges on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Each charge holds a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

According to the statement of probable cause, in March 2021 authorities received a tip from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children regarding an image of suspected child pornography that had been reported to them.

The timeline of the case file showed that in November 2020, Kiehn's Instagram account contained a suspected child pornography photo, the statement read.

In April 2021 a search warrant was executed at Kiehn's residence, during which time a desktop computer and Kiehn's cell phone were taken, the statement read.

Authorities conducted a search of the cell phone and a separate download of just the phone's SD card. Both searches returned thousands of pictures and videos of child pornography, the statement read.

Kiehn's release order states he shall be released upon posting an unconditional cash bail or surety bond in the amount of \$6,000 and sign a written promise to appear for the next court appearance. Among his other conditions, he must complete a pre-plea worksheet ordered as to his first count.

He is scheduled to appear in court again on April 13.

Email reporter Travis Gulbrandson at tgulbrandson@echopress.com

Minnesota leaders will be taking questions during Feb. 2 live event

By Dana Ferguson
Alexandria Echo Press

ST. PAUL — Forum News Service on Wednesday, Feb. 2, will host a conversation between Minnesota's legislative leaders, Gov. Tim Walz and reporters from all over the state.

During the virtual news conference, journalists will ask Minnesota lawmakers about the most pressing issues facing lawmakers as they return to St. Paul for the 2022 legislative session.

In addition to Gov. Walz, legislators scheduled to participate include:

► House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, DFL-Golden Valley

► House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown

► Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller, R-Winona

► Senate Minority Leader Melisa López Franzen, DFL-Edina

Lawmakers this legislative session are set to continue the state's efforts to mitigate COVID-19 and its effect on Minnesota's

health and the economy, negotiate a historic local jobs and projects bill and determine how the state should spend a roughly \$7.75 billion budget surplus.

They'll also face a Feb. 15 deadline to redraw the state's voting maps for the next decade, a feat that they've not been able to solve in decades.

It's one of the only — if not the only — events that puts the leaders of the state's divided government into a space with Minne-

sota reporters to answer questions on any topic.

Forum News Service Capitol Correspondent Dana Ferguson will moderate the conversation.

You can watch the discussion live on Forum Communications Co. news websites at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2. And Minnesota Senate Media Services is also expected to carry the event live.

Follow Dana Ferguson on Twitter @bydanaferguson, call 651-290-0707 or email dferguson@forumcomm.com.

LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOTTER: JAN. 14-16

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Friday, Jan. 14

Suspicious vehicle, Second Avenue W, Evansville.

Assist other agency, Interstate 94.

Public assist, North Nelson Street, Nelson.

Suspicious vehicle, vehicle parked in an odd spot in the driveway, County Road 1 NW, Evansville.

Public assist, Mud Lake Lane SW.

Public assist, Central Avenue S, Kensington.

Fraud, received a bunch of fraud unemployment letters, Cross Country Lane SW.

Suspicious vehicle, State Highway 29 S.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Assist other agency, Third Avenue E.

Public assist, caller was filling diesel fuel and spilled some on the ground, gas station owner notified, State Highway 29 N.

Driving complaint, red truck, erratic braking, Interstate 94, Osakis.

Public assist, Little Mary Circle SW.

10-50 hit and run, person that plows caller's farmyard hit his grain bin and did not tell him, County Road 30 NE, Nelson.

Motorist assist, assisted getting fish house into access, County Road 42 NE.

Suspicious activity, caller believes there is someone who keeps breaking into his brother's property and he has pictures, County Road 35 NW, Parks Prairie.

Sunday, Jan. 16

Assist other agency, North Nokomis NE.

Suspicious vehicle, vehicle on shoulder, no one around, not a hazard, will check tomorrow, County Road 4 SW.

Assist other agency, Fairway Lane NE.

Suspicious activity, suspicious activity discussed on an inmate video visit, County Road 78 SE, Osakis.

Property damage crash, vehicle rollover, no injuries, Interstate 94, Brandon.

Assist other agency, Cardinal Lane SW.

Assist other agency, Interstate 94, Brandon.

Assist other agency, Interstate 94, Osakis.

Motorist assist, vehicle was just checking roadway for phone, County Road 7 SW, Kensington.

Assist other agency, Fifth Avenue E.

ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Friday, Jan. 14

Public assist, female needs a ride home from ER, transported party home, 20th Avenue W.

Property damage crash, minor crash, no injuries, not blocking traffic, 30th Avenue W.

Public assist, caller in to speak

to an officer regarding business pushing snow onto his property, North Nokomis Street.

Property damage crash, two-vehicle crash, no injuries, 12th Avenue E.

Property damage crash, no injuries, person cited with duty to drive with due care, 22nd Avenue W.

Assist other agency, Seventh Avenue W.

Property damage crash, snowplow sideswiped a vehicle, Irving Street.

Property damage crash, two-vehicle accident, no injuries, North Nokomis Street.

Assist other agency, 22nd Avenue E.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Public assist, Fourth Avenue E.

Driving complaint, three cars doing cookies in parking lot, Rosewood Lane SE.

Assist other agency, Fourth Avenue E.

Public assist, Victor Street.

Public assist, North Nokomis Street.

Public assist, caller asking for a ride, transported, North McKay Avenue.

Public assist, lift assist, Darling Avenue E.

Public assist, gas drive-off, person forgot to pay, and is returning to store to pay for fuel, Third Avenue E.

Property damage crash, minor crash, no injuries, 11th Avenue E.

Public assist, caller has questions about a parking ticket, Arbor Crossing SE.

Property damage crash, no in-

juries, Fifth Avenue E.

Suspicious activity, caller believes there is someone in his basement, stated he has cameras everywhere and saw a shadow, Nokomis Street.

Suspicious activity, caller states there are people in the house, person arrested for fifth degree controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and obstructing the legal process, Nokomis Street.

Suspicious activity, someone plowed a 50-foot path to caller's shed, nothing wrong with shed, advised to call should he notice any other suspicious activity regarding this, Oak Knoll Drive NE.

Public assist, caller reporting business is piling snow on his property, has asked them to stop but they continue to do so, will contact business, Shoreview Drive SW.

Driving complaint, semi stuck trying to do a U-turn, semi gone upon arrival, Evergreen Lane SW.

Shoplifting, caller reporting shoplifter in custody, is cooperative, State Highway 29 S.

Sunday, Jan. 16

Public assist, caller would like to talk to an officer about food that was left on his steps last night, caller is going to follow up with DoorDash referencing the mistaken delivery, North McKay Avenue.

Public assist, caller is stuck in driveway and person is still yelling at her and drinking, pushed car out of driveway, North Nokomis Street.

Public assist, caller has a key

for person and is requesting an officer to return it to them since she doesn't have their address and they have anger issues, dropped keys off, 18th Avenue E.

Public assist, caller just got home from being away over the weekend and her mailbox has

been hit, just wanted it documented, Madison Street.

Shoplifting, caller is watching a shoplifter on the cameras, State Highway 29 S.

Suspicious person, person walking and stumbling on the side of the road, 34th Avenue W.

Assist other agency, County Road 45 SW.

Assist other agency, Third Avenue E.

This is not a comprehensive report of all local law enforcement activity, rather, a brief recap of daily calls for service.



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THUMBS UP/ THUMBS DOWN

Support for frontline workers

Thumbs Up: Frontline workers are being stretched to the limit by COVID, and deserve a big thumbs up for the work they continue to do. According to a presentation given at a "Listen and Learn" event last month, Alomere Health has seen a 67% increase in COVID-related hospitalizations and nearly 80% of them have been unvaccinated people. One local woman who identified herself only as Maxine, said now would be a good time for local citizens and businesses to show their appreciation for those workers by giving them something in the way of a thank you, either through sending cards or bringing them treats. "If we just show some small token of appreciation, it would go a long way," she said.

Doing a civic duty

Thumbs Up: We give an advance "thumbs up" to all those who take a little time to participate in the political process at its most local level - caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Republicans from all precincts in Douglas County are invited to caucus at the Alexandria Area High School. Proceedings will begin at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Attendees are encouraged to arrive as early as 6:30 p.m. Douglas County DFLers, meanwhile, will caucus at Discovery Middle School, 510 McKay Ave. N, Alexandria. Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. Those attending will help their party pass resolutions that could become part of the official party platform. They'll also select delegates, endorse candidates and handle other party interests. The effectiveness of our political system rests with the people and the people have the opportunity to contribute to it on Feb. 1.

Jaywalkers on Broadway

Thumbs Down: Is walking an extra half of a block worth putting your life at risk? Jaywalkers seem to think so and we've been spotting more and more of them lately. They'll try to cross Broadway in the middle of a block instead of taking a few extra steps to the signal lights. One of our reporters saw a woman with three small children in tow walking boldly across Broadway, waving her hands, expecting all other driv-

ers to yield to her. Jaywalkers fail to realize that even if they make it safely across, they've interrupted the traffic flow and increased the chances of rear-end collisions as traffic comes to a halt. Like it or not, in the last few decades, Alexandria has grown to become a much larger city with heavier traffic, especially on Broadway, Third Avenue and other busy streets. Gone are the days when a pedestrian could saunter across the street with no worries about getting hit. Please, walk those few extra steps to a signalized intersection. It's worth it.

Snow-filled sidewalks

Thumbs Down: Maybe street plows are doing too good of a job? An Alexandria woman who lives on Voyager Drive gives a thumbs down to the snowplow driver who she said came through at least three times after a snowfall and snow ended up all over the sidewalk. "The first two times were understandable," she said. "By the third time, the sun had melted much of the snow on the sidewalk and it was looking good. After the plow came through again, there was more snow left on the sidewalk than before. Every time the snowplow comes, it leaves a ridge of snow, sometimes in large amounts, on plowed, shoveled and cleaned off driveways." She added that many of the affected homes on Voyager Drive are owned by elderly persons in their 70s and 80s who have already paid for a snowplow service to plow their driveways. "They are now negatively impacted over and over again by the sidewalk plow," she said.

The kindness of neighbors

Thumbs Up: And speaking of snowfalls, we know there are a lot of Good Samaritans out there who have shoveled off driveways and sidewalks for others. One reader left us a note saying, "Thumbs up to great neighbors helping with snow removal for two other neighbors recovering from surgery. Thanks to the awesome neighbors on Lake Park Drive." We also know of a very helpful neighbor on Meadow Lane who has come to the rescue on many occasions by clearing driveways for others.

If you have a suggestion for a Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down, email it to aedenloff@echopress.com or mail it to Echo Press, P.O. Box 549, Alexandria, MN 56308.

What I've learned in 2 years

The last couple of years have certainly been interesting. We quickly went from normal life to a dream world of working at home, school at home, church at home, Zoom calls in our pajamas, and strange facial coverings when we dared leave the house.

And this so-called "new normal," which is dominated by an unreasonable fear of people and the belief that we can control nature and eliminate all risk, shows no signs of stopping anytime soon.

It's certainly been a learning experience. Through it all, some things have become very clear and unmistakable to me. I'm not saying these are the gospel truth, only that from where I sit, they seem to be true. You're welcome to your opinions, but these are mine.

Here are some of the things I've learned, in no particular order:

Cats love Zoom calls. Although they may have hid from you 10 minutes earlier, they suddenly are your best friend when the meeting starts.

No matter what I write, half of the people who read it will love it and half will hate it. You can't please everyone.

I loved working at home. I'm really looking forward to retiring from this job in a couple years and working for myself at home. I'm sure that will make some of my readers very happy as well.

Both Democrats and Republicans are being manipulated by unseen forces, which include many too-powerful businesses and



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organizations, as well as some ultra-wealthy individuals.

Most of the problems in the last few years have not come from COVID, but from our knee-jerk response to it.

People will believe almost anything if you just repeat it over and over. It worked for the Nazis and it still works today.

Life is not safe. You can either live and accept some risk, or you can hide and wait for it to find you anyway. While you wait, you're wasting your life.

Fear is powerful. You can make people do almost anything by making them afraid enough.

Science is dead, or at least in danger of dying. It's now mostly a tool to try to prove what someone has already decided is true. Scientists who don't follow the herd are fired, defunded or discredited.

Those who preach tolerance the loudest are often the most intolerant of anything they don't agree with.

Technology is not always your friend. Every technological advance comes with both benefits and dangers. Some of those dangers (such as the multitude of wifi and cell phone signals all around us) may only be discovered and proven many years into the

future.

The government doesn't care about the economy or our health. It only cares about power and control. Government is the art of trying to get us to believe that the things they do will actually help us in some way.

Just when you think you know it all, something will come up that surprises you and makes you believe in people (or maybe even the government) again.

COVID has become a religion for many people. It's useless to try to persuade someone that they are following the wrong religion.

If we want to preserve our way of life and ensure democracy survives, we might have to take up arms and march in the streets to demand change.

If we want to be happy, we might need to ignore everything that's going on in the world and stay home.

If we want to be healthy, we might need to ignore - or even do the opposite - of what the government or the health system tells us to do.

None of us will get out of this life alive and unscathed.

Climate change will be the next big "emergency" once COVID hysteria dies down. Expect to see more of the same.

Although we may disagree, we still need to try to love and respect each other.

No matter how bad things get, God is in control. In the end, the outcome is certain.

"It's Our Turn" is a weekly column that rotates among members of the Echo Press editorial staff.

LETTERS

Without action, COVID will continue its death march

To the editor:

Three thousand people a day die from COVID in the United States. Some people are tired of trying to do something about that. Enough of this masking and vaccine stuff. Let's go back to our God-given right to do anything we please.

Approximately 5,000 people a year die from tainted food in this country. Whenever such deaths occur, government scientists swoop in to discover the source of the problem, remove the bad food from the supply chain, and determine how to fix the problem at its source. People seem to agree that's a good idea, a proper role for government and science. Similarly, people seem to want to know when a Category 5 hurricane is bearing down on where they live, or be advised of tornado warnings in their area, or be advised to evacuate their homes because of wildfires. They expect the government to come to their rescue.

Three thousand people a day dying from COVID is the equivalent of 33 commercial airplanes a day falling out of the sky. Do you think if that happened the government would be under some sort of obligation to determine the reason and fix it? Or do you think it would just be an inconvenience we'd rather not think about it? I think I'd be pretty safe in predicting that nobody would get on an airplane ever again after the first day of such an event happening.

So, what is it about COVID? Apparently many people have no problem at all with a city the size of Milaca disappearing from existence EVERY SINGLE DAY. One thing we know for sure is that absent a mask-wearing vaccinated public, this virus, in whatever form, will continue its death march.

Tom Obert
Alexandria, MN

Countries must work together to solve climate crisis

To the editor:

Infinite growth on a finite planet is illogical. Global warming is the existential threat to our survival. Emissions

are proportional to consumption. World emissions are rising rapidly and U.S. emissions are basically static. Physics dictates net emissions must decrease by 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050 to maintain a livable planet. What to do?

► Public relations campaign about what individual actions and what systematic policy changes are necessary for a sustainable future.

► Carbon tax and rebate - substantial tax on all fossil fuels at point of production and increase 10% per year until the desired result is achieved. Rebate money back to all equally. End all direct and indirect subsidies to fossil fuel companies.

