

Bill to ban copper-nickel mining draws sharp contrast between Boundary Waters, Iron Range

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A bill that would ban copper-nickel mining on a huge swath of federal land near the Boundary Waters got its first hearing in Congress Wednesday in Washington.

But the fight over the legislation — and what it stands for — got underway on Minnesota's Iron Range last week, in a packed union hall in the city of Virginia.

"I am tired of the Iron Range having to endure these attacks on our way of life," Pete Stauber, the Republican congressman who represents the region, told the crowd.

When Stauber says "our way of life," he means mining. Iron ore mines have operated for well over a century in northeastern Minnesota. There are fourth-generation miners working there today, descendants of immigrants who mined the ore that made the steel that helped win world wars.

Three times Stauber repeated versions of the same promise to the gathering of local elected officials, union members and other mining advocates: "I am going to fight this week in Congress like I've never fought before, against this legislation."

Steve Giorgi, director of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, led the event. He channeled the late state Rep. Tom Rukavina, DFL-Virginia, a staunch defender of the region's mining heritage, saying the Range needs more high-paying mining jobs, not just the outdoor tourism jobs that have built up in recent years.

"These are fantastic jobs. And as Tommy always tried to tell people. We didn't come here to become sherpas, we came here

because we're miners," Giorgi told the crowd, choking up.

Giorgi and others fervently believe that the vast deposits of copper, nickel and precious metals in the Arrowhead region could lead to another economic heyday for the Range, like the one fueled by iron ore in the last century.

But most of those deposits would be off-limits under the bill introduced last month by U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, a Democrat who represents the 4th Congressional District, nearly 200 miles south, in the heart of St. Paul.

McCollum's bill would permanently ban new copper-nickel mining over about 365 square miles of the Superior National Forest, in the watershed of the Boundary Waters wilderness.

"It's America's treasure, and it demands permanent protection from toxic mining," McCollum told the House Natural Resources Committee as she introduced the bill Wednesday in Washington.

The risks of this kind of mining, which is new and untested in Minnesota and can cause severe water pollution, she said, aren't worth what she called the short-term economic gains.

"One mistake, one failure, one flaw means that an environmental disaster for this pristine ecosystem could happen," she said.

McCollum and others stress that the Boundary Waters is a designated federal wilderness. It belongs to everyone, they say, not just people on the Range who live nearby.

"The Boundary Waters is a global treasure," said Jason Zabokrtsky, owner of the Ely Outfitting Company, who traveled to Washington to testify. In 2019, he said, he saw travelers from 48 states and 13 countries.

"It is too special, too valuable,

and too vulnerable to risk sulfide-ore copper mining on public lands immediately upstream of the wilderness," he said.

The copper and nickel deposits that lie underneath the lakes and forests of northeastern Minnesota are encased in sulfide ore. When that ore is exposed in the mining process, it produces sulfuric acid. Copper-nickel mine opponents worry that acid will leach heavy metals into the surrounding environment and have devastating effects on the water.

Canceled moratorium, renewed mineral leases

At the center of this controversy is Twin Metals Minnesota. The company is proposing to build an underground copper-nickel mine outside Ely — and just a few miles from the edge of the Boundary Waters, within the wilderness area's watershed.

In December, Twin Metals submitted its plans for the mine to state and federal officials, which the company contends lays out methods to mine the ore safely while still protecting the nearby Boundary Waters. That kicked off an environmental review and permitting process that could take years.

For a while, though, it looked as though the project might never even get to that point.

Back in 2016, the Obama administration proposed a 20-year mining moratorium for the area McCollum's bill would cover, and launched a study on the impacts of copper-nickel mining on the surrounding environment.

The study was set to last for two years. But in 2018, the Trump administration canceled it, four months shy of its completion, and then renewed Twin Metals'

mineral leases, which had lapsed. Those give the company the rights to explore, and eventually mine, in the area.

McCollum's proposal would make permanent, through legislation, what the Obama administration had proposed, temporarily, through executive action.

Tom Tidwell was chief of the U.S. Forest Service at the time of the moratorium proposal, and testified in support of McCollum's bill. He said this kind of mining is just too risky, so close to the water-rich Boundary Waters.

"No matter what type of efforts are put forward, the best expertise, the best mitigation, there are unforeseen situations that occur in a natural environment, that you just can't plan for everything. And that's what happens with these mines," Tidwell said.

He added that, if there's new mining technology, it should first be tested in a more arid region where the risks of failure — and the potential for catastrophe — aren't as great.

But mining supporters argue that companies' proposals should be evaluated on their own merits. If they can't prove they can meet state and federal environmental standards already in place, they say, then they shouldn't be allowed to proceed.

"Perhaps the thing that frustrates me most is the fact the people of Northeast Minnesota are not being allowed to decide their own fate," said Jason George, business manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 in Minnesota.

George encouraged the House committee to drive around the Iron Range to see the "We Support Mining" signs that are common in yards and windows across the region.

Water

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Cleaner, safer drinking water starts with thorough testing, and the bill introduced by Poppe and Weber will a fixed amount of funding to institute a pilot program in two counties. If the trial balloon is a success, it could be expanded across the state and help well owners cover the cost of installing the filtering system they need. The program would be administered by the State Department of Health, which has provided feedback on the bill.

"If you live in the country and you haven't had your water tested, you might not be aware of what it might be like," said Poppe. "It's best to take a preventative approach and raise awareness of the issue."

Rep. Todd Lippert, DFL-Northfield, sits on the House Environment Natural Resources Committee and co-authored a bill last session with Rep. Peter Fischer, DFL-Maplewood, that would expand the state's Source Water Protection program to cover private wells.

Approximately 3% of the state's land is currently protected under the Source Water Protection Program, protecting drinking water for 600 communities statewide. That land is subject to special environmental protections under state and federal law.

The House failed to pass this bill last year, but Lippert says he'll push for it again this session, saying it provides a badly needed comprehensive approach to safeguarding water supplies. He also expressed support for the Poppe-Weber bill.

"We know that contamination of private wells is an increasing concern," he said.

"We have to ensure that everyone has safe water to drink, all across the state."

A similar program has been implemented by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, though it's much more limited in scope. In 300 of Minnesota townships, well owners are eligible to receive free water testing due to historically elevated levels of nitrate.

Nitrate is a product of agricultural runoff, but one in eight Minnesotans drink from municipal water systems that have been affected by it. The chemical has been linked to severe health issues, including different types of cancer and elevated heart rates.

Nitrate isn't the only toxic chemical lurking in the water. According to a 2019 analysis from the Washington-based nonprofit Environmental Working Group, Minnesota's water supply included unsafe levels of 10 toxic chemicals and illegal levels of four. Neither Faribault or Northfield had illegal levels of any chemicals in their water system. However, both cities have amounts of some toxic chemicals above the level recommended by the EWG.

Particularly high is the amount of cancer-causing radium in the water. Faribault's water contains 93 times the amount of radium recommended by the EWG, while Northfield's water contains 19 times the recommended level.

Individuals aware of toxins in their water can choose to remove them by purchasing a water filter. Reverse osmosis filters provide the most comprehensive toxin removal, but carbon and ion exchange filters are also an option.

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Two children utilize the photo booth inside the Minne-Roadtrip 1971 Kingswood wagon at a recent travel convention. The vehicle is part of a three-year marketing collaboration between the Chambers of Commerce in Owatonna, Faribault, and Northfield to drive tourism south of the Twin Cities. The project was recently nominated for an Explore Minnesota Tourism Award. (Submitted photo)

Roadtrip

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The Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism was also nominated for its Making American Stories branding campaign, an initiative that ties the city's diverse business sector with the overall U.S. historical landscape and immigrant experience. The campaign is in print and on billboards, and officials plan to weave it into other city materials.

Faribault Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Executive Director Nort Johnson said when the appeal of visiting all three cities is combined, a more enticing package can be developed for tourists. He said there are attractive destinations in all three communities, from the Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo in Owatonna, to Faribault having the largest Downtown Historical District in the state, to Northfield having the well-known First National Bank the James-Younger Gang tried to rob in 1876.

"I know that the effort and the brand are just super-positive

for our community, and I am especially fond of the cooperation between the communities," Johnson said.

Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Executive Director Lisa Peterson said the collaboration began her second day with the Chamber in 2015. She emphasized that Northfield, Owatonna and Faribault are connected and are focused on building the entire region to make a larger economic impact. In doing so, she said it makes for better tourism and a better chance for the cities to see the economic benefits visitors bring from eating and sleeping in the communities.

"It's really brought us closer," she said.

Pehrson said that in order to capitalize on the success of the Minne-Roadtrip brand, the group purchased a "true iconic travel symbol" of a decked out 1971 Kingswood wagon, affectionately named "Minne" and complete with a photobooth in the rear seat.

"Minne has been featured in parades and shows over the last year and has been a hit with showgoers and locals alike," Pehrson added.

Validating the hard work dedicated by the communities' three respectable chambers, the Minne-Roadtrip has been nominated for a 2020 Destination Marketing Award through Explore Minnesota Tourism. The category the project has been nominated under is Special Projects, which can include public relations, website, branding, co-ops, and others that have shown exceptional destination marketing efforts and execution.

"It's super exciting," Pehrson said, reflecting on the hours people have put in to this project. "Over the course of three years we've been building on the brand and it's created a lot of buzz. It's not always about going up north, there is stuff to do even right in your backyard."

The Explore Minnesota Tourism Awards will take place Feb. 25 in Alexandria. To learn more about Minne-Roadtrip, visit minneroadtrip.com.

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Register to win a Pampered Night Out!

We are just a few days away from drawing the names of the 2020 Pampered Night Out winners!

Make sure to stop participating local businesses to register your name as local merchants in West Union are teaming up to offer a 2020 "Pampered Night Out" experience for one lucky local couple!

The winners of the annual Valentine's Day "Pampered Night Out" promotion will be announced in the Wednesday, Feb. 12, edition of The Fayette County Union.

To be eligible to win the prize, a person only needs to register with the following participating businesses.

This year's "Pampered Night Out" sponsors include Gus and Tony's Town House Café (breakfast for two), Old Mill Floral (one dozen roses), Doebel's Airbnb (one night's stay), and China Kitchen (\$20 gift certificate), and Lilac Lanes (a night of bowling for two), Tapt Out Stein N Dine (dinner for two), Salon D'vine (gift basket), Easton's Water Conditioning (two cases of bottled water), MSC Auto Outlet (\$25 gift certificate), West Union Motors (a car wash), Bank 1st (\$25 Scrip money), Dessel-Roach (\$50 gift certificate), BP Express (\$25 gift certificate), NuCara Pharmacy (\$25 gift card), West Union Hardware (\$20 gift certificate), Saboe Jewelry (\$20 gift certificate), Norby's Farm Fleet (spring basket), The Fayette County Union (one-year subscription), and Barrel Drive-In (two \$10 gift certificates).

Participants may sign up as often as they wish, with the drawing scheduled for Monday, Feb. 10.

Enter early and often any of the sponsoring local businesses for your chance to be pampered for Valentine's Day this year!



Corey Farley

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be able to bring in some big names this year," noted the board member. "This is probably one of the biggest names we have had to date."

This year's opening band will be the country/rock group the Cory Farley Band. Lead singer, Cory Farley hails from Decorah, where was raised on a farm just north of town.

During his time growing up on the farm just north of Fayette County, Farley discovered a love for music while listening to country music from an old radio that hung from a post in the middle of his grandfather's barn.

After graduating from high school in 2004, Farley ventured on to Phoenix Ariz., it was there that Farley's passion for music grew.

In 2010 Cory set out to pursue a full-time music career in Nashville, TN. He now has his own band and has since opened up for artists such as the Legendary Marty Stuart, Toby Keith, Jason Aldean, Rascal Flatts, James Otto, Joe Nichols and many more. With his signature voice, drive, and unforgettably wild shows, Cory Farley is one musician to keep an eye on.

From running on top of the bar, swinging from rafters, dancing on tables, and jumping off stage, Farley never fails to exceed the crowd's expectations. The dedicated artist believes putting on a successful show calls for more than mere vocal abilities, Farley takes pride in making sure the crowd leaves his performances with great memories and great experiences.

The Cory Farley band is currently touring with Alan Jackson.

"These guys came highly recommended by a lot of people," said Alber of the opening act. "They were actually scheduled to perform



Steven Schroeder

in Ohio the night of the concert, but they made it work to return to northeast Iowa!"

Local performer Steve Schroeder will be opening for the Cory Farley Band that evening.

"We want to make sure the concert-goers have a great evening that lasts more than just an hour or two," noted Alber. "It's going to be a whole evening full of some great music!"

Tickets go on sale on Friday, Feb. 7. They can be purchased online at www.fayettecountyiafair.com or at Unionland Feed and Food Market.

This year's concert will include a VIP section. Ticket purchases for the VIP area will include four drink tickets, and a catered meal. There are 400 of these tickets available.

"We want to give a big shout out to the community members who have helped make this fair what it is," noted Alber.

"We also want to give a shout out to Justin and Candace at Unionland for taking over the in-person ticket sales," he continued. "I don't think they will last very long there, or online!"

Supervisors approve \$7.2 million bid for road projects

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The Fayette County Board of Supervisors approved the paving bid to start the \$5 million bond road construction project.

At the regular Board meeting Monday, Feb. 3, the supervisors approved a low bid from Mathy Construction out of Onalaska, Wis., in the amount of \$7,206,735.14. Besides the \$5 million bonded 26-mile resurfacing of several county roads, it also covers a four-mile paved safety-shouldering project on County Road W51.

Funding for the shoulder project comes from a \$430,000 Safety Grant and the County's local Farm to Market and Secondary Road Funds.

Additionally, according to County Engineer Joel Fantz, over \$800,000 of the reconstruction projects are joint projects with the cities of Oelwein, Waucoma, St. Lucas and Hawkeye.

"The low bid represents excellent value for the County and city taxpayers. The County has worked with Mathy Construction many times over the years. Mathy was the low bidder both on the high quality Golden Road Reconstruction (B64) and W51 reconstruction through Arlington," Fantz related.

The roads being reconstructed include:

C50, 25th Street, R Avenue, Outer Road, Sixth Street, B44, and 247th -255th Streets through Alpha, W14 (north and south portions), and B66. According to Fantz, these roads were all in a state of near collapse.

"This project is the largest hot mix asphalt reconstruction project in Fayette County history," Fantz pointed out.

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swirled around the landmark event, resulting in severe delays in final tallies as questions of security in the process were raised.

"Last night, more than 1,600 precinct caucuses gathered across the state of Iowa and at satellite caucuses around the world to demonstrate our shared values and goal of taking back the White House," noted Iowa Democratic Party Chair, Troy Price in a Tuesday morning statement. "The many volunteers running caucus sites, new voters registering as Democrats, and neighbors talking to each other about the future of our country demonstrated the strength of our party."

Price went on to explain that while concerns about cyber security were raised, investigations revealed there were no security issues.

"As precinct caucus results started coming in, the Iowa Democratic Party ran them through an accuracy and quality check," explained Price in the statement. "It became clear that there were inconsistencies with the reports. The underlying cause of these inconsistencies was not immediately clear, and required investigation, which took time."

Price went on to explain that, as the investigation unfolded, the party began entering all the data manually.

"Because of the required paper documentation, we have been able to verify that the data recorded in the app and used to calculate State Delegate Equivalents is valid and accurate," he explained. "Precinct level results are still being reported. While our plan is to release results as soon as possible today, our ultimate goal is to ensure that the integrity and accuracy of the process continues to be upheld."

In West Union, Pete Buttigieg seemed to be a favorite across the precincts, as was Bernie Sanders. Amy Klobuchar received multiple delegates as well.

Projected front-runners, Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden did well in many of the precincts, but didn't secure as many delegates as was projected in earlier polls.

Warren won the most delegates in the Union Township Ward. Andrew Yang was a surprise contender securing a couple delegates as well.

Buttigieg took the lead in Ward Two. In West Union's Ward One, Buttigieg, Yang, Klobuchar, Warren and Biden all received one delegate.

In Eldorado, Warren led followed by Tom Steyer.

As of press-time, there are no official numbers to report.



Jim Calkins (right) introduces himself to Elizabeth Warren's precinct captain for West Union's second ward during the Iowa Caucuses Monday evening. (Megan Molseed photo)

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NFV exploring competition mat options; OK's summer transportation

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The North Fayette Valley School Board met for its regular meeting on Monday, February 10.

During the meeting, high school principal Todd Wolverton addressed the board regarding the purchase of new wrestling mats.

"I have been taking the time to look at all of the options that are out there," said Wolverton.

"I can say I'm glad I didn't jump into a purchase right away because there are new products on the market that may be a better fit for our needs," the principal continued. "It's been awhile since I priced wrestling mats, and a lot of options have hit the market in that time."

Wolverton went on to note that he is working with multiple companies for price quotes and hopes to have plans to purchase in the near future.

"My plan is to purchase two new competition mats, one for the high school and one for down at the middle school," he explained. "I just want to make sure we pick the best option for our needs."

Members of the NFV Booster Club also met with the board to discuss their involvement in the discus-

sion about purchasing a new competition mat with the Tigerhawk Wrestling Club earlier in the school year.

"The booster club did not vote to purchase, or authorize a purchase of a new wrestling mat," said NFV Booster Club treasurer, Tammy Wolverton.

"We have a very set process and guidelines regarding how we spend our funds," she continued. "We focus on raising funds, and let the school lead on how the funds are dispersed. We work very hard to keep it even among the activities."

"The Tigerhawk Wrestling Club did approach us with a proposal," added Jerem White, president of the NFV Booster Club. "We did not make a vote on the proposal, we did suggest that they go back to the club to discuss funding options."

In other news, the board discussed changes to a school policy regarding the use of school vehicles for clinics and camps during the summer months.

"In the past, we have not provided transportation for these camps or clinics because it has not been deemed as appropriate expenditure of district funds," explained NFV superintendent Duane Willhite. "Every year I hear

from coaches how most schools allow their vehicles to be used for this purpose, and with some changes to rules we have more flexibility now to allow for the vehicles to be used in this manner."

Willhite went on to note that the school would only be supplying the vehicles for these events, and suggests volunteer, licensed drivers be used in these instances and that the coaches use their Tigerhawk accounts to pay for the fuel.

"That way, it is only the wear-and-tear on the vehicle that becomes our expense," said Willhite. "Well, that and Mr. Weidemann's time preparing the vehicles for travel."

During the meeting, the board discussed adopting a new wellness policy that will include three goals, one in food and nutrition, one in physical activity and one in school environment. The board unanimously approved the first reading of the proposed policy.

The North Fayette Valley School board will meet again for its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 9. This meeting will be held at the Valley campus to allow the board a walk through of the proposed daycare site.

community and the city, have worked hard to put these projects together, and the benefits have been wonderful."

During the February 6 Iowa Healthiest State Initiative awards ceremony in West Des Moines, West Union was recognized for its accomplishments in health improvement initiatives within the community.

"We are pleased to present West Union with a Healthy Hometown Community Award," said Jami Haberl, Iowa Healthiest State Initiative executive director. "The City has earned the title of 2020 Healthy West Union and will also receive \$5,000 to continue the important work of improving the physical, social and emotional well-being of the community."

"A lot of community efforts and projects helped make this a reality," smiled Johansen of the honor.

Some of the projects that helped earn our northeast Iowa town this latest recognition include, newly painted crosswalks to aid in community walk ability; the installation of a bike/walk lane on Lincoln Way; the development of a mobile teaching kitchen through Gunderson Palmer Community Health. This kitchen, which partnered through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for curriculum, held multiple classes throughout the community since its launch just over a year ago; the addition of the Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Hospital outdoor lobby; as well as the development of a "grow with us" program at Kaleidoscope Kids ChildCare (KKCC) Center.

"Each one of these projects would not have been possible without the help and effort of members of the community," said Johansen. "The outdoor lobby bench was built by Neal Bentley's class at the high school, the Fayette County Master Gardeners worked with KKCC to get the garden going," she continued. "The teaching kitchen traveled throughout the community, giving people lessons on healthy meals, and snacks."

"The City of West Union is so grateful for all the help we have received from the team members at Healthy Hometown and Wellmark," added McIntyre. "The expertise and systems partner with our Champions here in West Union to push us to be-



One of the many projects that helped the city of West Union receive the 2020 Healthiest Hometown Award was the "Grow With Me" program at the KKCC. Through this program, the local childcare center worked with its students to build gardens and use the fresh produce in daily meals and snacks. (submitted photo)

coming a healthier community and finding the ways we can change our community to make the healthy choice an easier choice."

In addition to the award, West Union was honored with a \$5,000 cash donation.

"We didn't even know we would be receiving this, so we have no plans for it as of now," smiled Johansen.

"We plan on some meet-

ings to brain-storm where this money should be spent. There is always a project that could use a little more funding," she continued. "We want this money to be reinvested in more community driven, healthy initiatives. We have started down a wonderful track, and we just want to keep the momentum going!"

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Currently, Gary's three children (Kevin, Chris, and Mike) are employed with Bemiss Distributing and plan to continue working for Fahr Beverage.

"Our business environment is changing rapidly. Gary and Paul's desire to retire presented us an opportunity to look at the potential synergies of uniting our companies and the growth opportunities associated with this purchase," said Bob Fahr of Fahr Beverage. "Our two companies each represent over 60 years in the wholesale beer business. We have grown up in the business together and share common goals and vision for the future. Gary and Paul's father and my father started their companies at approximately the same time and had previously worked together at the former Capitol Tobacco Company."

Fahr Beverage will serve the Iowa counties of Allamakee, Clayton, Winneshiek, Fayette, and portions of Delaware. It will also continue to serve the counties of Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, and Butler.

Fahr Beverage will continue to operate its offices and warehouses in Waterloo and from the Bemiss warehouse and offices in West Union. The company will continue to be led by Bob Fahr, Jane Fahr, and Terry Timmerman (chief operating officer). Kevin Bemiss will serve as the West Union branch manager, while Chris Bemiss will continue to work as the administrative services manager and Travis Wymer will remain as West Union's sales manager.

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Janet Copp winner of 2020 Pampered Night Out!

By MEGAN MOLSEED
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"I was very surprised when I heard I had won!" exclaimed Janet Copp of West Union as she remembered the moment she was notified she was the winner of the 2020 Pampered Night Out package. "I only put one ticket in this year, so I didn't think I had much of a chance!"

A few weeks ago, Copp was standing in line at Norby's Farm & Fleet in West Union when she noticed the Pampered Night Out drawing box at check out.

"I was just sort of standing there, and thought I would toss my name in," she said with a laugh. "At first I didn't even know what it was for!"

Copp noted that she is excited to take a look at all of her wonderful prizes from many area sponsors, including Gus and Tony's Town House Café (breakfast for two), Old Mill Floral (one dozen roses), Doebel's AirbnB (one night's stay), and China Kitchen (\$20 gift certificate), and Lilac Lanes (a night of bowling for two), Tapt Out Stein N Dine (dinner for two), Salon D'vine (gift basket), Easton's Water Conditioning (two cases of bottled water), MSC Auto Outlet (\$25 gift certificate), West Union Motors (a car wash), Bank 1st (\$25 Scrip money), Dessel-Roach (\$50 gift certificate), BP Express (\$25 gift certificate), NuCara Pharmacy (\$25 gift card), West Union Hardware (\$20 gift certificate), Saboe Jewelry (\$20 gift certificate), Norby's Farm Fleet (spring basket), The Fayette County Union (one-year subscription), and Barrel Drive-In (two \$10 gift certificates).

"I'm not sure what I'm the most excited about, each prize is amazing, we have so many wonderful businesses here in West Union" said Copp.

"I love to eat out, and am excited to enjoy the meals at our wonderful West Union restaurants," continued the prize winner. "I am also excited to see the new AirbnB here in town! It will be interesting to see how that building has changed!"

