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'You do what you gotta do'

Following pandemic closure, barbers say they're ready to work long hours to meet demand

By Ryan Stotts
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Fargo
The whir and hum of clippers makes it hard to hear inside Skill Cutz Barbershop & Salon.

It's May 1, the first day of business since Gov. Doug Burgum lifted the closures on salons due to the coronavirus. The shop, 2551 45th St. S. Suite 125, is teeming with life.

At least as much life as is allowed in this brave new world.

By 11 a.m., master barber Kenny Noelsaint, in what looks like a full-length white hazmat suit, complete with mask and face shield, is already on his seventh head of hair.

"We put a lot of measures in place to protect ourselves," Noelsaint said.

If you call for an appointment you'll hear what those measures are: No walk-ins. Face masks are required. No guests. No facial cuts.

Noelsaint's only been



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Pastor Jonas Bundy gets his hair cut on Friday, May 1, by barber Kenny Noelsaint at Skill Cutz Barbershop in south Fargo.

at the barber shop for nine months. He's happy to be back behind the chair. He hasn't been working since March 16, so the chance to earn a living again is a relief. In his job, extra care has to be taken because a barber can't stay six feet away from

his client. "Hey, as barbers we're self-employed," Noelsaint said. "So, we need to come out and do what you gotta do."

He'll do at least 22 haircuts by 7 p.m.

In his chair at the moment is Bethel Church of Fargo's Pastor

Jonas Bundy. He hasn't had a hair cut for seven weeks, and it's his first visit to Skill Cutz.

"I know (owner) Wil Dort from our shared work at the Jail Chaplains," Bundy said. "Wil is on the board of

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ND school year to finish with distance learning

4 more Cass residents die from COVID-19

By April Baumgarten
Forum News Service

FARGO — North Dakota K-12 schools will continue to educate students with distance learning for the rest of the academic year, Gov. Doug Burgum announced Friday, May 1.

"It's certainly an emotional decision to make, particularly given how emotionally connected we are to our schools and our communities and our teams," Burgum said during a press conference in Bismarck.

The announcement comes the same day as North Dakota reported its highest death toll for a single day. Four more people, all of whom lived in Cass County, died in recent days after contracting the coronavirus in North Dakota, according to numbers released Friday, May 1.

COVID-19 IN OUR REGION

North Dakota totals

Positive cases: 1,107 (+40 on 5/1)

Hospitalizations: 86 (+1)

Deaths: 23 (+4)

Cass County totals

Positive cases: 542 (+29)

Deaths: 16 (+4)

Minnesota totals

Positive cases: 5,730 (+594)

Hospitalizations: 1,096 (+52)

Deaths: 371 (+28)

Clay County totals

Positive cases: 165 (+8)

Deaths: 11 (+0)

Note: As of 9 p.m. last night. For the most timely information, see InForum.com

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The additional deaths brings the total loss of life count to 23, according to the North Dakota Department of Health. The casualties include men in their 70s and 90s and two

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ND agencies told to slash budgets

Burgum: Crisis offers chance to revamp government

By Patrick Springer
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BISMARCK — Gov. Doug Burgum cast the sharp revenue drop facing the state of North Dakota as an opportunity to reshape government through technology and innovation while instructing agencies to submit budget requests for the next biennium 5% to 15% below current levels.

Burgum outlined his budget guidance for the 2021-23 budget as the state is reeling from the collapse in oil prices and demand paired with the steep reduction in economic activity forced by the coronavirus crisis.

The governor gave his briefing on Friday, May 1, via web conference, an example of the substantial shift to technological alternatives as the state's 110,000 K-12 students attend classes online and more than 7,000 state employees have been working remotely.

"This is an opportunity to completely rethink how we approach government," Burgum said, adding that legislative leaders he briefed were "hungry" for new approaches to navigate the budget challenges.

The revenue crisis facing the state will likely be sharper than the slashing

required in 2015-17, in an earlier collapse of oil prices. Oil revenues directly provide 24% of the general fund, but the impact is greater because oil activity also contributes to other revenue sources, including sales and income taxes.

Depending upon their size, state agencies are asked to present budget requests for 2021-23 ranging from 85% to 95% of current levels:

► The smallest agencies, those with a current base budget of less than \$5 million, are asked to submit a budget request that is 95% of their current base.

► Agencies with a current adjusted base budget of \$5 million to \$20 million are asked to submit a request that's 90% of their current base budget.

► Agencies with a current adjusted base budget larger than \$20 million are asked to submit a request that's 85% of their current base budget.

That departure from an across-the-board cut reflects the greater difficulty that small agencies have to trim their spending, Burgum said.

To accomplish those goals, agencies should consider steps including less travel, scrutinizing vacant positions, outsourcing functions to private firms, embracing telework and other forms of technology and investing in what Burgum called process improvement.

"We have to leave behind the budget

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Windfall has little Devils Lake airport in eye of CARES storm

It probably wasn't the kind of national attention for which Devils Lake, N.D., was looking.

Does the town want you to know about the superb fishing in its namesake body of water? Sure. Does it want to tout world-class duck hunting available in the fall? You bet.

But being held aloft as an example of gross government overspending in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic?

The city of 7,000 located 90 miles west of Grand Forks could probably do without.

That's what happened this week, though, when



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The Devils Lake Airport terminal was rebuilt nearly 10 years ago.

tiny Devils Lake Regional Airport — with two United Airlines shuttle flights a day to Denver — drew national scrutiny because it was awarded a whopping grant of \$16.9 million under the CARES Act, the economic stimulus package passed by Congress.

Based on its operating budget, that amount would fund operations

at the airport for 50 years. Other, much larger airports received only enough grant money to operate for a few months.

Congress has since clawed back money from Devils Lake and 26 other small airports that received disproportionately large grants by capping the

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BUSINESS: Thrift stores flatten curve of donations during pandemic.
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Canada bans 'military-grade' assault weapons

By Amanda Coletta
Special to The Washington Post

TORONTO — The Canadian government on Friday announced an immediate ban on some 1,500 makes and models of "military-grade" assault weapons, including two models used by the gunman who killed 22 people last month in rural Nova Scotia during the country's deadliest mass shooting.

"These weapons were designed for one purpose and one purpose only: to kill the largest amount of people in the shortest amount of time," Prime



Trudeau

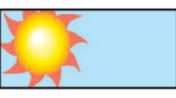
Minister Justin Trudeau said during a news conference in Ottawa on Friday that began with him listing several mass shootings in the country's history.

"There is no use - and no place - for such weapons in Canada," he said. While most firearms owners are responsible gun owners, he said, "you

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Today's weather



Sunny and windy

70°
35°

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LOCAL NEWS

WEST ACRES ANNOUNCES PLANS TO REOPEN MAY 8

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FARGO
West Acres Shopping Center has announced plans to open to the public Friday, May 8, with a number of changes to encourage social distancing.

The announcement came in a note to the community posted on the mall's website and Facebook pages Friday, May 1.

"After deep consideration, and with a thorough plan in place, our doors will reopen to the public on Friday, May 8th. We do not take the decision to reopen lightly, and our opening will be done with new protocols in place for the safety and well-being of our visitors and employees," wrote Alissa Adams, the mall's senior vice president of marketing and business development.

Adams said for now, "a shopping trip to West Acres will feel different. If it didn't, we would not be doing our part to protect our community."

Some of the changes include:
▶ Limited mall hours, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. until further notice, with no earlier walking hours. Some stores may also be closed or have limited hours.
▶ Visitors ages 16

and under must be accompanied by a legal guardian. The restriction is temporary through the first phase of reopening.

▶ The closure of high-touch amenities. That includes Playland; coat and package checking and gift wrapping services; the Buffalo Court Piano; Center Court books; Fountain Court kaleidoscopes; photobooths; drinking fountains and candy machines.

▶ No furniture in common areas.

▶ Events are suspended for the time being.

▶ Altered food court operations. Seating will be limited and spread out to allow for social distancing. Trays will not be used.

▶ Social distancing guidelines and reminders.

▶ More extensive cleaning, which may result in some areas being closed during the day, such as restrooms and mother's rooms.

▶ A curb-side pickup system has been developed. Contact individual stores for their curbside procedures.

"These changes not only protect our visitors and employees, but also give our team the opportunity to place their focus on the extensive cleaning and sanitation standards we have put in place. Stores will also have



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New artwork covers the entrance windows at the West Acres Shopping Center in south Fargo.

their own precautions and operational changes including the ability to re-open as they see fit," Adams said.

"If and when it feels right for you to visit, we ask that you also do your part to ensure a safe experience for all. Please protect yourself and

others by wearing a mask, participating in physical distancing, making visits efficient, practicing hygiene standards, and of course, staying home if you are feeling unwell or may have known exposure to COVID-19," Adams wrote.

Adams referred

customers to the mall's complete COVID-19 plan available online at www.westacres.com.

"The process of reopening will be gradual. We look forward to the day that we can bring back the special amenities and events that encompass the full West Acres experience

for our guests. While we know change is not always easy, we will all adjust to a new normal together," Adams wrote, thanking staff, stores and the community, "for supporting one another through this journey."

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Survey: WF teachers, families comfortable returning to school

By Wendy Reuer
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WEST FARGO — A survey of teachers, staff and thousands of parents found more than 83% of the West Fargo Public School District would feel comfortable returning to buildings once restrictions are lifted.

Gov. Doug Burgum ordered North Dakota schools to close March 15 in an effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

West Fargo Superintendent Beth Slette said the survey was sent to get a feel for how families, as well as staff, felt about returning to schools as the district prepares guidelines to help schools and staff once school buildings are able to reopen.

"Right now we still don't know when that will be," Slette said. "Right now our team is working on a

plan. We want to be prepared when we are able to reopen."

The survey period ended April 30, just a day before Burgum announced school districts would continue distance learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Two surveys were sent, one for families and one for teachers and staff. Slette said it was important to break the surveys into two groups, as someone who is a teacher and parent may feel differently about returning to the classroom to teach while sending their child who has an underlying health condition such as asthma to school.

She also noted the survey results do not show a teacher's desire to return to work. It only gauges their level of comfort as the district attempts to

plan for reopening once the COVID-19 pandemic has lessened its grip on the country.

"We have amazing teachers and families in West Fargo. The teachers want to work and have been working. They miss their students so much," Slette said.

Both groups were asked first, "Once the school closure restrictions have been lifted, will you be comfortable returning to work?"

The groups could reply, "Yes, without a doubt," "Yes, with certain precautions," or "No, absolutely not."

Of the 1,061 staff that answered, 87.3% answered "yes" or "yes with precautions," and 12.7% answered "no."

Of the 3,282 families that answered, 81.2% answered "yes" or "yes with precautions," and 18.8%

answered "no."

The survey also asked respondents what types of precautions would make respondents comfortable when schools can again open.

Slette said the top three answers included having an adequate supply of hand sanitizer readily available, having a zero tolerance policy for illness at school, and not allowing any visitors or volunteers on site as the pandemic continues.

"So, we actually just went out and ordered \$3,000 worth of hand sanitizer to have available," Slette said. "The safety of students and staff is and always has been our priority."

Other precautions, such as having students eat in their classrooms, suspending games and activities, or shortening the school day were also noted

but not highly ranked by respondents.

The survey also found support for the idea that the Centers for Disease Control and governor or president would set forth clear guidelines for returning to school, and businesses would also have to reopen.

Slette said they have found that even talking about the idea of reopening schools is causing a lot of anxiety for many people.

North Dakota United, the union representing teachers, sent a similar survey to teachers but focused on whether teachers would want to return to classrooms immediately. It found 89.4% of the 1,679 respondents said they would not feel comfortable returning to their classrooms if schools were reopened at this time.

In a letter to Burgum

that was tweeted by North Dakota United, the organization said there was no reason not to continue the distance learning guidelines for the remainder of this school year.

Slette said distance learning has been working for the district, which has had nearly 100% participation. Shortly after the school closures, district staff worked quickly to provide families without WiFi connectivity hotspots and other online learning tools. Teachers continue to work with those students who have trouble staying engaged with school activities online, as they would in the classroom.

"The kids really are resilient, they're adapting to this," Slette said. "Our teachers want to come back."

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Yesterday's poll

Do you think North Dakota schools should continue distance learning through the end of the school year?

Yes: 82% No: 18%

COMING UP

ON WDAY TV

Tonight on WDAY 6 News: As North Dakota continues to reopen we talk with businesses that have chosen to let customers back in.

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For ND tattoo artists given the nod to reopen, the future is still grim

By C.S. Hagen

FARGO — On the morning the state reopened for business, Stephanie Marshall had one appointment scheduled at the Bee's Nest Tattoo and Art Studio. After six weeks of forced shutdown, the decision to open the doors wasn't easy, but at least she could begin working once more.

Disappointment followed, however, after the studio's first and only customer scheduled for Friday, May 1, didn't pass the rigorous screening test for tattoo recipients mandated under the state's restart protocols.

"This is by far the hardest thing I've encountered in my career of nine years and even though we are able to open, it's not ideal by any means," Marshall said. "We have gotten little help from the government, but we are going to try and maintain any way we can."

After Gov. Doug Burgum ordered tattoo parlors, restaurants, health clubs, theaters and entertainment venues to close across the state on March 20, Marshall and other tattoo artists applied for unemployment benefits.