► Tie farm subsidies/programs to practices that maximize carbon sequestration. Revert marginal lands back to forest or grassland. This increases profits by decreasing supply which increases price. Food supply is not at risk, 40% of corn goes to ethanol and 50% of grain goes to livestock.

► Implement complete energy audit on buildings. Insulate, upgrade heating, cooling, lighting and eliminate use of fossil fuels.

► Continue to upgrade non fossil fuel energy infrastructure and grid efficiency. Subsidize non fossil fuel transportation and infrastructure.

► Put a carbon number on every product including the manufacturing, transportation, and disposal/recycling. This allows consumers to make better choices.

► Build awareness of population impact on environment and importance of zero population growth policy. Teach birth control and make it accessible to all. Create tax incentives to reduce family size.

Some of these changes may seem undesirable, but doing nothing will be worse. No single country can solve the climate crisis. Working together with people around the world to defeat this common enemy could be our best chance at peace. It is a chance to move beyond consumerism, become more connected to each other and the earth.

Ignore this if you do not love your children.

Bryan Van Gorp
Alexandria, MN

LETTERS

Rediscover compassion and kindness

To the editor:

Those who know me well describe me as empathic, compassionate, honest and respectful, with unflappable patience. An active student of Buddhism, I live my life as best I can by following the Buddhist eight-fold path, Buddha's fourth noble truth. I write this letter because, over the past five or six years, the above character traits have become less available to me. I am less tolerant than I was years ago. I am more easily prone to irritability, and I am a harsher judge of others than I used to be. Not proud of these developments.

I believe that our current political culture, locally and nationally, has had a similar effect on many. The defeated past president modeled for the world behaviors and attitudes that were routinely demeaning of others. He continues to model self-absorbed vengeance, petty condescension, and vulgar

name-calling. He has modeled hate over compassion. He has modeled harsh judgment and a vacant ability to show empathy. The ultimate sadness is that he has made his terrible attitudes and behavior into a norm his followers mimic without taking seriously the damage done to our world as a result.

As election season begins, I encourage candidates to model kindness, tolerance and respect. At least one legislator from the Alexandria area has modeled the worst human weaknesses. I feel sad for her. I encourage those who will vote this fall to pay attention not only to policy ideas, but also character. It matters. Our children are watching. Many people feel burdened by terrible behavior used by some politicians. Grow up. Find your best self and stick to it regardless of the behavior of others. Vengeance and hate bring more vengeance and hate. Kindness brings kindness.

Jon Koll
Alexandria, MN

OBITUARIES

Theodore "Ted" F. Salto



Theodore "Ted" F. Salto, age 53, of Alexandria, died unexpectedly due to a heart attack on Saturday, January 22, 2022, while working in Massillon, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, January 31, 2022, at Lind Family Funeral Home in Alexandria with Rev. Kirk Lee officiating.

Visitation is from 3-6 p.m., Sunday, January 30, at Lind Family Funeral Home in Alexandria and will continue one hour prior to the service.

Theodore Francis Salto was born on July 22, 1968, to Norman and Bonnie (Hartman) Salto in Alexandria. The oldest of four children, he was raised in Alexandria and graduated from Jefferson High School. Ted moved to Southern California for several years before returning to Alexandria where he began truck driving. In 2018, he started driving the "Green Machine" truck for Salto Enterprises Inc. Ted was known for being a great handy man that could fix anything to do with carpentry. He loved motorcycle riding and spending time with his nieces and nephews. Even though Ted lived in Minnesota, it was always his intent to move south for the winter. Most importantly, he was a child of God and was firm in his faith.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Frank and Ruth Hartman; paternal grandma, Mary Salto; nephew, Zach Salto; two aunts, Lori Harstad and Mona Lisa Hartman; along with many more aunts and uncles.

Ted is survived by his parents, Norman and Bonnie Salto of Alexandria; three siblings, Tim (Steph) Salto of Sauk Centre, Tom Salto of Alexandria, and Teresa (Mike) Harstad of Parkers Prairie; nine nieces and nephews, Hannah Salto, Chelsey and Johnny Salto, Blaine Wheeler, Brittney Tripp, Mike Harstad Jr., Jessica Hagen, Elizabeth and Rebekah Harstad; aunts and uncles, Jim (Jo) Hartman and Carol (Gary) Swanson; and cousin/motorcycle riding buddy, Dennis Wesen.

Honorary urnbearers are his two nieces, Elizabeth and Rebekah Harstad and his truck driving friends, Paul Koubsky, Brent Roth, Dave "Woody" Pesta, and Richard "Archie" Archambault.

Memorials are preferred. Thank you all for your support and prayers.

Arrangements provided by Lind Family Funeral & Cremation Services, www.lindfamilyfh.com



Rev. Steve C. Johnson

Aug. 11, 1952 - Jan. 25, 2022

ST. CLOUD, Minn. - Rev. Steve C. Johnson, 69, Alexandria, Minn., died Tuesday, Jan. 25, in St. Cloud Hospital.

A time of sharing will be 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City, N.D. A funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the church. The Rev. Kenrad Pederson will officiate.

Arrangements by Lind Family Funeral & Cremation Services.



Gwen Eckhoff

Aug. 9, 1952 - Jan. 24, 2022

WADENA, Minn. - Gwen Eckhoff, 69, Deer Creek, Minn., died Monday, Jan. 24, in a hospital.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Henning, Minn. Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

Melrose Moly

July 24, 1929 - Jan. 16, 2022

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Melrose Moly, 92, Browerville, Minn., died Sunday, Jan. 16, in her granddaughter's home from natural causes.

A private family service will be in the spring. Arrangements by McComb Wagner Funeral Home.

Sharon Fischer

Feb. 24, 1944 - Jan. 24, 2022

FARGO, N.D. - Sharon Fischer, 77, New York Mills, Minn., died Monday, Jan. 24, in Sanford Medical Center.

An open house will be from noon to 2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, at Karvonen Funeral Home in New York Mills. Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

BRIEF

Hay supplies hit record low in Minnesota

Repercussions of the 2021 drought are being felt in the amount of hay available on Minnesota farms.

The amount of hay stored on Minnesota farms fell 35% over the past year to record low levels, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service-Crop Production report

The report measures the hay supplies in Dec. 1, 2020 and Dec. 1, 2021. The hay stored on in 2021 was estimated at 1.46 million tons.

Farmers struggled to grow hay in 2021 as drought gripped Minnesota as well as many parts of the western U.S.

Nationwide, hay stored on United States farms fell 6% from 2020 to 2021, which the agency said is the third lowest since 1977.

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Both GOP and DFL parties in Douglas County to caucus on February. 1

DOUGLAS COUNTY – Political caucuses will take place in Alexandria on Tuesday, Feb 1.

Participants will need to know which precinct they live and vote in. While help will be available at the caucuses, anyone unsure of their precinct is encouraged to verify that information beforehand by calling the county auditor's office or going to the Minnesota Secretary of State's website, <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Republicans from all precincts in Douglas County will caucus at the Alexandria Area High School. Proceedings will begin at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Attendees are encouraged to arrive as early as 6:30 p.m.

Republicans will vote in an informal preference poll for their favorite candidate for gov-

ernor. They'll also elect delegates and alternatives from their respective precincts to the Douglas County Republican Convention and their legislative district endorsing convention; present, discuss and act on resolutions; and act on any other business.

Democrats in the Douglas County DFL will caucus on Feb. 1 at Discovery Middle School, 510 McKay Ave., N, Alexandria. Registration will start at 6:30 p.m.

State party leaders have decided to hold an in-person caucus meeting for those who want to join and participate face to face but COVID-19 restrictions will be in place.

Masks will be required for all DFL attendees, along with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test. Attendees will be asked to

do their best to socially distance and to keep their masks on throughout the meeting. The Minnesota State DFL party mandates this.

DFL attendees will not be allowed to stay for the caucus without proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. However, they will be allowed to complete the non-attendee form and/or resolution forms in the lobby.

Each precinct will elect delegates and alternates for the Douglas County DFL convention in late March or early April. These delegates will also represent their precinct in the district representing them after redistricting.

Anyone who wants to participate but would prefer not to join the in-person DFL caucus can submit a non-attendee form and resolutions in advance;

or these forms can be dropped off caucus night at Discovery Middle School.

Resolution and non-attendee forms can be filled out and left at registration on DFL caucus night for anyone who would prefer not to stay that evening. These forms will also be available in advance and can be submitted electronically or dropped off caucus night at Discovery Middle School.

Resolutions and/or non-attendee forms can be submitted to Bonnie Bina, Douglas County DFL Chair, bonniebina.dfl@gmail.com or mailed to PO Box 21, Alexandria, MN 56308. Completed forms can also be dropped off caucus night 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Resolution and non-attendee forms are available at: <https://dfl.org/partydocuments/>

Income tax filing season starts this week

Alexandria Echo Press staff

ALEXANDRIA — Minnesota taxpayers can begin filing their state income tax returns, Monday, Jan. 24. This is the same date the Internal Revenue Service will begin accepting federal income tax returns.

Taxpayers have until Monday, April 18, to file and pay their state and federal income taxes.

The department offers tips to income tax filers as they prepare to file their taxes:

► See if you qualify for free tax preparation. If your adjusted gross income is \$73,000 or less, you may qualify to file electronically for free.

You may also qualify for free tax preparation for your returns. There are free tax preparation sites available across Minnesota through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and AARP Tax-Aide programs. Some sites offer in-person options while others offer virtual services. You can visit the Department of Revenue's website to find free tax preparation sites near you.

► File electronic-

ly and choose direct deposit. Electronically filing your return and choosing direct deposit for your refund is the most secure and convenient way to file your taxes and get your refund.

► Save your receipts and other tax-related documents. If you claimed certain deductions or credits, be sure to include all required documentation when filing and save copies in case you need to reference them in the future.

► Check for accuracy. Enter your name, and any dependent's names, exactly as they appear on Social Security cards, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number cards or letters. Double-check bank routing and account numbers used on tax forms for direct deposit. Incorrect information on tax forms can result in refund delays.

► Military members can electronically submit Form M99, Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone. Created based on feedback from military service members, the electronic submission of this form is an easy way for service members to claim

this credit.

► File your return by the April 18 due date, even if you owe more than you can pay. Pay as much as you can by the due date and contact us as soon as possible to set up a payment agreement for the remaining balance. You can include your banking information on your electronically filed return to make the payment or pay electronically with the e-Services Payment System. You can specify when the payment will be taken from your checking or savings account in advance or on the due date.

After you file:

► Track Your Refund. You can track where your refund is in the process by using Where's My Refund? You will be able to track which of the four stages your refund is in and whether you need to take any action to allow us to complete the processing of your refund. You will see the date your refund was issued when it has finished processing.

► Do not spend your refund until you see the money in your bank account. Returns may

take longer to process because of the increase in attempted refund fraud due to scams, stolen personal information, and identity theft. The department will take the time necessary to review returns to make sure we are keeping your money out of the hands of criminals.

► Contact the Department of Revenue if you move after filing your return. That way, anything sent to you will reach you, such as refund checks or requests for more information. You should do this even when requesting a direct deposit. Call 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 (toll-free) to change your address.

Property tax refunds:

► Wait to track your property tax refund. Many taxpayers file their property tax returns at the same time as their income tax returns. By law, we cannot begin processing property tax refunds before July 1. Check back later this year for updates on current year property tax refunds.

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Alexandria Covenant
4005 Dakota St., Alexandria
320-763-5659 / alexandriacovenant.org
Pastor: Trinity Opp Senior Pastor
Worship Service: Sunday 8 am Traditional 9:30 & 11 am Contemporary

Alexandria United Methodist
2210 Sixth Ave. E., Alexandria
320-763-4624 / alexumc.org
Pastor: Gary Taylor
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am
School/ Adult Discipleship: Sunday school 10 AM and Adult Discipleship at 10 AM (Sept through June)

Bethesda Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1204 N. Nokomis NE., Alexandria
320-763-5164 / bethesdaalexandria.org
Pastor: Jerry Lanes
Worship Service: Saturday 5 pm
Sunday Inside and Parking Lot Worship 9:30 am

Calvary Lutheran Church
605 Douglas Street, Alexandria
320-763-5178 / www.calvaryalex.org
Pastors: Hans Dahl & Angie Larson
Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm & 6:30pm
Youth Programming: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings
Watch on demand on Facebook Live or Youtube
KXRA radio at 9:30 am on Sundays
Public Access TV channel 181 at 9:30 am on Sundays

Cornerstone Church
202 7th Ave. E., Alexandria
320-762-1565 / cornerstoneofalexandria.com
Pastor: Darryl Knappen
Worship Service: Sunday 10 am Family Integrated Church

Emmanuel Episcopal
602 12th Ave. E. & Lark St., Alexandria
320-763-3201 / alexmnepiscopal.org
Reverend: Tom Sinning
Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am
Sunday School: Oct 10 9:30am-10:20am

First Congregational United Church of Christ
221 Seventh Ave. W., Alexandria
320-763-3341 / firstcongregationalucacex.com
Reverend: Dr. Jill Sanders
Worship Service: Sunday 10 am
Service on Youtube: First Congregational UCC Alexandria, MN
Sunday Worship Radio Rebroadcast: KXRA First Sunday of the month 11 am Communion second Sunday of the month

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1655 18th Ave. E., Alexandria
320-762-2196 / firstlutheranalexandria.com
Pastors: Greg Billberg, Kari Van Wakeren & Judy Holmen
Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am and 10 am Wednesdays at 6:15 pm Saturdays at 5:00 pm (1st and 3rd Saturday's of each month).
Youth Programming: Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings
Facebook Live on Sunday and Wednesdays
KXRA radio at 10:00 am Sundays
Public Access TV channel 181 at 10:45 daily

Good Shepherd Lutheran (LCMS)
2702 Hwy. 29 N., Alexandria
320-762-5152 / goodshepherdalex.com
Pastors: James Walberg
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am
Bible Study & Sunday School: 10:15 am
Holy Communion first & second Sunday of the month

Gospel Light Baptist Church
1210 Broadway St., Suite #265, Alexandria
218-671-0993 / glbcalex.com
pastoribc@gmail.com
Pastors: Silas Clarke
Worship Service: Sunday 3 pm & Thursday 6:30 pm
Sermon Series: The Model Christian Sundays 3 pm
Sermon Series: Godly Success Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Grace Baptist Church
1704 Hazel Hill Road, Alexandria
Worship Service: Sunday 10:15 am

Lakes Area Seventh-Day Adventist Church
201 13th Ave. W., Alexandria
320-224-1953
alexandriasdachurch.org
Pastors: Kwan Kitching
Worship Service: Saturday 11 am
Sabbath School: Saturday 10 am

Lake Community Church
490 Voyager Dr., Alexandria
320-762-5424 / lakecommunity.org
Pastor: Jon Ewton
Worship Service: Sunday 9 & 10:30 am
Kids Ministry: 9 & 10:30 am

Living Word Lutheran Church
1722 16th Ave. E., Alexandria
(white church south of Woodland Elementary)
320-762-1997 / livingwordalexmn.org
Pastor: Jesse Carson
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am, Special season services