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AES Corp	.57	+24.5	20.61	+3.0	+3.6	IBM	6.48	+11.7	149.11	+2.84	+11.2
AT&T Inc	2.08	+32.0	37.63	+6.7	-3.7	JohnJn	3.80	+14.7	151.60	+1.43	+3.9
AMD	...	+92.5	49.45	+1.43	+7.8	Kohls	2.68	-33.9	43.22	+3.4	-15.2
Apple Inc	3.08	+87.8	318.85	+10.19	+8.6	LockhdM	9.60	+50.9	430.78	+6.92	+10.6
Autodesk	...	+33.7	203.94	+4.68	+11.2	Lowe's	2.20	+23.1	119.35	+2.17	-3
Avangrid	1.76	+10.3	53.12	-.44	+3.8	M&T Bk	4.40	+4.9	170.53	+1.44	+5
BkofAm	.72	+17.6	33.62	+6.5	-4.5	MarintA	1.92	+23.9	147.40	+5.92	-2.7
BestBuy	2.00	+46.3	86.69	+1.43	-1.3	McDnlds	5.00	+22.3	214.62	-.56	+8.6
BorgWarn	.68	-14.5	34.43	+0.5	-20.6	Merck	2.44	+17.8	88.36	+1.02	-2.8
ChemungF	1.04	-2.9	40.90	+8.7	-3.8	MettlerT	...	+18.7	768.00	+9.94	-3.2
ChesEng	...	-82.0	.51	-.00	-38.9	Michaels	...	-64.4	5.16	+1.6	-36.2
Cisco	1.40	+2	47.62	+1.09	...	Microsoft	2.04	+64.8	180.12	+5.74	+14.2
CmtyBkSy	1.64	+13.2	67.82	+4.5	-4.4	NBT Bcp	1.08	+9.0	38.87	+4.6	-4.2
ConstellA	3.00	+10.2	192.89	+3.77	+1.7	NokiaCp	.19	-37.1	3.96	+0.8	+6.7
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DicksSptg	1.10	+28.4	43.61	-.30	-11.9	Pfizer	1.52	-8.8	37.69	+1.8	-3.8
Disney	1.76	+25.6	144.73	+3.41	+1	SnapInc A	...	+175.2	18.98	+7.5	+16.2
eBay	.64	+1.4	37.41	+3.02	+3.6	TJX	.92	+20.5	61.28	+1.04	+4
EmersonEl	2.00	+12.4	73.24	+6.4	-4.0	Tegna	.28	+46.3	17.27	-.14	+3.5
ExxonMbl	3.48	-10.6	59.97	-.76	-14.1	Tesla Inc	...	+111.9	887.06	+107.06	+112.0
FordM	.60	+7.1	9.18	+2.0	-1.3	Tompkins	2.08	+19.8	88.03	-.21	-3.8
FrptMcM	.20	-2.9	12.04	+6.0	-8.2	TransAct	.36	+6.1	10.60	+0.3	-3.4
GenElec	.04	+27.9	12.58	+3.2	+12.7	UltraBeauty	...	-8.2	273.52	-1.44	+8.1
HP Inc	.70	-2	21.55	+2.5	+4.9	UrbanOut	...	-20.7	26.00	-.23	-6.4
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New York Stock Exchange

Most active (\$1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FordM	845735	9.18	+2.0
SnapInc A	542871	18.98	+7.5
BkofAm	450282	33.62	+6.5
GenElec	443373	12.58	+3.2
TevaPhrm	417987	12.06	+9.1

Gainers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Livent	11.20	+1.68	+17.6
EvoquaWt	24.01	+3.47	+16.9
ConturaE	6.73	+9.6	+16.6
GranaMon	2.85	+4.0	+16.3
AllegTch	19.78	+2.69	+15.7

Losers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MicrFoc	10.02	-2.67	-21.0
VivintSm n	12.85	-1.40	-9.8
ElevCr	4.33	-.43	-9.0
EldrGld g	6.62	-.65	-8.9
Aarons	55.20	-5.17	-8.6

Diary

Advanced	1,929	Total issues	2,740
Declined	739	New Highs	211
Unchanged	72	New Lows	47

Volume: 3,773,757,787

NASDAQ

Most active (\$1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Tesla Inc	602036	887.06	+107.06
eBay	462624	37.41	+3.02
AMD	461180	49.45	+1.43
Microsoft	363676	180.12	+5.74
Apple Inc	340373	318.85	+10.19

Gainers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PumaBiotc	10.58	+2.54	+31.6
Allot	12.31	+2.60	+26.8
MDJM	2.94	+6.0	+25.6
LaJollaPh	8.39	+1.50	+21.8
AduroBio	2.24	+3.8	+20.4

Losers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ezcorp	5.01	-1.71	-25.4
BQOI Intl	4.09	-1.06	-20.6
ArteBio	2.20	-.55	-20.0
AethMid hrs	2.78	-.69	-19.9
CleBio h	2.44	-.47	-16.2

Diary

Advanced	2,093	Total issues	3,109
Declined	881	New Highs	142
Unchanged	135	New Lows	50

Volume: 2,366,030,300

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

U.S. Dollar in Foreign Currency

	Last	Pvs. Day
Australian dollar	1.4845	1.4951
British pound	.7670	.7693
Canadian dollar	1.3286	1.3296
Chinese yuan	6.9984	7.0215
Euro	.9056	.9039
Japanese yen	109.51	108.67
Mexican peso	18.6909	18.8051
Swiss franc	.9697	.9661

FUELS

New York Mercantile, CBOT (ethanol)

	Last	Pvs. Day
Crude oil (bbl)	49.61	50.11
Natural gas (btu)	1.87	1.82
Heating oil (gal)	1.58	1.58
Ethanol (gal)	1.35	1.34
NY Harbor gas (gal)	1.44	1.47

METALS

New York Mercantile, COMX (copper)

	Last	Pvs. Day
Gold (troy oz.)	1550.40	1577.20
Silver (troy oz.)	17.53	17.64
Platinum (troy oz.)	966.10	970.70
Copper (pound)	2.55	2.51

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.) Source: The Associated Press

Former Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi dies at 95

Tom Odula
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Daniel arap Moi became president of Kenya in 1978 following the death of founding President Jomo Kenyatta. He ruled for 24 years. SAYYID AZIM/AP, FILE

NAIROBI, Kenya – Daniel arap Moi, a former schoolteacher who became Kenya's longest-serving president and led the East African nation through years of repression and economic turmoil fueled by runaway corruption, died Tuesday at age 95.

Moi succeeded Kenya's founding president, Jomo Kenyatta, in 1978 and ruled for 24 years. His death was announced by Kenyatta's son and current president, Uhuru Kenyatta, who called him a leader in the struggle for Kenyan independence and an ardent Pan-Africanist.

Moi died peacefully at a private hospital in Nairobi, said his son, Sen. Gideon Moi.

His critics called him a dictator for his authoritarian style, although Moi enjoyed strong support from many Kenyans and was seen as a unifying figure when he took over after the death of Jomo Kenyatta, who had led the country following its independence from Britain in 1963.

Some of Kenyatta's allies had tried to change the constitution to prevent then-Vice President Moi from succeeding him. Moi was so wary of threats at the time that he fled his Rift Valley home when he learned of Kenyatta's death, returning only after receiving assurances of his safety.

In 1982, Moi's government pushed through parliament a constitutional amendment that made Kenya effectively a one-party state. Later that year, the army quelled a coup attempt by opposition members and some air force officers. At least 159 people were killed.

Although Kenya was known for its stability, Moi's government became more repressive in dealing with dissent, according to a report by the government's Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission that assessed his rule. Political activists and others who dared oppose him were routinely detained, tortured and killed, the report said. A foreign affairs minister, Robert Ouko, was one of those who died.

"The judiciary became an accomplice in the perpetuation of violations, while parliament was transformed into a puppet controlled by the heavy hand of the executive," the report said.

Corruption, especially the illegal allocation of land, became institutionalized, and economic power was centralized in the hands of a few, the report said.

In 1991, Moi yielded to public pressure at home and abroad for a multiparty state.

Multiparty elections in 1992 and 1997 were marred by political and ethnic violence that critics blamed on the state.

By the time Moi left power in 2002, corruption had caused the contraction of Kenya's economy, the most developed in East Africa.

Moi often blamed the West for bad publicity and the economic hardships that many Kenyans endured during his rule.

As with President Jomo Kenyatta, many government projects and buildings were named after Moi, and his face adorned the country's currency and coins. Kenyans voted for a new constitution that was implemented in 2010 and made provisions to bar personality cults.

Kenyatta ordered national flags lowered to half-staff until after Moi was buried.

Lunacy! 13 full moons to light up the sky this year

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

Moonwatchers will have a special year in 2020, with 13 full moons to brighten the night sky, including two supermoons, four lunar eclipses and even a blue moon.

This spring features two supermoons back to back, in March and April. A supermoon occurs when the moon is especially close to Earth while it's full. April's supermoon is set to be the bigger of the two, according to space.com.

The moon's closeness to Earth, naturally, makes it look extra-close and extra-bright – up to 14% bigger and 30% brighter than a full moon at its farthest point from Earth.

There also will be three more penumbral lunar eclipses this year, in addition to the one we had Jan. 10.

Not as spectacular – or noticeable – as a total lunar eclipse, a penumbral lunar eclipse is a rather subtle phenomenon that occurs when the full moon moves through the outer part of Earth's shadow (known as the penumbra), according to EarthSky.org.

About 35% of all eclipses are of the penumbral type, which can be difficult to detect even with a telescope, according to eclipse expert Fred Espenak.

Two of the three – the ones in July and November – will be visible in the U.S., NASA said.

But October might be the main moon event of the year.

The month will have two full moons, including one on Halloween night. The next time we'll see an equally spooky moon is 2039. Plan your werewolf costumes accordingly.

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Rail

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checkpoint lines and comparatively pricey airfare.

But the scene of waiting is all too common across New York for a passenger rail system where the average speed is a mere 51 mph across the Empire Corridor, which runs from Buffalo to New York City.

Decades of efforts to bring high-speed rail to New York have faltered under the weight of a hefty price tag and bureaucratic red tape. The history of the failed efforts are extraordinary and lengthy.

But Gov. Andrew Cuomo revived the idea last month as part of his 2020 agenda, vowing to empower a panel of experts to come up with new ways to tackle an intractable problem: connecting upstate and downstate through a modern-day rail system.

“Better connecting upstate to downstate could potentially be the biggest shot in the arm that we could use in the upstate economy,” Cuomo’s senior adviser, Rich Azzopardi, told the USA TODAY Network New York.

The long train ride stays long

The delay last month in Syracuse was regular news to the diehards, who showed little frustration with the wait.

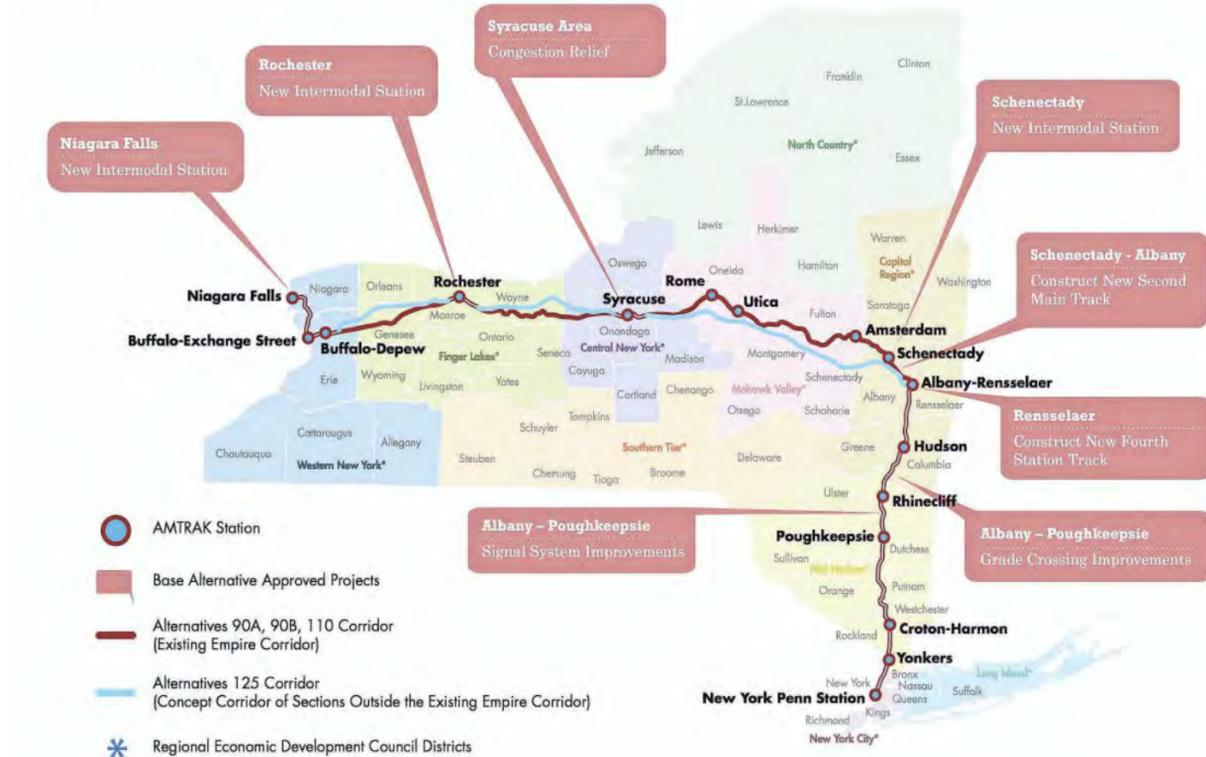
Many times, that day included, the train is held up by cargo traffic, which has the right-of-way on the CSX-owned stretch of track running east and west in New York.

When Keaton finally boarded, she set herself up in the wide seat, three books on the tray in front of her and electronic devices in the vacant seat beside her.

The 36-year-old director of a Syracuse anti-poverty agency was in for a long haul: six hours on the first and longest leg of a trip to visit a friend in Brooklyn.

Assembly Transportation Committee chairman William Magnarelli, D-Syracuse, could commiserate with weary train travelers. He said he would love nothing more than to take the train from his hometown to the state Capitol for work.

But he can’t rely on the service: Maybe it could take two hours; maybe six.



A state and federal report in 2014 showed the various options for considering high-speed rail in New York. NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Trains that could simply show up on time and can go between 60 mph and 100 mph would be a nice start, said Magnarelli, who commended Cuomo for revisiting the idea.

“My feeling has always been it’s not necessarily high-speed rail that we need right away, but reliable rail for passengers,” he said.

There’s a nostalgic and romantic appeal to many who ride passenger rail. But they all wish the trip was quicker.

More than eight hours between Buffalo and New York City seems like a throwback to an earlier era. Across Europe and Asia, passengers can regularly cover the same 460 miles in little over two and a half hours.

The route between Shanghai and Beijing, roughly the distance between New York and Chicago, takes little more than six hours, with several stops along the way.

Today, on Amtrak, the 959-mile trip between the Windy City and the Big Apple is nearly three times as long.

“Train travel is more popular than ever, with Amtrak providing a record 32.5 million customer trips last year,” Amtrak representative Jason Abrams said. “The importance of train travel is especially true in the state of New York, where Amtrak operates approximately 130-140 trains daily throughout the state”

Getting up to speed on rail in NY

Cuomo said last month that the panel, which he has yet to name, may be able to come up with an innovative way for rail travel in New York to match the speed and convenience common across the world.

“High-speed rail has been merely a concept in New York state, even while the rest of the world has built thousands of miles of high-speed rail,” Cuomo said in his recent State of the State plan.

He proposed “convening a team of forward-thinking experts and engineers to reexamine past high-speed rail plans,



Gov. Andrew Cuomo watches from the track bed as subway train passes in the Columbus Circle station during a media tour in 2017. RICHARD DREW/AP

question and rethink every assumption and method, and recommend a new plan for how to build faster, greener, more reliable high-speed rail in New York.”

It’s not a new concept, and it would

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8 films from the Sundance Film Festival you'll want to see

BY JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

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When the 36th annual edition of the Sundance Film Festival wrapped after 11 days of snow and cinema, it had ushered in an avalanche of new voices.

The festival, a wintery bastion of independent film held in the ski town of Park City, has worked harder than most similar events to showcase and develop fresh talent from a wide spectrum of backgrounds. And this year, especially, the results were often enthralling.

As if mining a new gold rush, streaming services have tunneled into Sundance, scooping up dozens of festival titles. For the indie and documentary film industries, it's a welcome incursion that's led to record sales prices. For audiences, it's potentially good news, too. A lot of the best of Sundance is already on the way to moviegoers, in theaters or at home. Some, including the introspective Taylor Swift documentary "Miss Americana," are already streaming.

There were many more highlights from Sundance than these, but here are eight films you won't want to miss.

● "Minari": Lee Isaac Chung's film, the winner of the both the festival's dramatic competition and the audience award, was the standout of Sundance. An autobiographical tale, based on Chung's up-



Sidney Flanigan, from left, writer/director Eliza Hittman and Talia Ryder promote the film "Never Rarely Sometimes Always" at the Sundance Film Festival on Jan. 25 in Park City, Utah.

bringing, about a family of Korean immigrants (Steven Yeun and Yeri Han play the parents) who move to rural Arkansas. With them are two young children (Noel Kate Cho, Alan S. Kim) and a grandmother (Yuh Jung Youn). The film, a production of Brad Pitt's Plan B to be released by A24, is a stunningly intimate family portrait, rich in personal detail and universal in tenderness.

● "Boys State": Jesse Moss and Amanda McBaine's film, winner of festival's documentary competition, is a comic, frightful and finally moving depiction of American politics in microcosm. The film, which reportedly set a record acquisition price for a doc at Sundance in its \$12 million sale to A24 and Apple, is about a Tex-

as leadership conference put on by the American Legion where some 1,000 17-year-old boys from around the country divide into rival parties and create a mock government. Many familiar elements of our political system emerge, but - thanks to a handful of memorable characters - so does some hope, too.

● "Never Rarely Sometimes Always": Eliza Hittman's third feature is a so artfully and delicately calibrated that it gathers a devastating force. A 17-year-old Pennsylvania young woman (Sidney Flanigan) is pregnant. Without local support, she and her cousin Skylar (Talia Ryder) travel to New York for an abortion. It's a quiet, restrained neo-realistic drama that captures not only the



Han Yeri, from top left, Steven Yeun, director Lee Isaac Chung, Yuh Jung Youn and, from bottom left, Alan Kim and Noel Cho promote the film "Minari" at the Sundance Film Festival on Jan. 27 in Park City, Utah.

charged terrain of teenage abortion but the wider fraught landscape of transactional male-female interactions. Focus Features will release it March 13.

● "The Truffle Hunters": If a film festival is like uncovering rare delicacies, Gregory Kershaw and Michael Dweck's documentary about the old Italian men who, with their faithful canine, gather truffles was the ultimate Sundance movie. Produced by Luca Guadagnino ("Call Me By Your Name"), the film chronicles the pursuit of the white Alba truffle in the forests of Northern Italy. But in Kershaw and Dweck's deeply charming documentary, it's the bond between truffle hunter and canine that feels priceless. Sony Pictures Classics picked up the film.

● "Palm Springs": Max

Barbikow's "Groundhog Day"-esque twist on the romantic comedy, starring Andy Samberg and Cristin Milioti, just barely set a Sundance record with its \$17,500,000.69 purchase by Neon and Hulu. The Sundance entry with the most obvious broad appeal, "Palm Springs" was also the festival's most unabashedly fun romp. The movie, a time-loop comedy set around a California desert wedding, is a Lonely Island production, but it's Milioti who steals it.

● "The Dissident": A documentary and a real-life thriller, Bryan Fogel's investigation into the Saudi assassination of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi is an immaculately assembled and massively damning non-fiction work. Fogel, whose previous film was the Oscar-winning doping documentary

"Icarus," fashions a shadowy international tale of intrigue into a searing indictment of not just Khashoggi's murder but of the entire Saudi regime and all who do business with it. As its director urged at the movie's premiere, it deserves to be seen widely.

● "The 40-Year-Old Version": Get to know Radha Blank. She's the writer, director and star of this festival breakout, which has been acquired by Netflix. Blank, a Harlem playwright, plays a version of herself in this funny, sharply observed, emphatically New York film about being a black middle-aged artist stuck between selling out and pursuing her passion as a rapper.

● "Shirley": Josephine Decker's psychological drama, starring Elisabeth Moss as Shirley Jackson, is far more caustic and compelling than anything that would typically be categorized as a "biopic." Decker ("Madeline's Madeline") tells the tale mainly from the perspective of a young woman named Rose (Odessa Young) who has come with her aspiring-professor husband (Logan Lerman) to stay with the author of "The Lottery" and her husband (Michael Stuhlbarg). They aren't the most cheerful of hosts. Rose's increasing intimacy with the brilliant but acerbic and unhinged Jackson grows steadily more dangerous until it - mixing threads of gender roles and the creation of art - turns into something more like a warning, or a prophecy. Moss' fury-filled performance is a standout. But the film, executive produced by Martin Scorsese, is foremost further proof of Decker's commanding talent.

In new docs, Swift and Bieber triumph over adversities

BY MIKAEL WOOD
Los Angeles Times

There's a scene near the beginning of Netflix's new Taylor Swift documentary, "Miss Americana," in which the pop superstar learns that her polarizing "Reputation" album hasn't been nominated for the top-tier Grammy Awards she once collected like coins. Swift is on the phone with her publicist, who's breaking the news gently but with the understanding that something has changed for her client; a camera on Swift's side of the call captures the action from a low angle that allows us to see the tears welling up in her eyes as she shares the realization.

"This is fine," the singer decides after a few seconds, eager to move from disaster to response. "I need to make a better record."

That her plan didn't succeed - Swift's 2019 "Lover" was similarly snubbed at the Grammys - is beside the point (and not just because the legitimacy of the Recording Academy's nominating process has since been called into question). The Grammy problem provides an obstacle, which is the fuel that "Miss Americana" runs on as it depicts a process of overcoming that has quickly become the default narrative in a growing field of pop-star documentaries.

It's the same tale at work in "Justin Bieber: Seasons," a 10-part reality series rolling out on YouTube in which the former teen idol attempts to chart a path out of the spiritual exhaustion that led him to call off his most recent world tour in 2017. And you can bet that we'll witness struggles of some



"Miss Americana," a documentary about Taylor Swift, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January.

kind in movies due soon from Rihanna (who's said to have sold her story to Amazon for \$25 million) and Billie Eilish (who was reportedly paid the same amount by Apple).

Musicians have been allowing cameras behind the curtain for decades, of course. And any film needs conflict - even if it's just deciding which subsidiary of Warner Music Group to release an album through, as in 2002's "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart: A Film About Wilco." But in more and more of these new pop docs, the animating tension - the thing to survive - is the experience of celebrity in the unforgiving age of social media, when famous people, having effectively cut out the middlemen in the media and taken their message straight to their audience, suddenly receive way more scrutiny than they bargained for. Life in the fishbowl inevitably breeds other troubles - the eating disorder Swift describes, for example, or the anxiety Bieber's ex Selena Gomez sings about on her latest album - that then

transform into fresh fodder for the amateur commentariat.

It's a self-reinforcing system in more than one sense: Flush with cash, streaming platforms are competing fiercely to strike deals with musicians likely to attract young subscribers who might not care enough about "Marriage Story" or "The Morning Show" to pay \$9.99 a month; that demand has created a seller's market for ostensibly confessional material that promises to go beyond whatever the seller discloses routinely on Instagram.

The result of this arms race is that we're beginning to narrow the way we think about the reflection music offers of a creator's existence; only rarely now do we seem to frame superstars' work as anything other than a referendum on superstardom.

And let's be clear: As much as they're advertising an inside view - establishing at least the illusion of relatability in an era when cheerleading fan armies prioritize the journey over the destination - these projects are meant above all to promote that work. "Miss Americana," which was directed by Lana Wilson (of the Emmy-winning abortion documentary "After Tiller") with ample cooperation from Swift and her management, drops in on the singer in the studio as she's recording "Lover"; its premiere Jan. 31 on Netflix came shortly before Swift heads out on tour behind the album. "Seasons," meanwhile, credits Bieber's managers as executive producers and is part of an elaborate multimedia run-up to the Feb. 14 release of "Changes," his first solo LP in five years.

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An assault rifle with no serial number and multiple loaded high capacity magazines were discovered in a vehicle after the driver ran from police and crashed at the intersection of Meredith and Sycamore Avenues in Gustine on Monday, according to Gustine Police.

Assault rifle found in vehicle of Gustine suspect after pursuit

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A suspect was arrested Monday after officers found a firearm in a vehicle that crashed following a pursuit in the Gustine area, police say.

Police said an officer on patrol in the area of South Avenue and Linden Avenue witnessed a vehicle driving eastbound on South Avenue at a high rate of speed at about 2 a.m. Monday, according to a Gustine Police De-



Jose Pantoja

partment Facebook post.

Police said the officer drove into position behind the vehicle to

attempt a vehicle stop, when the vehicle continued to accelerate eastbound on Meredith Avenue at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle turned onto Sycamore Avenue and before the officer could

activate his emergency lights for the stop, the officer witnessed the vehicle fail to halt at a stop sign at Sycamore Avenue and Meredith Avenue, before colliding into a light pole, according to police.

Following the crash, both the driver of the vehicle, identified as Jose Pantoja, 18, and an unidentified female passenger, fled the scene on foot, police said.

The female passenger ran westbound towards Laurel Avenue while the

driver ran eastbound on Meredith Avenue toward West Avenue, according to the release.

Authorities said the officer pursued Pantoja on foot and captured him without further incident.

During an investigation, police discovered Pantoja was an unlicensed driver. During an inventory of the vehicle, the officer located an assault rifle with four loaded high capacity magazines. According to police, the assault rifle had no serial number.

Pantoja was arrested and booked into the Merced County Jail on suspicion of felony possession of assault weapon, possession of large capacity magazine along with misdemeanor hit-and-run with property damage and resisting.