"I just got the email yesterday that my file was looked over and it was approved," she said on April 30. "It was only \$300 a week that I got approved for, but I hope it predates to when I was ordered to close."

Tattoo parlors were allowed to open Friday,



Noah Kilsdonk / Special to The Forum

Noah Kilsdonk, a 17-year tattoo artist at his parlor No Coasts Tattoo before the coronavirus pandemic began.

but under the ND Smart Restart protocols, everything will slow down. Costs, including from increased disinfecting, will rise, and income will decrease due to social distancing guidelines.

Noah Kilsdonk, owner of No Coast Tattoo in north Fargo, is keeping his doors closed for now. He can reopen and lose unemployment benefits, get a new job, or remain closed and wait until July when the payments "tap out," he said.

Kilsdonk has been a self-employed tattoo artist for 17 years and applied for unemployment benefits

six weeks ago. Like Marshall, however, he hasn't seen a dime of unemployment benefits and used tax payment savings to survive the last six weeks, he said.

"And if we reopen, are we no longer eligible for unemployment benefits?" Kilsdonk said. "Are you reopening the state to get the people off unemployment? To save that \$1.8 billion dollars and to keep federal dollars that were meant for working class people? ..."

"Why are you opening up too soon? Is it to benefit the state and keep the billions of dollars in the

state's pocket?"

Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., said during an April 30 press conference the economy doesn't "need stimulus as much as it needs healing," and that the federal government worked at "warp speed" to find ways to relieve small businesses and issue trillions of dollars in stimulus checks.

Bryan Klipfel, the director of North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance, said that any self-employed person who applied for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, which offers minimum help of \$288 a week, will get their back pay if they have not received it yet.

But if Kilsdonk reopens his business, not only does he face the potential increase in contact with the coronavirus, but he also knows he won't be able run at full capacity. With a mortgage, business rental fees, utilities, salaries and basic survival costs, he's not yet sure of the best route to take.

"If I say, 'Yeah, let's reopen,' that screws everyone who works for me for the rest of this pandemic," Kilsdonk said. "And, as a business owner, I don't want to be the shop that gets a whole bunch of people sick because we jumped the gun."

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Restaurants reopen



Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

Bella LeTexier, an Olive Garden employee, stands by 13th Avenue holding up a sign stating that the dining room has been reopened on Friday, May 1, in Fargo.

BRIEF

Fire weather watch Saturday across Minn., eastern ND

FARGO — Eastern North Dakota and northern Minnesota will be under a fire weather watch from 12-7 p.m. Saturday, May 2, as gusty winds and low humidity have increased the potential for wildfires across the region.

The National Weather Service announced the watch Friday afternoon.

The Minnesota Interagency Fire Center is asking the public to refrain from burning as a spark can rapidly become a wildfire in dry, windy conditions.

North Dakota counties under the fire weather watch include Barnes, Benson, Cass, Grand Forks, Griggs, Nelson, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele and Traill.

Minnesota counties affected by the watch include Aitkin, Becker, Benton, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Carlton, Chippewa, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Mahnomon, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Otter Tail, Pine, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, St. Louis, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, and Wright.

Information on current fire danger and burning restrictions in Minnesota can be found at: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html

North Dakota fire risk information can be found on this website: <https://www.ndresponse.gov/burnban-restrictions-fire-danger-maps>

BARBERS

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the Jail Chaplains ministry. And, so, I know him from that, and I wanted to come and support these guys."

Bundy's talking about the dozen barbers and stylists who are busy with other clients. They're spaced strategically throughout the shop, only half the staff allowed to work at this point. They're required to wear masks, wash their hands, and disinfect their work stations and tools after every client. At the end of the night the entire shop is sanitized.

Bundy's thankful for the haircut, though not outright saying it's essential. But, he wasn't afraid to come in for his appointment either.

"Just a general concern like anybody, you know? You want to play it smart," he said. "I really appreciate the governor's, you know, 'We're going to be ND smart here.' But then when I saw on their website all the rules they've got, man, I didn't feel scared at all

coming here."

Bundy also brought in his 9 and 14-year-olds for haircuts.

Dort, a master barber himself, isn't on the premises. He was going to be. Before Burgum said businesses should open at 8 a.m., at least on the first day back, Skill Cutz had started setting appointments as early as 4 a.m. Instead, they'll stay open until midnight on May 1 to meet demand. Those won't be typical hours going forward.

Safety always comes first.

"I've been listening to the governor very closely," Dort said, "so I definitely know it's a serious virus for a lot of people with underlying health conditions. I want to make sure that, even if I'm not worried about myself, I'm trying to protect others."

Dort is talking via video link from his home. The owner has self-quarantined because he came in contact with someone who was sick, even though the cause isn't yet known. They're waiting on coronavirus test results.

If they're negative?

"I'll be at work at 4 a.m.," he said.

Dort takes pride in his shop, and in being a barber, so just ask him if he thinks a haircut is important.

"One of the things you do all the time is look in the mirror," he said. "And, sometimes, you might feel down, or you might feel depressed. If you've got a good haircut it will improve the way you look. And, eventually, I say, it improves life."

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CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FOR MAY 4, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING
3:30 PM Meeting called to order
Roll call of the members
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve minutes of previous meeting
Approve order of agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- Grant site authorization renewals
- Authorize chair to sign purchase orders—jail dryer exhaust fan; Courthouse plantings; drainage culvert
- Authorize chair to sign local match certifications for federal road overlay projects
- Authorize finance director to offer vehicles and miscellaneous equipment for public sale
- Approve raffle permit for JS Bitker LLC d/b/a Red River Valley Speedway
- Contract approval

PUBLIC COMMENT

REGULAR AGENDA

- Cass Clay Community Land Trust presentation (Rocky Schneider)
- Contract with Securus Technologies for jail inmate phone rates (Jahner, Frobig)
- Coronavirus update (Wilson)
- Career Workforce Academy update (Peterson)
- Robert D. Johnson building discussion (Wilson, Peterson)
- Flood Diversion transfer of sales tax dollars (Montplaisir)
- Approve vouchers (Peterson)
- Committee reports
- Correspondence
- Adjournment

REMINDERS:

- May 4, 1:00 PM—Personnel Overview Committee via virtual meeting
- May 4, 2:00 PM—Human Services Zone Board via virtual meeting
- May 7, 8:00 AM—Maple River Water Resource Board via virtual meeting
- May 11, 8:00 AM—Cass County Weed Control Board, Weed Control office building
- May 12, 8:30 AM—Southeast Cass Water Resource Board via virtual meeting
- May 14, 8:00 AM—Cass County Joint Water Resource Board via virtual meeting

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MAY 18, 2020

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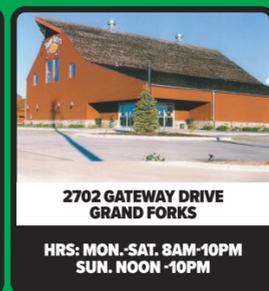
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SPORTS

BRIEFS

Richman adds assistant coach to Bison men's basketball staff

FARGO — North Dakota State has hired Joshua Jones as an assistant men's basketball coach, Bison head coach David Richman announced Friday, May 1.

Jones previously spent four seasons as an assistant coach at Western Illinois from 2016-2020. The Leath-erneckes, like NDSU, are also a Summit League member.

"Josh's experiences and understanding of The Summit League and our recruiting footprint will help make for a smooth transition," Richman said in a news release.

Jones was a standout guard and four-year starter during his playing career at Eastern Kentucky from 2008-12. He scored nearly 1,200 career points and Eastern Kentucky won 69 games during his four seasons.

Bormann adds Lake to Cobbers men's basketball coaching staff

MOORHEAD — Concordia has hired TJ Lake as assistant men's basketball coach, Cobbers head coach Tyler Bormann announced Friday, May 1.

Lake spent the past two seasons as a graduate assistant at Winona State in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. He started his college playing career at Minnesota State-Mankato before transferring to the University of Dubuque, an NCAA Division III program, for his final two seasons.

Lake averaged 23.4 points per game for Dubuque in 2017-18, his senior season.

"TJ's playing and coaching experiences at both the NCAA Division II and Division III levels provide a great perspective for him to draw upon when recruiting, mentoring players and contributing to our program's success in various areas," Bormann said in a news release.

Bormann was named Cobbers head coach in early April.

Fargo Force's Broz named to USHL all-rookie team

FARGO — Fargo Force forward Tristan Broz was one of three forwards named to the United States Hockey League "All-Rookie" second team.

Broz, a forward from Bloomington, Minn., suited up in all 48 games of the shortened 2019-20 season and was third on the team in scoring with 35 points tallying 14 goals and adding 21 assists. He led the team in power play goals with eight on the season.

Broz is committed to the University of Minnesota following his junior hockey career.

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NDHSAA cancels spring sports, winter basketball tournaments

By Eric Peterson
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The North Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors decided Friday, May 1, to cancel the remaining winter basketball tournaments and all spring sports seasons.

The board voted to cancel winter tournaments and spring sports during a meeting via video conference. No board members opposed the decision.

"I want to thank this board for doing their due diligence on this," said Jeremy Brandt, a board member from Central Valley. "It was right to wait this long and not jump the gun. We did right here by waiting until this date when we don't have a choice."

The basketball tournaments and spring sports season were initially suspended on March 13 due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Class A girls basketball semifinals were completed before the season was halted. The Class A boys semifinals were yet to be played and the Class B boys state tournament had not yet started.

"It seems like we've gotten to the point where we had hoped that we wouldn't get to, but we are at that crossroad," said board president Scott Privratsky, from Devils Lake, prior to Friday's vote on canceling the winter basketball tournaments and all spring sports.

Earlier Friday, North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum announced



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The North Dakota Class A state basketball tournament was suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic on March 13 after the girls semifinals were played and before the boys semifinals.

North Dakota K-12 schools would continue distance learning for their students the rest of the academic year.

"I think even without that, with CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines and all the other obstacles involved, it was going to be a real chore the way it was," said NDHSAA executive director Matt Fetsch. "I'm not sure how much it impacted the decision."

Based on recommended guidelines for reopening states from the pandemic, Fetsch said early June was the earliest any activities could resume.

Fetsch said during the meeting that North Dakota and New Jersey were the two states

that had yet to cancel spring high school state tournaments before Friday's board decision.

"It's incredibly difficult, for the seniors especially who were looking forward to that last season or even the first-time varsity athlete who was looking forward to that," Fetsch said.

Fargo Shanley and Devils Lake advanced to the Class A girls basketball title game before the season was stopped and both will receive state finalist team trophies. The four semifinalists in Class A boys will get "final four" team trophies. The eight teams in the Class B boys state tournament will receive state-

qualifier teams trophies.

After the initial suspension of winter basketball tournaments and spring sports, the board decided to extend the active suspension March 31. On April 14, the board again voted to continue the indefinite suspension in the lead up to Friday's decision to cancel.

"The health and safety of students and communities is the deciding factor in this decision," Privratsky said. "This difficult conclusion did not come easy as we understand the huge sacrifices students have made."

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Davies girls track team won't get a chance to show its dominance

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As the health promotion director for Clay County Public Health, Rory Beil has been helping set up a temporary shelter for the homeless who may be affected by the coronavirus.

"We've only had as many as five in there and that's pretty good," Beil said.

Beil will take any good news he can get during the coronavirus pandemic that has gripped the world for the last two months. Normally, spring is Beil's favorite time of year — especially as the head coach of one of the most dominant high school girls track and field programs the state of North Dakota has ever seen.

His Fargo Davies girls have won the last four Class A state outdoor championships — including compiling a record 222 team points in 2018 when it won the title by a whopping 138 points.

Surprisingly, this year's team may be the most talented of them all.

Unfortunately, because of the ongoing pandemic, Beil's team will not get a chance to show how good it really is. Officials from the North Dakota High School Activities Association officially announced Friday that all spring sports are canceled.

"Just disappointed and a little numb," Beil said. "We thought this was inevitable, but when it does happen, you are just left a little numb."

Beil says he has the strongest senior class he has ever had during his 20 years of coaching at Fargo South and Fargo Davies. Eleven of his 20 seniors will be competing in college



Michael Vosburg / Forum Photo Editor

Fargo Davies' Sally Korgho won last year's Class A girls 100-meter hurdles during the North Dakota state high school track and field meet in Bismarck. Her teammate Merritt Beil, right, placed second.

track. Six of those seniors are school record holders and five have been state champions.

One of those seniors is Michaela Hjelseth, a two-time state javelin champion who will be competing at North Dakota State — one of the premier throwing programs in Division 1 track and field.

Hjelseth has a career-best throw of 142 feet, 8 inches — the seventh best in state history and 10 feet short of the all-time best throw.

"My goal was to throw 150 feet and to get the state record," said Hjelseth, who admits it's been tough thinking about a spring with no track and field season. "As a senior, this is your season. You have a lot planned, a lot of goals — more so than other years."

Rory Beil's daughter, Merritt, was hoping to use her senior season to bounce back from an injury that kept her sidelined for much of last season. But the stress fracture in her lower spine couldn't keep her

from competing at the state meet — where she managed to place second in the 100-meter hurdles, only four-tenths of a second behind teammate Sally Korgho.