New Life Christian
1910 Co Rd 82 SE, Alexandria
320-763-7051 / www.your-newliewe.com
Pastor: John Taplin
Worship Services: Sunday 9 am & 10:30 am
Youth Programming: KidZone/Sunday School 10:30 am
AWANA Wednesdays at 6:25 pm, Jr High Youth Wednesdays at 6:30, High School Ministry Sundays at 6:30 pm

New Testament Church
2505 Hwy. 29 N., Alexandria
320-762-2444 / ntcalexandria.org
Pastors Peter Reishus & Mike Loween
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am

Reach Church (AG)
1310 N Nokomis NE., Alexandria
320-762-5224 info@reachchurchmn.com
Pastors Nick Grey
Worship Services: Sunday's 9:30 Also streamed on Facebook and Youtube
Kids Ministry: Sunday's 9:30
Youth Ministry: Wednesday's 6:30

Shalom Lutheran Church
681 Voyager Dr. Alexandria
320-762-8641 - shalomlutheran.org
Pastor: David Fleener
Worship Service: Sunday 9:30am
Advent & Lent Services: Wednesday 6:30pm
Youth Programming: Wednesday 5:30pm-7:00pm; Facebook live on Sundays

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (WELS)
718 Victoria Dr., Alexandria
320-762-1644 / stpaulalex.com
Pastor: Michael Neuman
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am
Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:30 am
Communion first and third Sunday of the month

Word Alone Fellowship
(A traditional Christian Worship)
1906 6th Ave. E., Alexandria
wordalonefellowship.org
Pastor: Steve Walswick & Ralph Erickson
Worship Service: Sunday 9 am
Church service on WAF website.
Communion on 1st and third Sunday of the month

Zion Lutheran (LCMS)
300 Lake St., Alexandria
320-763-4842 / zionalex.org
Pastor: Paul Dare, Donald Wilke & Matt Lorenz
Worship Service: Sunday 8 & 10:30 am
Praise Worship: 2nd Sunday of the month 8 am
Third Sunday of the month 10:30 am
Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 8 am
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10:30 am

Other Areas

St. Luke's, Garfield (LCMC)
201 Ida St., Garfield
320-834-2285
stlukeschurchgarfield.org
Pastors: David L. Gran & Susan J. Davidson
Visitation Pastor: David Wallin
Worship Service: Sunday 8:30 & 11 am
Coffee Fellowship & Bible Studies: Sunday 9:45 am
Holy Communion second & last Sunday of the month

Trinity Lutheran Church
16 N. Douglas, Carlos
320-852-7530
Pastor: Mark Schwarz
Worship Service: Sunday 10 am
Communion on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

To be included, please call Kate at 320.763.1203.

WHO NAMED OUR LAKES?

Alexandria's Lake
Ida named by
inventor, author
and Rambler

Editors note: The Douglas County Historical Society helped provide research and insight on the story behind the naming of Douglas County lakes as part of an occasional series done by the Echo Press. This is the second installment.

By **Thalen Zimmerman**
Alexandria Echo Press

Brick-layer, news writer, fur trader, commercial editor, book author, patented inventor, restless Rambler, lake namer.

These are all roles attributed to the New York native who settled on unclaimed shores in 1858 and named her Lake Ida.

Myron Coloney was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, on April 24, 1832, to James B. and Mellissa D. Coloney. He was their second youngest of five children; he had two older sisters, one older brother and a younger sister, according to an article featured in the Douglas County Album of the ages from 1979 written by his granddaughter, Ruth Coloney Sorelle. Sorelle remarks her father dropped the "ey" spelling in his last name for the original "y" as he preferred the latter.

When Coloney was eight years old, his family had moved to Akron, Ohio; his mom had died shortly after. By the time he was 10, he had ditched home because his father's new wife was the living embodiment of the "wicked step-mother," or so she was described. He urged his siblings to do the same.

In Sorelle's article, he is quoted, "She practiced so many cruelties upon us that we could not live at home, and at the early age of 10 years, I assumed the responsibilities of running away and persuading the rest of the children to do so too," in reference to his step-mom.

The rest of his life was a ramble, never staying in one place permanently.

When he was 13, he moved to Wadsworth, Ohio, where he lived with a Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Peters. By the time he was 16, he had worked various labor jobs until moving back to Akron to be a printer apprentice for The Summit Beacon, a newspaper that began in 1839 and is still publishing. Today it is known as the Akron Beacon Journal — the paper's name after merging with the Akron Evening Journal in 1897.

Eventually, Coloney moved to New York, where he worked at a newspaper in Syracuse then attended the Collegiate Institute in Brockport. After his time in New York, he sustained his career as a writer for the Washington Star in the country's capitol, just four blocks from the White House.

Sometime later, Coloney took a hiatus from the editorial world and took a job in a brickyard until he realized he did not like that line of work, prompting him to move to Michigan to take a job with the Detroit Tribune.

In 1855, he tried his hand in yet another venture; the wool, hide, and fur trade with a Mr. Chauncey Tuttle in Chicago. Coloney married Tuttle's daughter, Josephine, on April 24, 1857.

After two years, the business failed due to the Panic of 1857 — a financial crisis caused by the declining international economy and over-expansion of the domestic economy, which led to a severe economic depression that lasted three years.



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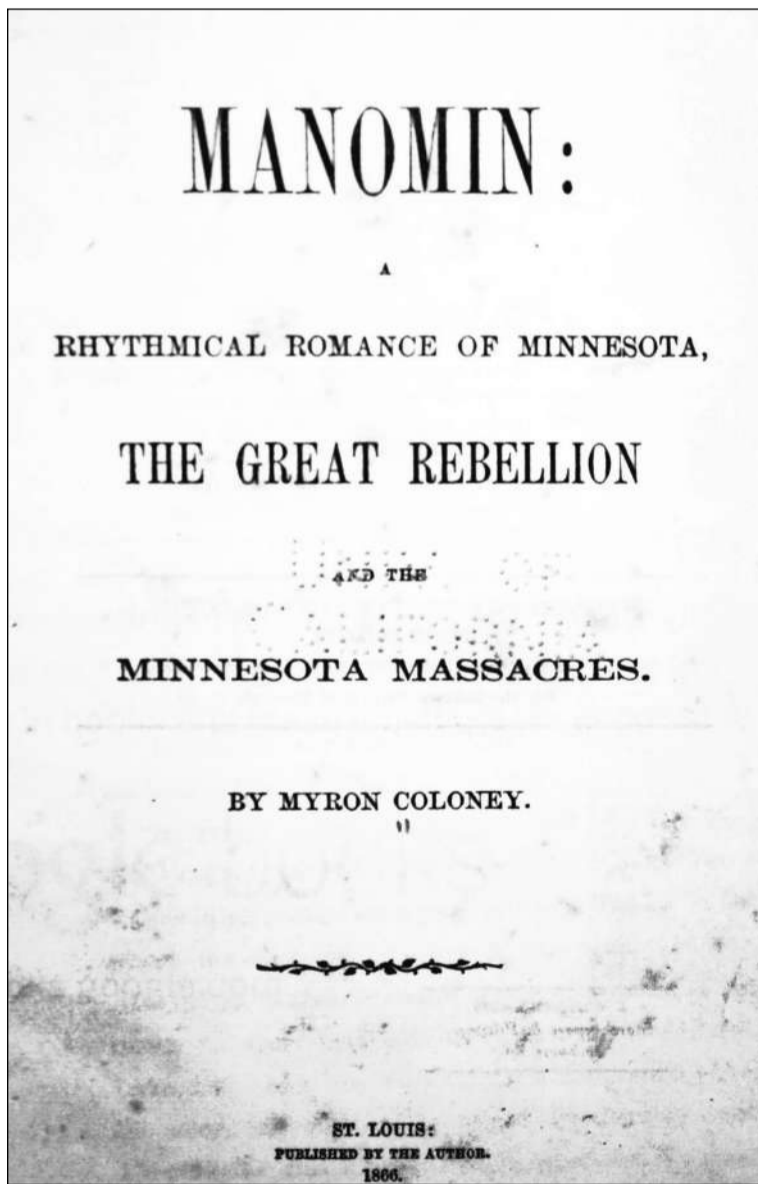
A wedding photo provided by the Douglas County Historical Society of Myron Wesley Coloney and his wife, Josephine Artemesia Tuttle - Coloney, on April 24, 1857.

By 1858, Coloney and Josephine decided to find greener pastures in the land of 10,000 lakes, which landed them along what Coloney described as "lovely shores" in his book, "Manomin: Rhythmic Romance of Minnesota, the Great Rebellion and the Minnesota Massacres."

He and his wife settled on the south end of the body of water and dubbed it Lake Ida. How they selected the name, Ida, is uncertain. Still, Douglas County Historical Society Director, Brittany Johnson, speculates it was possibly his younger sister due to a grave of a young girl named Ida Coloney located in an area affiliated with Coloney. Or it was simply a family friend as described in Sorrelle's article.

Coloney recounts his arrival to Douglas County in his book, which reads as follows, "At the time myself and wife moved into Douglas County, there was no beaten road over the prairie further than the little paper town of Kandotta, near Fairy Lake. One log cabin, and a very indifferent one at that, had been erected upon this site, a liberty pole put up, a pole stable built and the 'town' had an existence name. We purchased ox-teams in St. Cloud, loaded our household goods and provisions into the wagons and the journey was commenced. It was May and there were no bridges across streams. The Sauk River had to be crossed four times in the journey and as it was very high, we were obliged to unload each time and after ferrying our goods over in a small skiff, take the wagon to pieces and ferry it over in the same manner."

According to an 1897 "look back" article from the Alexandria Post News, the Coloneys brought delight to the other community members of Douglas County with Josephine's piano and his extensive library collection. Both were destroyed during a home fire in 1862 while Coloney was



In 1866, Myron Coloney self-published a book titled "Manomin: Rhythmic Romance of Minnesota, the Great Rebellion and the Minnesota Massacres." In the book, Coloney details his first arrival to Douglas County and his friendship with the man who named Lake Darling, Andreas Darling.

purchasing sheep in Indiana and Josephine was visiting family in Chicago. According to the article, the piano was the first in Douglas County. "We don't think of them as like big things today. But imagine you literally don't have much to do for fun. You're very far off the beaten path, and you don't even have strong trade routes established. But you have this businessman who has brought a piano and lots of books to Douglas County, probably at considerable expense, considering that kind of stuff had to come

by wagon," said Johnson. "When people talk about coming to Douglas County in those days, they encountered steep hills and came across piles of furniture and heavy things stacked up alongside the hills, abandoned. Because if you couldn't get it up the hill, it wasn't coming with."

In 1862, after the fire and five years of living in Minnesota, Coloney moved to a 1,500-acre farm outside of Rolla, Missouri, previously owned by confederate sympathizers. Coloney and his father-in-law, Chauncey, purchased the land and

used it to supply the Union Army. Being more of the businessman type, Coloney reached out to his Douglas County pal, Andreas Darling, who gave Lake Darling its name, to tend to the farm duties and become a co-owner of the property. One night in 1864, while away on business, Coloney received a disheartening telegram from Josephine: Vengeful sons of the previous owner inflicted violence on the farm and murdered Darling.

Coloney wrote about Darling in his book and honored him with a poem titled "dedication."

After Darling's death, Coloney continued his rambling ways and moved to St. Louis and became the commercial editor for the *Missouri Democrat* in 1865, staying in that position for 10 years until the paper closed its doors. His only son, Roy, was born during this time on March 3, 1870. Roy would do some rambling of his own into his adulthood until settling into a position as a professor at Columbia University.

By 1876, Coloney had built a home for his family and became the commercial editor for the *Republican* until 1877. In 1878, his family's home was destroyed in the fire, pushing them to move again. They ended up in New Haven, Connecticut, where he manufactured guns under Dr. McLean, associated with Colt Firearms.

During this time, Coloney patented many inventions.

According to americanartifacts.com, Coloney's marine velocipede — a water bike — was patented in 1880 and described as "a high wheel bicycle fitted with two pontoons and a propeller-driven by the wheel." You can picture this as a bicycle with a larger front wheel and a small back wheel.

A gun nicknamed the Coloney Cannon was patented on Aug. 31, 1880, to Myron Coloney of Saint Louis entitled "Magazine Gun."

The "Armed Clad Turret" was patented on March 29, 1881, and is described by Coloney and McLean as a "floating fortress adapted to be moved from place to place by the use of tugs, or other means of propulsion."

In 1881, Coloney left the gun manufacturing trade for Jacksonville, Florida, where he opened up a real estate company. He lived there until his death on June 5, 1884. Today he is buried in New Haven.

His obituary was featured in the Morning Journal-Courier from New Haven, Connecticut, on June 7, 1884. It made no mention of Lake Ida. It reads as follows:

"Myron Coloney, a well known inventor and former resident of New Haven, died at Jacksonville, Florida, Thursday...Mr. Coloney was fifty-two years old and leaves a wife and one child. Since his removal, he has lived in Jacksonville and engaged in the real estate business... A wealthy physician, Dr. J. H. McLean, became one of his warmest friends. They conceived a theory that war implements could be devised so destructive in their capabilities that their effect on the troops against which they were directed would be nothing short of annihilation. Several of Mr. Coloney's inventions to this end were tested in this city...Mr. Coloney had many friends here who will mourn his loss."

Coloney's time in Douglas County remain immortalized as the name "Ida" has been adopted by roadways, a township and a distillery — Ida Graves.

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BIRTHDAY



Myrtle Prchal is turning 100

Myrtle is celebrating her 100th birthday February 8th, she will be honored at an open house at Winona Shores, 1010 Lark St, Alexandria in the Community Center, 1st floor from 1-3, no gifts please. Come help us celebrate

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- 7:30 p.m. Shawshank Redemption, Andria Theatre
- Saturday, Jan. 29**
7:30 p.m. Shawshank Redemption, Andria Theatre
- Sunday, Jan. 30**
2 p.m. Shawshank Redemption, Andria Theatre
- Monday, Jan. 31**
5 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Annual Celebration, Arrowwood
- Wednesday, Feb. 2**
6-7 p.m. Loons: History of a Minnesota Cultural Icon, Douglas County Library
- Thursday, Feb. 3**
6 p.m. Movie Night for Special Needs Students, "The Lion King," Grand Arbor, register at 320-762-3310 ext. 2.
- Friday, Feb. 4**
7:30 a.m. Wake Up Alexandria! CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP), Alexandria
Send event information to echo@echopress.com, or Echo Press, P.O. Box 549, Alexandria, MN 56308.

BIRTHS

Girl born 1/9/22 to Ashley Ames and Kristopher Lawson of Battle Lake.
Girl born 1/10/22 to Cassandra and Ryan Skillings of Brandon.
Boy born 1/18/22 Boy born to Keeley and Cole Atkinson of Evansville.
Year to date (as of Jan. 18): 36

It's freezing out. Why are there bugs in my house?

As we barrel through another Minnesota winter, people are reporting an unwelcome houseguest: brown marmorated stink bug. These shield-shaped, brown bugs are about a half-inch long and have a series of black and white bands on their rear end and antennae.

Why are they in my house?