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Waking up to music may make you more alert, study shows

BY KIERSTEN WILLIS
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

It may seem as if the sound of an alarm clock “beep, beep, beeping” you awake could lead to more alertness, but a study found that music may be the way to go.

Researchers at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University in Australia found that the harsh tones associated with standard alarm clocks are tied to boosted levels of morning grogginess.

“If you don’t wake properly, your work performance can be degraded for periods up to four hours, and that has been linked to major accidents,” said lead author Stuart McFarlane in a news release. “You would assume that a startling ‘beep beep beep’ alarm would improve alertness, but our data revealed that melodic alarms may be the key element. This was unexpected.”

To conduct the study, researchers gathered 50 participants who took a specially designed online survey to report the alarm they used and rate their feelings of grogginess upon waking up. The grogginess level was rated against standardized criteria for sleep inertia, which the National Sleep Foundation defines as “the feeling of grogginess and disorientation that can come with awakening

from a deep sleep.”

Medical News Today reported that researchers found that although there were no significant links between actual sleep inertia and the sound of participants’ morning alarm, they discovered a notable link between the type of alarm tone and a participant’s assessment of sleep inertia.

Adrian Dyer, co-author of the study, remarked on its importance saying “even NASA astronauts report that sleep inertia affects their performance on the International Space Station.”

“We think that a harsh ‘beep beep beep’ might work to disrupt or confuse our brain activity when waking, while a more melodic sound like the Beach Boys’ ‘Good Vibrations’ or The Cure’s ‘Close to Me’ may help us transition to a waking state in a more effective way,” he said. “If we can continue to improve our understanding of the connection between sounds and waking state, there could be potential for applications in many fields, particularly with recent advancements in sleep technology and artificial intelligence.”

McFarlane acknowledged more research is needed on the subject but noted the findings indicate there may be important consequences when choosing to wake up to your favorite tune or a standard alarm clock.

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California State University, Stanislaus, President Ellen Junn was among the campus leaders on hand for the announcement of the new public service program.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

University near Los Angeles, and the CSU campuses in San Jose and L.A.

The Civic Action Fellowship will launch with \$3.2 million in state and federal funds, plus \$667,000 in scholarships awarded upon the completion of the program.

It will supplement the federal AmeriCorps service program, allowing students to earn up to \$10,000 toward college costs.

EXISTING EFFORTS

Stan State created its

Office of Service Learning in 2000 to connect students with causes related to their coursework. About 3,330 undergraduates, 40 percent of the total, enrolled in one or more of the 193 service-related course sections last year.

UC Merced will run the new state program through its Community Engagement Center, which already matches students with service opportunities.

“This exciting new program will improve literacy among Valley

children, while also giving UC Merced students invaluable experience and lessening their student loan debt,” Interim Chancellor Nathan Brostrom said.

UOP also has an existing effort, the Center for Community Involvement. The new funding “will help improve access to primary and preventive care by advocating for our city’s vulnerable populations,” Interim President Maria Pallavicini said at the Capitol.

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WHO working with Google to combat virus misinformation

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GENEVA – The World Health Organization chief has traveled a dozen times to monitor the Ebola response in Congo. But when he planned to visit China’s capital last week over a new viral outbreak emerging from central Hubei province, his daughter got worried.

“Before I left for Beijing, my daughter was saying, ‘Oh, you should not go,’” WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus confided to the U.N. health agency’s executive board in a public session on Monday.

The account exemplifies the fine line WHO officials are navigating between fear about the new coronavirus and hopes of increasing international preparedness over an outbreak that has taken more than 420 lives and infected more than 20,000 people in China since late December – and could become a pandemic. So far, growth has been exponential in China, but elsewhere cases remain under 150, scattered across nearly two dozen countries.

“Instead of spending time on fear and panic, we should say this is the time to prepare,” Tedros said. “Because 146 cases, by any standard, is very low.”

As governments clamp down on travel to China, airlines suspend flights and Chinese nationals fret about rising xenophobia and ostracism, WHO is calibrating a message of praise to Chinese officials and trying to focus on the epicenter – Wuhan city and surrounding Hubei province – to keep the virus from spiraling out of control. It also wants to help get weaker health systems ready.

Before he left for the meeting with President Xi Jinp-

ing last week, Tedros reassured his daughter: “It’s OK, it’s not all over China.”

“Even in China, the virus is not evenly spread everywhere, and the risk is not the same,” he recalled. “When I was in Beijing, what we had discussed with the authorities is that our concentrated effort should be in the epicenters, or the sources of the virus.”

Pausing on a couple of occasions to cough, clear his throat, and drink some water, Tedros quipped: “Don’t worry: It’s not corona,” prompting laughter.

WHO is also battling misinformation, working with Google to ensure that people get facts from the U.N. health agency first when they search for information about the virus. Social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Tencent and TikTok have also taken steps to limit the spread of misinformation and rumors about the outbreak.

Chinese officials are increasingly speaking out. At the executive board meeting, Ambassador Li Song, deputy permanent representative for China in Geneva, lashed out at flight cancellations, visa denials and refusals by some countries to admit citizens of Hubei province – saying those moves went against WHO recommendations.

Li noted how Xi, in his meeting with Tedros, had said the coronavirus epidemic “is a devil – we cannot let the devil hide.”

“At the same time, the international community needs to treat the new virus objectively, fairly, calmly and rationally, and not over-interpret it negatively and pessimistically or deliberately create panic,” Li said. “We need facts, not fear. We need science, not rumors. We need solidarity, not stigma.”

Since the outbreak began, a number of misleading claims and hoaxes about the virus have circulated online. They include false conspiracy theories that the virus was created in a lab and that vaccines have already been manufactured, exaggerations about the number of sick and dead, and claims about bogus cures.

On Sunday, WHO lamented that the outbreak and response have been accompanied by a massive “infodemic” – an overabundance of information, some accurate and some not – that makes it hard for people to find trustworthy sources and reliable guidance when they need it.

The report said WHO, the U.N. health agency, was working “24 hours a day to identify the most prevalent rumors that can potentially harm the public’s health, such as false prevention measures or cures.”

Tedros also addressed his decision last week to classify the virus outbreak as a global emergency, saying the move was prompted by increased human-to-human spread of the virus to numerous countries and the fear it could have a significant effect on developing countries with weaker health systems.

Tedros said recent outbreaks such as the new virus and Ebola demonstrated the shortcomings of the “binary” emergency system, calling it “too restrictive, too simplistic, and not fit for purpose.”

“We have a green light, a red light, and nothing in-between,” he said, adding that WHO was considering options to allow for an “intermediate level of alert.”

In July, Tedros declared the Ebola outbreak in Congo a global emergency: There have been 3,421 cases and 2,242 deaths from it since the outbreak began 18 months ago.

13 full moons to light up the sky this year

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

Moonwatchers will have a special year in 2020, with 13 full moons to brighten the night sky, including two supermoons, four lunar eclipses and even a blue moon.

This spring features two supermoons back to back, in March and April. A supermoon occurs when the moon is especially close to Earth while it’s full. April’s supermoon is set to be the bigger of the two, according to space.com.

The moon’s closeness to Earth, naturally, makes it look extra-close and extra-bright – up to 14% bigger and 30% brighter than a full moon at its farthest point from Earth.

There also will be three more penumbral lunar eclipses this year, in addition to the one we had Jan. 10.

Not as spectacular – or noticeable – as a total lunar eclipse, a penumbral lunar eclipse is a rather subtle

phenomenon that occurs when the full moon moves through the outer part of Earth’s shadow (known as the penumbra), according to EarthSky.org.

About 35% of all eclipses are of the penumbral type, which can be difficult to detect even with a telescope, according to eclipse expert Fred Espenak.

Two of the three – the ones in July and November – will be visible in the U.S., NASA said.

But October might be the main moon event of the year.

The month will have two full moons, including one on Halloween night. The next time we’ll see an equally spooky moon is 2039. Plan your werewolf costumes accordingly.

The Halloween full moon will be a blue moon, because it’s the second full moon of the month, which is one of the definitions of a blue moon.

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Evers

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they know we won't do."

Evers, flanked by school officials and public school advocates in his Capitol conference room, said the plan provides property tax relief by adding money to the state's funding formula for schools thereby reducing the need for school districts to seek more money from taxpayers.

"This is a win-win for all of us in the state of Wisconsin," he said. "That rein-

vestment will help districts to get out from going to referendum every two years."

The plan includes funding to cover two-thirds of school district costs, which Vos previously said he wanted to do. But the 2019-21 state budget ultimately didn't include enough funding to meet the goal.

Still, Fitzgerald signaled his caucus believes schools have received enough funding from the state for now, citing the state budget that "spent more money on schools than ever before."

"Every time the state has surplus revenue, Republicans look for ways to re-

turn that money to taxpayers. Democrats keep looking for ways to spend your money," he said in a statement.

The bill Evers wants lawmakers to take up would:

- Provide \$79.1 million in 2021 to increase the rate at which the state reimburses school districts for special education costs from 30% to 34%.

- Reimburse school districts for 100% of special education services costs over \$30,000.

- Devote \$19 million for school-based mental health services.

- Allow schools to seek extra state funding for school counselors, psychol-

ogists or nurses.

- Increase funding for rural schools by \$10.1 million and expand what kind of rural schools may seek extra funding set aside for such schools.

- Provide \$3.6 million for summer school programming in Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha and Racine school districts.

- Provide \$362,200 for programs to help young tribal language learners.

- Add \$130 million in equalization aid.

Patrick Marley of the Journal Sentinel contributed to this report.

TED Talks

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energy. They could help solve some of humanity's most difficult problems, including global warming and pollution from plastics.

Much of Garske's efforts today focus on enzymes that can break down stains on clothes. Garske said he cannot divulge the details of his work or the companies that are DuPont customers, but if you use a detergent that uses enzymes and is effective in cold water, you're likely the beneficiary of his work.

Being able to use cold water for laundry is cumulatively a big deal, because heating water for laundry requires a lot of energy.

"If all Americans did their laundry in cold water, it would save 32 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year," Garske said. "That's a lot."

That's about the same amount of carbon dioxide emitted by 6.3 million cars per year, Garske said.

In the natural world, different enzymes do specific tasks. But scientists can tweak and tailor enzymes' properties and expand the roles they can do. So enzymes can help make drugs with less toxic ingredients, Garske said. Others can help break down plastics that pollute the earth's waters or help harness the carbon in the air that is contributing to climate change.

That doesn't mean that human beings shouldn't do all they can limit their impact on the natural world, Garske said, and more research is required. But there's hope that enzymes can help sig-



Adam Garske on stage at The Fillmore in Philadelphia where his online TED talk about enzymes was produced. PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY GARSKE

nificantly clean and preserve the environment.

The environment is why Garske got on the enzyme path in the first place. When he was growing up in Wisconsin, he naturally gravitated to the outdoors. Being outside piqued his curiosity, he said. He wanted to know why things were like they were: why does a firefly light up? Why are cranberries red? (You know the answer: Enzymes.)

Garske also had, he said, "an indulgent grandmother" who let him, as a young child, "experiment" by making

concoctions from things he found in the kitchen and bathroom. He was influenced in middle school by reading Michael Crichton novels, in which science always played a key role in plots. And he was drawn to biology through his studies at Newman Catholic High School.

He attended the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, first studying biology, but then getting interested in chemistry. After graduating from St. Thomas in 2003 with a degree in chemistry, he went to earn a doctorate degree in organic chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was in graduate school when enzymes caught his attention, and he's been enthralled with them ever since.

Enzymes captivated him so much that he continued to study them after earning his doctorate from Madison, going on to postdoctoral studies at the University of California-San Francisco. Garske said his focus there was on studying the interaction of enzymes involved in disease. When he was hired by DuPont in 2011, he shifted his enzyme emphasis toward more industrial uses.

The TED talk is Garske's attempt to encapsulate all that experience, knowledge and passion into less than 15 minutes.

"It was nerve wracking," Garske said.

TED speakers are discouraged from using notes or other technology to do their performances and "you only get one take," Garske said. "But I'm happy it's out there, and it will hopefully bring awareness to enzymes."

Contact Keith Uhlig at 715-845-0651 or kuhlig@gannett.com. Follow him at @UhligK on Twitter and Instagram or on Facebook.

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Online classified advertisements on websites like Craigslist, Etsy or eBay Classifieds are a double-edged sword. On one hand they offer a convenient means of setting up transactions like buying or selling goods, posting or finding jobs, and listing or seeking rental properties. But on the other hand, the open nature of these sites that appeals to their users also appeals to scammers. If you are looking online for a rental property and find an unreal deal, be very, very cautious.

Imposter scams are the primary way con artists use these sites to victimize the public. Fraudsters regularly post fake ads for rentals, employment opportunities and products for sale. According to Craigslist's safety page, most of these rip-offs share a number of common characteristics:

- You are interacting by email or text with someone who is not in your area;
- The transaction begins with a vague initial inquiry, and the back and forth communications are riddled with spelling and grammatical errors;
- You are asked to make a payment by wire transfer, prepaid debit or gift cards, PayPal or another service that provides instant transactions that leave little trace; and
- The other party either refuses to meet or claims to be unable to meet face-to-face to complete the transaction.

Some tips to remember when dealing with another party through an online classified ad:

- If you are making a purchase or selling an item, deal locally and meet face-to-face with the other party in a public place. The Marshfield Police Department has an internet exchange zone located on First Street in front of the building, and some other police departments offer their station lobbies or parking lots as "safe zones" to use for the transactions (call your local police department to inquire before establishing it as the meeting point).
- Always be suspicious of over-the-top claims and too-good-to-be-true prices.
- Never wire funds to strangers or provide the code and PIN from a prepaid debit or gift card.
- Never rent a property sight unseen or provide information for a background check for a rental or a job until you have met a potential landlord or employer in person.
- If someone sends you a check and asks you to cash it and return a portion or send a portion to another person, it is a scam.

For additional information or to file a complaint, visit the Consumer Protection Bureau at

<http://datcp.wi.gov>, send an e-mail to datcp@datcp.wi.gov or call the Consumer Information Hotline toll-free at 1-800-422-7129. You can also connect with Consumer Hotline on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wiconsumer.



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An early report shows apprehensions at the U.S.-Mexico border have been decreasing for several months. CEDAR ATTANASIO/AP

Border arrests drop for 8 straight months

Colleen Long and Ben Fox
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The number of border apprehensions has dropped for the eighth straight month, following crackdowns by the Trump administration that include forcing asylum seekers back over the U.S.-Mexico border to wait out their claims, a Homeland Security official said Monday.

The official said the number of encounters with border officials over the past four months was 165,000. A year earlier during the same time it was about 242,000. The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the official results have not been released.

The tally for January was about 36,000, including apprehensions of people crossing illegally and migrants who were declared inadmissible by border officers at a port of entry. It was a 10% decline from December.

Trump has made cracking down on immigration — legal and illegal — a signature issue. He has railed against asylum seekers and other border crossers as con artists who "scam" the system, and derided immigrants from

Mexico as "bad hombres." Trump uses the monthly border tallies as a benchmark to determine how his policies are working, railing against Homeland Security officials when the numbers are up. The number of people crossing the border traditionally declines when it's hot outside — but the winter months often see creeping increases.

The monthly tally is down almost 75% from the peak last May, when there were more than 144,000 encounters with migrants, the large majority families from Central America who are not easily returned over the border. The immigration system was strained last spring, with migrants crammed for weeks into small border stations not meant to hold people beyond a few days. News of the conditions in the border stations, coupled with migrant deaths, promoted massive outrage and pushed Congress into emergency funding to help ease the crush.

More than 55,000 asylum seekers have been sent over the border to Mexico to wait out their asylum cases and have faced sickness and squalid conditions in makeshift camps, plus assault and kidnapping by cartels that patrol the borderlands.

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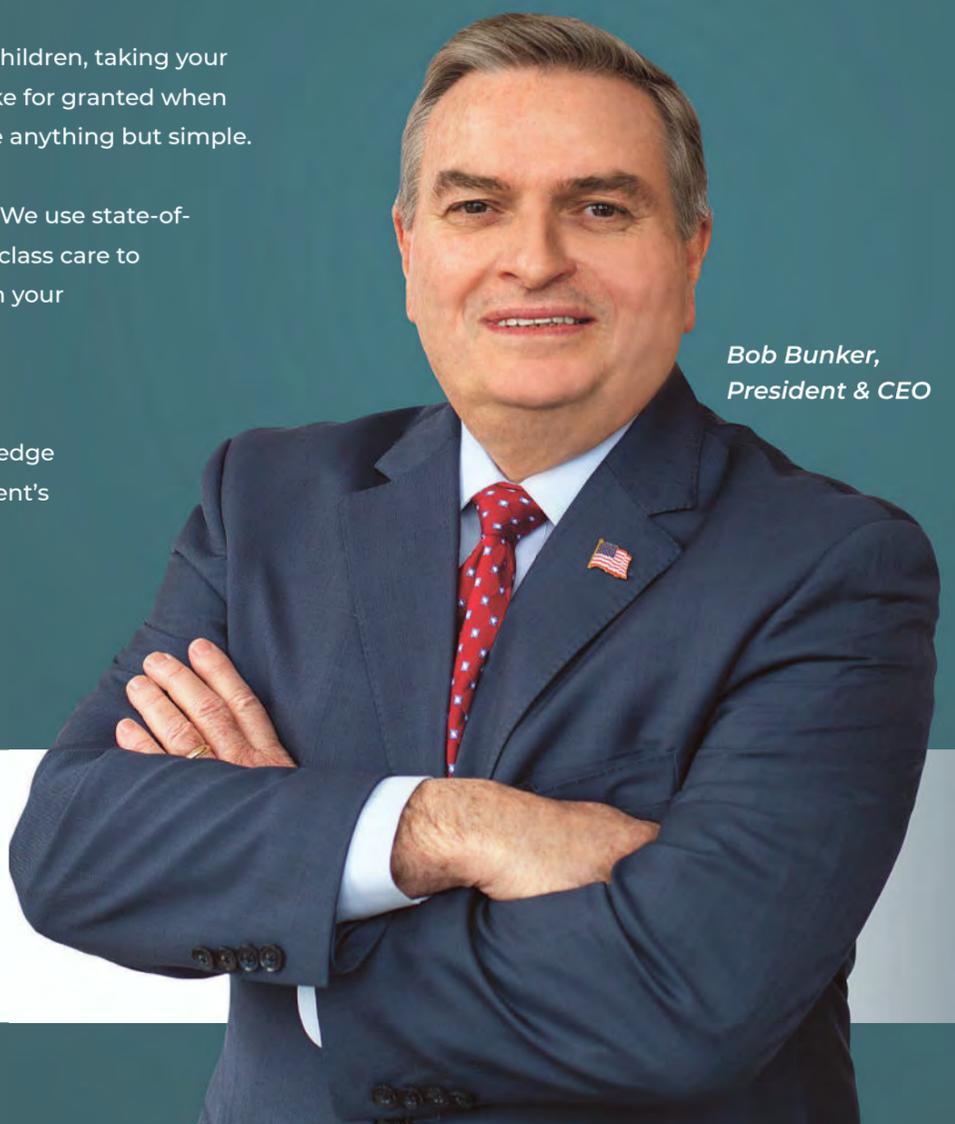
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Thai gunman who killed 21 in rampage shot dead

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NAKHON RATCHASIMA, Thailand – Thai officials said a soldier who went on a shooting rampage and killed at least 21 people and injured 42 others has been shot dead inside a mall in northeastern Thailand.

Officials said the soldier angry over a financial dispute first killed two people and then went on a far bloodier rampage Saturday, shooting as he drove to a busy mall where shoppers fled in terror.

Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Kongcheep Tantrawanich said Sgt. Maj. Jakrapanth Thomma was behind the attack in Nakhon Ratchasima, a hub for Thailand's relatively poorer and rural northeastern region. Much of the shooting took place at Terminal 21 Korat, an airport-themed mall filled with colorful Lego sculptures, a merry-go-round and huge replicas of landmarks from around the world.

Video taken outside the mall showed people diving for cover as shots rang out mid-afternoon Saturday. Many were killed outside the mall, some in cars, others while walking.

Nattaya Nganiem and her family had just finished eating and were driving away when she heard gunfire.

"First I saw a woman run out from the mall hysterically," said Nattaya, who shot video of the scene on her phone. "Then a motorcycle rider in front of her just ran and left his motorcycle there."

Hundreds of people were evacuated from the mall in small batches by police while they searched for the gunman.

"We were scared and ran to hide in toilets," said Sumana Jeerawattanasuk, one of those rescued by police. She said seven or eight people hid in the same room as her.

"I am so glad. I was so scared of getting hurt," she said.

Shortly before midnight, police announced they had secured the above-ground portion of the mall, but were still searching for the shooter. About 16 hours later, officials held a news conference outside the mall to announce the gunman was fatally shot.

The officials did not release any de-



Police and bystanders stand near the scene of a shooting at the Terminal 21 mall, in Korat, Thailand, on Saturday. Police in northeastern Thailand said a soldier shot multiple people, killing at least 21. AP

tails.

Defense Ministry spokesman Kongcheep told Thai media that the first person killed was the commanding officer of the 22nd Ammunition Battalion, in which the suspect also served. He said the gunman had fired at others at his base and took guns and ammunition before fleeing in an army Humvee.

City and neighborhood police officers, who asked not to be identified because they were not authorized to release information, said the man fired shots as he drove to the mall. Thai Rath television aired mall security camera footage showing a man with what appeared to be an assault rifle.

The man also posted updates to his Facebook page during the rampage.

"No one can escape death," read one post. Another asked, "Should I give up?" In a later post, he wrote, "I have stopped already."

A photo circulated on social media that appeared to be taken from the Facebook page shows a man wearing a green camouflaged military helmet while a fireball and black smoke rage behind him. Jakrapanth's profile picture shows him in a mask and dressed in military-style fatigues and armed with a pistol. The background image is of a handgun and bullets. The Facebook page was made inaccessible after the shooting began.

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Editor's Mailbag

Snowshoe, ski or hike by candlelight at Fort Ridgely State Park on Feb. 8

FORT RIDGELY — The Department of Natural Resources will host more than 30 candlelight events at Minnesota state parks and trails this winter, including one at Fort Ridgely State Park on Saturday, Feb. 8. Drop by any time between 5 and 8 p.m. for skiing, snowshoeing or hiking as stars twinkle overhead and candles flicker in the snow.

"Few things transform a winter evening like soft light on snow," said Erika Rivers, director of the DNR's Parks and Trails Division. "Candles and lanterns help to create a magical experience, especially when coupled with light from the moon and a starry sky."

The one-mile trail starts at the chalet and is suitable for beginner-level skiers, snowshoers or hikers of all ages. Visitors should bring their own equipment, including snowshoes, skis, or ice cleats.

The evening wraps up with a cup of hot cocoa or cider near a crackling bonfire.

A vehicle permit is required to enter Minnesota state parks. Although permits are available at the park, you can save time by getting one in advance. Visit mndnr.gov/reservations to buy a one-day (\$7) or year-round (\$35) permit.

In the event of severe weather, call 507-426-7840 for updates or check the visitor alert online at mndnr.gov/fortridgely. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please call the park at 507-426-7840.

Legion Auxiliary Card Party today

NEW ULM — New Ulm American Legion Auxiliary annual February Card Party is scheduled for Feb. 5 at American Legion Club Rooms at 13 South Minnesota Street at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$3. Come with your group of four people. Enjoy playing cards, prizes

awarded, lunch is served after cards. Lunch is included in the \$3 paid. Open to everybody.

Garden Club meets Feb. 5

NEW ULM — The New Ulm Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 pm, at the New Ulm airport.

Guest speaker will be Megan Benage, an ecologist with the DNR who will speak about her work with habitat friendly solar; and how to design solar projects so they provide beneficial habitat for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. She will also share her favorite pollinator plants for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard.

This meeting is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. If you do wish to join the club, the dues are \$5 per calendar year.

Musicians wanted

NEW ULM — The New Ulm Municipal Band is celebrating its 75th birthday.

The band is made up of high school students, college students, farmers, teachers, doctors, attorneys, nurses, optometrists, and more with diversity not only of ages, but of ability levels, ranging from professional musicians to students with a only a few years of experience.

Under the direction of Don Jirak, the band, consisting of 50 to 60 musicians, shares its music at concerts on Wednesday nights in June and July as well as at a few other local events during the summer months.

The Band plays show tunes, German music, marches and much more. You can be a part of New Ulm's rich musical history. Tuesday evening rehearsals will be starting before too long and the Band is always looking for players in several sections. Interested? Give Don Jirak a call at 507-794-7913 for more information.



Connie Weilage, BCHS Program Coordinator, presents the Fur Trader Trunk Program to seniors at Oak Hills Living Center.

Brown County Historical Society provides programs for seniors

NEW ULM — The Brown County Historical Society expanded programs to reach audiences in Brown County facilities that provide housing, assisted living and other services for seniors. This service is one of several programs offered by the BCHS to take presentations to audiences beyond the walls of the museum.

This service evolved out of an Education Trunk program for "kids" developed

two years ago. It was revised to serve senior audiences.