As a sophomore, Beil set a school record in the 100-meter hurdles only to finish second at state behind her older sister Kaia. As a junior, she finished second again despite being able to have only one hurdle practice a week because of her injury.

As a senior who has committed to run track at NDSU, she hopes to get a chance to run at another state meet.

"It's been tough without track this spring," said Beil, who like many of her teammates have been doing workouts on their own at the Discovery Middle School track. "It just makes me sad for the seniors who won't be able to go to track in college."

"A lot of us have been on the varsity since eighth grade. That's when we won our first

state meet. That made us work so much harder. We want to be the best and we all have the work ethic to do so. It's just sad."

Korgho is another senior who will be joining the NDSU track team. She is the defending state champ in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles and has run a leg of one of the fastest relays in state history. With Beil, Cece Deebom and Jada Bell, Korgho helps make up one of the best hurdling quartets in state history.

It was at last year's Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls, S.D., where Korgho wowed the enthusiastic track and field crowd. She won the 100-meter hurdles in 14.49 seconds — nearly breaking the meet's 20-year-old record of 14.43 seconds.

"She ran an amazing race," Rory Beil said.

Seniors Jenna Bergantine and Kaia Schneider, who finished second and third in the state high jump last year, are also heading to NDSU. With sophomore Linnea Axtman, they are the top three returners in the high jump.

Carsyn Bachmeier, another senior, ran on the state champion 800-meter relay in 2018 before sitting out last season after undergoing reconstructive surgery on both feet.

"She has worked extremely hard to regain her form for her senior year," Rory Beil said. "The adversities that we normally confront are injuries. And we know we will deal with inclement weather. But this year ... this is just a little different."

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GEOSCIENCE BUILDING GOES DOWN



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The geosciences building at North Dakota State University is demolished on Friday, May 1, in Fargo.

BUDGETS

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games of the past," in which agencies would slash popular programs, which legislators would restore, to avoid cuts, Burgum said.

"It is a crisis, but within a crisis there is an opportunity," he said, to increase productivity enabling the state to do more with less.

North Dakota's 11 higher education campuses are asked to plan budgets that rely on a 10% reduction in funding formula payments — a reduction the governor emphasized does not have to equate to a 10% budget reduction if universities succeed in finding other revenues, including increased online enrollment tuition.

"That's up to the university," said Burgum, who long has been an advocate of using technology to reinvent higher education. "That's happening with universities across the nation."

The need to abruptly find new ways of doing things illustrates the potential to gain efficiencies and discard government functions that no longer serve a compelling purpose, Burgum said.

Just a few weeks ago, he said, no one would have imagined that the state's entire public school and higher education systems could move to online instruction, a necessity to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

"Let's cut the bottom 5%, the bottom 10%, even the bottom 15%,"

Burgum said. "It's about who can spend the smartest," and get the greatest return from state investments.

Joe Morrisette, Burgum's director of the Office of Management and Budget, also encouraged agency heads to think boldly and creatively.

"I think it's important not to think of this as an incremental process," he said. "We all have to put everything on the table."

But Morrisette and Burgum advised administrators to find ways to continue salary increases in the current biennium. "Retaining and attracting high-performing team members is a top priority," Burgum said.

The officials refrained from including a revenue outlook along with their budget guidance for 2021-23. "There is so much uncertainty," Burgum said. "I don't think it's possible even to do an educated guess."

The next revenue forecast typically will come in July or August, Morrisette said, although his office will "continuously monitor revenues."

Revenues for the first eight months of the current 24-month biennium exceeded budget expectations by \$121 million, and the state's budget stabilization fund reached its \$726 million cap. "That's one piece of good news," Burgum said.

The current \$4.84 billion general fund budget is based on oil selling for \$48 per barrel. Prices recently have fallen to \$10 to \$25 per barrel — and briefly plunged to negative \$38, the first time that's happened.

North Dakota remains too depen-

dent on energy and agricultural commodities, which are susceptible to volatile price swings, leaving the state vulnerable, Burgum said. "We have to continue to diversify the economy of North Dakota," by adding value to energy and farm commodities and developing new business.

Shelly Lenz, Burgum's Democratic challenger, said she would take a different approach to the budget crunch facing the state.

"Like most North Dakotans, when I am faced with economic challenges I look at how to increase revenue and diversify my income sources and how to reduce expenses," she said in a statement. "Several of the suggestions related to increasing efficiency in education have only been implemented in a crisis and are not proven to work for the long-term."

Burgum's budget guidelines aren't practical and would hurt rural areas, said Lenz, a veterinarian in Dickinson.

"Of course we need to be looking for efficiencies and be good stewards of tax dollars, but at the same time we need to recognize that investments in education and health care are investments in the people of North Dakota," she said. "The way that state employees — from teachers to agency staff — have stepped up in the current crisis should certainly be rewarded — not punished. The success of my businesses has been based on my investment in people."

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WEAPONS

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don't need an AR-15 to bring down a deer."

The measures ban the purchase, sale, transport and use of the weapons. Trudeau said there will be a two-year amnesty period for gun owners to comply with the prohibition. He said legislation will be drafted in the coming months to provide "fair compensation" to them.

Trudeau, who pledged stricter gun-control measures during last year's federal election, said his government had planned to introduce tougher rules in March but was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic. The ban partially fulfills his campaign promises, which also included plans to empower municipalities to ban handguns.

The ban will be enacted through regulations approved by the cabinet, not through legislation in Parliament.

Andrew Scheer, the interim leader of the opposition Conservative Party, accused Trudeau of "using the current pandemic and the immediate emotion of the horrific attack in Nova Scotia to push the Liberals' ideological agenda and make major firearms policy changes."

The ban includes the AR-15, which has been used in several mass shootings in the United States, as well as the Ruger Mini-14, which was used in the 1989 massacre that left 14 dead at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique. Until last month, it was Canada's deadliest mass shooting.

During the amnesty period, the firearms cannot be used or sold, but they may be exported if their owners have the proper permits. An exemption to the rules will be made for those who use the weapons for sustenance hunting until a replacement can be acquired.

In a later briefing, a government official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the now-banned firearms in circulation number at least 105,000 weapons.

The official said that gun owners will be

offered a choice of surrendering the firearm for compensation or participating in a "grandfathering" scheme at the end of the two-year amnesty. Details on both options are forthcoming, he said.

According to Statistics Canada, a firearm was used in 249 homicides in 2018, the most recent year for which data was available. A handgun was used in 143 of them. Shotguns, fully automatic firearms, sawed-off rifles and unknown guns were used in the rest.

Bill Blair, Canada's public safety minister, said the government also plans to introduce legislation to strengthen gun storage laws, to prevent gun trafficking and to create red flag laws that would allow law enforcement to remove firearms from dangerous situations.

Police have said that Gabriel Wortman, the 51-year-old assailant in the mass shooting in Nova Scotia, did not have a license to own a firearm in Canada. He was armed with handguns and long-barreled weapons, including some that were obtained in the United States.

Nathalie Provost, a survivor of the Polytechnique shooting, said the ban has "been a long time coming." But, she said, "what would have been a total victory for public safety has been tainted" by the possibility that the buyback program might be voluntary.

Rod Giltaca, chief executive of the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights, said his community is "devastated" by the ban. He said criminals will not turn in their weapons and that the move is "entirely political."

Gun ownership is relatively common in Canada; the country ranked fifth in a 2018 global survey of civilian firearms per capita. But mass shootings are rarer than in the neighboring United States.

A spate of gun violence in recent years has fueled an increasingly divisive debate over gun control, largely pitting city dwellers, who tend to favor more restrictions, against those in rural Canada.

Moorhead man sentenced for selling drugs

Police: 18-month-old had meth in his system

Forum staff reports

MOORHEAD — A Moorhead man received a 12 1/2 year sentence Friday, May 1, in relation to a June arrest at his apartment where police found an 18-month-old with meth in his system.

Nathan Wayne Carr, 42, declined to say anything before Clay County District Judge Amber Gustafson handed down the 150-month sentence, two-thirds of which must be served in prison, for a first-degree aggravated controlled substance crime.

The felony charge amends a first-degree felony of selling drugs, while a second-degree felony for sale of drugs was dismissed.

Carr was arrested June 25 after officers found 290 grams of meth, 15 grams of cocaine and \$1,584, according to police. The drugs had a street value of \$30,500, police said.

Officers also found an 18-month-old boy at the apartment who was taken to a hospital to be treated for having meth in his system, police said.

Two other children were taken into custody but were unharmed, according to police.



Carr

Hawley woman arrested after half-hour tractor chase

Forum staff reports

HAWLEY, Minn. — Clay County sheriff's deputies chased a woman driving a stolen tractor for about a half hour before arresting her early Thursday, April 30, according to the sheriff's office.

At 3:38 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a tractor theft that had just occurred in the area of 100th Avenue and 250th Street South in rural Hawley.

According to the sheriff's office, the victim called to report that his John Deere 4320 tractor with a trailer attached had been taken out of his field. He reported someone was driving the tractor through a bean field.

When deputies arrived, they found a woman driving the tractor and tried to conduct a traffic stop, but the driver refused to stop, the sheriff's office said. The deputies kept sight of the tractor by following the driver through fields for about 30 minutes. Deputies eventually managed to direct the tractor out of the field and into a swampy area, where it became stuck.

Deputies identified the driver as 31-year-old Nicole Rae Cloud of Warroad, Minn.,



Deputies arrested a Hawley woman after the tractor she stole became stuck in a swampy area, ending a half-hour chase, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said.

the sheriff's office said. Cloud was arrested on suspicion of motor vehicle theft, fleeing police in a motor vehicle, criminal damage to property and two outstanding warrants. She was then booked into the Clay County Jail.

Special to The Forum

'This never happened'

Biden denies Tara Reade's assault allegation

By Katie Glueck, Lisa Lerer and Sydney Ember

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Former Vice President Joe Biden on Friday, May 1, denied an allegation of sexual assault by a former Senate aide, Tara Reade, breaking a month-long silence that had frustrated some Democratic activists as his presidential campaign grapples with issues of accountability and gender that are vitally important to many members of his party.

In an interview on MSNBC, Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee, tried to address concerns about Reade's claim by saying that she had a right to be heard while also insisting that he had not assaulted her. "No, it is not true," Biden said. "I'm saying unequivocally it never, never happened."

Biden also called on the National Archives to release any existing complaint related to the allegation, even as he continued to oppose requests to release his Senate papers, which, he said, do not contain personnel records.

The interview, as well as a statement posted on Medium, amounted to the Biden campaign's most concerted effort yet to contain any possible danger for his candidacy just as the Democrat had turned his attention to unifying the party against President Donald Trump.

Officials at the Republican National Committee jumped

on Biden's remarks Friday with questions surrounding the release of his Senate papers at the University of Delaware emerging as a new flash point in the campaign.

Under repeated questioning from Mika Brzezinski of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Biden insisted that those papers would not contain information relevant to the allegation, saying that employment records are kept at the National Archives. Biden was emphatic that a search of the National Archives would yield no complaint.

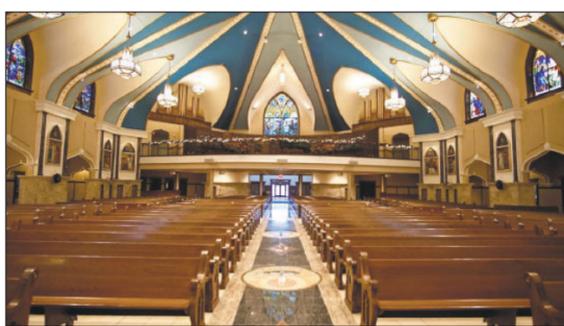
"I'm confident there's nothing," he said. "If there is a complaint, that's where it would be; that's where it would be filed. And if it's there, put it out. But I've never seen it. No one has that I'm aware of."

A Biden aide said the campaign had not done a search of the National Archives records.

Reade said that she filed a complaint with a congressional personnel office detailing sexual harassment by Biden when she worked in his office. She does not have a copy, she said, and such paperwork has not been located. The complaint, she said, does not mention the assault. The New York Times reviewed an official copy of her employment history from the Senate that she provided showing she was hired in December 1992 and paid by Biden's office until August 1993.

ND's Catholic churches resuming in-person Mass

Diocese leaders announced suspension will lift next week



Special to The Forum
 Fargo's Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church.

By April Baumgarten
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FARGO — Catholics in North Dakota can return to their churches for Mass beginning Monday, May 4, with some restrictions in place as the coronavirus continues to spread in the U.S.

In a Thursday, April 30, news release, Fargo Bishop John Folda announced he would lift the six-week suspension of in-person Mass. The Bismarck Diocese said its churches can begin Mass starting Wednesday, May 6.

Parishioners are not required to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days until further notice, and those who are sick or are more vulnerable to the illness should not attend.

"I am grateful for the patience and cooperation of the faithful during this difficult time without the ability to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist, and I once again call upon their good will to observe the guidelines listed below for the good of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and for the entire community," Folda said in the release.

The announcement comes after Gov. Doug Burgum announced guidelines for reopening businesses that were previously closed or had restrictions on operations. Burgum did not sign an executive order requiring churches in North Dakota

to stop in-house services, but many voluntarily did so.