You probably last saw these stink bugs hanging out on your house last fall. At some point, they found some way into your house — maybe through the eaves, maybe through a gap in a door or window, or maybe through some unsealed point in your attic.

They need somewhere sheltered to survive the winter, and stink bugs find our homes quite suitable. Once inside, they are protected from the elements and can



ride out the Minnesota winter.

Why am I seeing them now?

As the weather cools down, these insects shut down. The same way we think of bears hunkering down and hibernating in a den stink bugs slow down all their body processes and wait for spring. Most of the time this happens in places in our house we can't see, but sometimes these bugs wake up a little and move around.

When we get warm on sunny winter days or when we're really cranking the thermostat, the stink bugs wake up a bit



Contributed / University of Minnesota Extension
Brown marmorated stink bug.

and move around in a half-awake stupor. They are slow-moving, clumsy, and heat-seeking, which explains why people most often see them slowly crawling around in their bathrooms (attracted to the heat of the shower) or in the kitchen (attracted to the heat of the stove).

What are they up to? Honestly, not much. They are just bidding

their time until there is warm weather outside. This means they are not laying eggs, not making more stink bugs, not damaging our homes, and not biting.

At worst, they will release a bad smell when you crush them.

How do I get rid of them?

Not dealing with bugs can be one of the bright spots of a Minnesota winter, so seeing stink

bugs now is frustrating. The best thing to do is squish them and throw them in the trash.

If you prefer a zero-contact solution, you can suck them up with a small vacuum and deposit them outside. If you're feeling vindictive, you can flush them down the toilet or offer them to your pet as a toy.

Buying something to spray or concocting something from your pantry isn't worth the time or effort.

If you want to avoid these unwelcome visitors altogether, spend some time in the warmer months sealing up your house. This can cut down on heating bills and keep unwanted bugs out.

Until next time, happy gardening!

Robin Trott is a horticulture educator with University of Minnesota Extension. Contact her at 320-762-3890, or at trot0053@umn.edu.

Are fuzzy steering wheel covers legal?

Q: It's so cold in the winter, I am thinking about getting one of those fuzzy steering wheel covers. I think they will help keep my hands warm while driving. But my question is, are they legal?

A: Steering wheel covers are legal. A quick reminder though — it's always the driver's responsibility to keep control of the vehicle at all times, even if the steering wheel cover becomes loose. Every driver is responsible for knowing the actual and potential hazards



on the highway and using due care in operating a vehicle. This includes on snow, ice, slush, frost, wet roads or any type of conditions.

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LAPW seeks employers of the year nominations

The Lakes Area Professional Women's organization wishes to recognize employers that show exceptional commitment to gender equality in the workplace by promoting a workplace culture of inclusiveness, flexibility, employee development and other positive attributes that enable women to realize their full potential.

Each year, LAPW honors businesses in two categories: Large employer (those with more than 25 employees) and small employer (those with 25 or fewer employees). Employers of the year can be for-profit businesses, non-profit organizations or government entities.

These employers support and promote fairness in the workplace, demonstrate sensitivity to the needs of female employees,

provide upward mobility and demonstrate philanthropic support of the Alexandria area community.

Employers of the year will be recognized at the annual Lakes Area Professional Women's Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, March 30, at Broadway Ballroom in Alexandria. The doors open at 11 a.m., with the luncheon and program beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The mission of Lakes Area Professional Women is to connect women personally, professionally and philanthropically.

If you would like to bring recognition to your employer and show appreciation for its efforts to advocate for working women, visit the Lakes Area Professional Women website at <https://www.lakesareaprofessionalwomen.com/awards/employeroftheyear/> for a nomination form. The nomination deadline is

BUSINESS BRIEFS

CliftonLarsonAllen to host Wake Up Alexandria

ALEXANDRIA — CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP), located at 1920 Turning Leaf Lane, SW in Alexandria, will host the Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Wake Up Alexandria event on Friday, Feb. 4 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Wake Up Alexandria is a Chamber networking event that is open to everyone. It offers an opportunity for attendees to learn about the businesses and organizations within the community. Please note: Masks will be required at this Wake Up event.

A \$1 admission is requested, with all proceeds donated to the day's nonprofit recipient, the Alexandria Technical and Community College Foundation. All Chamber members will also be placed in a drawing for

the Pot of Gold, which is currently valued at nearly \$4,900.

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Paths to Pass Along Wealth

Providing financial security to your heirs after you're gone is a goal you can reach via multiple routes. Here is a common option.

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These policies provide not only a guaranteed death benefit for heirs but also a cash-value component you can access for emergencies, long-term care or other needs.

Caution: Whole life is more expensive than term insurance and borrowing against your policy can backfire in several costly ways.

Discussing estate plans with your children sooner rather than later, especially if you are leaving them different amounts or giving a large sum to charity, is a good idea for you to explain the reasons behind your decision.

Contact us to help set up your estate plan.

Excerpts from AARP Bulletin "Your Money," published September 2021

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OBITUARY

Harriet Johnson

Harriet Johnson slipped into heaven on Sunday, January 23, 2022 greeted by her husband, Conrad, her son, Bruce, her grandson Jason, and her great-grandson Blake as well as her parents, Elmer and Lillian Jackson and siblings Doris, Eldred, DeWayne and Corrine, her dear in-laws John K and Lena and many brother and sister in laws, cousins, and friends.

Harriet grew up on a farm near Starbuck and loved helping with chores outside so much more than chores in the house which she happily left to Doris. All the girls learned how to garden and can produce and were master bakers of bread, cakes, cookies, and bars.

Harriet attended country school until the 8th grade and graduated from Starbuck High School in 1949.

She met Conrad in November 1948 at a dance at Glenwood's Lakeside Pavilion. One of her best memories was getting stuck in the mud on the way home from a dance and being so concerned about her black velvet shoes.

Conrad and Harriet married on October 15, 1949, at Immanuel Lutheran Church as Conrad thought she lived too far away to drive there every weekend in his old '38 Chevy. They moved to the family farm near Kensington where they lived for two years with John K and Lena before moving into the four-room house where they remained for forty-eight years. From 1952 through 1961, they welcomed Bruce, Mark, Barbara, Lori, SuAnn, Judy and Carla into their family. Harriet created a home that helped each of their kids dare to dream and see possibilities instead of limitations.

Harriet was a wonderful seamstress and sewed countless Christmas and Easter dresses for her five girls. Sewing brought Judy particularly close to her mother and Harriet helped her fulfill her dream of starting her own company, JL Johnson Bridals. Harriet was one of Judy's first employees and worked in Hoffman, from home, and periodically in North Dakota sewing miles of curly-edged veils.

Solem Lutheran Church of rural Kensington became very important to Harriet, and she served as the Sunday School treasurer and was active in Ladies Aid and bible study for many years. Later, reading to residents at the nursing home in Hoffman became a real mission and she faithfully went every week, even after she stopped driving when Mark began driving her in her big Lincoln Continental.

Harriet loved music from the time she was small when the various Loen relatives brought music into their home. Carla helped line up numerous trips to the Polkafest where Harriet was thrilled to meet Molly B and Florian Chmielewski and loved dancing to "The Blue Skirt Waltz."

Harriet especially loved babies and rocked dozens of Lori's more than 400 foster children in addition to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The summer highlight for many years was Harriet and Conrad's wagon rides to Staffanson's prairie. The Grant County Wagon Train became almost a rite of passage for grandchildren to participate in. Jason and Burt were the first of the grandchildren to ride along but were joined later by Annette, Chris and Matthew, Beau, Wade and Zach, Heather and Chris, and AJ. Cory tried to ride along but made a quick exit as a result of allergies.

Harriet and Conrad also took trips to New York City where Conrad was mistaken for Mayor Koch and to Niagara Falls and the Northeast on a fall bus tour. Harriet visited many places around the globe vicariously through her children and grandchildren and in her later years recounted visits to Australia, Antarctica, and The Great Wall of China with amazing detail. One of her last real trips was to Las Vegas to watch Annette compete in Miss America. Her family logged many miles pushing grandma up and down Las Vegas Boulevard in a rickety borrowed wheelchair.

Harriet and Conrad traveled countless times to North Dakota to watch grandchildren's school and church programs, basketball games and swim meets. They spent their retirement winters in Florida with Barb's family where she enjoyed pitching a baseball, playing street hockey and HORSE and even beating the boys on occasion. Harriet was particularly proud of Wade, Beau and Zach's military service and was able to attend a military ball and her grandsons' commissioning ceremonies. Harriet made wonderful monster cookies and mailed them to her soldiers wherever they were serving. She was delighted to know that the cookies were shared with other servicemen.

A daily highlight for Harriet was checking the mail because she looked forward to letters and packages. It felt like Christmas throughout the year as she did her part to support the postal service by ordering all sorts of items and supporting many charities.

Harriet lost Conrad in 2000 which changed life for her. She continued to drive out to North Dakota and travelled to Florida for another ten years. She was so happy living on the farm with Mark. In her last years, she lived in the Bethel Apartments and then at Knute Nelson Grand Arbor in Alexandria where she continued to befriend those around her and spread her deep faith.

Harriet is survived by children Mark, Barbara Cleland and Kevin Staley, Lori Johnson, SuAnn and Randy Olson, Judy and Rocky Pletan, and Carla Holmes; grandchildren Burt Johnson and Heather Stahlecker, Wade, Beau and Zachary Cleland, Heather Benedix and Christopher Johnson, Annette Bohnsack, Christopher and Matthew Olson, Cory and Kyle Pletan, and AJ Holmes; great-grandchildren Lincoln and Jae, Wyatt, Lyra and Brooks, Theodore, Raymond and Bernard, William and Bruce, Erica and Emily, Betty, Lena, Marilyn and William, Joanna, Sylvia and Chad, Benjamin, Brooklyn and Mackenzie; sister Carol Braaten, brothers Harold (Bud) Jackson and Roger and Lola Jackson, sister-in-law Marlys Jackson and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service: 1:00 PM Friday, January 28, 2022 at Messiah Lutheran Church, Hoffman, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Interment: Solem Cemetery, Kensington, MN



CHARGED

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Officers also found several items of drug paraphernalia, including a baggie with

methamphetamine residue, a glass bong and a gold metal pipe with burnt residue, the statement read.

Lindberg has received four prior felony-level controlled substance

convictions, one in Anoka County, one in Blue Earth County and two in Pine County, the statement read.

Lindberg is currently on release.

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AURORA

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"I remember seeing this beam right over split rock. It wasn't extremely bright, but you could see it. It was pulsating," he said. "We sprinted from the car for a better view."

Ilstrup spent that night capturing the northern lights on camera for his first time, but it would not be his last. A few years later, he would see a light show that he described as a flame of colors waving in the sky.

"Your camera picks them up so much brighter than what your eyes actually see because a camera can pick up more light than we can," said Ilstrup.

With the help of photographers like Ilstrup and Erickson, who hunt down these mysterious lights of the night, we can get a better picture of their beauty.

It's a guessing game

Ilstrup says those looking to capture a northern lights shot should adjust their expectations.

"The whole sky is not going to turn neon green. Most of the time, it is a very muted green off in the horizon," he said.

He suggests going out as soon as it gets dark, as they can happen during the day can't be seen because of the sun.

"Many people get hung up on what time they should shoot. My answer is when the sun goes down. The rest is just a waiting game of trials and errors," he said.

Ilstrup says he plans his night of chasing lights by checking specific data points from the Space Weather Prediction Center / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Its website displays current CME readings — Coronal Mass Ejections — a significant release of plasma and accompanying magnetic field from the sun's corona into the solar wind.

"Basically, a solar flare that breaks off from the sun will travel a crazy distance to the earth," said Ilstrup.

"The goal is that the CME will hit the Earth's atmosphere. You could get really good northern lights when that happens, but they are unpredictable. I think it takes an average of three days for them to reach the Earth, so you don't really know when it will hit. It is a guessing game."

There is also the KP index — the disturbance of the Earth's magnetic field caused by the solar wind. The faster the solar wind blows, the greater the turbulence, according to <https://auroraforecast.is>. Ilstrup says when he goes out, he likes the KP index to be over five.

He also checks for things like cloud cover and moon phases. If there are too many clouds, you won't see the lights. Their glow will drown out the northern lights if the moon is too full.

"And you do not have to be far north to

see them. If it is a strong light show, you will see them — even from the Alexandria area," Ilstrup said, adding that it helps to get away from the town's light pollution.

"I suggest going at least five to 10 miles out of town."

Setting up the camera

Ilstrup shoots with a Sony A7R4, equipped with his Sony 16mm - 35mm F4, Sony 24mm - 70mm F2.8, or his 12mm F2.8 lens. While Erickson shoots with a Nikon 5100 and a Tamron 18mm - 70mm lens.

Ilstrup suggests, for those starting to get into photography, not to buy the most expensive camera and lens. Buy what you can afford and practice, practice, practice like you would with any other skill. Get good with the camera you have and update as needed, he said.

"Figure out what camera is right for you or what you can afford. And don't compare yourself to others, which is easy to do in today's world with social media. You're going to be really bad right away. Everyone is. It is just a matter of getting out and doing it and connecting with people."

Ilstrup listed several key factors for shooting the northern lights:

Shutter speed — the speed at which the shutter of the camera closes. A fast shutter speed creates a shorter exposure — the amount of light the camera takes in — and a slow shutter speed gives the photographer a longer exposure.

Ilstrup says the trick is to get the perfect exposure time to capture the movement of the lights, usually around one to two seconds. Finding the sweet spot for shutter speed will produce a sharper image of the lights. Otherwise, the photo will end up looking like a "blob" of color.

"The longer the shutter speed, the more the lights are going to blur together because they are constantly moving," said Ilstrup. "I'll normally try to keep mine under five seconds, but it is a lot of trial and error."

Aperture — the opening in a lens through which light passes to enter the camera. If you think of the aperture as the pupil of a camera's eye, you can shrink or enlarge the size of the aperture to allow more or less light to reach your camera sensor.

Ilstrup suggests keeping your camera's aperture as wide open as you can. Ideally, with a lens with an F stop of 2.8 or lower.

"The lower the number gets, the better your pictures will be; the lower the aperture, the more light the camera will let in," he said.

Since the northern lights are lights that our eyes can not always pick up, a wide aperture allows your camera to see what our eyes can't.

ISO — your camera's sensitivity to light. It will brighten or darken a photo, which can help you capture images in darker environments. A lower ISO value means less sensitivity to light, while a higher ISO means more sensitivity.

"It depends on the camera," said Ilstrup. "My camera does pretty well in the dark. I can set the ISO up to 10,000 and not worry about too much noise."

He suggests raising the

ISO anywhere from 3,200 to 10,000, depending on the camera's capabilities.

Getting focused

Ilstrup says one of the trickiest parts of capturing the lights is getting your camera's focus just right. He suggests getting out a little before dark and focusing on a spot that will show the lights in the background; a tree line is a good example. To help stay in focus, use a tripod and set a shutter timer to reduce shakiness from shooting by hand with a more extended exposure shot.

"And it needs to be in manual focus," Ilstrup added. "I know some people that will put a piece of tape on their camera's lens, so they know exactly where the right focus is."

Why take pictures?

Erickson enjoys the challenge of playing with the camera's technology and being able to capture something unique.