Activities include hands-on, show and tell and dress up opportunities. Also, participants are encouraged to share their stories about the subject being discussed. At a program on Fur Trading, participants at the Adult Day in Sleepy Eye shared stories about their experiences trapping in Brown County including trapping muskrats and fox.

Presentations are scheduled for facilities in Springfield, Sleepy Eye and New Ulm. Programs offered include Fur Trade, Pioneers, Native American, Buffalo and Hats Tell Stories. To schedule a program or for more information about this program, contact Connie Weilage, BCHS Program Coordinator at 507-233-2620 or at education@browncounty-historymn.org.

Calendar

To have your group's events listed, send your information to *The Journal*, 303 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, MN 56073, or email it to editor@nujournal.com.

TODAY

- Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary Clothing Collection, 9 a.m.-noon, 1522 S. Valley St., New Ulm.

- New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf, 12-3 p.m., 1305 S. Valley St., New Ulm. Please bring boxes.

- New Ulm Area Toastmasters, 5:30-7 p.m., Turner Hall. For more information, contact Geri at 507-276-7658 or Kathleen at 507-354-5034.

- PRO (Professional Referral Organization), 8-9 a.m., Broadway Chiropractic. For more info call Tim Knaak at 507-233-4470.

- Support Group for Women Dealing With Issues Regarding Past or Present Abusive Relationships, Wednesday evenings. Call 507-233-6664 or 1-800-630-1425 for information.

- Adult Basic Education classes, Adult Basic Education classes including GED and College Prep are located at the Work Force Center building, 1618 South Broadway, New Ulm. Please call the New Ulm ABE office at 507-779-5827 to sign up for any of our FREE educational opportunities.

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- New Ulm Community Market & Co-op store, Open 2-6 p.m., 506 1st North, New Ulm.

- New Ulm Clothing Depot, in new location, 101 N. Broadway. New hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Donations always accepted at new location. Application and limitations now required per household. Call 507-276-6302 for more information.

- New Ulm Sertoma Club, 7 a.m., New Ulm Country Club.

- Weight Watchers, 8 a.m., Meeting, Oakwood Church, 1630 Oakwood Ave., New Ulm.

- District 23 AA Meeting, New Ulm West Side Group, 10 a.m., Closed - 12x12 book, Kwik Trip. Call for info. 228-8635.

- Three Legacies AA New Beginnings for Women, 5:30 p.m., River Valley Christian Church, 100 N. Washington St., New Ulm

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NYSE GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NYSE LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				NYSE ACTIVES (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChionEd	17.76	+2.90	+19.5	Ubiquiti	144.95	-25.69	-17.8	Uber Tchn	1122047	40.63	+3.54
BillComHn	55.81	+7.30	+13.0	Manitowoc	14.06	-2.46	-17.5	NokiaGp	1026170	4.37	+1.7
CentCmtyS	35.64	+3.80	+11.9	NewkRes	4.48	-0.88	-19.6	ForMn	981941	8.11	+1.4
UnvTrnst	8.70	+0.86	+11.0	BenchElec	26.63	-3.80	-14.3	Ambev	764692	3.90	+0.1
NCHVncro	24.18	+2.29	+10.5	Deluxe	42.75	-5.83	-13.6	GenElec	665867	12.83	-1.2
Pinterest n	25.20	+2.19	+9.5	Harsco	13.67	-1.59	-11.4	Pinterest n	604636	25.20	+2.9
Uber Tchn	40.63	+3.54	+9.5	GSCI37	18.72	-2.09	-11.2	AuroraC	474764	1.70	-0.3
SunOnl	2.70	+1.57	+5.7	ProshHdg	54.23	-5.79	-10.7	Petrobros	395480	14.58	-0.5
Abbvie	92.29	+5.11	+5.9	3D Sys	10.32	-1.16	-11.2	FLJIndg	394407	12.16	+0.7
Armada pIA	29.00	+1.59	+5.8	WashPrGp	2.94	-0.31	-10.5	Vale SA	372743	12.04	-3.6

NASDAQ GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Bentlec hcs	7.44	+2.10	+28.2	Zogenix	32.12	-20.50	-63.8	AMD	529671	49.73	+4.1
SatsmaP n	30.89	+7.48	+24.2	MyriadG	21.02	-8.27	-39.3	Microsoft	334897	183.89	+2.6
Telenav	6.03	+1.29	+21.2	LeMatrEv	29.29	-7.10	-24.2	Zynga	294662	6.65	-0.6
Collegium	25.45	+5.15	+20.3	AdmaBio	3.32	-0.69	-20.8	Apple Inc	293277	320.03	-4.1
Synaptics	84.53	+14.43	+17.1	PDS Bio rs	2.28	-0.36	-15.7	AssentTr	284406	1.52	+0.8
NeuroRes	12.79	+1.89	+14.8	AppGenC	5.00	-0.71	-14.2	GileadSc	272758	68.87	+6.6
Moderna	23.24	+3.36	+16.9	IDEAIV n	7.19	-0.99	-13.8	Ericsson	266226	8.77	+4.5
DiscnBC	40.00	+5.50	+13.8	SmartGib	28.06	-3.79	-13.5	NortonLife	248128	19.73	+2.2
FarmBrs	13.53	+1.65	+13.9	TakeTwo	112.60	-15.14	-13.4	MarvellTch	205048	24.02	+1.7
ChFrnCrns	7.07	+0.85	+13.7	Stoks	14.01	-1.76	-12.5	MicronT	208561	56.88	-1.8

STOCK MARKET INDEXES

	High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12mo %Chg
29,408.05	24,680.57	24,680.57	Dow Industrials	29,102.51	-277.26	-0.94	+1.98	+15.92
11,359.49	9,676.06	9,676.06	Dow Transportation	10,857.73	-16.67	-0.15	-0.40	+6.69
944.59	716.33	716.33	Dow Utilities	931.83	-3.33	-0.36	+5.99	+25.95
14,183.26	12,186.66	12,186.66	NYSE Composite	13,931.93	-103.02	-0.73	+1.14	+13.34
9,575.66	7,225.14	7,225.14	Nasdaq Composite	9,520.51	-61.64	-0.65	+6.11	+30.45
1,504.79	1,178.94	1,178.94	S&P 100	1,498.07	-6.07	-0.40	+3.88	+25.87
3,347.96	2,681.83	2,681.83	S&P 500	3,327.71	-18.07	-0.54	+3.00	+22.89
2,106.30	1,802.58	1,802.58	S&P MidCap	2,049.30	-20.39	-0.99	+0.67	+10.63
34,049.04	27,792.14	27,792.14	Wilshire 5000	33,937.98	-184.23	-0.54	+2.86	+20.57
1,715.08	1,450.32	1,450.32	Russell 2000	1,656.78	-20.68	-1.23	-0.70	+9.98

MONEY RATES

	Last	Pvs Week
Prime Rate	4.75	4.75
Discount Rate	2.25	2.25
Federal Funds Rate	1.50-1.75	1.50-1.75

CURRENCIES

	Last	Pvs Day
Australia	1.4977	1.4857
Britain	1.2887	1.2923
Canada	1.3300	1.3282
Euro	91.36	91.10
Japan	109.74	109.97
Switzerland	18.977	18.6337
Mexico	9773	9753

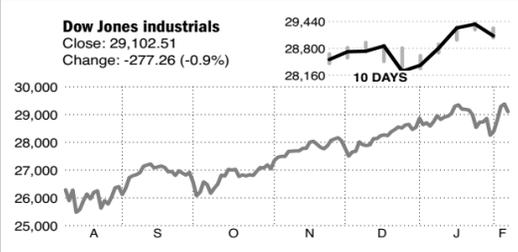
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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	
AT&T Inc	2.08	5.4	17	38.45	+0.1	-1.6	
AbbottLab	1.44	1.6	46	87.87	-1.60	+1.2	
Abbvie	4.72	5.1	15	92.29	+5.11	+4.2	
AMD	...	...	...	49.73	+4.1	+8.4
Altria	3.62	7.3	15	46.22	-0.44	-7.4	
Amgen	8.40	2.8	18	229.33	-2.12	-0.9	
Apple Inc	3.08	1.0	29	320.03	-4.41	+9.0	
ArchDn	1.44	3.2	14	45.71	-2.7	-1.4	
AssentTr	...	...	...	1.52	+4.8	+21.6
AuroraC	...	...	...	1.70	-3.0	-21.3
BIP PLC	2.46	6.8	11	36.37	-5.1	-3.6	
BioAm	7.2	2.1	12	34.61	-0.6	-1.7	
BioSby	2.00	2.3	27	87.02	-1.62	-1.9	
BrimlySt	1.80	2.7	22	66.25	-0.85	+3.2	
Caterpillar	4.12	3.1	12	133.37	-3.88	-9.7	
ChesEng	...	...	...	1	5.11	-38.0
Chevron	5.16	4.7	15	108.94	-5.5	-9.6	
Cisco	1.40	2.9	21	47.97	-7.2	+8.8	
Citigroup	2.04	2.6	11	78.69	-2.8	-1.5	
CocaCola	1.60	2.7	36	59.19	+2.0	+6.9	
ColgPalm	1.72	2.3	28	76.03	-2.8	+10.4	
ConAgra	0.85	2.7	21	31.95	-1.4	-6.7	
CooperTire	4.2	1.5	39	27.94	-0.6	+2.0	
Deere	3.04	1.8	16	167.45	-1.41	-3.4	
Digital	37	14.66	+28	-17.3
Disney	1.76	1.2	19	141.02	-1.68	-2.5	
Dupont rs	1.20	2.3	6	52.55	-1.26	-18.1	
Eliliu	2.96	2.0	...	146.41	-8.9	+11.4	
Ericsson	...	...	...	8.77	+4.5	-1
ExxonM	3.48	5.7	14	61.47	-2.1	+11.9	
FLJ Hldg	0.4	...	...	12.16	+0.1	+14.2
Fastenal	1.00	2.7	28	37.35	-5.5	+1.1	
FormD	6.0	7.4	6	8.11	-1.4	-12.8	
FordM	2.0	1.7	8	11.80	-5.2	-10.1	
GenElec	0.4	...	...	12.83	-1.2	+15.0
GileadSc	2.72	3.9	14	68.87	+6.6	+6.0	
HP Inc	7.0	3.2	...	21.73	-1.1	+5.7	
HordyP	1.50	4.4	12	33.87	-0.3	-8.9	
HSbcshn	19	69.97	-1.00	+4.9
HumeDp	5.44	2.3	24	237.30	-1.54	+8.2	
HuntBrnsh	6.0	4.3	13	13.96	-0.1	-7.4	
Intel	1.32	2.0	23	66.02	-1.07	+10.3	
Intelsat	...	...	...	3.75	+0.1	+6.7

Stock Footnotes: g = Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. h = Does not meet continued-listing standards. i = Late filing with SEC. n = New in past 52 weeks. pl = Preferred. s = Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50 percent within the past year. t = Right to buy security at a specified price. s = Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. un = Units. vj = In bankruptcy or receivership. wd = When distributed. W = When issued. w = Warrants. Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

DAILY DOW JONES



MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	Total Assets (\$Mlns)	NAV	4-wk	12-mo	5-year	Pct Load	Min Inv	Invnt
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	LV 29,014	44.08	+1.5	+17.4B	+9.6/A	5.75	250	
American Funds BflAmrcA m	CI 23,916	13.29	+1.5	+8.7D	+2.9/C	3.75	250	
American Funds FdmllnvsA m	LB 55,723	63.42	+1.8	+21.0D	+11.7/B	5.75	250	
American Funds NwPrspctA m	WS 46,110	48.95	+3.0	+24.6B	+11.7/A	5.75	250	
American Funds SmCpWldA m	SW 25,245	59.49	+1.1	+21.0B	+10.2/B	5.75	250	
American Funds WAMllnvsA m	LB 62,220	48.90	+1.6	+19.8D	+11.0/C	5.75	250	
California LgCpGrA m	LG 2,037	46.22	+4.7	+31.4B	+13.6/C	5.75	2,000	
Federated MDTMidCpGrA f	MG 256	40.69	+2.1	+15.7E	+10.7D	5.50	1,500	
Federated MhYAdvtgA f	HM 219	9.32	+1.2	+10.7B	+4.7/C	4.50	1,500	
Federated IntUSGovSecA f	GI 207	7.44	+0.7	+6.1C	+2.0/C	4.50	1,500	
Fidelity 500IxdxPrm	LB 236,283	115.57	+2.9	+25.4/A	+12.4/A	NL	0	
INVESCO ChtrA m	LB 3,057	16.42	+2.8	+21.5D	+7.2/E	5.50	1,000	
INVESCO MnStrA m	LB 7,934	49.57	+2.7	+24.3B	+11.1/B	5.50	1,000	
Putnam IncA m	PI 783	7.26	+1.5	+11.7/A	+3.8/A	4.00	0	
Putnam SustLeadersA m	LG 4,578	98.22	+3.7	+29.6B	+14.1/B	5.75	0	
Thrivent DiversIntlPlusA m	CA 619	7.47	+0.7	+9.4E	+4.8/C	4.50	2,000	
Thrivent HYA m	HY 440	7.70	+0.0	+8.9/C	+4.8/C	4.50	2,000	
Thrivent MndBdA m	ML 1,260	11.59	+0.9	+8.1/E	+3.0/E	4.50	2,000	
Vanguard 500IxdAdmrl	LB 319,196	307.58	+2.9	+25.4/A	+12.4/A	NL	3,000	
Vanguard InsldxnsPlus	LB 125,310	299.44	+2.9	+25.4/A	+12.4/A	NL	100,000,000	
Vanguard TmSldxnsPlus	FB 120,120	118.19	-1.1	+12.7D	+5.2/B	NL	100,000,000	
Vanguard TmSldxns	FB 153,821	117.66	-1.2	+12.6D	+5.1/B	NL	0	
Vanguard TmSldxnsAdmrl	LB 251,491	82.11	+2.8	+23.8/C	+11.8/B	NL	3,000	
Vanguard TmSldxns	LB 154,922	121.33	+2.8	+23.8/C	+11.8/B	NL	5,000,000	
Vanguard TmSldxns	LB 139,212	82.08	+2.8	+23.7/C	+11.7/B	NL	3,000	

CA-Allocation - 30-50% Equity, CI-Intermediate-Term Bond, FB-Foreign Large Blend, FV-Foreign Large Blend, HI-High-Yield Muni, HY-High-Yield Bond, LB-Large Blend, LG-Large Growth, LV-Large Value, MB-Mid-Cap Blend, ML-Muni National Long, SW-World Small/Mid Stock, TV-Tactical Allocation, WS-World Stock, Total Return: Chg in NAV with dividends reinvested. Rank: How fund performed vs others with same objective. A is in top 20%, E in bottom 20%. Min Inv: Minimum \$ needed to invest in fund. Source: Morningstar.

S&P 500 slips as momentum stalls

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AP Business Writers

Wall Street closed out the market's best week in eight months Friday with a broad slide as technology and health care stocks gave back some of their recent gains.

The pullback, which followed a sell-off in markets around the world, snapped a four-day winning streak for the major U.S. stock indexes. Even so, the benchmark S&P 500 notched its biggest weekly gain since June.

Stocks rallied strongly for most of the week, erasing all their earlier losses from worries about the severity of the economic fallout from a new virus from China that's rapidly spreading. Stronger-than-expected reports on corporate profits and the U.S. economy helped assuage the fears, as did increasing hope that central banks and governments around the world can support markets with rate cuts and stimulus.

But with health experts still unsure about how far the virus will spread, how deadly it may be and how much damage it will ultimately cause the global economy, many investors opted to sell Friday to lock in some of their recent gains in case there are potential negative headlines about the outbreak over the weekend.

"The market is trying to digest all of this going into

the weekend after a pretty volatile past couple of weeks," said Ben Phillips, chief investment officer at Eventshares. "This is just a little profit-taking because there are still these risks out there and it's unclear if this coronavirus really does drive a broader global market slowdown."

The S&P 500 fell 18.07 points, or 0.5%, to 3,327.71. That trims its gain for the week to 3.2%, which is still its best performance since June. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 277.26 points, or 0.9%, to 29,102.51. The Nasdaq slid 51.64 points, or 0.5%, to 9,520.51.

Smaller company stocks bore the brunt of the selling. The Russell 2000 index lost 20.68 points, or 1.2%, to 1,656.78. Stocks markets in Europe and Asia also closed lower.

Uncertainty over the outbreak overshadowed the latest encouraging data point on the U.S. economy. A government report Friday showed that many more jobs were created in January than economists expected. Employers added 225,000 last month, comfortably above forecasts for 161,500 and December's pace of 147,000.

Economic reports from outside the United States, meanwhile, were more discouraging and helped lead markets lower before trading opened in New York.

In a sign of the market's caution, Treasury yields fell

as prices for ultra-safe U.S. government bonds rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury dropped to 1.58% from 1.64% late Thursday.

The encouraging U.S. jobs report notwithstanding, the big wild card for the economy is how much damage the outbreak of a virus spreading from China will do.

The virus has infected more than 31,400 people around the world, and killed more than 630, nearly all of them in China. The director-general of the World Health Organization said Friday that a drop in the number of new virus cases for two days is "good news" but also cautioned against reading too much into that.

Chinese factories and offices are starting to reopen following an extended Lunar New Year holiday, but companies are forecasting big revenue declines due to the closure of stores, amusement parks, cinemas and other businesses.

Japan's Fast Retailing announced it has closed 350 stores, or about half of its 750 outlets in China to comply with quarantine regulations, while Toyota Motor said it was extending production stoppages at its China factories by an extra week, to Feb. 16. Nissan Motor said January sales of the company and its local partners fell nearly 12% in January from a year earlier due to the virus outbreak and the prolonged holidays.

Investors were encour-

aged earlier this week after China promised tax cuts and other help to businesses in a bid to offset the economic blow from the outbreak. Beijing also cut tariffs on \$75 billion of U.S. imports as part of a "Phase 1" trade deal with Washington signed last month.

"They've pumped in \$200 billion of liquidity in their markets and they're doing lots of other things to goose their economy," Phillips said. "You're going to see some slower growth in China this year."

Grant

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County Sheriff's Office assist more people and families," Madison County Sheriff Todd Hood said in a news release. "People who wander are usually found within a mile of their home. Project Lifesaver allows our team an extra boost to help find someone who may wander off. It gives a family a newly

found peace of mind and an extra layer of protection for their loved one."

Project Lifesaver emphasizes relationships between specially trained Sheriff's personnel and the people who may wander before the need may arise for a rescue. A specially trained Sheriff's Deputy will conduct a home visit and fit the client with a battery-operated transmitter that is worn on the wrist or ankle, according to the Madison County

Sheriff's Office. A tracking signal is emitted from the transmitter every second, 24 hours a day. This signal can be tracked by specially trained personnel on the ground and in the air. Family members and caregivers are also given a thorough overview of the program.

To find out more information about Project Lifesaver in Madison County visit <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/1498/Project-Lifesaver>.

Guilty

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drug packaging materials. A fingerprint analyst testified that he found Peralta's fingerprints on some of the packaging material seized from the stash location, the release stated.

The cocaine base Peralta possessed with the intent to distribute was found during a search warrant of his stash location in October 2017. Law enforcement officers also searched Peralta's house and found multiple items in the garage that tested positive for cocaine

residue, including a digital scale.

At sentencing, Peralta and Colon each face a maximum term of 40 years in prison for their offenses of conviction, and Peralta additionally faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years. They each face fines of up to \$5 million and supervised release terms of between 4 years and life following their release from imprisonment.

A defendant's sentence is imposed by a judge based on the particular statute the defendant is charged with violating, the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines

and other factors. A date for sentencing has not yet been set.

This case was investigated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with assistance from the New York State Police, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, Rome Police Department, Utica Police Department, Cortland Police Department, Investigators from the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office; U.S. Border Patrol; and Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), and it is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael F. Perry & Thomas Sutcliffe.

Speech

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his case for another term: Republican legislators chanted "Four More Years." House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ripped up her copy of Trump's speech as he ended the address.

"America's enemies are on the run, America's fortunes are on the rise and America's future is blazing bright," Trump declared. "In just three short years, we have shattered the mentality of American decline and we have rejected the downsizing of America's destiny. We are moving forward at a pace that was unimaginable just a short time

ago, and we are never going back."

Holding out the nation's economic success as the chief rationale for a second term, Trump's speech resembled a lower-volume version of his campaign rallies, providing something for every section of his political base.

But while he tweets daily assailing his impeachment, Trump never mentioned the "i-word" in his 78-minute speech. That followed the lead of Bill Clinton, who did not reference his recent impeachment when he delivered his State of the Union in 1999. Trump spoke from the House chamber, on the opposite side of the Capitol from where the Senate one day later was expected

to acquit him largely along party lines.

Pelosi, a frequent thorn in Trump's side, created a viral image with her seemingly sarcastic applause of the president a year ago. This time, she was even more explicit with her very text-ripping rebuke.

Trump appeared no more cordial. When he climbed to the House rostrum, he did not take her outstretched hand though it was not clear he had seen her gesture. Later, as Republicans often cheered, she remained in her seat, at times shaking her head at his remarks.

When Pelosi left, she told reporters that tearing up the speech was "the courteous thing to do consid-



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From left, Amelia Lohr, Audie, Miss LaBuda.

Contest

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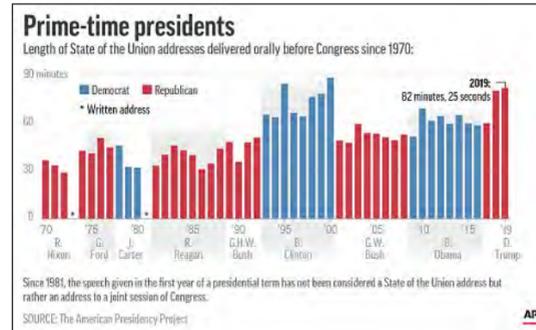
ley, Community Relations Coordinator for the Utica Comets, "Over 20 schools

participate, and the players enjoy picking the winners and seeing the kids' creativity and expression."

Organizers said Amelia and her classmates had a great time with Audie, taking pictures, enjoying their

pizza, and ending with a dance party

"I would say for anyone who wants to try a competition, that you should," said Lohr, "because you might be surprised at what happens!"



Since 1981, the speech given in the first year of a presidential term has not been considered a State of the Union address but rather an address to a joint session of Congress.

SOURCE: The American Presidency Project

Delivery time of televised State of the Union speeches since 1970.

Guaidó, who has been trying to win face time with Trump, his most important international ally.

The president offered Guaidó exactly the sort of endorsement he's been looking for as he struggles to oust President Nicolás Maduro from power. Trump called Guaidó "the true and legitimate president of Venezuela."

"Socialism destroys nations," Trump declared.

The president entered the evening on a roll, with his impeachment acquittal imminent, his job approval numbers ticking upward and Wall Street looking strong. He struck a largely optimistic tone. But in past moments when Trump has struck a tone of bipartisanship and cooperation, he has consistently returned to harsher rhetoric within days.

Trump spent much of the speech highlighting the economy's strength, including low unemployment, stressing how it has helped blue-collar workers and the middle class, though the period of growth began under his predecessor, Barack Obama. And what Trump calls an unprecedented boom is, by many measures, not all that different from

the solid economy he inherited from President Barack Obama. Economic growth was 2.3% in 2019, matching the average pace since the Great Recession ended a decade ago in the first year of Obama's eight-year presidency

Trump stressed the new trade agreements he has negotiated, including his phase-one deal with China and the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement he signed last month.

While the White House said the president was offering a message of unity, he also spent time on issues that have created great division and resonated with his political base. He attacked Democrats' health care proposals for being too intrusive and again highlighted his signature issue — immigration — trumpeting the miles of border wall that have been constructed.

He also dedicated a section to "American values," discussing efforts to protect "religious liberties" and limit access to abortion as he continues to court the evangelical and conservative Christian voters who form a crucial part of his base.

The Democrats were supplying plenty of counter-programming, focusing on health care — the issue key to their takeover of the House last year. Trump, for his part, vowed to not allow a "socialist takeover of our health care system" a swipe at the Medicare For All proposal endorsed by some of his Democratic challengers.

Many female Democrats wore white as tribute to the suffragettes, while a number in the party wore red, white and blue-striped lapel pins to highlight climate change, saying Trump has rolled back environmental safeguards and given free rein to polluters. Trump also left climate change out of the speech.

Several Democratic lawmakers, including California Rep. Maxine Waters and New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, announced in advance of the speech that they would skip it. Other Democrats walked out early.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivered her party's official response and drew a contrast between actions taken by Democrats and the president's rhetoric.

LEGAL NOTICE

If you bought butter or cheese directly from a local dairy co-op store between December 6, 2008 and July 31, 2013, you could receive a payment from a class action settlement.

What is the lawsuit about? A \$220 million settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit brought against National Milk Producers Federation, Agri-Mark, Inc., Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., and Land O'Lakes, Inc. (collectively "Defendants"). The lawsuit claimed that an effort known as Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) operated a Herd Retirement Program that was a conspiracy to reduce milk output that violated the law. The Defendants deny doing anything wrong. The Court has not decided who is right.