Those who attend church in the Fargo Diocese will be asked to practice good hand hygiene, stay at least 6 feet apart from others unless they live in the same household and wear cloth face coverings.

"Please remember that face coverings are not just for one's own protection, but also for the protection of others," the release said. "Children under 2 years of age are not recommended to wear a face covering."

A congregation may limit the amount of people who are allowed into a church, but no specific guideline on that was given in the release.

Attendees will not be allowed to sing during Mass since coronavirus spreads through respiratory droplets. Holy Communion will be administered in the hand and not on the tongue.

The sign of peace, or the part of Mass during which parishioners shake hands in a gesture of offering peace, has been omitted from services, and other forms of physical contact

are discouraged, the diocese said.

The Fargo Diocese also will continue to livestream Masses at www.fargodiocese.org.

In the Bismarck Diocese: Family households may sit together in one pew and all other persons must maintain social distancing, leaving every other pew empty.

Communion will be offered in the form of the consecrated host only, received in the hand and distributed by clergy or instituted acolytes.

The exchange of the sign of peace remains suspended.

Directives for weddings, funerals and baptisms are modified to allow immediate and extended family members to be present, but they must maintain social distancing. All other restrictions regarding these sacraments remain in place.

The sacrament of reconciliation (penance) will remain available only behind a screen. Persons must maintain social distancing while waiting to celebrate the sacrament.

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BRIEFS

Body of missing toddler found in creek

KATHRYN, N.D. — The body of a missing toddler was found in a creek near Kathryn on Thursday, April 30, according to a news release from the Barnes County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities were contacted at 6 p.m. on Thursday about a missing toddler in the 100 block of First Avenue in Kathryn, and a search party was able to locate the toddler about an hour after their disappearance, the release said.

The sheriff's office said it will respect the family's request not to release the name of the toddler or the family.

Kathryn is a small town with a population of 52 about 20 miles south of Valley City.

Minot man shot, killed after entering home

MINOT, N.D. — A man who was shot and killed this past weekend after entering a Minot home and apparently threatening the man inside has been identified.

He is Christopher Lee Reader, 39, said Minot police on Monday, April 27.

Reader was shot about 1:45 a.m. on Saturday, police said. The man who shot him called Minot Central Dispatch indicating he had shot an unknown male who had entered his home and threatened him. Police found Reader in the northwest Minot residence.

Police on Monday did not release the name of the 29-year-old man who fired the shots.

The investigation is ongoing and no other information was released Monday, but police said it was an isolated incident with no further presumed risk.

Plasma donors still needed from recovered COVID-19 patients

BISMARCK — The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) and Vitalant are asking individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 and have recovered to consider donating their plasma, also known as convalescent plasma.

There is currently no proven treatment for COVID-19, but the Food and Drug Administration is allowing the transfusion of convalescent plasma as an investigational treatment. It's currently

the only antibody treatment available for COVID-19 patients.

Convalescent plasma donors must have previously tested positive for COVID-19 and meet the following criteria:

Have a prior diagnosis of COVID-19 documented by a laboratory test.

Experienced complete resolution of symptoms for at least 14 days with a subsequently negative COVID-19 test or complete resolution of symptoms for at least 28 days (with or without a negative COVID-19 test).

Meet all other donor eligibility for an automated plasma donation, including: Be at least 16 years old (16- and 17-year-olds must bring a signed permission form from a parent or guardian), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health.

Individuals who meet the criteria and are interested in becoming a donor can contact their physician or visit www.vitalant.org/covidfree for more information on how to refer themselves. Individuals or family members who are interested in acquiring a donation for a family member should contact their clinician for more information.

9 ND seniors ace ACT

BISMARCK — Out of more than 7,000 students who took the ACT exam in North Dakota last year, nine stood above the rest, registering a perfect composite score of 36.

The nine "36ers" are Joanna Linn, Forrest Weintraub and Allen Woo of Fargo; Philip Dowdell of Fargo North; Kali Bjornson of Devils Lake; Sean Joyce of Bismarck Legacy; Alexander Heister and Ellie Zetner of Bismarck Century; and Aiden Krogh of Grand Forks Red River.

"It is a rare event for a student to get the highest score possible on the ACT," North Dakota Schools Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said. "It takes study and hard work as well as intellectual gifts."

The average score for North Dakota test-takers on the ACT exam, which tests knowledge in English, math, reading, science and optionally writing, is a 19.3. A score of 24 is required to qualify for the North Dakota academic scholarship, which offers up to \$6,000 for college tuition.

OBITUARIES

Ruthie Steen

SPRINGFIELD, IL - Ruthie Steen, 60, of Springfield entered eternal life surrounded by the love of her family on Sunday, April 26th, 2020. Ruthie was born September 18th, 1959, in Melrose, MN to Phil and Aurea Goerger. She was raised in Melrose, MN. She moved to Fargo where she earned her RN degree from NDSU.



She subsequently worked as an RN in the ICU at Dakota Hospital. There, she met her husband Mark Steen and they married on November 24th, 1984.

Ruthie and her family moved to Springfield, IL in 1990. She was an active disciple of Christ at St. John's Lutheran Church where she served as a leader in Stephen Ministry and Beyond Bread Food Ministry. She shared her gift of music with the Chancel Choir and Bells of Glory. She enjoyed fellowship with the EQ chapter of PEO and book review clubs. Her greatest joy was raising and loving her children, grandchildren, and husband. Ruthie and her family have fondest memories of their travels together.

She is survived by her husband Mark of Springfield, IL; children, Sven (Ashlynn) Steen of Iowa City, IA, and Mackenzie Steen of Springfield, IL; grandchildren, Trenton and Lena of Iowa City, IA; sister, Patty (Joe) Mareck of St. Cloud, MN; and brothers Philip (Sue) Goerger of Chapel Hill, NC, and Gary Goerger of St. Cloud, MN. She will be reunited in eternal life with her mother, father, and sister, Mary Forslund.

Memorial Service: A memorial service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

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Edward Burkett

Jan. 27, 1924 - April 30, 2020
 BISMARCK, N.D. - Edward Burkett, 96, Jamestown, N.D., died Thursday, April 30, in St. Vincent Care Center.

Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m., followed by a funeral at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 6, at Eddy Funeral Home in Jamestown. Interment will be in Dawson (N.D.) Cemetery.

Arrangements by Eddy Funeral Home.

Helen Rosenau

Dec. 22, 1938 - May 1, 2020
 JAMESTOWN, N.D. - Helen Rosenau, 81, Bordulac, N.D., died Friday, May 1, in Jamestown Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a private prayer service at 7 p.m., Monday, May 4, at Evans Funeral Home in Carrington, N.D. A private funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, at Federated Church UCC/UMC in Carrington. Burial will be in Carrington Cemetery.

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home.

LaVern Rogers

Aug. 8, 1926 - April 30, 2020
 PERHAM, Minn. - LaVern Rogers, 93, Wadena, Minn., died Thursday, April 30, in Perham Living.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

David Jacobson

Jan. 17, 1948 - April 28, 2020
 FARGO, N.D. - David Jacobson, 72, Fertile, Minn., died Tuesday, April 28, in Vibra Hospital.

Arrangements are pending with Erikson-Vik-Ganje Funeral Home in Fertile.

Blossom "Bobbie" Schnabel

May 22, 1910 - April 27, 2020
 NEW ROCKFORD, N.D. - Blossom "Bobbie" Schnabel, 109, New Rockford, formerly Fessenden, N.D., died Monday, April 27, in Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.

Private visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a private service at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 2, at First Lutheran Church in Fessenden and streamed on the church's Facebook page. Burial will be at a later date in Hillside Cemetery in Fessenden.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home in Fessenden.

Myron D. Morris

Feb. 8, 1934 - April 30, 2020
 ENDERLIN, N.D. - Myron D. Morris, 86, Enderlin, N.D., died Thursday, April 30, in Maryhill Manor.

A graveside service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, at Watson Cemetery near Leonard, N.D.

Arrangements by Armstrong Funeral Home.

Mary Trowbridge

Feb. 14, 1931 - April 29, 2020
 FARGO, N.D. - Mary Trowbridge, 89, Barnesville, Minn., died Wednesday, April 29, in Essentia Hospital.

A memorial service will be held later this summer.

Arrangements by Dobmeier Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Barnesville.

Arnold "Bernie" Schultz

Feb. 12, 1929 - April 29, 2020
 BISMARCK, N.D. - Arnold "Bernie" Schultz, 91, Bismarck, formerly Lisbon, N.D., died Wednesday, April 29, in St. Gabriel's Community.

Private graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Oakwood Cemetery in Lisbon.

Arrangements by Armstrong Funeral Home.

DEATHS

Marilyn Jones

Feb. 25, 1932 - April 29, 2020
 FARGO, N.D. - Marilyn Jones, 88, Fargo, N.D., died Wednesday, April 29, in Villa Maria.

Arrangements are pending with Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home in Fargo.

Wesley M. Prieue

May 11, 1928 - April 29, 2020
 FARGO, N.D. - Wesley M. Prieue, 91, Durbin, N.D., died Wednesday, April 29, in Essentia Health.

Private services will be held.

Arrangements by West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center in West Fargo, N.D.

John T. Rick

Oct. 7, 1938 - April 25, 2020
 WAHPETON, N.D. - John T. Rick, 81, Wahpeton, N.D., died Saturday, April 25, in his home.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Vertin-Munson Funeral Home in Wahpeton.

Eleanor Dunwoodie

March 15, 1929 - April 29, 2020
 JAMESTOWN, N.D. - Eleanor Dunwoodie, 91, Jamestown, N.D., died Wednesday, April 29, in Jamestown Regional Medical Center.

Per Eleanor's request, no services will be held.

Arrangements by Eddy Funeral Home in Jamestown.

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OPINION

A bankrupt North Dakota?

The Founding Fathers didn't expect that a by-product of federalism would be state bankruptcies. But that is what could happen if we adopted Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's suggestion that states buried in debt because of the coronavirus should declare bankruptcy.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 15 states have identified new holes in their budgets which by state constitutional provisions must be balanced.

Moody's Analytics predicts that our shrinking economy could result in state revenue drops of 18 to 23 percent.

North Dakota payrolls have been cut; Main Street has been closed; tax collections have nose-dived and manufacturing curtailed. While the North Dakota Legacy Fund, now bulging with over \$6 billion, may look like a solution, raiding the fund would require an impossible two-thirds vote in both houses of the legislature.

Even in the face of tremendous needs in states rising out of the coronavirus, McConnell alleges that states should solve the problem themselves without getting bailout money from the federal government.

Fund Restrictions

States have been bastions of frugality, saddled with scores of restrictions on taxing and spending accumulated through the years. Most states have constitutional or statutory restrictions that reduce their ability to respond to a sudden crisis.

Almost half of the states have provisions for proposing and amending statutes by citizen petition. Under these provisions, citizens can impose restrictions, thereby reducing options at the state level. North Dakota citizens have the initiative and referendum as well as the power to amend the state constitution.

Poverty Budgets

Because of all of these fiscal controls, governors and legislatures have kept their budgets on the edge of poverty. Even North Dakota policymakers will look at the \$6 billion Legacy Fund while claiming poverty.

In addition to the virus pandemic, North Dakota is experiencing a collapse of the oil industry, which is no small matter in a state that ranks second to only Texas in oil production.

Associated Press Writer James McPherson reports that the legislature estimated oil at \$48 per barrel for the present biennium. The market has been as low as \$10 and \$25.

Big oil Losses

According to McPherson's report, Tax Commissioner Ryan Rauschenberger estimates that price and production cuts could cost the state \$288,000 in daily tax revenue.

There is little doubt that the legislature will be making draconian cuts in the state budget when it meets in Bismarck this winter. Basic government services will be funded, but social service, health programs and education will be on the chopping block.

For years North Dakota has had some citizens who favor reducing the number of universities and colleges in the state higher education system. In the anticipated budget crunch, the smaller colleges will not escape changes.

Some will propose closing Mayville, Bottineau, Williston and Devils Lake for starters. If not closing, a strict realignment of programming will alter the missions of various institutions.

With every state program in jeopardy, it would be wise to invest your government stimulus check in Bismarck hotels for the session. They should be very profitable.

North Dakota won't go bankrupt but it will go frugal. More than usual, that is.



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Mourning the empty stage

One of the major casualties for now from this pandemic is the lack of live performing arts. One of those casualties is the Trollwood Performing Arts School of Fargo-Moorhead.

Trollwood is a fixture in our community with its wonderful teaching programs and mainstage musicals, which attract more than 20,000 people every summer. This summer's musical was going to be "Cinderella." My two daughters were in Trollwood programs for several years, and it was very meaningful for them.

Two of the many people connected to Trollwood are Michael Walling and Becky Gulsvig. Walling, 64, has directed the last 29 Trollwood musicals. Gulsvig, 37, from Moorhead, starred in three of those musicals.

Gulsvig has since gone on to a very successful acting career, with leading roles in the Broadway shows of "Hairspray," "School of Rock," "Legally Blonde," and "Come From Away."

"There's a sadness about canceling the show," Walling said. "I love the community, students and collaboration. There's no other venue in the country that gives you this opportunity."