"It's fun to be able to get good pictures," said Erickson. "My dad took lots of pictures and he loved it. I'm sure a lot of it came from watching him and the enjoyment he got from photography."

Ilstrup first started his venture into photography during his sophomore year at UMD. After years of beating up his knees snowboarding, he tore his ACL and needed a new hobby to keep him busy until he healed.

"My friend, Ian Deloney, taught me how to use a camera. He and I started going out with a crew of friends to do some hiking and mess around with our cameras and slowly started doing it more and more, then eventually all the time," said Ilstrup. "Getting up early for sunrise pictures was a much more productive use of my time. It became addicting, but also a good positive hobby; better than drinking and going to house parties."

With a buddy who was into photography, a camera he used for skate and snowboard videos and a love for the outdoors, landscape photography became Ilstrup's passion.

Today, Ilstrup has over 39,000 followers on Instagram with a website to order calendars and prints of his photos, featured in articles from multiple publications and a catalog of landscapes and nature shots from around the world.

His works feature shots of rolling Lake Superior waves — captured in the water with the help of a wetsuit and waterproof housing kit for his camera. He's also captured images of the autumn leaves of northwestern Minnesota, hidden waterfalls along the North Shore, vibrant sunrises, twisting tornadoes and lightning strikes, the roaring wildfires of Greenwood, European landscapes from his time abroad and of course, northern lights.

"I really enjoy everything outdoor-related," said Ilstrup, who grew up on a decent size property outside of Hoffman where he and his family did a lot of outdoor activities. "Getting outside is fun; there is so much out there. I enjoy the challenge of getting out and trying to line up the perfect shot, even if that means going out for sunrise to the same spot, five times in a row."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sticking to their strength

B-E relying on an energized defense

By Sam Stuve
Alexandria Echo Press

EVANSVILLE- The Brandon-Evansville girls basketball team showed its defensive prowess in a 51-43 win over the Upsala Cardinals at home on Tuesday.

The Chargers held the Cardinals to three points in the final five and a half minutes and scored 11 themselves.

"Our girls just stayed with it," Brandon-Evansville head coach Zach Traphagen said. "We got some stops defensively and it starts there."

The Cardinals (6-10) led for most of the second half, but the switch was flipped in the final five and half minutes.

"We got stops and then that led to us getting the ball and we got a couple easy ones in transition," Traphagen said.

B-E's point of attack defensively was stopping dribble penetration, which it did better in the second half than in the first.

"They were kind of beating us on perimeter drives to the basket," Traphagen said. "And we kind of said in order for us to win the game, we're gonna have to contain dribble penetration a little bit better."

The Chargers did just that as they allowed 14 points in the second half after allowing 29 in the first. Charger sophomore Kylee Dingwall said the difference between the first and second half had to do with how

they defended the Cardinals' screens.

"We started switching, we started figuring out what they were doing, so we actually were able to defend it eventually," Dingwall said. "They were screening and rolling off really quickly and we weren't jumping in soon enough. So then they're beating us off the dribble."

Dingwall led all players with 14 points on a perfect six for six shooting from the field and two of two from the free throw line. Dingwall also led the Chargers in steals with four. Senior Olivia Otto led the Chargers in rebounds with seven.

"We kind of need to hang our hat on being a good defensive team because we do struggle scoring the ball," Traphagen said. "We have to play good team basketball, we have to keep good balance on offense. And so we know, we're probably not going to have a lot of high scoring games. And if we do have high scoring games, or the other team is scoring much over 50 points, it's probably not a good recipe for success for us. We hang our hat on being aggressive, playing good man-to-man defense, having good rotations, good help defense off of that."

The Chargers have held their opponents to less than 50 points in their last seven games and have a 5-2 record in that stretch. B-E has a 3-4 record when opponents score more than 50.

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Photos by Eric Morken / Alexandria Echo Press

Alexandria's Will Heydt, left, and Grayson Grove trap Detroit Lakes sophomore forward Mason Carrier during the Cardinals' win over the Lakers on Tuesday. Alexandria's pressure defense led to a lot of Detroit Lakes turnovers and created easy opportunities on offense in the 85-52 win.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Learning from their losses

Alex boys take lessons from some bumps in the road

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

Alexandria

There's been a couple bumps in the road through the first half of the season for the Alexandria boys basketball team, but one constant has been the way the Cardinals have played against other Section 8-3A opponents.

Alexandria was 6-0 against section teams coming into a matchup at home against Detroit Lakes on Tuesday. Those wins had come by an average margin of 26.8 points-per game, with the lone close contest being a 65-62 win over Rocori (5-11) on Dec. 21.

The Cardinals (11-3) remained perfect against 8-3A opponents on Tuesday as they comfortably beat Detroit Lakes (3-9) in an 85-52 final to complete the season sweep of the Lakers.

"Lately we've just kind of been slow," Alexandria junior guard Jaxon Schoenrock said. "Offense hasn't been mixing as well as we did in the start of the season. Tonight, we kind of just came out and gave a better approach."

The Lakers led 3-0



Alexandria senior Erik Hedstrom and Detroit Lakes sophomore Mason Carrier meet at the rim on Hedstrom's layup attempt during the Cardinals win over the Lakers on Tuesday.

before Alexandria promptly went on a 14-0 run to grab control of the game. It was a 38-23 lead for the Cardinals at halftime.

Alexandria dominated the game in transition. They forced a big number of Detroit Lakes turnovers and used that to get out and run for easy buckets.

The Cardinals played at a torrid pace that made them tough to beat. Guys' first instinct after creating a takeaway or grabbing

a defensive rebound was to look up court for teammates getting out on the break.

Ten different players scored for Alexandria. Erik Hedstrom had a team-high 17, while Carter Steffensmeier (14), Grayson Grove (13) and Kristen Hoskins (12) made it four in double figures.

"That was one of our emphasis in practice was pushing the ball against these guys because they get tired pretty quick with not many guys off the

bench," Schoenrock said. "We knew we had to wear them out to get up on the scoreboard. When we play like this, we're tough to beat. We're all there for each other and ready to go from the start."

Alexandria head coach Forrest Witt said this group will always try to create offense from its defense by using its athleticism and getting out in transition. The Cardinals are nearly impossible to stop when they can do that, but good opposing defenses have a tendency to be able to slow the game down.

"Our challenge right now and what we're working on is if we don't get that from our defense, we need to work and be better in the half court offensively," Witt said. "That's where we've been a little bit inconsistent against a real solid team that just sits down and plays good, hard-nosed man-to-man."

The Cardinals saw that in their most recent loss to Sartell-St. Stephen on Jan. 18. A lot of improving in that half-court offense stems around better movement.

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Osakis' depth delivers impressive results Tuesday

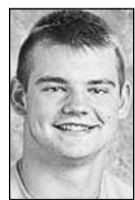
Chargers hold off Browerville-Eagle Valley

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

LITTLE FALLS — The Osakis boys basketball team got a win over a Class AAA opponent on the road on Tuesday as the Silverstreaks (13-2, Section 6AA) stymied Little Falls (4-9) in a 57-42 final.

Osakis held the Flyers to their second-lowest scoring night of the season.

The Silverstreaks have shown some depth this season with a different guy stepping up on different nights. Senior Brady Mages had 21



Brady Mages



Kyle Mages

points and 5 rebounds against the Flyers.

Osakis will need its defense going forward after losing starting sophomore guard Kyle Mages for the rest of the season. Head coach Matt Hoelscher said Mages will be shut down from basketball activities for 8 weeks in hopes that he can avoid needing sur-

gery in relation to a knee injury if the knee can fully heal with rest.

"We had multiple guys make big plays throughout the game to help fill that void," Hoelscher said. "Isaac (Maddock) had a huge three in the first half when we were not getting much in our offense. Grant (Mages) had some big rebounds and baskets down the stretch. Mekai (Hoelscher) and Drew (Imdieke) gave great minutes and moved the basketball to find open players and they did a nice job defensively. Bauer (Klimek) start-

ed slow with some foul trouble but made a big three to start the second half to give us momentum, and Stewart (Jones) was active on the glass and hounded people defensively."

Senior Carter Wataas had a team-best 7 rebounds and 3 blocks.

"Brady and Carter had huge games in the paint whether it was scoring, rebounding, or impacting shots," Hoelscher said. "Those two do a fantastic job rebounding on both ends of the floor, giving us the advantage against smaller teams. Good win against a big school and now we have some section and con-

ference games coming up that we need to focus on."

LITTLE FALLS 23 19 - 42
OSAKIS 32 25 - 57
OSAKIS TOTALS - FG - 23-44; Three-FG - 5-16; FT - 6-11; Assists - 12; Blocks - 3; Rebounds - 31; Steals - 3; Turnovers - 7
OSAKIS - Stewart Jones - 9 points, 1 assist, 5 rebounds; Grant Mages - 6 points, 3 assists, 6 rebounds; Isaac Maddock - 3 points; Bauer Klimek - 11 points, 5 assists, 2 rebounds, 2 steals; Drew Imdieke - 3 points, 1 assist, 4 rebounds; Mekai Hoelscher - 2 rebounds, 1 steal; Carter Wataas - 4 points, 3 blocks, 7 rebounds; Brady Mages - 21 points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds

Chargers knock off Browerville-EV

The Brandon-Evansville boys basketball team (6-7) put three players in double figures and held off Browerville-Eagle Valley (8-5) in a 59-56 win on Monday night.

Dezmond White led the way with 15 points, while

Titus Fuller and Micah Fuller each had 10. Tyler Bitzan (8), Lucas Fuller (6), Brady Perleberg (5), Riley Perleberg (3) and Aaron Gillespie (2) rounded out the Chargers' scoring.

"We played really well in the first half and made some shots early," B-E head coach Trent Hintermeister said. "I thought we came out with much better intensity than the last couple of games and that helped us get the win. It was a very physical game, and I thought our guys played through it."

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Brandon-Evansville junior Sydney Schaefer blows by two Upsala defenders in a game on Tuesday. Brandon-Evansville defeated Upsala 51-43.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Fighting off a furious rally

Ashby holds on against WCA

By Sam Stuve

Alexandria Echo Press

ASHBY- The Ashby boys basketball team earned a 47-26 lead over the West Central Area Knights in the second half. But the Knights fought back late and found themselves down 69-66, with a chance to tie the game with a last second three-pointer.

The half-court heave fell short and the Arrows held on to the three-point victory on Monday.

"We've got a young team, but they're really hard workers," West Central Area head coach Kraig Hunter said. "And so we just said to them at halftime, 'You can't come back in one, two possessions. You got to chip away, we got to just get defensive stops, keep working hard, like we always do and hit a few shots.'"

This would have been a section game last season, but WCA moved up to Class AA at the start of the year, while Ashby remains in Section 6A.

The Knights cut the Arrows lead to one (67-66) on a big three-pointer from sophomore guard Camden Anderson, his fourth made three of the half and sixth of the game.

But with clutch free throws by senior guard Carson Spangler with 2.4 seconds left, the Arrows iced the game.



Sam Stuve / Alexandria Echo Press

Ashby senior guard Carter Sprangler blocks the shot of West Central Area's Jacob Strunk in a game on Monday.

Despite the two late makes at the line, the Arrows missed some key free throws down the stretch which helped the Knights stay in the contest.

"We couldn't make a free throw. We missed nine free throws at the end," Ashby head coach John Holsten said. "It kept it interesting. If we made some free throws, I think we would've felt better about the way things were going down the stretch."

Ashby made just seven out of 19 free throws in the game. The Arrows cleaned up on the offensive glass and got some second-chance points late in the game.

"We had to do a better job rebounding (in order to win)," Hunter said. "You're giving

up too many second-chance opportunities. That is really what it came down to."

One of these offensive rebounds resulted in a put-back by senior forward Jacob Cook with 52.2 seconds left which put the Arrows up 69-66. Cook led all scorers with 30 points on Tuesday.

"He's a talented player, he's got good skills," Holsten said. "He can knock down long shots, and that also helps him when he drives to the basket. So they've got to honor both parts of his game."

If there's one thing that Cook, and the rest of the Arrows exude in the eyes of Holsten, it's toughness.

"We have a lot of guys who

compete. He's (Cook) one of them," Holsten said. "That's the trait I like most about these kids. They're great competitors."

The Knights and Arrows were neck and neck to start the game, but Ashby built an 18-point lead at halftime (38-22).

"The first half we just didn't play that good of defense," Hunter said.

WCA's defense has been stout all year, and has given up less than 45 points in nine of its 14 games this season. But Ashby shot effectively from the three-point line, drilling six threes in the first half.

"We moved the ball well," Holsten said about his team's offense in the first half. "We were sharing the ball. We were making good cuts and it looks better when you're making shots. And we made some shots."

Hunter said they switched their ball screen coverage in the second half, which helped limit the Arrows to 31 points in the half.

The 69 points is the most WCA has given up since Dec. 17 against Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta (72).

With a 42-point second half, the Knights not only fought their way back into the game but ended up scoring the second most points that a team has scored against the Arrows this season.

"On offense, we just tried to spread the floor more and get more penetrations to the

hoop," Hunter said about his team's halftime adjustments. "We tried getting it to the hoop and kicking it out on offense and spreading them out."

The Knights shot 25 of 51 from the floor and eight of 20 from the three-point line. The Arrows shot 26 of 52 from the floor and eight of 13 from the three-point line.

Cam Anderson led all Knights with 21 points, 18 of which came in the second half. WCA junior guard Cole Anderson earned a double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"He's the facilitator of our offense," Hunter said of Cam. "He's a good shooter, but he also has a lot of assists, and he's going to create for people. He's a good ball player. We try to get the ball in his hands and the other guys are ready for his passes."

With the win, Ashby (11-1) has won seven in a row. WCA (11-3) had its four-game winning streak snapped.

"Ashby's a great team...and they're got everybody back, pretty much. They've all been starting for a few years," Hunter said.

Ashby is home on Friday for its third home game in a row, with Battle Lake (5-7) coming to town.

West Central Area - 22 42 66
Ashby - 38 31 69

WEST CENTRAL AREA SCORING: Camden Anderson 21 points; Cole Anderson 15 points; Mitchell Dewey 10 points; Ryder Staples 8 points; Nasir Dotts 7 points; Bryce Kjesbo 2 points; Jake Strunk 2 points; Isaac Krefl 2 points

ASHBY: Jacob Cook 30 points; Torin Olson 14 points; Hunter Norby 8 points; Carson Spangler 4 points; Matson Hoff 7 points; Brodie Ecker 2 points

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Cardinals drain 13 three pointers

WCA hands Hancock its first loss

By Eric Morken

Alexandria Echo Press

The Alexandria girls basketball team had no problem taking its recent stretch of good play on the road as the Cardinals dominated a Section 8-3A and Central Lakes Conference game in Sauk Rapids on Tuesday.

The Cardinals (7-7, 4-3 CLC) went on a 25-0 run that blew the game open in a 78-44 final.

"The defense locked in after a sluggish start and the offense got fired up as a result," Alexandria head coach Wendy Kohler said. "We knocked down 13 (threes) and scored in the paint as well."