Who is included? The Court decided that the Class includes all persons and entities in the United States that purchased butter and/or cheese directly from one or more Members of Defendant, Cooperatives Working Together and/or their subsidiaries, during the period from December 6, 2008 to July 31, 2013 who did not timely opt-out of the Class. Those that are included are called "Class Members." To be a Class Member who could be eligible for a payment, you must have purchased butter or cheese made by a CWT Member. If you are a consumer, you must have purchased butter or cheese made by a CWT Member at one of the dairy co-op stores. Go to the website for a list of CWT Members along with their store names and locations.

What does the settlement provide? The settlement provides that payments to Class Members will be allocated: 37% to the Butter Sub-Class, and 63% to the Cheese Sub-Class. Total payments will be \$220 million plus interest, minus: attorneys' fees and expenses; payments to the Named Plaintiffs; notice and administration costs; and taxes.

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NEW YORK

Court rules fantasy sports contests are illegal gambling

By Mary Esch
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. » Daily fantasy sports contests like those operated by FanDuel and DraftKings face an uncertain future in New York after an appellate court ruled Thursday that a 2016 law legalizing such games violated a constitutional prohibition on gambling.

The court upheld a lower court's ruling that the Legislature unlawfully authorized the activity by classifying it as a game of skill, not chance.

"We're very gratified by the decision," said attorney Neil Murray, who represents the group that brought the lawsuit. "We think the integrity of the New York state Constitu-

tion has been upheld."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a bill into law in 2016 that cleared the way for companies like DraftKings and FanDuel to operate and be regulated in New York. The two fantasy sports companies had agreed to suspend their operations in New York earlier that year in a settlement with then-Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who said their businesses amounted to illegal gambling.

The lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the law was coordinated by the group Stop Predatory Gambling on behalf of four plaintiffs who had suffered personal or family harm from gambling debts.

"The reason New York



In this May 2, 2019, file photo, the DraftKings logo is displayed at the sports betting company headquarters in Boston. Sports gambling giant DraftKings won't give a former "Bachelor" contestant the \$1 million prize for winning an online fantasy football contest after she and her husband were accused of cheating. Jade Roper-Tolbert beat more than 100,000 entries to take the top prize, but some in the fantasy sports community were quick to allege she coordinated with her husband, Tanner Tolbert, to submit more than the maximum 150 entries. Roper-Tolbert was no longer listed as the winner Saturday. A DraftKings statement says the company decided to update the standings for several contests and did not elaborate.

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state has a constitutional prohibition on commercialized gambling promoted by the state is because it's a form of consumer financial fraud," Les Bernal, national director of Stop Predatory Gambling,

said Thursday. "This isn't about people having a Super Bowl office pool. This is about state government cheating and exploiting people, contributing to the huge debt culture in the state."

A spokesman for Attorney General Letitia James said staff are reviewing the decision and haven't decided whether it will be appealed to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals.

"We believe the legislative action authorizing fantasy sports in New York was constitutional and in the best interests of taxpayers and fantasy sports fans," DraftKings said in a statement.

Cuomo

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cial. Cuomo has said he wants cost-cutting proposals from the group by March.

The fast-approaching deadline has lawmakers and lobbyists worried. They think a rushed deal could fail to address complex structural issues in

one of the nation's largest Medicaid programs or result in across-the-board cuts if the panel fails to find savings.

Leaders of New York's counties are also concerned about a plan by the governor to put them on the hook for trying to reign in costs of the program.

New York is one of few states that requires counties to pay for part of the

program, and Cuomo's proposal would penalize those that don't find a way to keep annual spending increases under 3%.

That plan has produced howls of objections from New York City, where officials have predicted that making the city cover any cost increases over 3% could saddle taxpayers with an additional \$1.1 billion per year.

There's a legislative hearing on the topic Monday.

Public safety

The rollout of New York's new bail reform law has led to an outpouring of complaints from law enforcement officials, who say it has endangered public safety by turning habitual criminals loose on the

streets.

Criminal justice reformers have pushed back, saying opponents of the law, which eliminated cash bail for nonviolent offenses, are exaggerating the problems and unfairly seizing on a relatively small number of instances where things have gone wrong.

Both sides are expected to spar at a Wednesday hearing on the budget for the state's public safety agencies.

Law enforcement officials are also expected to weigh in on the governor's proposals to downsize the prison system and help communities and police address hate crimes.

New York spends over \$7 billion on public safety agencies.

The state has also been holding hearings into whether to tweak a formula that determines a school district's state funding. Some groups, including the non-partisan Citizens Budget Commission, say the formula gives too much funding to wealthy communities.

Education

Cuomo has proposed a roughly 3% boost in aid to local school systems by increasing funding from \$27.7 billion to \$28.5 billion for the 2020-21 school year.

But several teachers' unions and other educational advocacy groups are expected to push for an even bigger increase at a hearing Tuesday.

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New York has 3 million students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

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Census

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The motto of the census bureau is "safe, easy, important." The information

collected for the 2020 census will be protected, and not used for any other purpose. It does not take long to complete. And it's required by federal law.

"We want to shape our future," Moore com-

mented. "It's so important that everyone completes the census."

Anyone who is looking for a part-time job with flexible hours is encouraged to apply at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

A résumé is not required, and you will be working in your own community. Census workers are paid \$20/hour.

For more information about the 2020 census, visit www.2020census.gov.

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Beer

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- Belgian Farmhouse
- Belgian Other (Trap-pist, Strong, etc.)
- Experimental
- Fruit and Spice Beer -

Non-Sour

- Fruit and Spice Beer - Sour
- Brown Ale (American & British)
- Porter (Non-Imperial)
- Stout (Non-Imperial)
- Imperial Stout and Porter
- Strong Ale (Non-Belgian)
- Kettle and Simple Sours
- Wild and Sour Ale

In 2019, the New York State Craft Beer Competition received 813 entries - the largest number of entries in the competition's history - from 160 breweries across New York State. Seventy-four medals were awarded to 53 breweries and the 2019 Governor's Craft Beer Cup was awarded to Prison City Pub & Brewery out of Auburn, N.Y. for their Wham Whams in the experimental beer category.

For additional information about the 2020 Competition, visit:

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Perham park board discusses creating a sliding hill

By RosaLin Alcoser
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The January Park Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 by Perham City Manager Jonathan Smith in Park Board Chairman Eric Spencer's absence.

The board discussed:

▶ Adding new playground equipment to East Park, especially for children 18 months to 5 years.

▶ Possible cosmetic work to the benches in Turtle Park. The benches themselves are sturdy, however, the decorative bricks could use some work.

▶ Reshingling the smaller of the two shelters in Paul Miller Park. The shelter will be measured and the board will look into reshingling the shelter at low cost to the city or through donations.

▶ The sliding hill project. Fill is need-

ed in order to make the sliding hill. One of the current ideas for obtaining fill is to break down the concrete into fill from the debris from the old high school demo. The state of Minnesota requires that 75% of the debris from the demo be reused or recycled. Repurposing the debris into fill for the sliding hill would meet this requirement. The hill will need to be covered with dirt and short grass once it is constructed.

Rasmusson announces run for state House 8A

News Staff

Republican Jordan Rasmusson, of Fergus Falls, announced his candidacy Jan.

30 for state Representative in House District 8A.

"Growing up as the sixth generation of my family to live in Otter

Tail County taught me the importance of hard work, integrity, faith, and family," Rasmusson said. "I'm running for state Representative to fight for our Otter Tail County values and priorities at the state Capitol and to be a strong voice for the families, farmers and small businesses who call our area home."

Rasmusson says legislative priorities are an efficient government that keeps taxes under control, affordable health care, reduced regulatory burden for small businesses and farmers, schools of excellence, and support for anti-abortion and Second Amendment initiatives.

Rasmusson is a Fergus Falls High School and Harvard College graduate. He has spent his career helping businesses grow and create good jobs. Rasmusson has worked as a Management Consultant at McKinsey & Company, an Investment Professional at Bain Capital, and is the founder of The Rasmusson Group, which advises businesses and investors on strategic decisions.

Rasmusson is a volunteer Board Member for the Fergus Falls YMCA and the Otter Tail County Historical Society. He is also an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Erhard.

State House District 8A consists of much of Otter Tail County, including Perham, Pelican Rapids, Vergas, Dent and other locations.



Rasmusson

County jail inmate numbers up sharply the past 10 years

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail
County Correspondent

FERGUS FALLS — In 2010 the average number of daily inmates at the county jail in Fergus Falls was close to 50. In 2019 the average daily number of inmates had increased to 82.

"Inmates today are not like the inmates of 20 years ago," said Jim Stewart, county jail administrator.

Society has changed in recent years with more people facing mental illness, drug abuse and other issues.

"We're currently making internal security modifications here at the county jail," Stewart said Jan. 30 during a meeting with newspaper and radio personnel.

In late 2017 five new holding cells and a second elevator were added at the county jail, adjacent to the sheriff's office just south of downtown Fergus Falls. The five new holding cells were added to the two holding cells formerly in place, for a total of seven at the current time.

There are 40 sheriff office employees who work at the county jail, with 29 of them full-time and 11 who work on a part-time basis.

On Monday, Jan. 27, there were 96 inmates being held at the county jail. The maximum, according to Stewart, is 111.

Usage of the county jail increased following the closing of the Fergus Falls detoxification center in 2016. County employees at the jail had to keep people under the influence for longer periods of time.

That issue has been addressed by county and state agencies, along with state legislators. They all agree that more facilities to help people under the influence of alcohol and drugs are needed.

A second elevator, in place in late 2017, didn't come soon enough for Stewart and his employees at the county jail.

Before that, an older elevator was out of service for five months.

"We had to walk the inmates up three flights of stairs, for booking," Stewart said. "A lot of them were not very cooperative."

The addition of the five holding cells and a second elevator met with almost unanimous support from county residents. The county board of commissioners approved the project that cost \$1.3 million and came in under budget.

"The new holding cells are safer for people under arrest and also are safer for staff members," Stewart said.

West addresses county board on long-range plan timeline

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

FERGUS FALLS — Otter Tail County Public Works Director Rick West addressed the county board of commissioners on Tuesday, Jan. 28, concerning the timeline for development of Otter Tail County's long-range plan.

The long-range plan will include economic development, natural resources, farmland preservation, protection of lakes and waterways, housing, public health, safety, the betterment of Otter Tail County townships and communities and other issues.

"More studies about economic development will take place in February," West told commissioners. "We'll complete listening sessions in March, work more on the long-range planning implementation goals in April and May and

have a draft plan released to Otter Tail County residents for review in June."

A county board of commissioners public hearing prior to adoption of the plan will be in August.

"We will have lots of public engagement from our county residents before adoption of the final plan," County Board Chairman Lee Rogness of Fergus Falls said.

Evening public meetings will be held, for public input, in communities throughout Otter Tail County. All five county commissioners will attend these meetings and hear from their constituents.

West, at the county board meeting on Jan. 28, emphasized the six elements of the overall plan: land use, public infrastructure, resilience, economy, natural resources and parks and trails.

"Public participation helps ensure that Otter Tail County's long-range plan accurately reflects the vision and goals of county residents and businesses," West said.

He added that this new long-

range plan will build on previous and successful planning by Otter Tail County commissioners, in association with county employees and county residents.

West added that other counties in Minnesota also are looking into long-range planning and at the same time are seeking public input.

He added that Otter Tail County also has a long-range transportation plan, with input from county residents.

Otter Tail County is larger in size than the state of Rhode Island and paved roads total 1,062 miles.

"The backbone of the highway system in Otter Tail County requires lots of financial investment," West said.

"County residents who have attended public meetings in previous months have expressed their desire for their roadways to be maintained at the highest level. In order to do this, they have given wholehearted support for a half-cent sales tax and additional fees during license tab renewals."

Community journalists urged to think outside comfort zones

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail
County Correspondent

BROOKLYN PARK — Community journalists, including those in Otter

Tail County, strive to cover local events as best they can, while also writing stories about people in the towns in which they serve.

Thinking outside the box was encouraged in Brooklyn Park Jan. 30 and 31 during this year's annual convention of the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

One of the speakers who addressed this topic was Gayle Golden of the University of Minnesota journalism school.

"Develop diverse audiences among hidden possibilities," she said.

Golden reminded editors and writers that their communities are made up of people with different ages, backgrounds, religions and different educational levels.

"Your towns also have people who have physical and mental health challenges," she said.

Golden previously had her students examine drug and alcohol problems on the University of Minnesota campus in the Twin Cities.

"The key for us as educators and journalism students, and for you who work at newspapers, is to build relationships," she said.

Golden and two of her students told journalists

at the MNA convention that efforts to have people share their stories on overcoming drug and alcohol problems can be successful.

"The best way to do this is to communicate with people in their comfort zones, when they are at ease with themselves," said U of M journalism student Ariana Wilson. "People open up when they are in an anxiety-neutral position and are in control of their environment."

Golden added that community journalists need to build relationships in their communities.

"Through newspaper articles, with people sharing their stories, readers can learn how to change their own lives when it becomes necessary," she said.

In prior years community journalism, for the most part, involved writing about the town basketball teams, service club meetings, city council and school board, debate teams, hobbyists such as wood workers and other topics.

Journalism schools, while analyzing various community newspapers, often refer to these articles as "chicken dinner stories."

In recent years more community journalists have been willing to tackle tough subjects such as

mental health issues in addition to those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse.

"Community journalists, today, are on the

right track," Golden said.

"Through social media, there are more ways to connect with people who are willing to share their stories."

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SHERIFF NEWS

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County
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Driver in wheelchair stranded in ditch overnight after accident

A one-vehicle accident during icy conditions Feb. 5 left the driver, who was in a wheelchair, stranded in a ditch overnight. The accident occurred late evening southeast of Parkers Prairie. Otter Tail County sheriff deputies said the man was unable to access his cellphone from the wheelchair. He was finally rescued at 6:51 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6.

No injuries were reported, according to sheriff office deputies.

The location of the accident was south of Highway 46 and near 595th Avenue. Deputies said the man was back home and is doing well.

The vehicle was later pulled from the ditch. No damage estimate was available.

Minor injury reported in New York Mills area rollover

A one-vehicle accident southeast of New York Mills on Friday, Feb. 7, resulted in a minor injury. Otter Tail County sheriff deputies said a driver was westbound at 7:45 a.m. on Highway 76, lost control on the icy roadway, rolled the vehicle near 560th Avenue and entered the ditch.

The driver was wearing a seat belt.

The state highway patrol assisted sheriff deputies at the scene of the accident.

Makita packet stolen

Sheriff deputies said a Makita power tool combo kit was reported as stolen northeast of Clitherall on Feb. 7. Value of the missing item was \$135. A investigation was continuing as of Feb. 10.

Driving conditions difficult around county

Roadways were icy and travel was difficult Thursday evening, Feb. 6, in many areas of Otter Tail County. Travel was especially difficult in eastern Otter Tail County, with snow covering roads in many areas.

One vehicle went off the road at 10:55 p.m. on Highway 210, east of Clitherall Travel was especially difficult during nighttime hours between Perham and Ottertail city, on Highway 78. Driving was also difficult on the same highway south of Otter Tail Lake, between Ottertail and Battle Lake.

Lake Lida fish house vandalized, attempt to set fire failed

Otter Tail County sheriff deputies reported that a fish house at the south-west side of Lake Lida, east of Pelican Rapids, was vandalized on Feb. 5.

The owner reported a broken TV. Deputies said the vandal also attempted to burn down the fish house. Gas appliances had been lit and much of the interior was melted or charred. Investigators determined that the intention was to burn the fish house.

The call came into authorities close to 6 p.m. Feb. 5.

Authorities vent Deer Creek home

Proper ventilation was enhanced by fire department personnel at a home in Deer Creek on Feb. 4.

An alarm had sounded in the basement and homeowners contacted authorities. It was determined that an oil burner had malfunctioned.

The call came to authorities at 12:14 p.m.

1 injured in I-94 accident

One person was injured in an accident reported at 8:18 a.m. Feb. 5 on Interstate 94 in southwestern Otter Tail County. A car went into the ditch near the Hansel Lake rest stop. No further details were available.

Fire destroys garage in Ottertail

Fire destroyed a detached garage in the town of Ottertail on Monday, Feb. 3.

A call was made to fire departments in Otter Tail and Henning at 4:23 p.m. The owner of the garage was working on a snowmobile, inside the garage, when the fire broke out.

Lost in the fire were six snowmobiles, watercraft that included jet skis and a pontoon, a restored vehicle and several tools. The owner was able to take some valuables from the garage as the fire intensified.

No injuries were reported.

Burglary reported near Swan Lake

A burglary took place within the past two weeks on the west side of Swan Lake, south of Fergus Falls, on Cedar Park Loop.

The theft was called into the sheriff office on Feb. 3.

Taken from a garage were tackle boxes along with ice fishing equipment. Total value of the stolen items was estimated at close to \$1,000.

POLICE NEWS

Feb. 3

▶ 1:59 a.m.: Responded to Perham business for report of a fight; parties were separated.

▶ 7:04 a.m.: Responded to Perham address for 911 hangup calls; all OK.

▶ 11:25 a.m.: Issued verbal warning for speed.

▶ 5:55 p.m.: Issued verbal warning for speed.

Feb. 4

▶ 5:49 a.m.: Responded to Perham business for burglary alarm; all OK.

▶ 10:33 a.m.: Citation issued for speed.

Feb. 5

▶ 10:55 a.m.: Two-vehicle crash at Southeast Second Street/Southeast Second Avenue; no injuries.

▶ 3:55 p.m.: Perham resident reported theft of

personal property.

▶ 8:45 p.m.: Caller reported intoxicated male on private property.

▶ 9:53 p.m.: Perham resident reported party pounding on door.

Feb. 6

▶ 10:06 a.m.: Perham business reported theft of catalytic converter from business vehicle.

▶ 1:08 p.m.: Processed Minnesota Uniform Firearm Application.

▶ 2:49 p.m.: Assisted Perham resident with facilitating property exchange.

▶ 3:25 p.m.: Caller reported theft of catalytic converter from vehicle while parked in business parking area.

Level 3 offender relocating to Perham



Mikiska

News Staff

A Level 3 offender has relocated to the city of Perham as homeless, according to a news release from the Perham Police Department.

Chad Allan Mikiska is a Level 3 registrant subject to public notification in adherence to Minnesota Statute 244.052 and 253D,

according to the release.

A community notification meeting will be 5:30 pm. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the old Perham High School auditorium, 200 Fifth St. Southeast. Representatives from the Department of Corrections and the Perham Police Department will provide residents with information on public safety.

COURT NEWS

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County
Correspondent

Deer Creek man sentenced on drug charges

Brad Eric Sibert, 43, of Deer Creek was sentenced Jan. 27 in county court, Fergus Falls, related to a felony conviction of fifth degree drug possession.

A sentence of 15 months in the correctional facility in St Cloud is stayed for five years if he remains on good behavior. Sibert will serve 29 days in the county jail, Fergus Falls.

He was ordered to complete a chemical assessment prior to entering county jail on March 4. The judge also ordered Sibert to follow recommendations of evaluation.

The defendant must tell his probation officer within 72 hours if he changes address, employment or telephone number. Sibert also must provide a DNA sample when directed to do so. There also will be random drug testing.

He is subject to a lifetime firearms ban. Total court fees, the responsibility of Sibert, amount to \$225.

Judge issues rulings in felony drug cases

▶ A Fergus Falls man, 19, had his felony drug conviction reduced on Jan. 3 to a pretty misdemeanor. This case dates back to Sept. 6. Total court fees of \$375 must be paid by July 3, 2020.

▶ A Fergus Falls woman, 42, had her felony drug charge dismissed on Jan. 6. She previously had been charged with possession of cocaine.



Desiree Bauer / Forum News Service

At the active shooter training, first responders had to help multiple victims at once, assessing and dressing their fake wounds.

Area first responders get active shooter training in Detroit Lakes

By Desiree Bauer
Forum News Service

Several area agencies were in Detroit Lakes Friday, Feb. 7, for active shooter training, including:

- ▶ Sauk Rapids Police Department
- ▶ Perham Police Department
- ▶ New York Mills Police Department
- ▶ Ottertail Police Department
- ▶ Perham EMS
- ▶ St. Mary's EMS & EMT
- ▶ Becker County Sheriff's Department
- ▶ East Grand Forks Police Department
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"It's called an active threat integrated response course," said Travis Carlson, a lakes area EMT and EMS Educator. The course is organized by the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training. "The biggest key point of the training is allowing all three agent entities to work together ... And to allow each individual to know their roles."

Carlson and the other first responders were trained inside of First Lutheran Church.

This will be the third training exercise Carlson has attended through the center, this time learning the EMS role. His other two training opportunities were in Minnesota, but between 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hours away from DL. This distance is one of the reasons that he wanted to bring the center's training to DL.

"Everything that I've heard from, everybody is ... they are very grateful that it's been brought to

our area," Carlson said. He added that he is "the only one out of the 37 participants" that's had this training before.

The other reason Carlson wanted to offer the active shooter training was because of "recent events that have been happening in our country," he said.

"Since we are rural agencies, we realized that additional resources sometimes can be far away," Carlson said. "We

are taking advantage (of this training) ... In case an incident was to happen in our community."

The training included four different scenarios that take place in either a business, school or church; the top three sites for active shooters. Each scenario was more difficult than the previous one. After finishing the first scenario, instructors did say that all attendants did a really good job.

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CORRECTION

We published a mistake in a recent edition. A correction follows: ▶ Corinne Schattschneider's name was misspelled in a Feb. 6 Focus photo caption with a story about the polar plunge. We regret the error. Errors discovered by our staff or our readers will be corrected in this space. If you find an error, email editor@perhamfocus.com.

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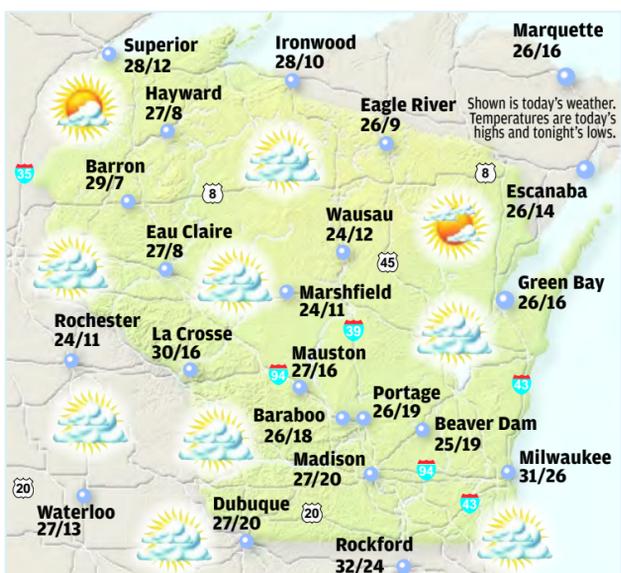
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LOCAL FIVE-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Some sun, then clouds; cold	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy	Becoming cloudy	A morning flurry; cloudy	Snow or flurries possible
WIND E 3-6 mph	WIND NE 3-6 mph	WIND NW 4-8 mph	WIND N 4-8 mph	WIND SW 4-8 mph	WIND SW 4-8 mph
26°	19°	31° 12°	29° 16°	28° 15°	30° 11°

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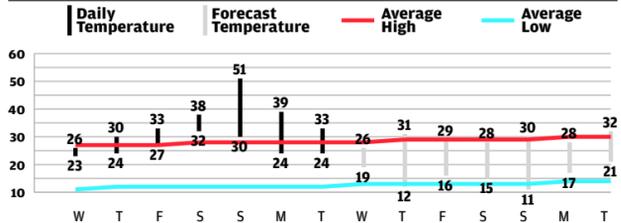
Cloudy today, except times of clouds and sun to the east; cold in central parts. Periods of snow tonight, accumulating 1-3 inches; partly cloudy in the north. Cloudy tomorrow; a bit of snow, accumulating 1-3 inches in the south and a coating to an inch to the east.



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Rock Springs	18.5	10.50	+0.45	Waupun (W. Branch)	--	6.55	none
West Baraboo	9	3.22	+0.04	Horicon	--	6.40	+0.06
Beaverdam River				Spring Creek			
Beaver Dam	843.5	839.94	none	Lodi	6.5	4.00	-0.10
Crawfish River				Wisconsin River			
Columbus	17.5	N.A.	N.A.	Castle Rock Dam	--	880.61	-0.15
Fox River (North)				Wisconsin Dells	16	5.27	-0.01
Pardeeville	9	N.A.	N.A.	Portage	17	12.70	-0.40
Princeton	9.5	6.42	-0.04	Prairie du Sac Dam	--	774.34	-0.04

TEMPERATURE TRENDS



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Statistics through 4 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	
High/low	33°/24°
Normal high/low	28°/12°
Record high	55° (1890)
Record low	-23° (1965)

Precipitation	
24 hrs through 4 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date (normal)	0.00" (0.17")
Year to date (normal)	1.74" (1.40")
Record for the date	1.47" (1986)

Snowfall	
24 hrs through 4 p.m. yest.	0.0"
Month to date (normal)	0.0" (1.7")
Season to date (normal)	38.5" (32.2")
Last season to date	29.1"
Record for the date	6.0" (1903)

Heating Degree Days	
Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to heat.	
Yesterday	36
Month to date	123
Normal month to date	180
Since July 1	4008
Normal since July 1	4491

RealFeel Temperature® Today	
An exclusive index of effective temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body.	
15°	29°
27°	23°
8 a.m.	noon
4 p.m.	8 p.m.