"I am sad about Trollwood," Gulsvig said. "Trollwood is a huge burst of light in the community. It gives such joy to the community. It's so special. I loved it so much."

Walling and others



Special to The Forum
Michael Walling met up with Becky Gulsvig in a New York City coffee shop in February, after he saw her perform in the Broadway show, "Come from Away."

at Trollwood had been working on "Cinderella" for a year because it's such a vast production and involves so many people.

"I feel bad for the students and for all the people I've hired," Walling said. "They've already lost their other jobs. 'Cinderella' was going to be something important to this community."

Walling and Gulsvig share something else in common. They both live in the epicenter of the pandemic. Walling lives in New York City, which is the hardest hit city. Gulsvig lives in New Jersey, which is the second hardest hit state.

Walling takes walks early in the morning when no one else is around, teaches one class online, collects mail for out-of-town friends, and goes to pharmacies to buy basic needs for senior citizens.

"You see no one. I maybe see two people in this entire building," Walling said. "It's scary. I'm apprehensive. No one I know is employed. New York is following the rules."

If you don't follow the rules, you're in trouble."

Gulsvig was going to perform in a show this summer in Cape Cod, but that has been canceled, as have auditions to other shows. She mostly stays home with her husband and 8-year-old daughter, but walks the dogs twice a day. She knows dozens of people who have been infected.

"It's a very stressful and nerve wracking time," Gulsvig said. "It's very disheartening to see everything shutdown. Theater gives people such joy."

Still, Walling is looking forward to next year's show, and Gulsvig is looking forward to being back on the stage.

"Trollwood will be back and strong," Walling said. "It will be so extraordinary when there are shows again," Gulsvig said. "People can get together to laugh, cry and applaud. It will be really thrilling."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Officials apparently think we've saved enough lives already

By Karen Joan Kohoutek
Fargo

"Stay home, save lives" sure sounded like a good concept for keeping North Dakotans healthy during a rise in coronavirus cases. But apparently the state of North Dakota and the city of Fargo are no longer interested in saving lives.

There are a lot of difficult choices and different perspectives on the best way to proceed in this situation, and many people will argue with the basic ideas on preventing the spread of infection. But one thing is absolutely certain: the government officials deciding to reopen businesses and services will not be the ones putting themselves in harm's way. It's not the governor, the mayor, or the

city commissioners who will be on the front lines, working 8-hour shifts in direct contact with the public, wearing homemade masks that serve to protect others but don't offer them any protection. It's a lot easier to gamble with other people's lives and loved ones, rather than your own.

So I'm hoping to see some leadership, with these decision-makers putting themselves as directly in the path of infection, for the same periods of time, as they expect from others. Come to think of it, with all the people who never stopped working in medical care facilities, grocery stores, and other vital services, they should have been showing that kind of leadership all along, rather than

increasing the dangers to these essential workers and risking more people's lives.

Before you make a knee-jerk response of "but the economy," remember that the economy is made up of choices. Different choices could be made that would protect more workers and business owners from economic devastation, if the people with power were willing to make anything near the sacrifices they expect of those without it. Barring any meaningful leadership, I hope the people of Fargo will continue to stay home and save lives, use the city's online services rather than physical ones, and support local businesses by means of their no- and lowest-contact options.

We cannot eliminate all risk

Welcome back, dear GIGO. We used to hear a lot in the early days of computers about "garbage in/garbage out," but not so much once computers became ubiquitous. Until now. The ongoing panic over the latest coronavirus has unleashed a flood of questionable models, numbers that might not be accurate, and reasoning that has been Swiss cheese with hysteria.

What is the death rate for COVID-19? There are two ways to measure it: case fatality rate, which is the percentage of victims diagnosed with the virus who die of it, and the infection fatality rate, which measures the percentage of deaths of all those infected. Because we don't know how many have been infected but undiagnosed, some experts have exaggerated the virus's lethality by using only the CFR. But as a counterexample Dr. John Ioannides argues that without good data the World Health Organization's estimate of a 3.4% death rate of all those infected is meaningless.

He's bolstered by Stanford and University of Southern California studies of area populations that show an infection rate 28 to 85 times higher than previously thought; that means that the true fatality rate of those infected could be a fraction of model projections, placing COVID-19's death rate in the same area as the common flu.

The numbers are further distorted by labeling as virus victims those who die of any cause if they tested positive for the coronavirus. Cecil Viboud of the National Institutes of Health noted that "at this point any COVID-positive case who dies will be tallied in the U.S. death count."

If you are run over by a train and are virus-positive, your death will be chalked up to COVID-19. Connecticut's governor displayed this miserable dishonesty when he linked a positive-tested infant's death to the virus in the face of an unfinished investigation and evidence that the child died in a home accident.

There will be thousands of books and articles chewing over the Panic of 2020 for many years to come. Some things will become clearer. We can say for now that we may have laid waste to millions of people's dreams and livelihoods, caused untold fatalities of those who put off medical procedures, threw medical personnel out of work (even the Mayo cut back 35%), and in general acted with foolish haste needlessly.

But, exclaims the cowering crowd, how could we have known if the doomsday model of millions of dead Americans were true or not? In that case we should have prepared as thoroughly as possible but not panicked like that reality was already upon us. Think of Dick Cheney's One Percent doctrine: If there were just that small chance that somebody in the Mideast was working on a nuclear bomb, however unlikely, we would have to respond accordingly. So on a hunch we did, killing innocent people by the hundreds of thousands in endless wars and spending trillions chasing a will-o-the-wisp. We cannot eliminate all risk.

In passing, New York state now forbids resuscitating victims without a pulse. They simply get to die without aid. Welcome to COVID America.

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ROSS NELSON
Commentary

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SCHOOLS

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women, one each in their 80s and 90s.

North Dakota also reported 40 additional cases, bringing the state total to 1,107, the health department said. The state completed 2,065 in one day, the most from a single batch to date.

School buildings have been closed since mid-March. North Dakota's roughly 120,000 students, almost all of whom go to public schools, have been involved in distance learning for about 20 days.

Burgum said asking schools to reopen would have put a burden on local school boards to figure out how to safely allow students back into the classrooms and likely would have caused angst among families who would have had to decide whether to send their children into a setting where they may contract the disease.

It would have taken at least a week to come up with a plan to safely open schools again, Burgum said in noting some schools only have days left in their schedule. Some end school on May 13, he said.

He also had concerns about potential outbreaks within schools that could spread to more vulnerable populations, especially if children interact with grandparents or others in their communities.

"We're thinking about the whole ecosystem here," he said, adding there is almost no economic risk in continuing distance learning.

In a recent survey, North Dakota United, a union that represents educators, said in a Wednesday tweet 1,501 teachers, or almost 90% of respondents, said they would not feel safe returning to

classrooms at this time.

Teacher input played a significant role in the governor's decision, Burgum said. School boards and parents also were considered, he said.

Union President Nick Archuleta said he was thankful for the decision, adding Burgum "prioritized the health and safety of North Dakota's teachers and students."

"His announcement honors the efforts put forward by our outstanding teachers, administrators and school boards who worked hard to plan and execute distance learning in our state," Archuleta said. "The result is that our distance learning protocol is among the very best in the nation."

There is no replacement for face-to-face learning, Burgum said. The state is working on a plan to possibly reopen school buildings in the fall, as well as hosting graduation ceremonies in some capacity, North Dakota Public Instruction Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said.

That could happen while buildings are closed or at a later date, she said.

This is an unprecedented disruption for education, but learning didn't stop when school doors closed, Baesler said. Families are helping with education in heroic ways, and educators have been dedicated to serving students, she added.

"Even in normal times, teaching is enormously complex and challenging work," Baesler said. "I just need to share with everyone how proud and blessed I am to be surrounded by the educational community in North Dakota who are absolutely committed to our students, our families and our communities."

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MCFEELY

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amount they can receive at four years of their operating expenses. That means Devils Lake's airport will probably receive about \$1.4 million.

For a week or so, though, Devils Lake was being touted as the prime example of sloppy legislation and a nonsensical funding formula attached to the \$10 billion in airport funding in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed with bipartisan support.

A report distributed nationally by Gray Television of Atlanta got the wheels rolling. National political website Politico picked up on the story. And a Tennessee Congressman who represents the district that includes Memphis International Airport wrote a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration, which

doled out the money, that called for funding to be halted, specifically citing Devils Lake.

Ouch. Devils Lake Regional Airport Manager John Nord didn't immediately return messages seeking comment. Who can blame him? He's likely received several such queries in the past several days, given the blast his airport received.

Airport consultant Mark Sixel, who counts Fargo's Hector International Airport as a client, said the federal government's largesse was not Devils Lake's fault.

"They didn't ask for this amount, they didn't lobby for it. It just fell out of the sky when the grants were awarded. They just got it," Sixel said.

Sixel said the issue was the formula the FAA used in determining the grants. It was based on passenger volume, debt and cash reserves. The formula put a heavy emphasis on the cash-

to-debt ratio, rewarding airports with cash on hand and low debt.

The problem came when an airport, such as Devils Lake, had zero debt. When the FAA plugged a zero into the formula, it came back with an error message because dividing by zero won't compute. So, Sixel said, somebody at the FAA put in an artificial number to correct the error.

"They plugged in 25. Who did it and why they picked the number 25 is something they aren't answering, but that's how Devils Lake ended up with \$17 million," Sixel said. "Airports with no debt and just a little bit of cash in reserve, even if it was \$1, were rewarded."

Devils Lake wasn't the only small airport to be so richly rewarded. One in Sun Valley, Idaho, was supposed to get \$18 million. About \$17 million was set for Mason City Municipal Airport in Iowa. Garden City Regional Airport in Kansas was granted \$18 million.

Those figures pale in raw numbers to the money granted huge airports, like John F. Kennedy International in New York City that received \$193 million. But on scale, that money is a drop in the pail at JFK. It could fund the massive airport, which handles almost 60 million passengers a year, for three months.

The Devils Lake number even stands out in North Dakota. The state's largest airport, Hector, received almost \$22 million. Bismarck is in line for \$20 million and Grand Forks International was granted \$19 million.

It kind of makes a person wonder. With trillions of dollars going out the door when Congress hastily (and rightly) passed the coronavirus relief bill last month, how much of it is properly accounted for and how much is wrongly routed with hazy legislative language and formulas?

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Alexander Erickson unloads donated items from a metal storage container pod at The Arc Attic Treasures in south Fargo on Wednesday, April 29.

SAFETY FIRST

Thrift stores flatten the curve of donations during the pandemic



By Ryan Stotts
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Fargo

The best thing they can give people right now is safety. That's the consensus of regional thrift stores, where coronavirus pandemic operating

procedures have changed everything about how people donate and shop.

While some have chosen to shut down completely, others have instilled sanitation, crowd control, and donation drop-off measures designed to keep

customers and staff as healthy as possible.

Goodwill Regional Manager of Retail Services East Jodi Hodny, who oversees locations on the eastern side of North Dakota, said both Fargo locations are closed for donations and

in-store shopping, but she hopes that might change by May 4.

"It will still be limited hours," Hodny said, "and limited times to donate."

All 22 Fargo employees were offered other duties while the

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United Way of Cass-Clay cancels its annual Day of Caring event

By Helmut Schmidt
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FARGO - The United Way of Cass-Clay has canceled this year's Day of Caring, which had been

scheduled for Oct. 8.. The annual event features volunteers fanning out across the area to help senior citizens with tasks such as clean-

ing, painting and minor repairs.

Last year, 2,000 volunteers from 179 businesses helped 600 senior citizens in Cass and Clay

counties. The unknowns regarding the COVID-19 virus and its risks to senior **UNITED WAY:** Page B4

Costco to require its shoppers to wear face masks

By Ryan Stotts
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WEST FARGO — If you want to shop at Costco you'll need a mask.

The warehouse retailer will return to normal operating hours May 4, and according to its corporate COVID-19 update page, customers older than 2 years old will be required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth for in-warehouse shopping.

"This requirement does not apply to children under the age of 2 or to individuals who are unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition," according to the site. "The use of a mask or face covering should not be seen as a substitute for social distancing. Please continue to observe rules

regarding appropriate distancing while on Costco premises."

Other pandemic policy highlights include no more than two people entering the warehouse per membership card, priority access for health care workers and first responders, limited or no service in some departments, notably the hearing aid and optical departments, and a reminder on the use of reusable bags.

"Unless prohibited by local mandates, Costco is allowing members to use their own reusable shopping bags as long as they pack the bags themselves," according to the site.

For more information visit www.costco.com/covid-updates.html

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Local organizations form fund to cover discounts for health care workers at participating restaurants

By Carissa Wigginton
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A group of local organizations have established a "Hospitality for Healthcare" fund to provide assistance and show support for health care workers, first responders and community restaurants through food.

Over 20 restaurants in the area are offering a \$15 discount to health care employees and first responders, which includes EMTs, paramed-

ics, police officers and firefighters, through the month of May.

The "Hospitality for Healthcare" fund, set up by the Fargo-Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Community Partnership and FM Area Foundation, will reimburse the participating restaurants the cost of the discounts, according to a press

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Black Coffee and Waffle Bar at 550 2nd Ave. N., Fargo, is one of several restaurants offering a \$15 discount to health care employees and first responders through the month of May.