Ten different players scored for the Cardinals. Three fresh-

men were in double figures as Hadley Thul had 25, and Chloe Scholl and Allie Haabala had 15 and 13, respectively.



Scholl

ALEXANDRIA 78, SAUK RAPIDS-RICE 44

SCORING - Hadley Thul - 25; Chloe Scholl - 15; Allie Haabala - 13; MaCee Linow - 7; Tessa McGrane - 6; Kaia Emter - 3; Lydia Oldenkamp - 3; Ella Steussy - 2; Ellie Heydt - 2; Camree Miller - 2

Knights hand Hancock its first loss

The Hancock girls basketball team won a close game in overtime against West Central Area on Dec. 9. On Tuesday, the Knights returned the favor in taking a close game in regulation.

Hancock is one of the best teams in Class A, but WCA (9-3) handed the Owls (13-1) their first loss of the season in a 73-64 win. The Knights led by four early in the second half, but it took a long stretch of good play late to overcome a deficit.

"The Owls built an 8-point lead with 6 minutes to play," WCA head coach Erik Schoenbauer said. "(We) tied the game up with two and a half minutes to play and finished the game on a 13-4 run."

Senior guard Lexi Bright had another double-double with 27 points and 12 assists. Claire Stark added 13 points, and Macy Grosz and Mya Foslien both finished with 10.

WCA 73, HANCOCK 64

WCA - Claire Stark - 13 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocks; Macy Grosz - 10 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist; Mya Foslien - 10 points, 4 assists, 2 steals, 2 rebounds; Addison Staples - 8 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals; Elizabeth Rustan - 3 points, 2

rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block; Halle Foslien - 2 points, 2 steals, 1 block; Lexi Bright - 27 points, 12 assists, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block; Kaitlyn Hansen - 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist; Jayden Styba - 3 deflections, 1 rebound

Osakis moves to 11-5

Osakis moved to 11-5 as the Silverstreaks went on the road and took a 51-46 game against Royalton (6-7).

"To go on the road and beat a good Royalton team is a great accomplishment," Osakis head coach Pat Kalpin said. "Royalton was a much bigger team, so our girls had to adjust to their length. Early in the game, we struggled to get good shots, but as the game went on, we were more patient and didn't try to hurry things."

"Defensively, we worked hard and were able to rebound the ball, especially late in the game. We had some big buckets by Tessa Stanek, Mara

VanNhuis and Hayleigh Niehoff late in the game that helped seal the win for us. With Royalton being in our section, this was also a key win for seeding purposes."

OSAKIS 51, ROYALTON 46

OSAKIS - Tessa Stanek - 5 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 deflection, 2 steals; Lexi Spychalla - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 deflection; Mara VanNhuis - 11 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 deflections, 3 steals; Alexis Johanson - 14 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal; Hayleigh Niehoff - 9 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 4 deflections, 2 steals; Carlee Muenzhuber - 7 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 deflections, 2 steals; Kiley Kranz - 3 points, 4 rebounds, 1 deflection, 1 steal

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GYMNASTICS

Ailynn Fettig sweeps in win over Spuds

By Eric Morken

Alexandria Echo Press

ALEXANDRIA — The Alexandria gymnastics team controlled its meet against Moorhead on Tuesday night, beating the Spuds comfortably in a 135.725 to 118.750 final.



Fettig

Another big performance by Ailynn Fettig led the way as she finished first in the all-around scores with a 36.275. Fettig was first on the vault

(9.35), bars (9.0), beam (8.8) and floor (9.125).

It was part of multiple top-five finishes for the Cardinals. Sara Eddy (second, 9.1), Loren Buggert (third, 8.8), Izzy Kent (fourth, 8.75) and Addison Fettig (fifth, 8.7) made it a clean sweep on the vault.

Kent was second on the bars with an 8.6, and Addison Gulbranson (8.05) and Buggert (7.6) were third and fourth, respectively. Hailie Kent and Buggert tied for third on beam with scores of 7.9, and Ellie Rauk tied for fourth at 7.65.

Dylan Witt helped round out

the win on the floor with an 8.5. That tied her with Eddy for second place, while Jamie Aldis (third, 8.1) and Addison Fettig (fifth, 7.85) rounded out the Cardinals' top-five finishers.

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HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Alexandria boys recover from a rough start

Girls shut out at Willmar

By Sam Stuve

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FOOTBALL

Knights honor historic season

By Eric Morken
Alexandria Echo Press

The West Central Area-Ashby football team had to wait a while to host its season-ending banquet after a run to the Class AA state championship game took the Knights well into November.

It was a night worth the wait with so many accomplishments to recognize after one of the best seasons in program history. West Central Area-Ashby finished 11-2 overall with wins over Moose Lake-Willow River and Maple River in the state tournament. Chatfield edged the Knights late in the fourth quarter in a 14-13 state title game.

WCA-Ashby honored eight different athletes with team awards, including a couple of guys who shared the top honors for both offense and defense.

Seniors Mattson Hoff and Hunter Norby were both named Defensive MVPs. Norby led the team in total tackles with 68.5. He had 13 tackles for loss, one safety and two pass breakups. Hoff was second on the team in tackles with 56.5. He had 10 tackles for loss.

Junior receiver Cole Anderson and junior running back Anthony Sykora shared the Offensive MVP award. Sykora led the team in rushing with 1,156 yards and 16 touchdowns on 191 carries. He also threw for 189 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions as an option to throw the ball after getting it in the backfield.

Anderson led the Knights in receiving with 30 catches



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West Central Area-Ashby seniors Hunter Norby, left, and Mattson Hoff shared the Knights' Defensive MVP Award this past fall season after they were the top two tacklers on the team.

for 665 yards. He had big plays all season on his way to catching 11 touchdowns. Torin Olson was second on the team in receiving touchdowns with 3 as he finished with 409 yards on 15 catches.

Colton Lindquist earned the team's Outstanding Line-man Award. Lindquist had 27 tackles defensively, with 3.5 tackles for loss.

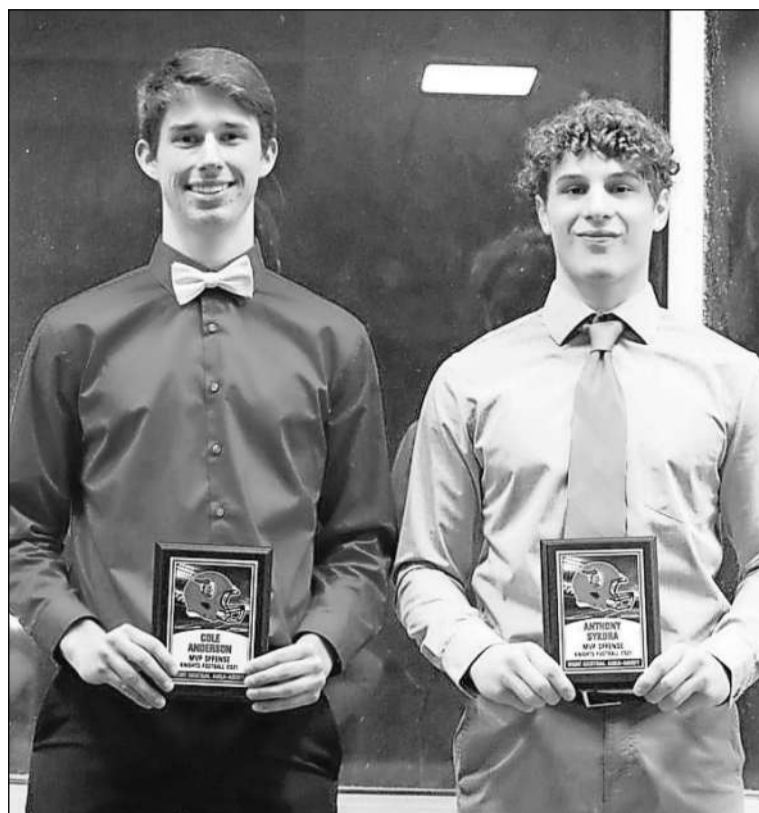
Carson Spangler was named the Knight Award winner. He was fourth on the team in tackles with 46.5. Spangler had a team-best 18 pass breakups, while also posting 8.5 tackles for loss.

Sophomore Nas Dotts

earned the Most Improved Award, while Brady Lindquist earned the Up and Comer Award. Dotts had 38 tackles with 7 tackles for loss and 10 pass breakups. Brady Lindquist had 21 tackles.

The Knights put five players on the all-district team in Evan Paulson, Sykora, Hoff, Norby and Tyler Stone. Paulson was named the sub-district quarterback of the year after throwing for 1,810 yards, 19 touchdowns and 9 interceptions on 91-of-179 passing.

Sykora also earned the sub-district Running Back of the Year Award. Carson



Cole Anderson, left, and Anthony Sykora — Offensive MVP Award winners.

Spangler, Anderson and Sam Heeter were honorable-mention all-district players.

The Knights also had a big contingent of players named to the All-Section 6AA team in Paulson, Sykora, Hoff, Norby, Stone, Carson Spangler and Anderson. Torin Olson, Ryder Staples and Reubens Swanson earned honorable-mention honors in the section.

Staples also received a special honor at the state tournament by earning a Most Valuable Teammate Award. This honor is given to a player who demonstrates:

- ▶ A positive influence on

their team

▶ Commitment to the team, and putting the team before self

▶ Demonstrates leadership and sportsmanship

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Staples caught seven balls, with many of those coming on big junks of yardage. He totaled 143 yards and two touchdowns.

WCA-ASHBY ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM — 3.7 GPA — Colton Lindquist, Sam Heeter, Bret Amundson, Cole Anderson, Damon Sanstead, Isaac Kreft, Ben Nyreen, Nas Dotts, Will Rustan

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WRESTLING ROUNDUP

The Knights down another top team

By Sam Stuve
Alexandria Echo Press

The West Central Area-Ashby-Brandon-Evansville wrestling team kept its undefeated season alive with a 42-21 victory over fellow Class A foe, the eighth ranked United North Central Warriors Tuesday.

The Knights won 10 matches, five of which were pins.

The Knights earned four first-period pins on the night, starting with 7th-grader Owen Gruchow (106) who pinned UNC's Conrad Koll (0:49). Sophomore Carter Lohse (113) followed Gruchow's first period victory with one of his own, by pinning UNC's Zach Davidson (1:09).

Freshman Hunter Gruchow (ranked No. 10 at 132 in Class A by The Guillotine) earned the Knights quickest pin of the night, in 29 seconds over UNC's Spencer Erickson.

Junior Anthony Sykora (ranked No. 3 in Class A at 170 in Class A) earned the final first period pin for the Knights by pinning UNC's Mason Plautz (1:44).

Sophomore Adam Lohse (120) shut out his opponent, UNC's Zach Hendrickson, 6-0.

The Knights earned victories in the six matches and had a 27-3 lead to start the night. The Warriors won three straight matches, 145, 152 and 160.

Sykora, junior Beau Rob-

inson (182), sophomore Will Rustan (195) and Colton Lindquist (ranked No. 2 at 220 in Class) gave the Knights wins in the last four out of five with the lone loss coming at heavyweight.

Osakis tops OTC, but fall short against LPGE-Browerville

Osakis earned its third win of the season by topping the Ottertail Central Bulldogs in a triangular at home.

The Silverstreaks picked up four pins on the night in a nine-point victory.

The biggest pin of the dual came at 170, as freshman Kaleb Helberg sealed the dual for the Silverstreaks.

He pinned Ottertail Central's Anibal Franco at the tail end of the first period (1:59).

The final four bouts of the night were won by forfeit (two wins by each team).

Freshman Reggie George (ranked No. 6 at 106 in Class A) earned the first pin of the dual for Osakis as he pinned Ottertail Central's Mason Christianson (5:59).

Sophomore Jacob Taplin (ranked No. 4 at 120 in Class A) had the quickest pin of the dual as he took care of business against Bulldog Julian Umlauf in a little over a minute (1:06).

Sophomore Gaven Cimbura (145) earned the Silverstreaks third pin of the dual.

He pinned Bulldog Tommy Ehlert (4:17).

The Siilverstreaks didn't have the same success against Class A's fifth-ranked Long Prairie-Grey Eagle-Browerville. George, Taplin, Cimbura, and Helberg each picked up victories against the Wolves, making them each 2-0 on the night.

Junior Kale Drevlow (152) picked up a 12-1 major decision over LPGE-Browerville's Tucker Zigan. Seventh-grader Conner Koep picked up his first victory over an opponent this season with a first-period pin over LPGE-Browerville's Corbin Nelson (1:40).

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BOYS HOOPS

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"Ball movement, player movement, more cutting, screening," Witt said.

"That's partially on me as well where we have to take some time and really break that down and focus on some early quick-hitters that can help us get into a five-out offense. It's a dual focus where we need as players to be more concerned and aware of our movement, and then as coaches, give them some things that can get us triggered into that motion."

The Cardinals are still very well positioned in the Class AAA standings as they near the final full month of the regular season in February. Alexandria's losses came to good teams in Princeton (12-1), Hutchinson (11-4) and Sartell-St. Stephen (12-3).

The losses against Hutchinson and Sartell came in back-to-back games, and the Cardinals have bounced back with two straight wins now after also beating St. Peter on Jan. 21.

"We composed ourselves," Schoenrock said. "We knew we were in a little slump. I think we still came to each

game ready to play, and just some games it didn't work out on offense. The past couple weeks, we've figured out that's kind of helped us come back to where we were. Our best players are going to have off nights. Guys off the bench just have to bring it when they get in and know there's a role for them too."

The Cardinals came into this season with so much experience back from a state runner-up team. There are high expectations from inside and outside the locker room, and Witt wanted his players to get back to enjoying the game again.

"Have fun with the game," Witt said. "You go through a tough stretch through the season, mid-January, it gets a little bit challenging mentally. When you lose a couple games, it obviously affects things as well. Just get back to playing basketball, have fun, approach things with that mentality, work hard and things will be OK."

Alexandria is ranked as the 7th best Class AAA team through the QRF on Minnesota-scores.net, and there are plenty of chances to keep adding good wins. One comes later this week when the Cardinals go to Class 4A-Brainerd (8-4) on

Thursday night.

Anything can happen in a win-or-go-home situation in the postseason. Sauk Rapids-Rice (8-6) and St. Cloud Tech (8-5) both suffered double-digit losses to Alexandria early this season.

Both have played well of late, with Sauk Rapids and Tech each winning seven of their last nine games going into contests on Tuesday. The Cardinals will go to Sauk Rapids-Rice on Jan. 31. They are at St. Cloud Tech on Feb. 10.

"Sauk Rapids and Tech are two of the other favorites in the section," Witt said. "We beat both of them, but both were without a key guard with (Donald) Ferguson (III) from Tech and then one of Sauk Rapids' starting guards was out from a football injury. They're both playing good basketball right now. We just need to take care of ourselves, keep working on what we need to. We know that those are two quality teams that are going to keep getting better."

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GIRLS HOOPS

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The Chargers are on a bit of a roll, having won their last three games and their last six out of eight. In the last eight games, they have allowed an average of 41.6 points per game.