UV Index Today



Today's Air Quality



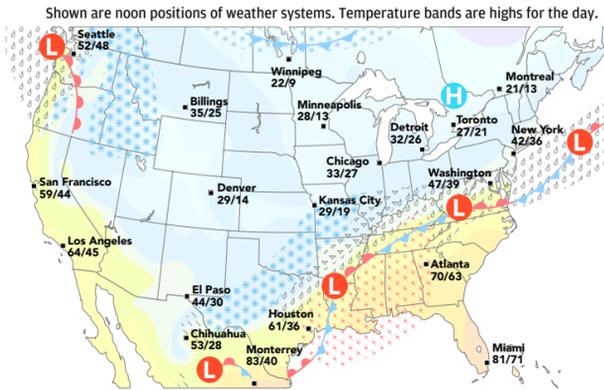
Skywatch

	Rise	Set
Sun	7:10 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Moon	1:24 p.m.	4:07 a.m.

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NATIONAL OUTLOOK

A series of storms will produce drenching rain from northeastern Texas to the mid-Atlantic coast with severe weather over the lower part of the Mississippi Valley today. A swath of snow will expand from western Texas to Missouri and Illinois with ice to the immediate southeast. A new storm will bring more rain and mountain snow to the Northwest.



-10s	-0s	0s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	110s

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Albuquerque	37/20/pc	49/30/pc	Memphis	54/38/r	43/32/c
Anchorage	31/28/sn	35/25/c	Miami	81/71/pc	84/71/pc
Atlanta	70/63/r	66/37/r	Milwaukee	31/26/pc	32/23/sn
Atlantic City	46/39/r	54/49/r	Minneapolis	28/13/c	30/20/pc
Austin	51/29/c	60/32/s	New Orleans	75/56/t	57/38/r
Baltimore	44/37/r	56/48/r	New York City	42/36/r	48/45/r
Boise	37/35/sn	50/40/c	Oklahoma City	33/18/sn	43/27/s
Boston	40/31/r	43/41/sn	Omaha	30/16/c	35/24/pc
Casper	20/14/c	33/20/sf	Orlando	82/67/c	86/60/c
Charleston, SC	73/61/c	74/54/sh	Philadelphia	43/37/r	53/46/r
Chicago	33/27/c	31/23/sn	Phoenix	57/36/s	61/40/s
Cincinnati	39/34/sh	41/28/r	Pittsburgh	38/34/c	53/30/r
Cleveland	33/30/sn	38/27/r	Portland, ME	37/20/pc	36/32/sn
Columbia, SC	73/64/c	73/48/r	Portland, OR	51/47/r	55/45/r
Columbus, OH	37/33/i	44/28/r	Raleigh	68/58/c	70/53/r
Dallas	38/27/i	49/33/s	Richmond	59/41/r	63/52/r
Denver	29/14/s	41/21/c	Sacramento	59/36/s	62/36/s
Detroit	32/26/c	31/23/sn	St. Louis	34/26/sn	32/22/c
El Paso	44/30/pc	56/36/pc	Salt Lake City	30/26/sn	42/36/sn
Fresno	56/35/s	61/36/s	San Antonio	54/31/c	61/37/s
Hartford	40/26/r	39/36/i	San Diego	64/45/s	64/48/s
Helena	39/31/c	42/25/sh	San Francisco	59/44/s	61/45/s
Honolulu	82/67/pc	76/63/r	Santa Fe	31/12/pc	41/25/s
Indianapolis	36/29/c	33/25/sn	Seattle	52/48/r	53/44/r
Kansas City	29/19/sn	33/24/pc	Sioux Falls	29/14/c	32/16/i
Las Vegas	53/38/s	65/42/s	Spokane	36/33/sn	42/29/sn
Los Angeles	64/45/s	66/46/s	Syracuse	30/22/pc	38/24/i
Louisville	43/41/r	45/30/r	Washington, DC	47/39/r	58/49/r

National Extremes Yesterday for the 48 contiguous states
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WORLD FORECAST

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Baghdad	68/45/s	74/54/pc	Moscow	26/15/c	29/11/c
Beijing	28/19/c	31/16/sn	New Delhi	68/44/pc	66/45/pc
Berlin	40/34/pc	42/37/c	Paris	48/32/pc	47/31/pc
Buenos Aires	87/80/pc	89/75/pc	Rio de Janeiro	83/76/t	82/75/t
Cairo	70/59/pc	71/52/pc	Rome	56/35/pc	55/33/s
Dublin	47/36/pc	47/41/c	Seoul	26/8/s	31/12/s
Hong Kong	68/61/pc	69/63/c	Singapore	89/78/pc	88/78/c
Johannesburg	83/63/pc	84/62/t	Sydney	78/70/pc	78/69/sh
Kabul	38/18/pc	42/17/pc	Tokyo	56/35/s	43/32/s
Kuwait City	69/51/pc	74/57/pc	Vienna	39/29/pc	41/33/pc

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, i-ice, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow

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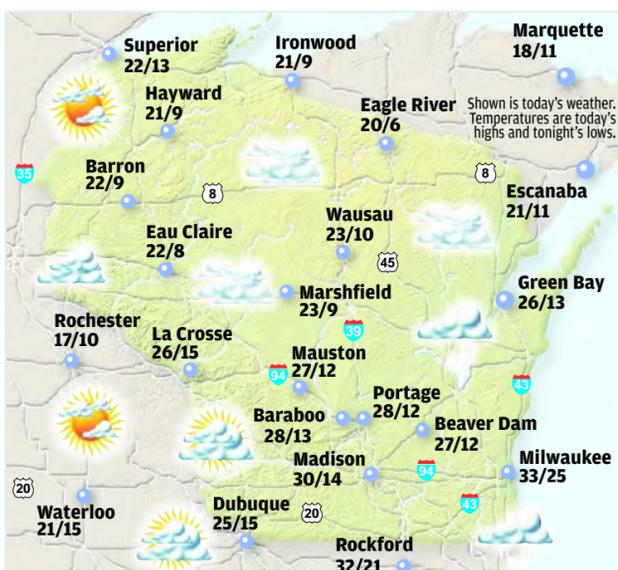
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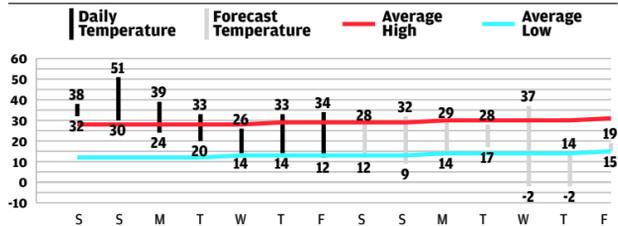
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 Record for the date 6.2" (1892)

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 Yesterday 42
 Month to date 253
 Normal month to date 313
 Since July 1 4138
 Normal since July 1 4624

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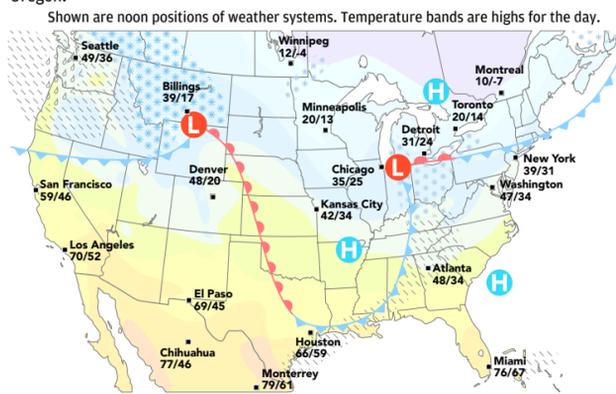
Phase	Rise	Set
Sun	7:07 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Moon	4:39 p.m.	6:56 a.m.

Feb 9 Full Moon
 Feb 15 Last Quarter
 Feb 23 New Moon
 Mar 2 First Quarter

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NATIONAL OUTLOOK

A weak storm will produce intermittent snow from the lower Great Lakes to the Ohio Valley with rain showers farther south to the central Gulf coast today. The latest storm from the Pacific Ocean will spread snow across the northern Rockies during the day then the northern Plains at night. Rain will fall on much of Washington and Oregon.



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Atlantic City	45/35/pc	48/41/c	Minneapolis	20/13/c	26/6/sn
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Baltimore	46/29/pc	51/38/pc	New York City	39/31/s	46/40/c
Boise	43/25/sh	42/24/s	Oklahoma City	54/43/s	57/29/r
Boston	36/19/s	37/35/s	Omaha	39/33/pc	37/16/pc
Casper	40/15/pc	21/8/sn	Orlando	72/53/sf	76/61/pc
Charleston, SC	57/39/pc	63/47/s	Philadelphia	44/30/pc	50/38/c
Chicago	35/25/sf	35/24/sn	Phoenix	73/48/s	73/53/pc
Cincinnati	38/25/sf	44/41/pc	Pittsburgh	34/26/sf	38/34/pc
Cleveland	34/28/sf	37/34/sn	Portland, ME	29/2/s	27/25/s
Columbia, SC	51/34/pc	60/40/s	Portland, OR	49/34/r	51/32/pc
Columbus, OH	35/25/sf	39/36/c	Raleigh	47/32/pc	55/41/pc
Dallas	61/52/s	69/41/r	Richmond	48/31/pc	53/39/pc
Denver	48/20/pc	26/11/c	Sacramento	64/44/s	65/41/s
Detroit	31/24/pc	34/31/sn	St. Louis	37/29/pc	46/30/r
El Paso	69/45/s	70/49/s	Salt Lake City	44/24/pc	37/17/c
Fresno	66/39/s	59/34/pc	San Antonio	65/60/pc	65/61/sh
Hartford	36/15/s	35/31/sn	San Diego	65/55/s	62/50/r
Helena	39/16/sn	34/23/pc	San Francisco	59/46/pc	63/48/s
Honolulu	77/66/pc	77/62/s	Santa Fe	53/28/s	51/27/pc
Indianapolis	35/26/sf	39/32/r	Seattle	49/36/r	48/34/pc
Kansas City	42/34/pc	45/23/r	Sioux Falls	31/21/sn	25/7/sn
Las Vegas	70/45/s	56/42/pc	Spokane	41/21/c	39/24/pc
Los Angeles	70/52/s	62/49/r	Syracuse	17/6/sf	35/31/c
Louisville	41/27/sf	51/47/pc	Washington, DC	47/34/pc	52/42/pc

National Extremes Yesterday for the 48 contiguous states
High: 85° in Zapata, TX **Low:** -24° in Langdon, ND

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	49/41/sh	53/42/r	London	52/46/pc	58/41/r
Athens	48/37/pc	52/43/s	Madrid	54/40/c	54/40/pc
Baghdad	68/44/pc	55/32/pc	Moscow	19/12/s	31/28/c
Beijing	45/19/pc	52/25/pc	New Delhi	69/45/pc	69/46/pc
Berlin	46/39/c	52/46/c	Paris	51/43/sh	54/46/sh
Buenos Aires	77/60/r	73/59/pc	Rio de Janeiro	85/75/s	89/77/pc
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Dublin	50/47/r	55/37/r	Seoul	41/20/s	40/30/s
Hong Kong	69/57/s	66/58/pc	Singapore	90/78/pc	86/78/pc
Johannesburg	73/60/c	76/60/pc	Sydney	73/68/r	75/71/sh
Kabul	48/23/pc	46/23/pc	Tokyo	52/37/s	45/34/s
Kuwait City	81/49/pc	69/44/pc	Vienna	44/30/s	44/35/pc

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, i-ice, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow

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Celebrating National Nurses' Week

Nominate a nurse who has made a difference

Nurses

The Heart of Health Care

In celebration of National Nurses' Week, May 6-12, the Wisconsin State Journal and Madison.com are asking for nominations of nurses in our community who have made a difference in your life or in your loved one's life during 2019. Anyone can nominate a nurse who you feel is deserving of being selected as one of ten winners to be recognized at our 2nd Annual Nurses Event on May 7th at a recognition breakfast.

Nominate here:
go.madison.com/nurses

Arena improvements discussed at county fair board meeting

Everything from improvements to the arena to including a talent show at the fair were discussed during the Jan. 8 meeting of the Potter County fairboard.

Mike Jager, Jerry Hawkinson, Dusty Wager, Thad Beringer, Kathleen Schlachter, Doug Larson, Kay Schmidt, Sam McCloud, and Kim Goebel were all at the meeting to discuss some of what needs to be done to prepare for the annual fair.

Old Business:

- **Exhibit building risers and Wash rack:** Discussed projects and will complete them when the weather is better

- **Farm Credit Grant:** Need to let them know when the project is done so they can take pictures for press release

- **Talent Contest/Show:** Kim Goebel addressed the board regarding the paper which was sent to all board members. Kathleen Schlachter made a motion to form a subcommittee to work on the project for the 2020 fair. Committee will consist of Kim Goebel, Kathleen Schlachter, Molly McRoberts, and several other community members. The committee will report to the board.

- **Arena repair/replacement:** The Maas Foundation didn't fund our project but were told to renew it.

New Business:

- **SD Association of Fairs:** Kathleen gave a report regarding the Association meeting she attended last November in Aberdeen. There was lots of information gathered from the booths and several videos were sent to board members of the entertainers performing. Lots of entertainment to choose from for future fairs.

- **Brown County Manager:**

Kathleen attended a couple of seminars and met the Brown County Fair Manager Derek Ricci. He said he would be willing to attend our monthly meeting to give us ideas on what we could do at our fair. Kathleen will contact him.

- **Beer Garden:** Having a beer garden on only Sunday of the fair was discussed. The proceeds would be used to fund future projects/improvements at the fairgrounds. Kathleen made a motion to approve a beer garden for only Sunday of the fair with Thad seconding it. Vote was 7 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion carried. Kathleen will contact City for a one day application.

- **Ticket Bundle:** Discussed how we would do a ticket bundle for both Derby and Bull Riding on Sunday. There were several ideas but nothing was decided.

- **Election of Officers:** Mike Jager opened the nominations for President. Thad Beringer was nominated. After no further nominations a vote was taken and all voted aye. Sam McCloud was nominated again for Vice President. After no further nominations a vote was taken and all voted aye. Secretary/Treasurer position was combined in to one position contingent on the position not overwhelming the officer. Kathleen Schlachter was nominated for secretary/treasurer. After no further nominations a vote was taken and all voted aye.

The 2020 Fair board Officers are: President – Thad Beringer Vice President – Sam McCloud Secretary/Treasurer – Kathleen Schlachter

The next meeting will be Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. at the Potter County Library.

Legislative Report

SENATOR
JOHN LAKE

Week #3

We are a third of the way through the 2020 legislative session and things are really starting to pick up steam. We always enjoy visitors from the district especially the students from around the district. This week we got to take questions from Eureka High School students in Eureka at a Cracker Barrel up there, and in Pierre we got a visit from Ipswich High School students along with their teacher Angie Kulesa. The House of Representatives always does introductions from the floor by the members, but in the Senate it is more formal and the introductions come from the Lt. Governor. He struggled with several names this week including Angie's and so in the future we will be making introductions from the floor as well.

In Appropriations Committee this week we heard from the Board of Regents, including all the state run universities and colleges. We were to hear from the Board, USD and SDSU on Monday, then from the rest of them on Tuesday. We did not even get through USD on Monday so had to slide SDSU over to Tuesday along with the rest of the Universities. That transferred into a 7 ½ hour meeting on Tuesday morning which may very well be a record. I hope it never gets broken.

The BOR has a budget of \$721 million with \$211 million of that coming from state general funds. Most of the rest comes from tuition and fees that the students pay with some Federal Grants that make up the rest. If you combine that with the Education Department budget that I referenced last week it comes to almost \$850 million. That is half of the states \$1.7 billion general fund budget.

I get asked a lot about where the money from the ½ cent sales tax for education went to. The answer is it went to education. The bill earmarked 63% of that ½ penny increase to the formulas which raised the target rate for teacher pay to \$48,000. That required about \$67 million and that is exactly what the 63% of the \$105 million that the tax was projected to generate. This year the additional money needed to meet the \$50,300 average teacher pay in the formula, comes to \$87 million over the original amount. 63% of the ½ penny raised is about \$75 million. So it took an additional \$12 million to fund the increase above what it generated.

I also get asked about where the money from the lottery went to? To put it in perspective it takes all the money from Lottery (\$127 million) plus 3 full cents of the 4.5 cent sales tax (\$714 million) to fund the states share of general funds that get spent on education. Keep in mind, that is less than ½ the amount that is spent when you include local effort, tuition, fees, and etc. Almost \$2 billion is spent on education in South Dakota every year. Education is the most important subject that we deal with in Pierre.

As always I can be reached at my email address John.lake@sdlegislature.gov or my cell phone at (605)769-1986.

John Lake

Legislative Report

REPRESENTATIVE
SPENCER GOSCH

Week #3

It was another busy week in the SD Legislature as we finished off week 3 of the legislative session.

Serving on both the State Affairs Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee places me in a great position to serve the people of District 23. We hear bills that will truly benefit and improve the lives of South Dakotans.

This week HB 1057, an act to eliminate the availability of sex change procedures for children under the age of 16 passed the House and will head to the Senate for consideration.

Legislation including HB 1074, a bill that extended the time sexual assault examination kits are stored passed the House unanimously. We also passed several bills that update and clean up some of South Dakota's code and regulations. This varies from legislative procedure to technical errors. We are working hard to protect the South Dakota farmer and create a business environment that favors both small business and the consumer.

Upcoming bills include industrial hemp, telehealth technologies, appropriation bills, and many more pieces of legislation. I continue to work diligently to support legislation that truly is beneficial to South Dakota.

The Capitol has gone paperless this session and has taken some adjusting of the process, however, the process is working. Compared to this time last year, there have been 57 more bills introduced into the legislature. Additionally, the newly implemented system through the Legislative Research Council allows for easier access to the process for the public. You can listen to committee or session live, track bills, and read amendments through the Legislative Research Council website.

As I look forward to next week, I remain overly optimistic as to what the House can accomplish this session. To follow along with session check out the Legislative Research Council website or follow me on Facebook.

Spencer Gosch

Legislative Report

REPRESENTATIVE
JAMES WANGSNES

Week #3

Hello from Pierre. The third week of session is behind us. The deadline for unlimited bills was Friday and many bills were introduced.

Last week in committees we heard several cleanup bills and on Thursday we heard testimony on on HB 1008, Industrial Hemp. No action was taken as we are waiting on an amendment and a prison impact statement. Tuesday we will here more testimony and possibly be able to pass this out of committee.

The Ipswich High School Juniors visited the capital last week. We enjoy seeing and answering question about the legislative process with our next generation.

Last week, the floor debate and vote happened for HB 1057. This bill, regarding age limits

on when transgender transformation can start, has been controversial. I supported this bill.

Also we had floor debate and a vote on HB 1063, changing the age to be able to purchase tobacco and vaping products to 21. While I agree this legislation can be viewed as an infringement on our liberties, also understand that the longer young people stay away from these products the less likely they are to form a lifelong habit. I supported this bill.

Looking forward, there are many bills to sort through. Some have merit some do not.

Please feel free to contact me with any question.

James.wangsness@sdlegislature.gov or my cell phone (605) 870-0132

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Two ways to show us the money

KARA WILLIAMS
GWBDC@VENTURECOMM.NET

It's 2020 — and the beginning of a new decade!
The beginning of each decade signals that it is time to do a census count. Why is this important? Well, it is important for more reasons than just changing the population count on your community's identification sign (by the way, Gettysburg has conflicting signs but that isn't what this column addresses).
Getting an accurate count of a community and county residents helps us regarding federal funding for various programs. If the state has been an influx of residents it can change congressional representation. It helps government agencies in determining infrastructure needs and earmarking funds for assistance.
Having an accurate count helps the area to get money. But,

there is also an opportunity for individuals to earn some extra cash.
Potter County needs census takers. Persons can earn a good hourly wage plus mileage. You will be paid for driving time and since you are working from home your hours are flexible. The hiring and training process starts now and the official works starts around April 1 and continues through the end of June.
To apply go online to 2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS. If accepted you still need to be trained and that is not paid. But once trained — the cash kicks in.
An opportunity to get some cash for your community — and yourself!
The Gettysburg Inn and Suites was mentioned in a recent KELO TV story regarding AG Dakota, a California company, and the various properties purchased throughout the state. In the TV story, it was reported Gettysburg was one of five properties AG Dakota was going to retain. Since that story aired, the owner, Alan Gross, is transitioning out of

the operation and Dave Hooper will be taking over the lead. The Gettysburg site is for sale. For more information contact me at 720-635-1404 or GWBDC@venturecomm.net.
Do you know of anyone looking for a business opportunity (besides a motel)?
The former Medicine Rock Café and Pub is located in a prime location. It is near our medical facility, a busy convenience/gas station, and two lodging facilities.
The property has been deep cleaned. All equipment is still there. Even the white board that lists the daily specials is ready and waiting for the cook to write today's culinary delicacy on it!
For information contact John Fisher: 605-216-3473.
Kara Williams is the coordinator for the Gettysburg-Whitlock Bay Development Corporation. This column is her opinion and does not reflect the opinion of the GWBDC Board. She can be reached at GWBDC@venturecomm.net.

Cop's Corner

There's a lot of snow around town, and this week's ordinance information has to do with rules on snow removal and keeping sidewalks clear.
12.16.010 Duty of owner or occupant.
A. It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant or person in possession or in charge of any lot, parcel, or plot of ground fronting or abutting upon any sidewalk, to keep such sidewalk free and clear from snow and ice at all times. When it is impossible to take snow and ice from such walk by reason of its being frozen to the sidewalk, the owner or occupant or person in charge of such lot shall sprinkle or spread some suitable material upon the same to prevent the walk from becoming slippery and dangerous to travel, and in removing snow from said sidewalk, it shall be unlawful for any person to shovel or blade the snow so removed into the street after the street has been cleared of snow by the city snow removal equipment.
B. It shall be unlawful to deposit snow so removed on boulevards within twenty-five feet of any intersection or alleyway or to pile snow higher than five feet on any portion of the boulevard.
Chief David Mogard
Gettysburg Police Department

Community Foundation offers funding assistance

The Gettysburg Community Foundation was established in 2001 to provide financial support to local charities and nonprofits at the recommendation of a local Board of Directors. The Board accepted an initial challenge to raise \$100,000 in exchange for a \$25,000 grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation. Thanks to generous supporters and a dedicated board of directors, that challenge was met in 2014.
To date, an excess of \$131,000

has been donated to support the Gettysburg area and over \$16,000 in grants have been given back to nonprofit organizations and programs in the area. Some of the local organizations that have benefited from the Gettysburg Community Foundation include Gettysburg in Action, local fire department and ambulance services, area churches and river resorts, various school district organizations, High Plains Concert Series, Legion Auxiliary, Sports-

man Club, Gettysburg Rotary Club, and many others.
The Gettysburg Community Foundation encourages any organization or program that is in need of funding to contact a local board member for more information. Board members include Janet B. Cronin, Justin Harer, Bobby Jenner, John Lake, Mandy Luikens, Andy Mikkelsen, Tami Nelson, Kim Sheehan, Imelda Simon, Craig Smith, Nathanael Williams, Brian Worth, and Bill Wuttke.
-Submitted by Kim Sheehan

Legislative Report REPRESENTATIVE SPENCER GOSCH

It was a busy fourth week for the South Dakota Legislature. Bills are starting to move through the process and the days are getting more active.
A large accomplishment of the Commerce and Energy committee this week is the deregulation of industries in South Dakota. I am a firm believer that government should stay out of the way of business.
For example, just this week we opened opportunities for cosmetology and barbering licensing. These two senate bills just passed the house and now await the signature of the governor.
Another area that I voted on regards state employee health insurance. HB 1041 allows for state employees to opt out of their state health insurance. This plan will not only allow for the freedom to choose a health insurance plan, but it also has the potential to save the state money.
This session I have introduced 9 bills on a variety of topics including: broadcasting rights of the South Dakota High School Activities Associa-

tion events, grain testing, and addressing drug use by pregnant women.
I introduced HB 1195, which will help pregnant women addicted to drugs get the help they need before it is too late for the child. It is critical to establish the recourses and legal framework for these heart-breaking situations.
As I look ahead, we are expecting to hear debates on industrial hemp, the second amendment, and many other important topics. Be sure to follow along with the session on the Legislative Research Council website.
I was grateful to see some familiar faces in Pierre this week with school visits and Miller day at the capitol. I always love to take the opportunity to talk with constituents about the issues they are concerned about. It is great to see interest from our students in the governmental process.
I would love to hear from you, so please follow my Facebook page for updates and reach out with any questions or concerns.