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May	833¼	851	833¼	850¼	18.50
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Sep	521¼	528¼	512¼	528	7.00
Dec	529¼	537	522	536¼	5.75
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Yest. sales: 857; Open interest: 981					
OATS	5,000 bu min. - cent/bushel				
Jul	286	287	283	284	0.50
Sep	266¼	266½	266	265	-0.75
Dec	253½	254	252	252½	-0.50
May	—	—	—	257½	2.25
Jul	—	—	—	255¼	0.00
Sep	—	—	—	262½	0.00
Yest. sales: 190; Open interest: 1,967					
MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN	5,000 bu. - e/bushel				
May	491¼	500¼	490	500½	8.50
Jul	508¼	518¼	504	515½	8.00
Sep	518¼	528	515½	525¼	7.25
Dec	532¼	540¼	529	538½	6.25
Mar	547	554	543¼	552	5.50
May	555½	562¼	553	560¼	5.50
Yest. sales: 55; Open interest: 541					
Minneapolis Hard Red Spring Wheat					

ICE SUGAR WORLD 11					
	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
Jul	10.50	11.01	10.25	10.97	0.47
Oct	10.71	11.24	10.52	11.20	0.49
Mar	11.42	11.92	11.20	11.88	0.46
May	11.39	11.87	11.19	11.82	0.43
Jul	11.39	11.79	11.18	11.74	0.35
Oct	11.56	11.95	11.38	11.89	0.33
Yest. sales: 90,736; Open interest: 368,786					
SOYBEAN MEAL	40,000 lbs. - cent/lb				
May	283.60	289.90	282.70	289.60	6.40
Jul	288.80	295.70	287.70	295.10	6.50
Aug	290	295.90	288.60	295.20	5.50
Sep	291.60	296.40	290.10	295.70	4.70
Oct	292	296.80	291	296	4.00
Dec	294.70	298.90	293.70	297.90	3.30
Yest. sales: 1,686; Open interest: 2,582					
FEEDER CATTLE	50,000 lbs. - cent/lb.				
Apr	119.30	119.30	118.95	119.18	-0.38
May	117.58	118.30	116.85	117.10	-1.45
Aug	127.20	128.30	126.18	126½	-1.95
Sep	128¼	129.45	127.83	128.15	-1.53
Oct	129½	130.35	128¼	129.03	-1.53
Nov	130.20	130.93	129.43	129.68	-1.70
Yest. sales: 120; Open interest: 907					
LIVE CATTLE	40,000 lbs. - cent/lb.				
Apr	87.90	90.40	85	90	4.40
Jun	83.60	86.85	83.53	85.95	1.68
Aug	90.20	93	90.03	92.10	1.33
Oct	95	97.10	94.80	96.33	0.70
Dec	99.23	100.83	98.90	100¼	0.57
Feb	103.83	105.08	103.58	104.55	0.35
Yest. sales: 74; Open interest: 100					
HOGS	40,000 lbs. - cent/lb.				
May	57.43	59.48	57.40	59.13	2.85
Jun	55.30	59¼	55.03	58.95	3.43
Jul	58.30	60.70	57.88	60½	2.03
Aug	60.45	63.05	60.45	62.80	1.70
Oct	56½	58.10	56.23	57.80	1.30
Dec	55.13	57.13	54.65	56.65	1.53
Yest. sales: 1,010; Open interest: 2,495					

GAINERS					
	CLOSE	CHG%	YTD%		
Discovery Inc	57.95	+68.84	+59.82		
Bel Fuse	9.99	+33.91	-51.27		
Int Money	40.88	+23.76	-16.94		
Co-Diagnostics	13.47	+18.78+1,405.0			
Arcturus	40.86	+18.43+275.90			
Liberty Global	21.49	+17.37	-1.40		
Liberty Global	22.28	+14.73	-2.02		
Virtus Inv	93.00	+14.43	-23.60		
ASGN	53.04	+14.19	-25.26		
LOSERS					
	CLOSE	CHG%	YTD%		
Pulse Bioscience	8.60	-23.42	-35.87		
Weyerhaeuser	17.97	-17.83	-40.50		
Option Care Hlth	11.88	-16.92+218.50			
Greenhill	8.90	-16.59	-47.89		
Marlin Bus Svcs	8.88	-16.54	-59.60		
Aravive	11.21	-16.53	-18.00		
Concert Pharma	8.36	-16.23	-9.38		
Huron Consul	46.97	-16.18	-31.65		
CURO	7.85	-15.77	-35.55		

MOST ACTIVE					
	CLOSE	CHG%	YTD%		
GE	6.50	-4.41	-41.76		
American Airline	10.64	-11.41	-62.90		
AMD	48.88	-4.79	+8.77		
Carnivl	13.93	-12.39	-72.59		
Apple	289.07	-1.61	-1.56		
BofAml	23.08	-4.03	-34.47		
United Arlins	26.62	-10.01	-69.78		
Inovio Pharma	10.28	-14.55+211.52			
Delta Air	24.12	-6.91	-58.76		
Nrwn Crs Ln Hldg	13.84	-15.61	-76.31		
Microsoft	174.57	-2.59	+10.70		
Marathon Oil	5.50	-10.13	-59.50		
AT&T	29.90	-1.87	-23.49		
Occidental	15.24	-8.19	-63.02		
Boeing	133.37	-5.42	-59.06		
Southwest	29.23	-6.46	-45.85		
Exxon Mobil	43.14	-7.17	-38.18		
Wells Fargo	27.59	-5.03	-48.72		
Macy's	5.36	-8.53	-68.47		
Gilead Sciences	79.95	-4.82	+23.04		

LOCAL STOCKS							
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG%	YTD%	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG%	YTD%
3M Co (MMM)	148.60	-3.32	-15.8	Kimco (KIM)	17.60	-0.31	-68.8
Agilent (A)	74.21	-2.45	-13.0	Kohls (KSS)	10.64	-0.82	-85.4
Amazon (AMZN)	2,286.0	-187.96	+23.7	Lowes (LOW)	104.46	-0.29	-12.8
ManExp (AXP)	88.32	-2.93	-29.1	ManpwrGp (MAN)	70.40	-3.84	-27.5
Apache (APA)	11.28	-1.80	-55.9	Marsh&McCl (MMC)	97.10	-0.23	-12.8
Apple (AAPL)	289.07	-4.73	-1.6	Mastec (MTZ)	37.13	+1.23	-4.2
ArchDan (ADM)	35.12	-2.02	-24.2	McDnlds (MCD)	182.66	-1.90	-7.6
AT&T Inc (T)	29.90	-0.57	-23.5	MDU Res (MDU)	21.12	-1.34	-28.9
BerkH (BRKb)	182.67	-4.69	-19.4	Metrnc (MDT)	95.14	-2.49	-16.1
BestBuy (BBY)	72.26	-4.47	-17.7	MercGn (MCY)	39.68	-1.28	-18.6
BlkHillsCp (BKH)	59.73	-2.21	-23.9	Merck (MRK)	77.67	-1.67	-14.6
Boeing (BA)	133.37	-7.65	-59.1	Microsoft (MSFT)	174.57	-4.64	+10.7
BP PLC (BP)	22.83	-0.97	-39.5	Mylan (MYL)	16.13	-0.65	-19.8
BP Prr (BPT)	4.37	-0.11	-36.5	Netflix (NFLX)	415.27	-4.58	+28.3
CabotO&G (COG)	20.22	-1.40	+16.1	NodakIns (NODK)	12.67	-0.84	-26.3
CaseNewHolland (CNH)	6.01	-0.23	-45.4	Nokia (NOK)	3.60	+0.02	-3.0
CaseyGrnStr (CASY)	149.75	-1.66	-5.8	OtterTail (OTTR)	42.91	-1.47	-16.3
Caterpillar (CAT)	110.88	-5.50	-24.9	OwensMin (OMI)	7.36	+0.28	+42.4
CedarF (FNU)	27.68	-1.16	-50.1	PepsiCo (PEP)	130.14	-2.15	-4.8
Chevron (CVX)	89.44	-2.56	-25.8	Pfizer (PFE)	37.64	-0.72	-3.9
Cisco (CSCO)	40.92	-1.46	-14.7	PlainsAA (PAA)	8.26	-0.57	-55.1
Citigroup (CI)	45.52	-3.04	-43.0	Polaris (PII)	65.64	-5.29	-35.5
CntryLink (CTL)	10.17	-0.45	-23.0	ProctGam (PG)	116.82	-1.05	-6.5
CocaCola (KO)	45.60	-0.29	-17.6	QuantaSvc (PWR)	34.97	-1.39	-14.1
ConAgra (CAG)	33.28	-0.16	-2.8	Siemens (SI)	15.23	-0.67	-4.3
CP Rwy (CP)	221.64	-5.69	-13.1	SiriusXM (SIRI)	5.80	-0.11	-18.9
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BUILDING PERMITS

Fargo

3214 Evergreen Road N., residential remodel, \$26,000
 4941 43rd St. S., new garage, \$8,000
 6576 59th Ave. S., residential remodel, \$9,000
 American Waterworks, 1137 8th St. N., residential remodel, \$12,540
 American Waterworks, 1137 8th St. N., residential remodel, \$14,174
 ADP Engineering and Architecture, 3760 51st Ave. S., new commercial building, \$2,800,000
 Huso Jupic Construction, 3620 Cordova Loop S., new dwelling, \$373,208
 JNR Construction, 3680 Fairway Road N., residential remodel, \$12,750
 Hanlon Construction, 1719 23rd St. S., residential remodel, \$15,300
 Revamped Home Renovations and Repairs, 1217 48th Ave. S., residential remodel, \$32,000
 Designer Homes, 3051 Prairie Farms Circle S., new dwelling, \$316,690
 Accent Contracting, 1809 12th Ave. S., residential remodel, \$4,000
 Key Contracting, 1821 5th Ave. S., demolition, \$1,000
 Hanlon Construction, 2374 20th Ave. S., commercial remodel, \$18,950
 7214 Eagle Pointe Dr. S., new dwelling, \$189,565
 JLG Architects, 1401 Albrecht Blvd. N., public building, \$607,097
 American Concrete and Excavating, 810 18th Ave. S., residential remodel, \$5,000
 American Concrete and Excavating, 85 28th Ave. NE., residential remodel, \$5,000
 1760 75th Ave. S., residential remodel, \$3,000
 T&S Custom Homes, 3117 Fiechtner Drive S., commercial remodel, \$5,000
 7040 14th St. S., residential remodel, \$5,000
 Paces Lodging, 3485 Jacks Way S., parking lot, \$1,074,888
 1123 5th Ave. S., commercial remodel, \$20,000
 Kilbourne Construction Management, 114 Broadway, commercial remodel, \$33,000
 1505 35th Ave. S., new garage, \$10,000
 Jordahl Custom Homes, 6639 60th Ave. S., new dwelling, \$250,000
 J&L Construction, 3316 Maple Leaf Loop S., new dwelling, \$180,515
 J&L Construction, 3298 Maple Leaf Loop S., new dwelling, \$180,515
 6916 24th St. S., residential remodel, \$4,000
 7360 17th St. S., residential remodel, \$4,200
 Brookstone Property, 1338 Gateway Drive S., commercial remodel, \$100,000
 Goldmark Property Management, 1730 40th St. S., demolition, \$15,000
 Brookstone Property, 7374 24th St. S., new dwelling, \$177,172
 6084 14th St. S., residential remodel, \$2,000
 SMD Remodeling, 1347 6th St. S., residential remodel, \$21,000

Moorhead

Boulder Creek Custom Homes, 1502 5th St. S., residential alteration, \$26,000
 Diversified Contractors, 720 6th St. S., non-residential addition, \$863,800
 Middle Ground Holdings, 515 8th St. S., residential alteration, \$15,000
 1215 26th Ave. S., residential alteration, \$2,000
 Aurora Adult Foster Care, 1210 32nd St. Circle S., residential alteration, \$5,000
 Sprenger Midwest, 4141 30th Ave. S., non-residential addition, \$143,800
 M&J Construction, 421 Maple Lane, residential alteration, \$1,200
 A&B Improvements, 104 16th Ave. S., residential alteration, \$9,500
 Thomsen Homes, 4519 17th St. S., single family house, \$143,500
 1317 12th Ave. S., residential alteration, \$13,000
 3638 17th St. S., residential alteration, \$135
 SSC Construction, 4308 41st Ave. S., residential alteration, \$7,500
 Home Depot USA, 1809 15th St. S., residential alteration, \$4,044
 JV Hough Inc., 4529 19th St. S., single family house, \$175,000
 925 41st Ave. S., residential alteration, \$9,999
 Zulauf Construction, 908 18th St. S., non-residential addition, \$17,000
 1211 12th St. N., residential alteration, \$2,300
 JV Hough Inc., 4517 19th St. S., single family house, \$160,000
 JV Hough Inc., 4523 19th St. S., single family house, \$170,000
 1541 Johnson Drive, residential alteration, \$800
 1126 15th St. N., residential alteration, \$2,500

Forum staff reports

Northwestern hires Holte & Wordes

Northwestern Bank is excited to announce the hire of Molly Holte as a Retail Banker in our Dilworth location and Rebekka Wordes as a Retail Banker in our Moorhead location.