"All of that is just trusting each other on the floor, which we develop from your practice habits," Traphagen said. "So everything that we continue to try to improve on, we can always look back to saying how you practice is how you're going to play. Those habits that you form in practice are going to lead to the good plays that you make. Right now, defensively, we're doing a good job of making sure we're making it difficult for the other team."

Foul trouble hindered the Chargers defensive effort early on. The Chargers committed six fouls in the first six minutes or so and committed 10 in the half.

"We say be aggressive, take some risks, you've got to gamble a little bit and sometimes when you're aggressive, you get over aggressive and you're gonna get a foul," Traphagen said. "We just don't want to have the silly fouls that are, you know, 75 feet from the

basket. We want the ones that are aggressive going for the ball. So when we get in foul trouble like that, especially with some of our better players that we need to have out on the court, it comes down to other kids stepping up and filling in that void."

Traphagen said he's satisfied with the way some of the bench players have stepped up in the last two games.

"We've had young girls come in, step up off the bench and play some really valuable minutes," Traphagen said. "That just makes us all the more balanced and doesn't put so much pressure on five girls. Now we know that we have 10, 11, 12 girls that we can trust to get in there and give us good minutes."

The Chargers are at home for a Little Eight Conference matchup against the Underwood Rockets (11-2) on Friday. Tip-off is at 7:15 p.m. in Evansville.

UPSALA SCORING- Hannah Luedtke, 11 points; Dakota Soltis, 8 points; Kristine Biniek, 8 points; Brenna Graves, 8 points; Kylie Roerick, 3 points; Samantha Pilarski, 3 points
BRANDON-EVANSVILLE- Kylee Dingwall - 14 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals; EmmaLee Brethorst, 10 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 deflections; Sydney Schaefer, 8 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals; Olivia Otto, 8 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal; Kaytlyn Pattrin, 5 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals; Sophie Koep, 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 deflections; Kayla Bitzan-Anderson, 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 deflection; Kiley Lund, 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 deflection; Skyler Bilzan, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Hadley Baune, 3 rebounds

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Keys to catching mid-winter crappies

Mid-winter can be one of the best times to locate and stay on crappies.

Though the fish are often in predictable areas during this time, getting them to bite can be a bit challenging. Here are some thoughts on where to find mid-winter crappies and tempt them into biting.

Mid-winter crappies are often found roaming deep basins searching for food. Basin areas in some of the shallow lakes I fish might be in the 15-to-25-foot depth ranges. On other lakes with deeper waters, the basins that hold fish will often be deeper too.

While crappies often roam a particular basin, a good basin one year will often be a good basin the next year too. For that reason, anglers can often return to productive areas they found in previous winters or on previous trips and drill holes in



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the same vicinity to pinpoint schools.

Moving about a basin and quickly drilling holes to find those schools is key and this is where having a sharp, reliable ice auger helps. The K-Drill auger I use works great for searching as it's super lightweight and is powered by a cordless electric drill, so with a charged battery, it's a reliable starter.

Another important part of a successful basin crappie search is the use of a quality flasher sonar unit. Sonar allows anglers to see any crappies roaming a basin and, since crappies often suspend, is helpful in effectively presenting a bait in the



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John Crane with a big crappie he jigged up during the 2021-22 ice-fishing season.

water column at the level the fish are found.

I use the FLX-20 flasher because it does a great job of helping me locate fish and has 1/4-inch separation allowing me to easily distinguish individual fish and my bait when the fishing starts. This is important as crappies often appear several at a time and "separating" them as

they appear on sonar helps catch them.

Once the fish are found, the challenge then becomes getting them to bite. Sometimes the fish are aggressive and can be caught on small jigging spoons tipped with minnow heads or waxworms and worked aggressively.

A 1/16-ounce Jointed Pinhead Mino spoon is

my favorite as it comes in all the right colors and its jointed design, and the action that design provides, often makes it appealing to crappies.

Spoons are favorites as they appeal to bigger fish and the aggressive ones. At times, however, crappies require more finesse. This is when small tungsten jigs get the nod.

In fact, a small tungsten Drop-Kick jig tipped with either waxworms or a small panfish plastic has put lots of crappies on the ice when the fish refused other lures. Pink, red, and white jig and plastic color combinations have worked well for me when finicky crappies are encountered.

I usually start a fishing day jigging a spoon and go to the tungsten jig if the fish won't cooperate. These jigging methods are

only one part of my 1-2 winter crappie set up. The other involves a simple crappie minnow fished on a plain hook beneath a bobber with some split shot weights added to the line about a foot or so above the hook.

This "do nothing" approach is often effective when fish are attracted to a jigging bait but refuse to eat it. Often, these fish simply slide over to, and inhale, the minnow!

By heading to the basin of your favorite panfish lake and employing the tips suggested you can probably find and catch some mid-winter slabs right now. As always, good luck on the ice and remember to include a youngster in your next outdoors adventure!

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Ice fishing from a limousine? Why not?

By Brad Dokken

Alexandria Echo Press

At first glance, the big white Lincoln covered with stickers and parked on the Canadian side of the Rainy River across from Baudette, Minnesota, might appear to be badly stuck in the snow.

A closer look would reveal a different picture: A limousine-turned-ice fishing house.

Wheeled ice fishing houses are all the rage these days, but a fish house that's actually a working limousine takes the wheelhouse concept to a whole new level.

Just when you think you've seen everything.

The limousine fish house is the brainchild of Vaughn Murray, a Rainy River resident whose creation has been turning heads since it showed up on the ice of this Minnesota-Ontario border river earlier this month.

A recent Facebook post with photos of the limo fish house has been shared more than 500 times and had more than 600 views in its first 12 hours, Murray says.

"I think I've got something going here," Murray said Tuesday, Jan. 18, in a phone interview. "My son-in-law rented it for me on Sunday (Jan. 16) to some of his friends who wanted it, and I've got probably a half a dozen calls from guys who want to rent it."

"I think it's going to be a big 'go.'"

Available for rent

Murray's limo fish house, which is parked within casting distance of his dock, has four holes and electric heat fed by a long extension cord he runs from an outlet on his dock. He'll rent the limo fish house for \$100 a day (Canadian funds) and calls the venture "Fu-ken-eh Limousine Ice Fishing."

The name, of course, is a play on words of a popular, though somewhat colorful Canadian phrase that can't be used in a family newspaper, Murray says.

"It's not swearing," he said; not how he spells it, at least.

A retired railroad conductor who spent 35 years with Canadian National Railway, Murray, 71, said he wanted to buy the



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Vaughn Murray's limousine fish house has electric heat and four holes. The interior will accommodate four anglers comfortably, Murray says.

limousine five years ago from a neighbor who had it sitting in his yard.

The limo, a 1994 Lincoln, wasn't for sale at the time, but that all changed when the neighbor sold the property, and a friend who worked with Murray on the railroad bought the place.

"I was over there seeing how he was fixing up the house and he said to me, 'Do you want a car?' and I said, 'What car?'" Murray recalls. "He said, 'that limousine,' and I said, 'well, how much do you want?'"

"He said, 'Just get it out of my yard.'"

The limo still runs, so Murray didn't even have to pull it home.

"And so that's how it all happened," he said. "I knew what I was going to do — make a fish house out of it and rent it out, eh?"

Murray went to work on the limo during a recent cold snap, using a reciprocating saw with a metal-cutting blade to cut four holes in the floor. He then scrounged four pieces of 10-inch diameter PVC pipe for hole inserts.

The inserts accommodate 8-inch holes in the ice.

"You can fish four people in there, and it's not crowded by any means," he said.

Because the limo runs, getting it onto the ice was easy, Murray says.

"There's a road just 200 feet east of my house that goes right down to

the river, so I plowed that and then plowed the ice to the spot off the end of my dock," Murray said. "To get it down from my house here to where it's parked on the ice, you're only looking at 500-600 yards, eh?"

The limo is banked with snow to keep out the wind and covered with reflective safety stickers, along with stickers advertising various local businesses. A Chicago Blackhawks flag waves in the breeze behind the back bumper.

"If a snow machine comes along the river, he's going to see the safety stickers before he sees the car," Murray said. "I'm going to decorate the whole outside of the car with stickers from anybody who wants to advertise, eh?"

"If you got any stickers for Grand Forks Herald, get them to me, and I'll put them on the car."

Good fishing spot
The river is 16 to 17 feet deep in the spot where the limo is parked, about 400 yards downstream from the railroad bridge and the adjacent bridge that connects the communities of Baudette and Rainy River. It's a good fishing spot, Murray says, especially in the spring and fall.

Murray has an 8-by-8-foot shack on his dock he calls his man cave. Even on nasty spring or fall days, Murray says, he can watch his line from the comfort of the man cave on his dock.



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Vaughn Murray's limousine fish house has electric heat and four holes. The interior will accommodate four anglers comfortably, Murray says.



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"I've lived in Rainy River all my life, but we bought this place 32 years ago, and I'm not going to lie to you. In 32 years, I've probably caught 15,000 walleyes off my dock — not in a boat, off my dock," Murray said.

His biggest, he says, weighed 15 pounds. "Between 5 and 15 pounds, I bet you I've caught 3,000 of them that big," said Murray, who also guides on Lake of the Woods near Morson, Ontario, as an occasional retirement gig. "Like spring and fall, the fishing is just crazy."

Murray, who played on a Bemidji old-timers hockey team before the pandemic, said American

anglers have been especially enthusiastic about his limo fish house after seeing the recent Facebook post. Entering Canada remains a bit of a process, requiring full vaccination and proof of a negative Covid test taken no more than 72 hours before crossing the border. Until that changes, attracting U.S. anglers will be a challenge, but Murray says he also is encouraged by the response he's gotten from Canadians to his limo fish house.

If this goes well, Murray says, he's got an even bigger limo waiting in the wings to add to his fleet for next year.

"Like I say (to people),

"You ever fish out of a limousine?" No, nobody's ever fished out of a limousine," Murray said. "So I say, well, this will be a first, then."

Fishing's generally slower in the winter than in the spring and fall, he concedes, but if you're fishing from the heated comfort of a limo, who cares, eh?

The novelty is part of the attraction, Murray says.

"I think a lot of people just want to say, 'Hey, I'm fishing in a limousine here,' and then (send photos) to all of their friends," he said.

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Be a part of the adult and children's mobile crisis team providing crisis services to consumers who reside in Douglas, Grant, Stevens, Pope and Traverse Counties. Strong communication skills, flexibility and ability to work independently required. Flexible on call shifts with pay of on call \$5/Hour and Response \$24/hour with increased pay differential on weekends. A valid driver's license, vehicle and cell phone required. All applicants must meet Adult Mental Health Practitioner (M.S. 245.462, Sub 17 21) status.

Positions open until filled.

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ACROSS

- Loud cheer
- Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
- Type of call
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- Uncommon
- Liabilities
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- Oh goodness!
- Competitions
- Jima, WW II battlefield
- Professional assn. (abbr.)
- Italian mountain range
- Taking possession of
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- Female fashion accessory
- A way of making a copy of
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- Passover offering
- Swedish rock group
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- Large nests
- Beloved baked good
- 1980s pop legend
- Finger millet
- Hillside
- Surrender
- Midway between south and southeast
- Long, narrow strap
- Discount
- A type of cast
- Large, tropical lizard
- Half of Milili Vanilli
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- Cast out
- Breakfast food
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Massmann Estate

Publish January 28, February 4, 2022 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF DOUGLAS DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 21-PR-22-59 NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Julius H. Massmann, Decedent. It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 23, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Douglas County Courthouse, 305 Eighth Avenue West, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated January 22, 2014, and for the appointment of Jean M. Torgirson, whose address is 18143 County Road 5 NW, Evansville, Minnesota 56326, and Kenneth Massmann, whose address is 6772 132nd St W, Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124, as personal representatives of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration.

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 personal representatives will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the 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: 1/11/22

BY THE COURT /s/ Timothy M. Churchwell Judge of District Court Rhonda Bot Court Administrator Nicholas Adams (MN# 0401142) Pemberton Law, P.L.L.P 203 22nd Avenue West Alexandria Minnesota 56308 Telephone: (320) 759-3143 Facsimile: (320) 759-3144 27040

Herzog Estate

Publish January 28, February 4, 2022 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF DOUGLAS IN DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOUGLAS PROBATE DIVISION Case No.: 21-PR-22-94 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of: Thomas C. Herzog, Deceased. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS: It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of February, 2022, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above-named Court at the Douglas County Courthouse, Alexandria, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the above-named Decedent and for the appointment of Patricia M. Rohkohl, whose address is 6108 West 104th Street, Bloomington, MN 55438, as personal representative of the estate of the above-named Decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or said claims will be barred. Dated: January 19, 2022 /s/ Michelle L. Clark Judge of District Court By Kim Missling Deputy Court Administrator LEUTHNER & HUETHER, LTD. William J. Leuthner, #62467 Attorney for Petitioner 2304 South Broadway, Ste 2 Alexandria MN 56308 320.762.0259 26386

Ordinance No. 863

Publish January 28, 2022 Ordinance No. 863 2nd Series An Ordinance Amending Alexandria City Code Section 2.09 WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021, the City Council for the City of Alexandria, Minnesota approved an ordinance amending Section 6.03 of the City's Home Rule Charter; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 410.12, Subd. 7 no petition for a referendum on the amendment was filed within sixty (60) days after passage and publication of said ordinance; and WHEREAS, because no such petition was filed, the amendment became effective on December 26, 2021; and WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.03,

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as amended, requires the City Council to determine the function of the Police Commission; and WHEREAS, said amendment effectively abolished the City's Police Civil Service Commission and replaced it with a Police Commission. Now, therefore, the City Council for the City of Alexandria, Minnesota does hereby ordain that Alexandria City Code Section 2.09 is amended as follows: Section 2.09. Police Commission. There is hereby established for the City of Alexandria a Police Commission as set forth in Alexandria Home Rule Charter Section 6.03. The Police Commission shall function as determined by the City Council. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication. Adopted by the City Council for the City of Alexandria, Minnesota this 24th day of January, 2022 by the following vote: YES: FRANZEN, THALMAN, ALLEN, BENSON NO: NONE ABSENT: WIENER Bobbie Osterberg, Mayor ATTEST: Marty Schultz, City Administrator 27332

Public Notice

Publish January 28, 2022 LOCATION The Douglas County Planning Advisory Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting will be held at the Public Works Facility Meeting Room, 526 Willow Drive, Alexandria, MN.

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

6:00 P.M. Hearing of the application of John and Kayla Strom for a variance to allow after-the-fact a holding tank to be located 60 feet from the ordinary high water level of Lake Chippewa on Irreg 3.10 Ac tract lying along S'y line of Lot C, Hentges Two Havens, Section 15 (Brandon Township), Zoning RS(RDS) Lakes Chippewa and Devils.

6:05 P.M. Discussion of tabled business.

Hearing of the tabled application of Gerald G Smith for a variance to allow a 28' x 44' dwelling with a 4' x 8' entry to be 14 feet from the township road right-of-way on W2 of Lot 1, Block 1, Caroline Beach 1st Addition, Section 1 (Ida Township), Zoning RS(GDS) Lake Ida.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

6:10 P.M. Hearing on the Preliminary Plat of Canavati Addition on Lot E "Aud Sub of G. Lots 2 & 3" ex: .97 Ac, SW 4.55 ac and 2.48 Ac. Section 11 (Brandon Township), Zoning RS(RDS) Lake Chippewa. Owner: Mitri Canavati and Subdivider: The Family 3 LLC.