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DANA WESTEDT, CONTRIBUTED

BOOK SALE RAISES \$225, DONATES TO FOOD PANTRY

On Jan. 8, Main Street Books held their annual Bargain Books Sale raising \$225 to benefit the Reedsburg Food Pantry. All sales from bargain books during the month of November were designated for the Food Pantry. Pictured, from left, are Ann Seamonson, Dan Rodwell, Jeanette Rose, Edie Laridaen, Sandy Hein, Shirley Henry, and Carmalita Jensen.



CINDY NELLESSEN, CONTRIBUTED

ST. PETERS SCHOOL SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

St. Peters School held its annual spelling bee contest for grades 5-8 on Jan. 9. Those shown are the classroom champions. Pictured, from left, are Gracie Roloff, Trenton Dehn, Sophie Williams, and Abby Alcantar.



TAMMY BECKER, CONTRIBUTED

A TOTAL DONATION OF \$25K HELPS MORE THAN 40K PATIENTS AT RAMC, SINCE 2016

On Jan. 7, Madison Emergency Physicians donated a total of \$25,000 to Reedsburg Area Medical Center since their partnership in 2016, helping more than 40,000 patients. The donation represents MEP's commitment to the Reedsburg and surrounding communities. Pictured, from left, are Chris Bjorklund, Aaron Ray, Carmen Luther, Carol Lankey, and Dale Turner.



LINDA CHAMPAGNE, CONTRIBUTED

GREDE REEDSBURG FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS REEDSBURG FOOD PANTRY

Reedsburg's Grede Foundry held its annual silent auction holiday fundraiser on Jan. 20 run by Dennis Penshorn, a 40-plus year foundry veteran. This year Grede employees donated \$3,825 in bids to Reedsburg Food Pantry. Pictured, from left, are Josh Horton, Ann Seamonson, Kory Thompson, Dan Rodwell, Dennis Penshorn, and Mike Quinn.



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Rural memoirs at the library

REEDSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

If you were lucky enough to grow up on a farm, or have memories of a grandparent's farm, no doubt you can appreciate the many rural memoirs that have been published in recent years. Perhaps you have even thought about writing your own. From perusing seed catalogs, to planting, haying and threshing, these reminiscences of days gone by are invaluable to our collective consciousness, and future generations. Reedsburg Public Library offers the opportunity to both read, and write about these experiences.

Fans of Wisconsin farm memoirs will find much to like in the new publication "Ridge Stories: Herding Hens, Powdering Pigs, and Other Recollections from a Boyhood in the Driftless" by Gary Jones. Published in 2019, by the Wisconsin Historical Society, the book recounts Jones' childhood growing up in Richland County. In short chapters, Jones humorously recalls everyday farm chores, and other tales of rural life. Richland County's "driftless" landscape is remembered

in the family's annual pilgrimage up Steeple Rock.

Jones' work brings to mind books by Jerry Apps, many of them also published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press, which include "Every Farm Tells a Story," "The Quiet Season: Remembering Country Winters," "Simple Things: Lessons from a Family Farm" and "The Land Still Lives," now in a 50th anniversary edition. Apps tells of growing up in rural Waushara County during the 1930s and 40s.

Though Apps' work may be the most recognized, the Wisconsin farm memoir may have had its roots in Ben Logan's "The Land Remembers: the Story of a Farm and Its People," published in 1975. Following the seasons of the year, Logan talks about farm chores as they were done seasonally in the 1920s and 30s, in the days before tractors, and poignantly remembers his parents, three brothers, and hired man Lyle.

"When Horses Pulled the Plow" by Olaf Larson also recalls early days of farming before mechanization, near Edgerton, Wisconsin. "Seneca

Seasons: a Farm Boy Remembers" by Larry Scheckel, is about the author's boyhood only miles away from the setting of Logan's book, some years later. "Bread Pudding and Other Memories" by Edward Rielly describes another driftless, rural upbringing, near Blanchardville, Wisconsin, also in the 40s and 50s.

If you care to try your hand in writing your own farm story, or any memoir, Reedsburg Public Library hosts its own memoir writing group, which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the library's story room. The group's members have enjoyed putting together their own life stories, a tale at a time, and always welcomes new members. The next meeting is on Feb. 18.

For more information, call the library at 608-768-7323.

The Reedsburg Public Library is located at 370 Vine St. in downtown Reedsburg. The library is open 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

IN BRIEF

Public meeting for sidewalk curb ramp improvements

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will host a public involvement meeting from 5-6 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Reedsburg Public Library, 370 Vine St., Reedsburg, to discuss plans and schedule for sidewalk curb ramp replacements along Highway 23 between Southridge Blvd. and W. Main Street and along Highway 33 between Alexander Ave. and Golf Course Road. Curb ramp improvements in

Rock Springs are planned along Highway 136 between River Street and Smythe Street and along Highway 154 between Park Street and River Street.

The meeting will familiarize the public with the purpose and need for the project and gather input on the proposed improvements to comply with current Americans with Disability Act standards. Reconstruction of the curb ramps will start in summer

2020 for ramps that do not require real estate acquisition. Sidewalk ramps that require real estate acquisition will be constructed in 2021.

Adjacent property owners are encouraged to attend. Citizens requiring an interpreter may request one by contacting Chris Hazard at 608-245-2652 or christopher.hazard@dot.wi.gov at least three working days prior to the meeting.

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PETS OF THE WEEK | FULTON AND BUNNY BUN BUN

Fulton is a 3-year-old Chihuahua mix. This timid, little, waif of a dog, was surrendered to the shelter, along with a few other small dogs, after being with his previous owner for a month. He is very sweet but he needs a patient, quiet home that will help him build trust. He is not yet housebroken but he gives gentle kisses and loves to snuggle under the covers. He is neutered and fully vaccinated. Bunny Bun Bun is a 2-year-old Mini Rex mix that was surrendered to the shelter when his owners no longer wanted him. He is a very docile rabbit with extremely soft, velvety feeling fur. He loves company and enjoys hopping around greeting new people. He is neutered. For more information, visit saukhumane.org or call 608-356-2520.



SAUK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, CONTRIBUTED
Bunny Bun Bun (top) and Fulton (right).



IN BRIEF

Veterans Town Hall set for Portage

MADISON — William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison will hold a Town Hall meeting for veterans from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Wisconsin American Legion, 2930 American Legion Drive, Portage. Veterans, their families and others with a stake in veterans' health care issues may make comments and have their questions answered by hospital executives and staff. Hospital executives and administrative staff are available to address issues with veterans.

The Madison-based hospital serves 42,000 veterans living in a 13,600 square mile primary service area comprising 15 counties in south central Wisconsin and four in northwestern Illinois. The hospital operates an annex primary care clinic in Madison and community-based outpatient clinics in Baraboo among others.

For more information, visit madison.va.gov.

Viking Foods hosts Frosty Fest

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Viking Village Foods in Reedsburg held its annual frosty fest Feb. 8.

Assistant Store Manager Larry Crawford said family fun activities included Breakfast with Olaf, snow

ball toss, Saturday Sundaes, cookie and snowflake decorating. Proceeds from cookie and snowflake decorating went towards the splash pad project, he said.

Crawford said the grocery store hosts Frosty Fest for families to get out of

the house during the winter and a chance for store employees to interact with customers.

Additional pictures from Frosty Fest at Viking Village Foods are on our website www.reedsburgtime-spress.com.

Three eagles soar to freedom

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Randy Jurewicz was surprised by the amount of people at the VFW Park boat landing in Prairie du Sac Feb. 8 to witness three rehabilitated juvenile bald eagles rejoin the wild.

While there wasn't an official count, the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council member and the chairperson of the eagle release said he estimated about 1,200 people attended the release, the most ever present, when it was rescheduled.

"It was as big as the normal crowd despite the fact this was the only event happening today," Jurewicz said. "I knew there was going to be hundreds and hundreds of people. I didn't know there was going to be 1,200 people here."

The bald eagle release was scheduled for the afternoon of Jan. 18, during Bald Eagle Watching Days, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

The three released juvenile bald eagles, between 6 months and four years old, were rehabilitated by the Raptor Education Group, Inc., a non-profit organization that rehabilitates raptors and educates the public about wildlife. Executive Director Marge Gibson said the bald eagles are released every winter along the Wisconsin River in Sauk City because it's a natural wintering area for the birds and the dam supplies plenty of fish for the eagles to eat.

Each of the bald eagles were given a tribal blessing by the Menominee Tribes

Spiritual Leader Art Shegonee before being released by Gibson, Sauk City resident Donna Schmitz, and Raptors Education Group Director of Rehabilitation for Raptors Education Group Audrey Gossett. Each held one eagle at a time and waited for the bird to gain their focus before takeoff.

The event attracted people from the Sauk Prairie area and the state, some armed with binoculars and cameras. For Portage resident Amanda Albright it was the fifth bald eagle release she's witnessed in Sauk City, after she wasn't able to make this year's Bald Eagle Watching Days due to car trouble, she said. She attended the release to watch the bald eagles return to the wild after rehabilitating from an injury.

"Just watching them get back to freedom, basically just getting well again and able to start their life," Albright said when asked why she attends the event.

Five-year-old Logan Clahn of Cottage Grove said it was "really cool" to watch the bald eagles soar across the Wisconsin River after being released. He had never seen an eagle up close before, he said.

Schmitz helped rescue the eagle earlier this year and took it to the Raptor Education Group for rehabilitation. The male eagle was hatched in March in Sauk City and came to the organization when it was five weeks old from lead poisoning, Gibson said. One of the released eagles was rehabilitated from lead poisoning and was hit

by a car while the other was injured from a storm, Gibson said.

Schmitz said it was emotional releasing the bald eagle back into the wild and watched it reunite with its parents.

"I don't have the words but I have the emotion," Schmitz said. "It's spiritual, it's happy and relieved that this bird is going back into its natural habitat and it was born just about a mile from here."

One 20-year-old female adult bald eagle with a wing injury wasn't released because of a territorial adult pair already along the Wisconsin River that would make it difficult for a newly released bird to defend itself, Gibson said. Instead, she walked around the concrete boat launch holding the bald eagle so onlookers could see it up close, answering any questions and sharing information about the bird.

"It's important walking the birds around and letting the little kids see and the people see," Gibson said. "They see them really close and they don't get that opportunity very often."

Gibson said the adult eagle will probably be released sometime during the week of Feb. 10-14 at the Raptor Education Group's property in Antigo.

Jurewicz said what makes the bald eagle release special is the opportunity for anyone to see a bald eagle up close before being released into its natural habitat after going through months of rehabilitation and the chance to learn more about the birds.

IN BRIEF

Church hires new pastor

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church hires new Senior Pastor, Dr. Rev. Paula Harris. She begins at St. John on Feb. 17, presiding over services at 5:15 p.m. on Feb. 22, and at 8 and 10 a.m. on Feb. 23. She was ordained in 2006, and served settled congregations in the Milwaukee and Madison areas. For the past several years she has served as interim pastor of a variety of Lutheran churches. Previous to becoming a pastor she was a non-profit executive in a Christian organization.

She earned a doctorate of ministry in preaching from the Association of Theological Seminaries in Chicago in 2012, and a master's degree

in theological studies/biblical studies in 2006 from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. Her undergraduate degree was from Wheaton College, BA English and Secondary Education 1986.

Shamrock Club honors 2 for Irish heritage

The South Central Shamrock Club of Wisconsin has selected Kathleen Crowley of Lyndon Station, as the 2020 Irish Rose, and Dennis Boland of Reedsburg as the 2020 Irishman of the Year.

Kathleen Crowley is the daughter of Dennis and MaryBeth Crowley. She grew up on the Crowley family farm in Lyndon Station, at-

tended school in Mauston, and then earned a degree in history and secondary education at St. Norbert College. She and her husband Kevin have been married for 14 years and have four daughters, Caroline, Cecilia, Harper and Meredith.

Dennis Boland's Irish ancestry dates back to the 1800s when the potato famine forced family members to leave Ireland for hope of a better life in America. The family settled in Crawford County where his parents, Daniel Boland and Mary Rita Finley, raised 14 kids - nine boys and five girls - on a dairy farm in Seneca. He and his wife Robin have six adult children and 11 grandkids.

Both will be honored at the club's St. Patrick's Day banquet Saturday, March 7 at the Reedsburg Country Club.

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School moves fitness center forward

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Reedsburg Area High School could possibly build a new fitness center.

The Reedsburg Board of Education approved, with a 6-1 vote, to authorize administration to work with Plunkett Raysich Architects and Kraemer Brothers to develop a design for the and a multi-purpose fitness and weight training facility at a special board meeting Feb. 5. Board member Gabe Bauer voted in opposition.

A schematic design was shown on a poster board at the meeting. The proposed two story addition will be placed on the south end of the high school towards the football field for students to use for physical education classes and athletic training, he said.

District Administrator Tom Benson said he believes the project could be completed by the end of 2020.

The school district will borrow \$1 million over a ten year period and use the remaining \$1.8 million funds from the district's \$32 million referendum passed in 2017. Other funding sources will come from the \$600,000 fundraising goal from the Reedsburg Athletic Club.

The athletic club has raised \$215,000 in pledges and cash since it started fundraising efforts last March. Dave Pawlisch, the fundraising chairman for the project, said fundraising efforts are still continuing.

Pawlisch said in an interview after the meeting the board's approval of the project was "a great step forward for the community."

"I think it's something that the community is really

going to benefit from for a long time," Pawlisch said.

Benson said the fitness center was an item listed on the 2017 community survey, when the school district was gearing up for its referendum. The possibly was put on the back burner to build Prairie Ridge Intermediate School, a new transportation facility and several other upgrades, he said.

Benson said the new facility will address current security concerns at the high school, especially with those who want to use the weight room facility after school. Wrestling and gymnastics teams currently share the limited space in the current fitness center, Benson said. The new facility would provide separate spaces for those programs, he said.

High School Principal Rob Taylor said physical education classes will rotate throughout the day to use the new fitness center and will provide more space for students to use the room, sometimes for at least two classes to use at the same time.

"We're packing 23-25 kids in there. It's a safety concern," Taylor said of the current weight room. "This will give us more space for our kids so they can be better supervised."

Taylor said the high school's current physical education curriculum is moving towards individual fitness and workouts, rather than playing games like badminton and volleyball during class. The new fitness center would provide the opportunity to improve and expand the program, he said.

The room where the current weight room would possibly become a classroom, office use or programming, he said.

"With the enrollment projections having us in the next three to four years over 1,000 students we are currently at 100% usage of our classrooms," Taylor said. So we need some space."

Bauer said in a Feb. 7 email he wasn't against the new fitness center and thought it would be a great improvement to the high school, but he voted in opposition for the project because he thought it should "be specifically on a referendum question" and he didn't like the idea of the district borrowing \$1 million for the project and paying it back through the annual budget over the next decade.

"In my short time on the board, I have come to realize that it is no small feat for us to find ways to fund all of our great programs and facilities that we have in our district benefiting our students," Bauer said in the email. "I fear that important things will be cut from future budgets in order to pay back the loan."

Pawlisch said those who want to donate towards the project can call the school district at 608-524-2016, visit the Reedsburg Athletic Club's website www.reedsburgathleticclub.com or the Reedsburg Educational Fund website www.rsd.k12.wi.us/community/reedsburg-educational-foundation.cfm.

Follow Erica Dynes on Twitter @EDynes_CapNews or contact her at 608-393-5346.

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Bonnie M. Smith

Bonnie M. Smith, 68, Fish Creek, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 24, 2020.

She was born in La Crosse on March 10, 1951, to the late Owen and Isla Smith. Bonnie graduated from Richland Center High School in 1969. She lived and worked in Madison before moving to Fish Creek, where she was a loved and admired store owner for over 25 years. Bonnie was proud of winning four different chili contests during "The Winter Games" in Fish Creek. She was a board member of the Fish Creek Civic Association. Bonnie was very passionate about running her store and

caring for her fur babies and was a firm believer in holistic-alternative medicine. Enjoying nature, sunsets and walking her dogs were also favorites.

Bonnie will be missed greatly by many aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as her best friends Cherie Hughes and Pete Kollman, and her fur babies Willis and Cinnamon.

In addition to her parents, Bonnie was preceded in death by four fur babies, Brenda, Reggie, Regis and Dazi.

A memorial service will be held at Fish Creek in May of this year. Please refer to Bonnie's Facebook page or her obituary at www.Prokowall.com for updates on



Bonnie M. Smith

service information.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a memorial donation to the Door County Humane Society in Bonnie's name.

Allan N. Schaefer

Allan Noel Schaefer died on January 26, 2020, in Chandler, Arizona, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born on December 25, 1939, in Rochester, Minnesota, to William and Margaret Schaefer of Adams, Minnesota. Allan graduated from Adams High School in 1957. He earned a bachelor's degree in history at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, in 1961 and a master's degree from Northern Illinois University in 1968. He married Betty Bajari on August 25, 1962.

Allan's career in secondary education began at St. Bernard's High School in St. Paul, Minnesota, and encompassed 19 years, teaching high school history, economics, German, and

other subjects in Minnesota and Illinois before accepting a position at Richland Center High School in 1968, where he taught history and social studies until 1981. He also was elected to the City Council as an alderman during that time. Allan later served as principal and superintendent for four school districts in Minnesota and Wisconsin before retiring in Sun Lakes, Arizona, where he was a licensed realtor for several years.

Survivors include his wife Betty and their four children and spouses, Mike (Lindy) Schaefer of Wauwatosa, Bill (Mary Lou) Schaefer of Houston, Texas, Pat (Trish) Schaefer of Sun Prairie, and Sarah (Joe) Lange of Theresa, New York, as well as five grandchildren, Erick (Aly) Lange of San Antonio,



Allan N. Schaefer

Texas, Mikhail Schaefer of Wauwatosa, Allison Lange of Theresa, New York, and Burke and Kendall Schaefer of Sun Prairie, and one great-grandchild, Olivia Lange of San Antonio, Texas.

Interment will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Adams, Minnesota.

Avadele 'Avie' Cooper

Avadele 'Avie' Cooper, 92, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2020, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Avie was born near Richland Center, Wisconsin, to Earl and Gladys Thompson. Avie enjoyed golf, dancing, and travel with her husband, Calvin Cooper. She was an accomplished hostess, seamstress, cook and hair

stylist. People were attracted to her spunky humor, style, and generous spirit. Avie and Cal raised a family in northern Illinois before retiring to Tucson, Arizona.

Avie will be greatly missed by her daughter, Vicki Cooper-Naughton; son, Scott Cooper; grandchildren; and siblings Norma Thiede, Donna Dosch, and Frank Thompson.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 21 at Willow Valley United Methodist Church in Ithaca, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Please visit Avie's tribute page at www.andersonmcqueen.com to read her obituary.

Even if Israel agrees, dividing up the land is against God's plan. Notice how the giving of the property and a curse to those that curse Israel is in the same sentence (see Genesis 12:1-3 above).

Some will say it doesn't matter because the Palestinians won't agree to any plan that allows Israel to exist.

America is not judged by what the Palestinians do or don't do. We are the ones proposing to divide Israel into two states. God will deal with us accordingly.

Don't say that, because Israel agrees to this, less of the blame is on us. Again, God won't judge us on what Israel does or doesn't do.

It appears that America has convinced Israel to back away from the promises of the land that God gave to Abraham. We are treading on very thin ice.

Preacher Johnson is Pastor of Countryside Baptist Church in northern Parke County Indiana. Webpage: www.preacherspoint.wordpress.com; Email: preacherspoint@gmail.com; Address: 410 S. Jefferson St. Rockville IN 47872.



County Bank employees honored for service

Richland County Bank recently gave out Employee/Director Service Awards. Pictured from left to right: Front row: Jen Drone, 1 year; Deb Stiemke, 1 year; Marge Bisco, 45 years; Mona Clark, 1 year. Back row: Bill Twining, 5 years; Karen Noble, 1 year; Mary Pringle, 50 years; and Corey Davis, Bank President.

Council

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had rejected the idea. At a special meeting in December the council asked City Attorney James J. Robb to draft the needed ordinance.

Aldersperson Cox said the question was the toughest one she has been asked to consider in her four years as an alderperson. She said it was not in the best interest of the

city to detach about \$700,000 of property.

In other action the council passed a series of ordinances that formally annex parcels that have been developed by the utilities for reservoirs and a well, but not contiguous with city property. The parcels also must be included in wards, but since they aren't contiguous, the action created wards 13 and 14. Furthermore the wards have to be included

in an aldermanic district, even though no one resides in them. Ward 13 was included in District 4 and Ward 14 was deemed to be in District 1.

The council also voted to purchase a truck and dump box for the Park Department and a Toolcat for the Park Department.

An amendment to renew the Richland Center Loan Program guidelines was also passed.

Marklein

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short-term savior of the ag economy in Wisconsin. It is a risky investment with limited markets right now. We also have a lot of work to do to protect the supply chain and develop markets for producers. I recently talked to two farmers in the 17th District who invested in hemp. Neither of them have gotten a check yet. They're

still optimistic about the opportunity, but they do not consider it to be the "sure-thing" that it was sold as over the last several years.

In fact, I sat with a farmer at the forum who attended the forum because he was considering investing in hemp this spring and wanted to learn about the industry. By the end of the day, he had reversed his course. The forum may have saved him a lot of hardship and money this year!

Again, the Ag Economic Outlook Forum is a tremendous event. You can view all of the videos and materials from the Forum on the Renk Institute's website: <https://renk.aae.wisc.edu/ag-outlook-forum/> The Forum bolstered my resolve to continue working on the nearly 40 bills before the legislature that impact agriculture before we gavel out of session this spring. Stay tuned.

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Point

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Genesis 15:18, the nation of Israel would contain all of Lebanon and Jordan, half or more of Iraq and Syria, most

of eastern Egypt, a quarter of Saudi Arabia, and small pieces of Turkey and Kuwait.

God has given Israel a good portion more area in the "everlasting covenant" than what she currently owns.

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Thank you from the Charles J. McMullen Family to Monsignor Scheckel for the beautiful service and his kindness. To all who came to the visitation and service, sent cards and gave gifts. To relatives and friends who came long distances. To Sean who spoke of his grandfather with love and respect. To Bill Lamon, his VA buddy. Thank you to the Honor Guard and Mason's for their ceremonies. To all members of the American Legion, VFW, DAV, Forty & Eight, also the Mason's and Shriners, he was a proud member of all and the men who helped him when he had a problem. Thank you to Schmiel for earlier care and Tomah VA for 2-1/2 years. Especially Building 406, 3rd floor who took care of him his final days with love, kindness and tenderness they showed our family. Thanks to Maddie Payne for taking care of Nana. Also the Clary Funeral Home for arranging all the details to make it easier for us and also for the delicious lunch.

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COMMUNITY MENUS

Week of February 17-21

Richland County Nutrition Program

Monday: Veggie, ham and cheese breakfast casserole, 100% fruit juice, sweet roll.

Tuesday: Swiss steak/gravy, skin on mashed potatoes, carrots & peas, dinner roll, blonde brownie.

Wednesday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, buttery beans, mixed fruit, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Thursday: BBQ pulled pork on whole wheat bun, tomato spoon salad, baked beans, coleslaw, pineapple, tapioca pudding.

Friday: Swiss chicken breast served over rice, broccoli & cauliflower, cranberry fluff, dinner roll, brownie.

Occasionally it is necessary to make changes in the menus. All meals are served with bread and milk. Please call the meal site for reservations at least one day in advance. Richland Center, 647-2323; Viola, 627-1869; Germantown, 983-2786; Rockbridge, 647-9187.

WOODMAN SENIOR CENTER

From Cheryl Heffner

Monday, February 17: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Play Bingo for Prizes, 1:00 p.m. Seven or Cards Your Choice, 5:00 p.m. Pickleball.

Tuesday, February 18: 8:00 a.m. AARP Tax Prep., 9:30 a.m. Sheepshead, 10:00 a.m. Rummikub, 1:00 p.m. Euchre, 1:00 p.m. King's Corner, 4:00 p.m. Pickleball.

Wednesday, February 19: 9:00 a.m. Cribbage or Scrabble, 9:30 a.m. Gentle Chair Yoga (small fee), 10:00 a.m. Mexican Train or any Game Your Choice, 12:30 p.m. Six-Handed Euchre Group, 1:00 p.m. Pinochle.

Thursday, February 20: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast by Our House Gals, 9:00 a.m. Pickleball, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Play Bingo for Prizes, 10:00 a.m. Your Choice Game, 1:00 p.m. Knitting Group, 1:00 p.m. Any Card Game.

Friday, February 21: 9:00 a.m. Haase.