American Crystal Promotes Dollerschell

Mark Dollerschell has been promoted to Assistant Packaging and Warehouse Supervisor at American Crystal Sugar Company's Moorhead factory.



In this position, he will oversee all aspects of product storage, packaging, shipping and maintenance operations for sugar and by-products. An employee since 2014, he most recently held the position of Packaging Technician 2 at the Moorhead factory. Dollerschell holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science and a minor in Coaching from Minnesota State University Moorhead.

American Crystal is a grower-owned cooperative and the nation's largest beet sugar producer with operating facilities in Moorhead, Crookston and East Grand Forks, Minn.; Hillsboro and Drayton, ND; and Sidney, MT.



Ellefson Rygh Stennerson

Eide Bailly Partner Promotions

Eide Bailly LLP, a regional CPA and business advisory firm, announces the promotions of three staff members in the Fargo office.

Blake Ellefson has been promoted to Audit Partner, while David Rygh and Chantal Stennerson have both been promoted to Tax Partner.

Congratulations to the new partners!

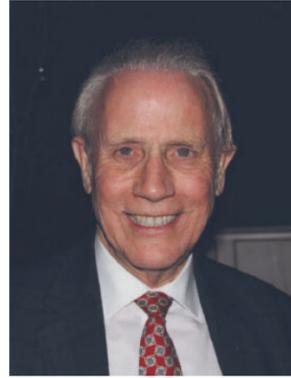
John Pierce Joins Pifer's Auction & Realty & Land Management

John Pierce has joined Pifer's Auction & Realty and Pifer's Land Management as a Business Development Associate. John will focus on equipment, land auctions and farmland management.

Pifer's, headquartered in Moorhead, MN, has been identified as the 5th largest land auction company in America. Pifer's also manages nearly 250,000 acres of farmland throughout the United States. Pifer's conducts land and equipment auctions in eight states.

John worked in the Office of Advancement at Concordia College from 1969-2020. During his tenure at Concordia College John was instrumental in raising over \$100 million for the college. He was born and raised at Page, ND. He managed the family farm for six years before joining Concordia College.

"We are excited that John is joining our team," said Kevin Pifer, CEO of Pifer's. "John has a proven track record of excellence and success. He brings a wealth of experience to our company."



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Work continues at the Lights on Sheyenne along 32nd Avenue and Sheyenne Street near the West Fargo Sports Arena.

New businesses, including bar and grill, to open at Lights on Sheyenne 32 May 1, if state allows opening

By Wendy Reuer

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While many are stuck inside waiting out the COVID-19 pandemic, work has continued on the Lights on Sheyenne 32 development near 32nd Avenue and Sheyenne Street South. A new restaurant and bar as well as a salon and nutrition and clothing shops are expected to open soon.

The city's first publicly owned parking ramp opened up last fall. The open plaza for entertainment that will be managed by nonprofit West Fargo Events is nearing completion with upcoming events tentatively planned, and the first of four mixed-use buildings is already accepting residential tenants and is on track to open to businesses May 1, if state-mandated business closures ease by then.

The first phase of the project, which includes four buildings, the parking ramp and plaza, carried a roughly \$54 million price tag and is under construction on about 6.3 acres. The city officially took over the parking ramp earlier this year and has been working with Epic Properties and the school district for additional parking plans.

McKenzy Olson, vice president of marketing and public relations for Epic Properties, said they and West Fargo Events had planned to announce some exciting events for the plaza this summer on March 17, but the announcement was delayed due to the pandemic. Now, as landscaping and final details are finished at the plaza, Olson said events will be announced as they are deemed safe.

"Right now we are waiting to hear what happens with guidelines for open-



ing up," Olson said. "We just really don't know right now; a lot of it is up in the air."

Lights on Sheyenne 32's first building, Epic at the Lights, opened to residents on March 1.

"Tenants have been actively moving in," Olson said. "Commercial tenants are set to open May 1, depending on the government guidelines."

Epic at the Lights will be home to a new West Fargo bar and grill, Bar Down, which will be the anchor tenant, along with a women's clothing boutique, Lights Nutrition, Taylor Jane Photography and Amy Rose Salon.

The second building, called Echo at the Lights, is on track to open this fall, possibly in September or October, Olson said.

Echo at the Lights will be anchored by Bell Bank, which is also planning to reconstruct its building on north Sheyenne into an eight-story mixed-use building once the southern location is open. About 36 two-story residential buildings will also be available at Echo at the Lights. The second floor remains open for leasing at this time.

Olson said developers are hoping to secure a coffee-related business to utilize the area behind the large billboard that has a drive-thru space constructed.

Timelines for the construction of the third building on the west side of the development and the fourth building, which will be connected to the parking ramp, are currently tentative but could begin once the second building is finished later this fall.

"We're kind of waiting to see how things progress," Olson said. "We're hoping that that is the case."

The Lights on Sheyenne 32 became a formal plan after the school district bought 13 acres of land on the corner of Sheyenne Street and 32nd Avenue South to build what is now the West Fargo Sports Arena. School officials then joined forces with city staff and developers to create a master plan for that area that would include room for businesses and restaurants in one of the few commercial spots left in West Fargo.

Todd Berning and his associates, Epic Properties, headed the Sheyenne Plaza and Pioneer Place projects on the north end of Sheyenne Street and brought forward a plan to build a multi-building plaza that would be home to retail and restaurants, residential space, an open-air public pavilion and a large parking ramp on the northwest corner of Sheyenne Street and 32nd Avenue.

Readers can reach Wendy Reuer at 701-241-5530.

Swanson Hired at Bell Investments

Tyler Swanson, CFP®, has been hired as vice president/wealth advisor with Bell Investments, located at Bell Bank in The Colonnade, 5500 Wayzata Boulevard, in Minneapolis. Swanson is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional. In his new position, Swanson helps individuals and families develop a plan designed to help them meet their long-term financial goals.

A native of West Fargo, N.D., and a graduate of Bethel University with a degree in business finance, Swanson lives in St. Paul, Minn., with his wife, Sara, and their son.

Bell Investments is located at Bell Bank. Founded in 1966 and headquartered in Fargo, N.D., Bell Bank is one of the nation's largest independently owned banks, with full-service banking locations in Minnesota, North Dakota and Arizona. Bell Bank has more than \$7.5 billion in assets. It also more than \$7 billion in assets under management through its wealth management division.

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Olson Hired at Bell Bank

Amy Olson has been hired as vice president/retirement plan consultant at Bell Bank, located at 15 Broadway in Fargo. In her new position, Olson will provide service, relationship management and education to existing 401(k) plan sponsors and employees as well as other retirement plan types.

Originally from Fargo, Olson received a bachelor's degree from Concordia College, and a master's degree from University of St. Thomas. In her career, she has worked at Gate City Bank, Mutual of America, Clark Consulting and Discovery Benefits.

Olson lives in Fargo with her husband, Chad. Founded in 1966 and headquartered in Fargo, N.D., Bell Bank is one of the nation's largest independently owned banks, with full-service banking locations in Minnesota, North Dakota and Arizona and more than \$6.5 billion in assets. Bell Bank Wealth Management, with offices in Fargo, Minneapolis and Boise, Idaho, has been entrusted with more than \$7 billion in assets under management. The division includes an array of financial services, including financial planning, trust and estate planning, investment management, retirement services and insurance.



Kramer Hired at Bell Bank

Clay Kramer has been hired as a credit officer at Bell Bank, located at 3100 13th Avenue South in Fargo. In his new position, Kramer will underwrite ag and commercial loans and assist with the administration of the ag/commercial loan portfolio.

Originally from Phillips, Wis., Kramer earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Minnesota State University Moorhead and a master's degree in agricultural and applied economics at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Kramer has been in the banking field for 8 years. He joins Bell from AgCountry Farm Credit Services.

Kramer lives in Fargo. He and his wife, Julie, have two small children.

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Fredrikson & Byron Recognized by Chambers USA



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Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, an annual legal guide identifying the top attorneys and law firms in the United States, recognized three North Dakota-based practice areas and five Fargo-based attorneys from Fredrikson & Byron in its 2020 edition.

Fredrikson received the highest ranking, Firm Band 1, for the following practice areas in North Dakota: Corporate/Commercial, Labor & Employment, and Litigation: General Commercial.

The Fredrikson attorneys ranked in North Dakota include: Kristy Albrecht (Labor & Employment), Benjamin Hasbrouck (Litigation: General Commercial), Michael Raum (Corporate/Commercial), Todd Zimmerman (Litigation: General Commercial) and Aubrey Zuger (Labor & Employment; Litigation: General Commercial).

DONATIONS

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stores remained closed, she said. Most accepted. "We just have them really clean and fill the store, so when we open back up we can almost have a type of re-grand opening," she said. Strict safety procedures have been put in place. "We're trying to distance six feet," Hodny said. "We're trying to unload the person's vehicle on our own, so they don't have to come near us." Goodwill is asking people to put all soft items in garbage bags, she said, and all hard goods in boxes. Once they come in, all items are put into larger Gaylord boxes for a minimum of 72 hours, to kill off any potential virus contamination, which Hodny said is the guideline from the Centers for Disease Control. "All our attendants are wearing masks and gloves," Hodny said.

There's a checklist every time a shift begins: Employees have their temperatures taken, and they're asked a series of health questions. They sanitize the stores, as well as their hands, at half-hour intervals. The dressing rooms remain closed. All of these procedures will be used when the Fargo stores open again, Hodny said. Arc Attic Treasures Store Manager Dawn Nystrom said they're still taking donations and are open for business, but it's hardly as usual. "We really had to change what we do," Nystrom said. Two large metal outdoor storage pod containers now house all donation items, which customers deposit inside themselves. Once filled, the pods must



Alexander Erickson carries a used iMac from a metal storage container pod at The Arc Attic Treasures in south Fargo on Wednesday, April 29.

sit for up to three days. Then they're emptied and cleaned and opened back up. The system has caused logistical headaches when it comes to taking in items, Nystrom said, and it's best to call to see if a pod is available before bringing in anything, but it's been crucial in keeping staff and customers safe. "It's kind of like contact-free donating," she said. Arc has two Fargo thrift stores, Nystrom manages the southside location, with a total of approximately 20 employees. While no one directly lost their job due to the pandemic, she said, initially most people were fearful and didn't

want to work. "For the first couple of weeks, we had literally five people willing to work," Nystrom said. She said that's changed since employees have seen the safety precautions they've taken. Alexander Erickson, 22, is a member of Nystrom's staff, and he's worked all through the pandemic. "We take our precautions very seriously," Erickson said. He often works the sale's register, but he can also be found sorting, pricing, organizing and unloading donation items, as well as working in the warehouse. "I've seen lots of changes around the

store," he said. Every employee has a minimum of three masks, he said, to be sure they always have a clean one. Social distancing has been enforced by orange tape inside the store. Sanitation of everything is now a regular practice. "This is pretty unprecedented," Erickson said. "I really do feel like there are definite consequences if we don't take some kind of action." The nine regional Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch thrift stores are closed until further notice,

Vice President of Retail Operations Lisa Olson said, but they're hoping to be back in operation within the first few weeks of May. "We just have to get a few of our safety precautions, and appropriate personal protective equipment and sanitizing stations, set before we will open to the public," Olson said. Donations will resume when an opening date is announced, she said. All store locations closed March 18, Olson said, but the two warehouses have remained open. Of the

150 employees in North Dakota, approximately 100 are in the Fargo area. "Our full-time staff, who are not taking care of their children, or are teaching their distance learning at their schools, have remained on staff," Olson said. Part-time workers who were displaced were eligible for unemployment, she said, but they hope to bring them all back once the stores reopen. "When we do reopen to the public, we will look different," Olson said. Reduced donation schedules will go into effect, she said, because all items will need to be quarantined. Storage space is also at a premium. "In essence," Olson said, "we want to flatten the curve of donations." Employees will be masked and gloved, she said, and customers will be asked to wear masks while shopping in the stores. A limited number of people will be allowed in at any given time, as well. Donations will be one car at a time and should be limited to saleable-condition items. "There may be some wait times because there's just going to be that extra level of space and security," Olson said. In the end, the one thing they're all hoping for is the good will of their customers during an admittedly trying time, especially since thrift store purchases often support the various organizations' larger missions. "We want to be safe," Hodny said. "We want to keep ourselves safe, and the customers, so that they feel comfortable coming in." Readers can reach Forum reporter Ryan Stotts at 701-241-5466

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UNITED WAY

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citizens and volunteers was a big part of the decision to cancel this year's event. "Every year we enjoyed seeing our community come together to help, and care, about each other. With the pandemic, it was important that we looked at how we best serve our community's seniors. And this year it was to keep them healthy by not having volunteers entering their home," Kristi Huber, president and CEO of United Way of Cass-Clay, said Thursday, April 30. Senior citizens who hosted volunteers in their homes last year will

receive a letter from United Way informing them that the event will no longer be held. The agency also said it will contact people who have volunteered previously. Community members with questions can email unitedway@cassclay.org, or phone 701-237-5050. Readers can reach Forum reporter Helmut Schmidt at (701) 241-5583

DISCOUNTS

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release issued earlier this week. To receive \$15 off an order, health care industry workers and first responders must ask the participating establishments for the health care and first responder discount and show their badge upon pickup or delivery. Anyone who works at a health care facility is included. Orders must be placed directly with the establishment in order to receive the discount. Additional information on the fund, participating restaurants, how the program works and how interested restaurants can join can be found at fargomoorhead.org and downtownfargo.com. People can donate at both aforementioned links, as well as areafoundation.org and fmwfcchamber.com.