6:15 P.M. Hearing on the application of Nathan and Amy Mc Cabe for a conditional use permit to allow a one-chair in-home beauty salon on S'y most 10 ac of the 524.3 lying E of Bedman Dr. Section 35 (Ida Township), Zoning RS(GDS) Lake Louise and Residential.

6:20 P.M. Hearing on the Preliminary Plat of Peterson Legacy LLC on Pt of SW4, G. Lot 2, & G. Lot 3 ex pts. Section 15 (Ida Township), Zoning RS(GDS) Lake Ida and Residential. Owner and Subdivider: Peterson Legacy LLC.

6:25P.M. Hearing on the application of Matthew Arlan Kakac for a conditional use permit to allow indoor rental storage of recreational vehicles and equipment on SW4NE4, S2S2NW4, NW4SE4, and the S 132' of E 660' of N2S2NW4 being 2 ac. Section 20 (Lake Mary Township), Zoning Rural Residential Discussion of tabled business. These items are as of January 20, 2021 - subject to change. 26278

Ad for Bids

Publish January 28, February 4, 11, 2022 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF ALEXANDRIA ALEXANDRIA, MN 2022 ALEXANDRIA LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS Notice is hereby given ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS for construction of the 2022 Local Street Improvements project will be received by the Alexandria City Council, until 10:00 AM local time on Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud. The project consists of the following construction items and approximate quantities: Mill Bituminous Surface: 15,000 SY Full Depth Reclaim: 2,000 SY Bituminous Mix: 3,100 Ton Adjust Manhole Structure: 40 EA Turf Establishment Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids must be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

No bid will be considered unless it is electronically submitted through QuestCDN vBid (Online Bidding ONLY) prior to 10:00 AM on the 16th day of February, 2022. No paper bids will be accepted. Bid security must be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Widseth Inc., 610 Fillmore Street, Alexandria, MN 56308. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office by calling 320-762-8149 to schedule an appointment and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Digital Bidding Documents can be downloaded online for \$25.00 at www.widseth.com by clicking the "Bid Documents" tab near the upper right-hand corner of the screen or at www.questcdn.com by inputting Quest project #8110191 on the website's project search page. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by calling 320-762-8149 to schedule an appointment and upon non-refundable payment of \$50.00 for each set. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Checks for Bidding Documents must be made payable to "Widseth". Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

By Order of the City of Alexandria, Minnesota Martin Schultz, City Administrator 27406

Public Notice

Publish January 28, 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA JANUARY 3, 2022 The special organizational meeting of the Board of Education of Alexandria School District, Alexandria, Minnesota, was called to order by School Board Chairperson Angie Krebs at

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7:03 p.m. in the District Office Oak Conference Room, Alexandria, Minnesota.

School Board Members Present: Angie Krebs, Dave Anderson, Dean Anderson, Pam Carlson, Alan Zeithamer, Sandy Susag, Maureen Eigen and (ex-officio) Superintendent Rick Sansted.

Other Present: Maggie Timm and 9 guests

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion by Dave Anderson, seconded by Carlson, to approve the January 3, 2022 organizational meeting agenda. Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Member Dean Anderson nominated Angie Krebs for the office of chairperson.

Motion by Dave Anderson, seconded by Carlson, to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Angie Krebs for chairperson. Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Member Zeithamer nominated Dave Anderson for the office of vice chairperson.

Motion by Zeithamer, seconded by Susag, to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Anderson for vice chairperson. Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Member Susag nominated Pam Carlson for the office of treasurer.

Motion by Susag, seconded by Dave Anderson, to close nominations and to case a unanimous ballot for Pam Carlson for treasurer. Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

SCHOOL BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS Motion by Dave Anderson, seconded by Susag, to appoint the board members to the following committees:

- Personnel/Negotiations - Dave Anderson, Sandy Susag, and Alan Zeithamer
- Curriculum/Policy - Dean Anderson, Angie Krebs and Maureen Eigen
- Budget/Facilities - Pam Carlson, Alan Zeithamer and Angie Krebs

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS Chair Angie Krebs appointed the following board members to the following committees/boards for calendar year 2022:

- Runestone Area Education District Board - Alan Zeithamer
- MSBA Legislative Liaison - Dave Anderson
- Minnesota State High School League - Dave Anderson (Alternate: Angie Krebs)
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MN LEGALS

fund transfers and to invest District funds in 2022. DISTRICT POLICY SERVICE To approve MSBA as the district's policy service provider for 2022. DISTRICT CONTACTS AND DESIGNEEES To approve District Administrative Contacts and Designees for 2022 as follows:

- Superintendent - Rick Sansted
- Business Director - Trevor Peterson
- ESEA (Title I) LEA Rep & Contact - Michelle Bethke-Kalither
- ESEA (Title IIA) Contact - Darcy Josephson
- District Assessment Coordinator - Darcy Josephson
- Federal IDEA, 419, 420, 422, 435 (Rep & Contact): Michelle Bethke-Kalither
- ADSI (Alternate Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services) Rep & Contact: Michelle Bethke-Kalither
- Comprehensive School Reform Contact - Rick Sansted
- Air Quality Control Contact - Wade Nibbe
- Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS) Contact: Krista Gundberg

Vote on Consent Agenda: Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP UPDATES Board members shared updates on the various school district memberships.

SUMMARY OF BOARD SELF-EVALUATION FORMS Board members discussed the compiled summary of the self-evaluation forms completed prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board at this time; the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

ATTEST: /s/Dave Anderson Vice-Chairperson /s/Dean Anderson Clerk 27204

Dougherty Estate

Publish January 28, February 4, 2022 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF DOUGLAS SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 21-PR-21-2235 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Crystal Dougherty also known as Crystal Lamae Dougherty, Decedent Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated February 6, 2017, and ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Keith Dougherty, whose address is 4403 Pioneer Rd SE, Apt 201, Alexandria, Minnesota, 56308, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5. Dated: January 6, 2022 Shari Kris Registrar Rhonda Bot Court Administrator JoEllen Doebbert, Attorney at Law PO Box 1175, Alexandria, MN, 56308 Attorney License No: 195133 Telephone: (320) 763-7838 FAX: (320) 763-3238 joellen@doebbertlaw.com 27115

Public Notice

Publish January 28, 2022 REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA DECEMBER 20, 2021 The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Alexandria School District, Alexandria, Minnesota, was called to order by School Board Chairperson Angie Krebs at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Oak Conference Room, Alexandria, Minnesota. School Board Members Present: Angie Krebs, Dave Anderson, Alan Zeithamer, Sandy Susag, Pam Carlson, Dean Anderson and Maureen Eigen and (ex-officio) Superintendent Rick Sansted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion by Dave Anderson, seconded by Susag, to amend the agenda to include Approval of the Teacher's Master Agreement in the Action Items, and to approve the December 20, 2021 agenda as amended. Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATION A presentation was given explaining the proposed 2021 payable 2022 property tax levy. TESTIMONY FROM PUBLIC The opportunity was given for testimony from any interested parties regarding the district's current budget and the recommendation for setting the 2021 payable 2022 property tax levy. CONSENT AGENDA Motion by Dave Anderson, seconded by Susag, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 15, 2021
- ratify the payment of the November 2021 claims
- approve the revenue and expenditure reports for November 2021
- approve employment agreements
- approve coaching/co-curricular agreements
- approve additional position
- approve resignations
- approve leave of absence requests
- approve retirements
- approve terminations
- approve donations and grants
- approve extended field trips
- approve fundraising activities
- approve the first reading of the following district policies: Policy 534 - Unpaid Meal Charges Policy 605 - Alternative Programs Policy 608 - Instructional Services - Special Education Policy 616 - School District System Accountability

Policy 701 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget

Policy 701.1 - Modification of School District Budget

Policy 702 - Accounting

Policy 703 - Annual Audit

Policy 710 - Expense Reimbursement

Policy 715 - Managing Fund Balance Reserves

adopt the following district policies: Policy 522 - Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process

Policy 707 - Fundraising to Support School-Sponsored or School-Related Activities

PROHIBITION

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There also was a failed firebombing of the newspaper office, she said.

Once Prohibition was enacted, there also were altercations between bootleggers and the authorities, including one incident where a bootlegger fighting with the sheriff made his escape by kicking the sheriff in the face, Johnson said.

"It's a very active situation," Johnson said. "Nobody's exactly turning a blind eye to the situation ... You definitely had very staunch people on both sides, you have conflict, you have violence. Locally and historically, it's a major issue."

It's an issue that is more complicated than just a simple ban on

liquor, Johnson said.

The national temperance movement picked up speed in the Progressive Era, which took place from approximately 1890-1920.

"Temperance and prohibition (were seen) as these really important Christian crusades that would lead to healthier homes, that would then lead to a better society, that would overall have fewer social evils," Johnson said.

At the same time, there were movements to establish workers rights, prison reform and safe food packaging, and in some circles, temperance and prohibition were seen as part of these reforms.

For example, the Women's Christian Temperance Union had a "Do Everything Policy," Johnson said.

"It was supposed to be just a nice summary

of their mission, which was ... to do everything possible to make the world a better place," she said.

As a result, alcohol was painted by temperance groups as the key villain in social problems such as poverty, all forms of crime and suicide.

"Alcohol is blamed for basically every societal evil," Johnson said.

Once Prohibition was enacted, there was also the problem of enforcing it.

"When suddenly what is the nation's fifth-largest industry becomes completely illegal ... people are going to keep doing it," Johnson said.

On a national level, one result was the rise of what eventually became the FBI. Another was the second revival of the Ku Klux Klan.

"It was a revival

that was very focused on presenting itself as anti-liquor, anti-corruption, pro-nativism, anti-prostitution, and that they would enforce the laws local officials wouldn't," Johnson said.

In reality, it was an excuse for the kind of behavior that the KKK became infamous for: Intimidation, harassment and lynching, she said.

On a local level, Douglas County's Temperance Law and Order League cooperated with police by informing on people who were violating the Prohibition law, Johnson said.

"They get together, they pool their money, they try to get people to join them and donate money so they can offer rewards, bounties to people who provide proof and information on illegal liquor estab-

lishments in Douglas County. They worked with the county attorney and sheriff to act on this information, which led to more than a few arrests, warrants, convictions (and) heavy fines," she said.

Again, it's a complicated issue, Johnson said.

"It's definitely a lot less romantic, and a lot less Gatsby, than you might assume," she said. "It's not all just fun jazz clubs."

History at Home is a series of classes given as part of a partnership between the Douglas County Historical Society, the Legacy of the Lakes Museum and the Runestone Museum, with support from Alexandria Community Education.

The next History at Home class will be presented by the Runestone Museum on Tuesday, Feb. 8, and will be about the history of Big Ole.

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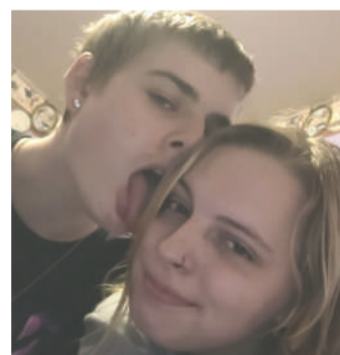
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BELLANCA

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Alexandria Airport Manager Kreg Anderson said the new owners are Viking aircraft enthusiasts and are active in the community.

"People with cars, like Corvette groups and stuff like that, it's the same thing with airplanes," Anderson said. "They call them clubs... A couple of the new owners are mechanics, and they'll see an opportunity to continue providing that type club or community access to the parts, repairs, restorations, etc."

According to Anderson, only about three or four Bellanca employees work in Alexandria and he believes they've retired or moved south for the winter.

The reason for the move appears to be cen-

tered around geographic location.

"The majority of Bellanca aircraft are located in the southern region, mainly in Texas," said Rob Swanlund, a vice president of operations for Bellanca. "Having a maintenance facility that is within easy flying distance from this group of aircraft in Texas and the Southwest is vitally important."

Sulphur is located in the south central part of Oklahoma and is about 70 miles north of the Texas-Oklahoma border.

Bellanca's history and impact

Alexandria has a long history with Bellanca dating back to the 1950s.

Giuseppe Bellanca, who founded the AviaBellanca Aircraft in 1925, had a company out in Delaware that he had put up for sale in 1955.

A group of business-

men bought the assets of the company and moved it to Alexandria in 1955.

"At the time, in about 1955, the airport was kind of just getting rolling," Anderson said. "During World War II, the Army Air Corps had it, so it was really a military airport. And then when the war ended they gave it to the city, and kinda said, 'OK, here you guys go do what you want.'"

The influx of jobs this move created had a direct impact on the local economy.

"That was a huge, huge economic input," Anderson said. "It was economic growth for our community, because you've got tens, if not hundreds of jobs coming to our small town. I think it helped develop the south side a little bit. They just kept growing and developing."

Long story short, said Anderson, is that from about 1955 to this year, it was producing airplanes.

Anderson says the new group is in the process of moving all the assets and doing paperwork, such as getting the necessary certificates and prints.

According to Anderson, this lease won't have much effect on the operations of the airport.

"Probably for the last 15-20 years, they've had three full-time employees (in Alexandria), and they do restoration work and sell parts. So a lot of their business or sales isn't directly correlated to airplanes flying in and out," Anderson said.

"I mean, operations wise, it's not going to change much," he added. "But you never want to see a busi-

ness leave, right? They definitely were here for years; they kind of worked in partnership with the local maintenance shop."

Anderson said the shop specialized in Bellancas and it would supply the parts when the planes came in for maintenance.

Will a restaurant replace Bellanca?

In the absence of Bellanca, the maintenance shop will still be open for maintenance customers.

As for the future of what will replace the Bellanca building, which is a city owned building now, Anderson has an idea or two of what he would like to see fill the area - either another manufacturing company or an airport-themed restaurant.

"Some type of maintenance would be great," Anderson said. "One of

my biggest things I'm also wanting to list for the airport is some aviation-themed restaurants. That's pretty popular. People on Saturday morning, for fun, will go fly somewhere. Brainerd is a popular destination for breakfast again. A restaurant right on the airport. I would love to see something like that."

There are some regulations as to who could rent the facility.

"So we do have some stipulations put on us by the FAA and the city about who would be able to rent the facility since it's an airport facility," Anderson said.

There currently is no timetable as to when the space will be filled, other than Anderson saying he wants to see it filled "at some point."

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- Dress Up Day: Wear red, white and blue
- Activity: State scavenger hunt

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

- Theme: Celebrating our Students
- Dress Up Day: Wacky Wednesday
- Activity: Trash to Flash!

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

- Theme: Celebrating our Vocations
- Dress Up Day: Dress Your Best
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- Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- School trivia contest



- Midway 9 Theatre movie time
- Pajama Day
- Medallion hunt
- Cereal box food shelf collection

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

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- School trivia contest

- Ninja warrior course hosted by the sixth grade class
- Camo Day
- Medallion hunt
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- Dress Whacky Day
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