Trips: Our new trip calendar is available. Stop in and pick one up today. April 16 - UW Band Concert. April 17 - Diamond Joe Casino and every third Friday thru October, May 4-9 - Nashville Show Trip. June 22 - Chicago Shopping and Museums, Brewers Game date to be determined, July 25-31 - Montana - Big Sky Country, Sept. 10-18 - Canada & New England Cruise/Tour. If you see a trip listed in the Able Trek Book with no bus stop in Richland Center, we can still register you for pickups in Spring Green, or if enough will register, the bus will stop in Richland Center. Contact Cheryl at 647-8108 ext. 3 for more information.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Triple Moore Farms, LLC sold property in Buena Vista Township to Joshua Bergst.

John O. Spieker sold property in Westford Township to TKC Real Estate Holdings, LLC.

Carl R. Bethke and Joan M. Bethke sold property in Eagle Township to David M. Storms and Beth A. Storms.

Jerry D. Stutzman and Laura A. Stutzman sold property in Forest Township to Jeremy S. Matthes and Julie Paus.

Walter F. Falk and Terri L. Falk sold property in Buena Vista Township to Serena Falk.

Marcia A. Jensen sold property in the Village of Lone Rock to Guadalupe Luz Flores and Angelica Sanchez Millan.

James Bixler Harper sold property in Buena Vista Township to Daniel and Debra Hoadley Revocable Trust.

Jerry Stutzman and Laura Stutzman sold property in Forest Township to Kellogg Brush Hogging & White Tail Habitat.

Nicole M. Bauer sold property in the City of Richland Center to Alejandro Garcia and Brenda Ramos.

Brian W. Braithwaite, as Personal Representative of the estate of Delane Marie Braithwaite, sold property in the City of Richland Center to Gerald F. Ketchmark and Sandra E. Ketchmark.

Compiled by Susan Triggs, Register of Deeds.

COUNTY MEETINGS

Monday, February 17:

Audit Committee 9:00 a.m.

County Board Room Courthouse

181 W. Seminary St.

Pine Valley Board of Trustees

6:00 p.m.

Pine Valley Conf. Room

25951 Circle View Dr.

Tuesday, February 18:

County Board

7:00 p.m.

County Board Room

181 W. Seminary St.

Wednesday, February 19:

No Meetings

Thursday, February 20:

Tri-County Airport

11:00 a.m.

Spring Green Town Hall

E4411 Kennedy Rd.

Spring Green

Friday, February 21:

No Meetings

From the Office of

Victor V. Vlasak, Richland County Clerk

DOCKET

Week of February 10-14: bail hearings-initial appearances each day; 5 juvenile hearings; 2 guardianship hearings; 2 divorce hearings; 1 mental illness hearing; 1 civil hearing; 22 traffic hearings; 2 forfeiture hearings; 6 criminal traffic hearings; 19 misdemeanor criminal hearings; 22 felony criminal hearings.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ryan James Nimocks and Ceresca Ann Rose
 Jason Ross Steele and Anna June Driscoll
 From the Office of Victor V. Vlasak, Richland County Clerk

Weston Spelling Bee participants: front row-Leslie Willis, Jenna Hasse, Elliana Green, Payton Olson; back row-Avery McGlynn, Hayden Mitchell, Junior Coleman, Vivian Spencer, Lilianna Kast, Logan Bingham, Emery Davis.



Weston hosts District Spelling Bee

Recently, Weston School District held its District Spelling Bee. The top two spellers in grades 3-8 competed in 11 rounds of competition and had eighth-grader Logan Bingham declared the winner by correctly spelling continental and then exhibits for the win. Sixth-grader Junior Coleman

was the runner-up, with fourth grader Payton Olson coming in third as the alternate.

Other students competing included: third grade - Ella Smith and Jenna Hasse; fourth grade - Elliana Green; fifth grade - Leslie Willis and Avery McGlynn; sixth grade - Hayden Mitchell; seventh grade - Lilianna Kast and

Vivian Spencer; eighth grade - Emery Davis. Logan and Junior went on to represent Weston at the West Sectional Spelling Bee. Schools represented included Ithaca, Kickapoo, North Crawford, Seneca, Wauzeka-Steuben, Prairie du Chien, Prairie Catholic, and Weston.



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Local News

McHale among plaintiffs named in lawsuit against Taylor

BY SARAH HORNER
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — A lawsuit filed against Star Tribune and Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor accuses the billionaire of thwarting the trajectory of a White Bear Lake-based hearing-implant company that garnered celebrity endorsements and media buzz.

According to the lawsuit, Taylor diverted control from shareholders so that he would be better positioned to benefit from its future.

Kevin McHale, former Timberwolves coach and general manager, is among the 10 plaintiffs listed in the suit, which was filed in Ramsey County District Court. McHale is a shareholder in the company.

The 36-page civil complaint alleges that the 2012 firing of Taylor's daughter from the company — Envoy Medical Corp. — by then-president Rochelle Amann at least partially triggered Taylor's move for control. Shortly afterward, Taylor — a director of Envoy — pushed Amann, then-CEO Patrick Spearman, and the duo's "successful marketing team" out the door, according to the lawsuit.

The terminations were notable, as it was Amann and Spearman's team that landed the endorsement of former actor and professional bodybuilder Lou Ferrigno, who touted the "miracle" potential of the company's Esteem ear-implant technology on the season finale of NBC's "The Apprentice."

According to the lawsuit, they also convinced Rush Limbaugh to advertise the device on his radio show.

It also was under their leadership that viewers across the country observed the device's potential on a young mother born with a hearing impairment who shared her experience with Esteem on YouTube. The video, viewed more than 27 million times, garnered the attention of major media

outlets and landed the mother spots on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and the "Today" show.

The company's marketing success under their leadership was mirrored by strong fundraising and sales, with Envoy selling some 600 Esteem devices for \$30,000 a pop in a two-year span, the lawsuit said.

Neither Taylor nor his attorney could be immediately reached for comment.

In a statement, CEO Bruce Lucas said: "Envoy Medical is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with hearing loss — and we will continue on this mission with complete focus. A small number of our investors filed a lawsuit that takes issue with some of the management decisions that the company has made. While we are disappointed that any investor would be unhappy with the

operation of the business, the company stands by those decisions. The company strongly disagrees with the allegations in the Complaint, and believes that the claims are meritless and will ultimately be dismissed. Beyond that, the Company cannot comment on pending litigation."

After Amann and Spearman were pushed out, Taylor rehired his daughter and created a leadership team that would be loyal to him, the suit alleges.

Then, he abandoned the company's former marketing plan and "immediately began pushing forward a plan to freeze the company's progress, position himself to loot its assets, and divest Envoy's shareholders of their ownership and voting rights," according to the lawsuit.

Perhaps most notably, the lawsuit said Taylor engaged in "self-dealing" by

becoming the sole financial backer of the company.

In exchange for his multimillion-dollar loans, the company granted Taylor the rights to convert their principal and interest into stock-shares, slowly shifting more and more of the voting rights of other shareholders to Taylor, the lawsuit said.

The loan conditions were uniquely favorable to Taylor, the suit says, noting that other shareholders who'd loaned money to the company weren't offered the same terms.

Envoy also reportedly "pledged all of its assets including its intellectual property" to Taylor as security for his loans.

The biggest "betrayal" came in 2015, when Envoy's shareholders realized Taylor had amassed 4 million preferred shares of Envoy — giving him total voting control of the company — for some \$20 million, even though the



St. Paul Pioneer Press file photo

Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, seen here during a 2016 press conference in Minneapolis, is accused of thwarting the trajectory of a White Bear Lake-based hearing-implant company that garnered celebrity endorsements and media buzz.

company's estimated value at the time was between \$350 million and \$1 billion, the lawsuit said.

Taylor and other Envoy directors' maneuverings, which shareholders were not given the opportunity "to vote on or prevent" "backed Envoy and its shareholders into a corner,"

charges say. In addition to McHale, other plaintiffs include former CEO Patrick Spearman, Amann and other minority shareholders. Defendants include Taylor, various Envoy directors, as well as its current CEO.



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Local News

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings during the week of Feb. 10 include:

Rochester

- Outside Agency Oversight Committee, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Room 104 of City Hall, 201 4th St. SE.
- Energy Commission, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 104 of City Hall
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m. Wednesday in the council chambers of the city-county Government Center, 151 4th St. SE.
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 104 of City Hall

Olmsted County

- Commissioners' retreat, 9 a.m. Tuesday at Quarry Hill Nature Center, 701 Silver Creek Road NE.
- Community Services Advisory Board, 7 a.m. Wednesday in Room 161 at 2117 Campus Drive SE
- CREST Regional Management Team, 1 p.m. Wednesday in Room 161 at 2117 Campus Drive SE

- Zumbro One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday at People's Energy Cooperative, 1775 S. Lake Shady Ave., Oronoco

Rochester Public Schools

- School Board study session, 5 p.m. Monday at the district's Facilities Services Center, 3935 Highway 14 E.
- School Board retreat, 5 p.m. Monday in Room 26 of the Edison Building, 615 7th St. SW

Theatre

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list of expenses.

The theater board was allowed to keep \$50,000 of the \$200,000 city allocation as a first-quarter payment, with plans to commit \$50,000 a quarter to the operation.

Haynes said the quarterly allotments will be needed.

"I want everyone to understand that to keep this facility going, we need \$200,000," he said.

Before heading into a meeting with the Rochester City Council's Outside Agency Oversight Committee on Tuesday, the theater board submitted a report detailing how city funds were spent last year, which included \$72,362 on utilities, \$29,000 on custodial expenses and \$17,500 on insurance. The total expenses added up to \$220,000 when roof repairs were included.

"My expectation is we would have similar bills," Haynes said, acknowledging that 2020 expenses may not include the \$21,277 spent on the roof last year.

Rymer said if the city changes the

model for operating the theater, he expects it will maintain the same level of funding for facility maintenance.

Whether the city would also need to fund added operations under a revised model is uncertain.

"We don't have those details," he said, adding that a final recommendation would likely be made in May, if the council opts to look at changes.

"That will ultimately be for the council to decide," Rymer said.

The Civic Theatre may not be the only entity facing changes.

Council members said Friday they anticipate other groups could also see funding changes next year.

"One of the recommendations that is likely to come from the oversight committee is that all allocations from the city to outside agencies will be done on a quarterly or monthly basis and not as a lump sum at the start of the year," Council member Michael Wojcik said.

Council member Shaun Palmer, who advocated for the return of the entire \$200,000 provided to the Civic Theatre, agreed.

"I think we need to do some more looking at how things have been done," he said.

UMR

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college had to offer. Having never been to college before arriving at UMR, he had nothing to compare it to.

"It's kind of like you don't know what you don't know," he said.

Plus, Doyle saw UMR as an opportunity.

"We were really given an opportunity to shape our educational experience in a way that other people our age weren't able to," Doyle said. "So I never thought about, 'Wow, this is weird. This is a shopping mall.'"

Doyle said his four years at UMR were "foundational" in setting his career path. Although he had started out wanting to be a physician, he shifted gears his senior year and ended up going into public health. Today, he helps African nations fight the HIV virus.

"The curriculum gave

me a strong enough base to be adaptable to other areas in health," Doyle said.

Jessica Sawinski (then Gasoigne) is in her second year as a family medicine resident at Park Nicollet Health Services in the Twin Cities. She recalls touring the renovated mall downtown more than a decade ago and thinking to herself, "Is this a bad idea, signing up for a school that hasn't ever had students here before?"

But her fears were assuaged by the fact that, however new, the school was a U of M institution, which to her gave it a stamp of quality. The school was also close to her Zumbro Falls home. And its focus on the health sciences also fit with her plans to become a physician.

"The degree itself — bachelor of health sciences — was so ideal and perfect-sounding, at least for what I wanted to

go into," Sawinski said.

That inaugural class, which arrived at UMR in 2009, wasn't a big class. It started out with 57 students and, by the time they graduated four years later, it had been whittled to 29 students.

Of those 29 UMR graduates in the school's bachelor of science in health sciences, all but one works in health care today.

Sawinski estimates that as many as 75 percent of that first class arrived at UMR wanting to be physicians. By graduation, only 5 percent to 10 percent ended up on that track.

Some students transferred. But those who remained found the school's health care focus provided a foundation and a flexibility to pursue an array of health care fields.

That first class also offers a benchmark for the changes and growth that have unfolded during the

last decade. The inaugural class was overwhelmingly white, with only 5 percent students of color. Compare that with the 2019 class, which is 34 percent minority and in line with the state's racial composition.

A decade ago, UMR served 426 students overall, when including those in partnership programs and other students taking classes. Today, that total is twice as large, at 859 students.

Molly Olson, UMR assistant director of marketing, worked to recruit that first class of students as an admission representative. Olson said the school is proud of all of its students, but that first class will always occupy a special place in the school's history.

"They are the face of UMR in a lot of ways," Olson said. "There is a sense of pride for that first class and to follow them as they grow."



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Jessica Sawinski (formerly Gasoigne), She was in the first class of freshmen to arrive at UMR to take school's signature bachelor of science of health sciences program. Today she is a physician.

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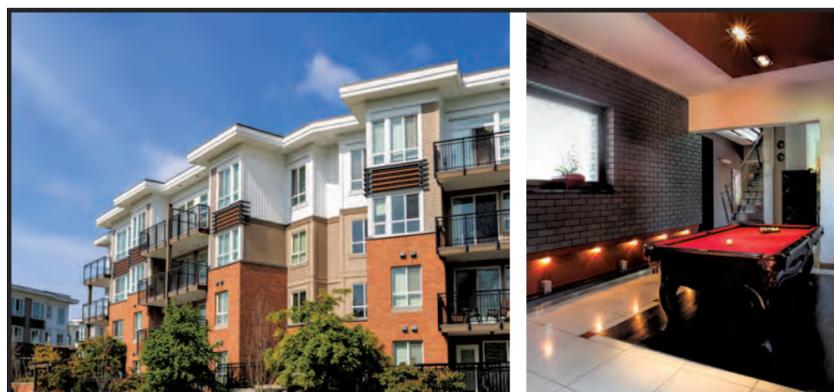
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Trump

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The main suspense was whether he would address the charges against him.

Trump spoke from the House of Representatives, on the opposite side of the Capitol from where the Senate one day later was expected to acquit him largely along party lines. The first half of his nationally televised speech was largely optimistic, not mentioning the impeachment trial that has consumed Washington in favor of a recitation of accomplishments and promises.

Yet the partisan divide within Washington was embodied by the woman over his left shoulder, visible in nearly every cam-

era shot: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

A frequent thorn in Trump's side who authorized the impeachment proceedings that charged the president with abusing the power of his office to push Ukraine to investigate a political foe, Pelosi created a viral image with her seemingly sarcastic applause of the president a year ago.

Trump appeared no more cordial. When he climbed to the House rostrum, he did not take her outstretched hand but it was not clear he had seen her gesture. Later, as Republicans often cheered, she remained in her seat, at times shaking her head at Trump's remarks.

Even for a Trump-era news cycle that seems permanently set to hyper-speed, the breakneck pace of events dominating the

first week of February offered a singular backdrop for the president's address.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who has presided in the Senate over only the third impeachment trial in the nation's history, was on hand again Tuesday night — this time in his more customary seat in the audience. Trump stood before the very lawmakers who have voted to remove him from office — and those who are expected to acquit him when the Senate trial comes to a close.

The leading Senate Democrats hoping to unseat him in November were campaigning in New Hampshire.

Among Trump's guests in the chamber: Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó, who has been trying for months to win

face time with Trump, his most important international ally.

The president offered Guaidó exactly the sort of endorsement he's been looking for as he struggles to oust President Nicolás Maduro from power. Trump called Guaidó "the true and legitimate president of Venezuela."

Trump entered the night on a roll, with his impeachment acquittal imminent, his job approval numbers ticking upward and Wall Street looking strong.

Trump stressed the new trade agreements he has negotiated, including his phase-one deal with China and the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement he signed last month.

While the White House said the president would have a message of unity, he also spent time on issues that have created great

division and resonated with his political base. He attacked Democrats' health care proposals for being too intrusive and again highlighted his signature issue — immigration — trumpeting the miles of border wall that have been constructed.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was delivering the party's official response and, in excerpts released ahead of the speech, was to draw a contrast between actions taken by Democrats and the president's rhetoric.

"It doesn't matter what the president says about the stock market," Whitmer says. "What matters is that millions of people struggle to get by or don't have enough money at the end of the month after paying for transportation, student loans, or prescription drugs."

App

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warned precinct officials to be on watch for tech problems in reporting results.

The blame game blew through Iowa on Tuesday, with people in the state and nation debating whether the lateness of Democratic Party presidential caucus results would end Iowa's first-in-the-nation status.

"People are upset and angry ... Nobody wanted it to happen," Woodbury County Democratic Party Chairman Jeremy Dumkrieger said just before noon Tuesday.

Democrats hoped Iowa's caucuses would provide some clarity for what has been a muddled nomination fight for the past year. But apparent technology issues delayed the results as the state party suggested turnout was on track to match 2016 numbers. Partial results were released late in the afternoon, from 62% of the state's precincts.

The state party, which is in charge of operating and reporting caucus results, created the new app to speed up the compilation of results. Dumkrieger said he's usually comfortable with new technologies, but he couldn't get the app to work. So, he told captains of the 43 county caucus sites to be ready to use the longstanding method of calling in results.

"There was an open line of (state) dialogue to fix my problem with the app. Eventually, a few of us on leadership found there was enough confusion about the app to encourage Woodbury County captains to call in their results. Most of those problems could have been user (problems)," Dumkrieger said.

Dumkrieger reported results from Precinct 14 in downtown Sioux City by calling, but he ended up being on hold for roughly 30 minutes. He wasn't certain how many other precinct captains experienced problems with the app and tried to call in tallies.

Jeremy Saint, the captain at Woodbury County Precinct 3 at West High School, said he had no problems using the app to readily share results within about one hour after the 7 p.m. caucus start.

"The app worked fine for me. We were able to get our results in very shortly after we finished up," said Saint, who is a Sioux City attorney and also serves as president of the Sioux City school board.

Plymouth County Democratic Party Chairman Mark



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Jeremy Saint, precinct caucus chair, counts how many people are aligned with a candidate during the Woodbury County Third Precinct Democratic caucus Monday at West High School in Sioux City.

Speakout

What impact do you believe Monday night's Democratic caucus reporting problems will have on the future of Iowa's first-in-the-nation status? Sound off at [facebook.com/SiouxCityJournal](https://www.facebook.com/SiouxCityJournal)

Sturgeon said he'd tried the reporting app two weeks out from the caucuses, including up to Sunday one final time, and experienced substantial problems. Sturgeon said he had the "most tech-savvy" Plymouth County precinct captain try as well.

"If that guy couldn't get it to work, I had no chance," he said.

Therefore Sturgeon advised Plymouth County captains to be ready to phone in results. He added that two of 13 precincts were able to use the app with no problems on Monday night.

"They used it early (in the evening), which I think was a key part of it," Sturgeon said. For his part, Sturgeon called in results, and finally got through to a person at about 11:30 p.m., after two hours of waiting.

Dumkrieger said there are competing interests in getting final caucus results in a world connected by often instantaneous technology.

"Everybody wants to know who won instantly," Dumkrieger said, while adding his stance that "getting it right is better than getting it fast."

A Tuesday release from the Iowa Democratic Party said, "... underlying data collected via the app was sound. While the app was recording data accurately, it was reporting out only partial data. We have determined that this was due to a coding issue in the reporting system."

The Journal reported from multiple county sites Monday night that observed Democratic precincts had smooth

processes in determining presidential preferences by people. Now, the compiling and reporting of the caucus results has moved longtime political observers, including national Democratic strategist David Axelrod, to opine that the snafu imperils Iowa's place leading off the presidential selection system.

That sort of sentiment was also readily seen on social media posts by rank-and-file Americans. Axelrod tweeted, "However bad the handling the count has been, the Iowa's Democratic Party's handling of the messaging around it has been an abject disaster. It should be taught in classrooms as an example of what not to do in a crisis."

Republicans in Iowa also held caucuses Monday, but they use a much simpler process, with a straw poll. A joint statement by key elected Republicans in Iowa — U.S. Sens. Charles Grassley and Joni Ernst and Gov. Kim Reynolds — said, "Iowa's bipartisan first-in-the-nation status helped lead to the nomination of President Obama and has the full backing of President Trump. The process is not suffering because of a short delay in knowing the final results."

Sturgeon said he "takes offense" with the black eye the Iowa caucuses received. He said in Plymouth County no caucus participants ran into any problems with giving their preferences.

"The only problem is the reporting of it. It is whoever set up the junk app," Sturgeon said.

Caucus

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The leading candidates pressed on in New Hampshire, which votes in just seven days. And billionaire Democrat Michael Bloomberg sensed opportunity, saying he would double his already massive advertising campaign and expand his sprawling staff focused on a series of delegate-rich states voting next month.

The party's caucus crisis was an embarrassing twist after months of promoting Iowa as a chance for Democrats to find some clarity in a jumbled field. Instead, after a buildup that featured seven rounds of debates, nearly \$1 billion spent nationwide and a year of political jockeying, caucus day ended with no winner, no official results and many fresh questions about whether Iowa can retain its coveted "first" status.

Iowa marked the first contest in a primary season that will span all 50 states and several U.S. territories, ending at the party's national convention in mid-July.

Buttigieg's early strength reflected his aggressive political pursuit

of rural and small-town voters, including some Republicans, who prefer a more moderate approach to address the nation's political problems.

The other early leader, Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist, has spent decades fighting to fundamentally change the nation's politics and economy. He has attracted significant support from young voters in particular.

Before he left Iowa late Monday, the Sanders' campaign told supporters that its internal monitoring showed him in the lead with nearly half the vote in. Sanders himself said late Monday, "Today marks the beginning of the end for Donald Trump."

For the first time, the Iowa Democratic Party reported three sets of results: a tally of caucus-goers' initial candidate preference; vote totals from the "final alignment" after supporters of lower-ranking candidates were able to make a second choice, and the total number of State Delegate Equivalents each candidate received.

With more than one-third of all precincts left to report, Sanders led on the first alignment.

The Associated Press

will declare a winner based on the number of state delegates each candidate wins, which has been the traditional standard.

Early polling had suggested Sanders entered the night with a narrow lead, but any of the top four candidates — Sanders, Biden, Warren and Buttigieg — was positioned to score a victory. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who represents neighboring Minnesota, was also in the running, while outside candidates including entrepreneur Andrew Yang, billionaire activist Tom Steyer and Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard lagged behind.

Campaigning in New Hampshire on Tuesday, Warren also said she was "feeling good" about her performance in Iowa.

Biden's team downplayed the impact of the contest after predicting the results would be close.

The state party told campaigns Tuesday that the problem was a result of a "coding issue in the reporting system" that it said had since been fixed.

It said it had verified the accuracy of the collected data and said the problem was not a result of "a hack or an intrusion."

LEGAL NOTICE

If you bought butter or cheese directly from a local dairy co-op store between December 6, 2008 and July 31, 2013, you could receive a payment from a class action settlement.

What is the lawsuit about? A \$220 million settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit brought against National Milk Producers Federation, Agri-Mark, Inc., Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., and Land O'Lakes, Inc. (collectively "Defendants"). The lawsuit claimed that an effort known as Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) operated a Herd Retirement Program that was a conspiracy to reduce milk output that violated the law. The Defendants deny doing anything wrong. The Court has not decided who is right.

Who is included? The Court decided that the Class includes all persons and entities in the United States that purchased butter and/or cheese directly from one or more Members of Defendant, Cooperatives Working Together and/or their subsidiaries, during the period from December 6, 2008 to July 31, 2013 who did not timely opt-out of the Class. Those that are included are called "Class Members." To be a Class Member who could be eligible for a payment, you must have purchased butter or cheese made by a CWT Member. If you are a consumer, you must have purchased butter or cheese made by a CWT Member at one of the dairy co-op stores. Go to the website for a list of CWT Members along with their store names and locations.

What does the settlement provide? The settlement provides that payments to Class Members will be allocated: 37% to the Butter Sub-Class, and 63% to the Cheese Sub-Class. Total payments will be \$220 million plus interest, minus: attorneys' fees and expenses; payments to the Named Plaintiffs; notice and administration costs; and taxes.

What are your options? If you are a Class Member who received emailed or mailed Notice, you do not need to do anything at this time to be eligible to receive a payment. Once the Court has approved the Claim Form, a deadline will be set for Class Members to submit claims. If you received a Notice in the mail, you will be mailed a Claim Form automatically.

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Instructions for objecting can be found at the website or by calling the toll-free number below. You must mail your objection postmarked by **March 17, 2020**. The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing on **April 27, 2020**, to decide whether to approve the Settlement and any requests for fees and expenses. If there are objections, the Court will consider them at the hearing. You do not need to attend the hearing. If you wish to appear at the hearing, you must file a "Notice of Intention to Appear" with the Court and you may hire your own attorney to appear in Court for you at your own expense. Detailed information is available at the website and toll-free number listed below.

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