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LIFE

THE GREAT

TOMATO RACE

Gardening and bragging just don't seem compatible. Quietly enjoying the warm sunshine while digging the soil, gently planting flowers and vegetables while listening to the birds chirp doesn't mesh with boasting about how good we are.

There's an exception, though. The neighborhood gardener who beats the rest of us to the first decent-sized ripe tomato deserves bragging rights, and the rest of us gladly give our kudos. After all, growing an early radish is child's play compared to the holy grail of all vegetables: the first ripe tomato of the season.

The speed at which tomatoes grow and ripen can be hastened with the following tips.

- ▶ Tomatoes are a warm-season crop. Everything that can be done to encourage warmth of both air and soil will hasten growth and yield.

- ▶ When deciding which tomato varieties to plant, check the tag for days to maturity, which is an average indicator of the time from transplanting into the garden until first harvest. The listed days aren't from seeding, but rather garden transplanting.

- ▶ Early tomatoes are listed as 55 to 65 days from transplanting to ripe fruit, such as Early Girl, Park's Whopper and Better Bush. Midseason, main-crop tomatoes are 68 to 78 days as in Celebrity, Big Beef, Beefy Boy, Sheyenne, Superfantastic and Mountain Spring. Late-ripening types list maturity days of 80 to 110, which includes many Beefsteak types as well as some of the heirloom varieties.



DON KINZLER
Growing Together

- ▶ Combine early, midseason and late types for season-long production.

- ▶ Check tags for the terms determinate or indeterminate. Determinate types grow to a certain plant size, then ripen fruit in a concentrated time span, which is handy when desiring a larger quantity of fruit for processing or canning at one time. Growth habit is more bushlike. Indeterminate types produce vines all season, and cages or stakes are necessary for their sprawling habit. Fruit ripening is less consolidated but spread over a longer time frame.

- ▶ When shopping for tomato plants, look for rich green color and stocky stems.

- ▶ Tomatoes are best grown in full, all-day sunshine. If that's not an option, six hours of direct sun is considered a minimum.

- ▶ Newly planted tomatoes must have warmth. Frost protection isn't the only temperature-related issue. The roots of tomato transplants won't grow until soil temperature reaches about 55 to 60 degrees. If planted in cold soil, tomato transplants can be permanently damaged. By May 20-25, air and soil temperatures are usually satisfactory for quick tomato plant takeoff.

- ▶ Plant a tomato or two in the warm microclimate of your home's sunny south side for faster



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Tomato plants require both warm soil and warm air temperatures for rapid growth.

production.

- ▶ Soil can be warmed early in the garden using clear plastic as a soil mulch to capture the greenhouse solar heating effect. Weight the edges with soil and cut an "X" in the center at planting time. The plastic mulch can even be laid down a week or two before planting to kick-start soil warmth.

- ▶ Before planting, "harden off" tomato plants in a wind-protected area outdoors for seven days. Gradually expose to full sunshine and breeze.

- ▶ Plant tomatoes deeply because roots will form along the buried stem, making a stronger

plant that's less exposed to wind whipping. Remove lower leaves first.

- ▶ Ideal plant spacing is 24 to 36 inches apart. If cages or stakes are planned, the closer spacing can be used.

- ▶ Water-soluble "starter fertilizer" supplies nutrition for faster takeoff.

- ▶ Plants can be protected from chilly air temperatures with clear plastic bottomless jugs, hotcaps or other protective devices, such as the "Wall-O-Water" circular water-filled plastic tent.

- ▶ I'll share one last secret. Early blossoms often drop without setting fruit when night



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Check plant labels for days to maturity to select early, midseason or late types.

temperatures drop below 50 or 55 degrees. A naturally occurring plant hormone called "Blossom Set," sold by garden centers, greatly aids fruit

set on early blossoms.

Don Kinzler, a lifelong gardener, is the horticulturist with North Dakota State University Extension for Cass County. Readers can reach him at kinzlerd@casscountynynd.gov or call 701-241-5707.

Knotty tree problem, Epsom salts myth and bare-root planting



Special to The Forum

A reader wonders what causes these black growths on their tree and what they can do about it now.

By Don Kinzler

Q: I have some black cankers or growths on a tree in my yard. What is this, and is there anything I need to do about it now? — Tom Frappier.

A: The disease is called black knot, which is caused by a fungus. It is very common on Canada red cherry, chokecherry and other members of the plum family of trees, and is very visible during the dormant season, when trees are bare of leaves.

The disease causes blackened, distorted growths along branches, and can progress throughout the tree, eventually invading large, main trunks. If left unchecked, branches eventually die beyond the point of the cancerlike growths.

FIELDING QUESTIONS

Control is admittedly difficult and the disease spread can be reduced, but often not eliminated totally. To control the disease, prune out the black knots in late winter, which is the preferred time, when the disease isn't active. Pruning during the growing season can spread the disease.

Plant pathologist Jim Walla, with Northern Tree Specialties, describes the recommendations well: "Effective pruning is best done before leaves form on the trees. The galls are easiest to find and new infections can already be happening by the time leaves

are present.

"The galls should be pruned at least 4 inches below the gall, or down to the next crotch, without leaving a branch stub. The fungus is within the branch, so if you don't prune far enough below the gall, the infection may remain.

"If the galls are left on the ground or in an area near the susceptible trees, spores can spread back to the tree. Collect all galls, place in a closed container, bury or move at least 600 feet away."

Trees can be protected with a fungicide containing active ingredients such as captan or chlorothalonil following the label directions. Fungicides can help, but spraying alone is

ineffective without proper pruning, and spraying won't make the existing galls go away.

Q: Is it really true Epsom salts are a good fertilizer for tomatoes and other vegetables? — Teri Hall Smith, Fargo.

A: North Dakota State University, in a past summary written by horticulturist Tom Kalb, describes it well: "Many of us have a few tricks we've developed in growing a great garden. One trick is to put a scoop of Epsom salts into each hole when planting tomatoes. Some gardeners swear it prevents blossom end rot. It's time to debunk that myth.

"Epsom salts don't stop

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Can person-centered care happen in facilities with COVID-19 restrictions?

Dear Carol: My mom's had dementia for a decade, and she's been living in the memory care unit of a nursing home for three years. The staff there are like family and they've been well trained in person-centered care. Now, though, the family is restricted from visiting because the staff is understandably consumed with not allowing the virus into the home.

Hard as it is, I agree with what they're doing, only I'm afraid that



CAROL BRADLEY BURSACK
Minding Our Elders

there's little time for the hands-on, individual care that's been so valuable. I'm not expecting things to be "normal," but is there a prayer that Mom is getting the understanding care that she received in the past? How can I keep better tabs on how she's

doing? — MH.

Dear MH: I can only imagine your worry about how your mom's care is going. Caregivers have always been concerned about their loved ones receiving individualized care, but like so many things, this is now more challenging to monitor.

Assisted living facilities and nursing homes that made a strong effort to deliver person-centered care prior to this virus outbreak will likely do reasonably well now.

You are fortunate to know and like the staff, so that should give you some reassurance that they are doing all that they can. Things are certainly different, but many of these caregivers are creative thinkers and will work hard for their residents.

Even though you can't be there in person, there are still some ways to stay connected:

- ▶ Ask for regular phone conversations with a staff member who can tell you

how your mom is doing, both emotionally and physically.

- ▶ Ask about her medications and how their supply stands. Are there adjustments in medication dosages or any other changes? If so, why?

- ▶ Keep records of your talks, including who you spoke with and the date, in case you need to refer to something later.

- ▶ Ask them to arrange video or phone visits with your mom if she can't do this on her own. Seeing

your face or hearing your voice will make a difference.

- ▶ Remember that handwritten notes are still cherished by many. Notes from you, pictures from grandchildren, homemade cards — they are all welcome. Check with the care home first to see what protocol they've put in place.

- ▶ Work with the facility, understanding that most of them are doing their

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MILESTONES

GETTING MARRIED? CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY? SHARE THE NEWS IN THE FORUM

Every Saturday, the Forum's Milestones section shares milestone news with its readers such as engagements, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, Scout honors, reunions, new babies and more. Publication fees start at \$25 or \$35. To have your special news included at a discount

price, go to www.inforum.com and click on the "Milestones" tab. For more information, contact our Forum Content Services at (701) 241-5509 or email milestones@forumcomm.com. The deadline for a Saturday edition is 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

BIRTHDAY



Ruthie Hoglund Turns 95!

Ruthie Hoglund will mark her 95th birthday on Friday, May 8. She will celebrate at a later date. No cards requested.



Happy Birthday Walt!

Walter Gagelin, longtime Barney, ND Blacksmith and diehard NY Yankees fan, will celebrate 90 years on Sunday, May 10. Please send your birthday wishes to:

Walter Gagelin
882 Homestead Court
West Fargo, ND 58078

ND playwright provided hit song for Sinatra, Crosby and Willie Nelson



CURT ERIKSMOEN
Did You Know That?

By Curt Eriksmoen
By 1930, Maxwell Anderson had established a reputation as a nationally recognized playwright, screenwriter and poet. Then, during the 1930s, the decade of the Great Depression, he became one of the premier dramatists in the country.

Anderson was nominated for an Academy Award as a screenwriter in 1930 for "All Quiet on the Western Front," and during that decade, he received the Pulitzer Prize and two New York Drama Critics' Circle Awards.

Over 1,500 different plays were presented on Broadway in the 1930s, but less than 300 of them ran for 100 or more performances. Nine of Anderson's "plays hit the century mark," and no other playwright had that level of success.

In 1930, Anderson wrote "Elizabeth the Queen," a play that told the story of the English Tudor Queen Elizabeth I, and the treacherous actions of the person she reportedly loved, the Earl of Essex. The play was highly praised by the critics and ran on Broadway for 147 performances from early November 1930 to March 1931.

Because of Anderson's success as a screenwriter for the movie "All Quiet on the Western Front" in 1930, the director, Lewis Milestone, brought him back to Hollywood in 1931 to write the screenplay for W. Somerset Maugham's popular novel, "Rain."

In 1932, Anderson wrote two plays, "The Princess Renegade" and "Night Over Taos." The Princess Renegade never made it to Broadway, and Night Over Taos had to wait until 1939 before its Broadway debut, which resulted in only 13 performances.

In 1933, Anderson wrote the play "Both Your Houses," and the title for it came from a line in Romeo and Juliet, "a plague on both your houses." It reflected the public dissatisfaction with the government during the administration of President Herbert Hoover and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for drama. It was "the first play written by an American that dealt largely with political crookedness in the federal government." Although the play received critical acclaim, it only ran for 72 performances.

Later that year, Anderson wrote his second Tudor play, "Mary of Scotland," in which Helen Hayes played the title role, and Quentin Anderson, Maxwell's oldest son, who was born in Minnewaukan, N.D., played a supporting role. The play ran for 248 performances from late November 1933 to mid-July 1934.

Anderson then wrote his first American histor-

ical play, "Valley Forge," which was about George Washington's winter with the Continental Army. At the same time the play opened on Broadway on Dec. 10, 1934, Anderson was also profiled in Time magazine, and his picture appeared on the cover. Despite the free publicity, the play only lasted for 58 performances because "America was suffering from a paralyzing economic depression," and many theatergoers could not afford the price of tickets.

In 1935, Anderson wrote "Winterset," a play that a biographer said was "clearly Anderson's masterpiece." Mio, the central character, is the son of a man falsely convicted of homicide. Mio learns that a key eyewitness was never called, so he sets out to find him. Critics marveled at how Anderson was able to weave in central elements of "Romeo and Juliet," "Hamlet," "Macbeth" and "King Lear" into the play, and he received the first New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for best play. "Winterset" opened on Broadway on Sept. 25, 1935, running for 179 performances, and then went on tour of the country, running for five more years.

In 1936, Anderson wrote a play about the tragic death of Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria-Hungary and his mistress in 1889 in "The Masque of Kings," which ran for 89 performances on Broad-



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Maxwell Anderson.

way beginning in February. Later that year, he was inspired by Greek mythology when he wrote "The Wingless Victory," a tragedy that examined marital discord. The play ran on Broadway for 110 performances starting on Dec. 23, 1936, and concluded in March 1937.

"Winged Victory" was one of three plays written by Anderson that exceeded 100 performances in 1937. "High Tor," a mountain peak overlooking the Hudson River in New York, was the title of another one of his successful Broadway plays that year. It was about his neighbor, the owner of the mountain, who refused to sell it to a quarry mining conglomerate. The play began in January 1937, running for 171 performances. Anderson again received the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award.

On Sept. 29, Anderson's play, "The Star Wagon," debuted on Broadway and ran for 223 performanc-

es. It was a comedy about an inventor who creates a time machine to make his disgruntled wife happy, and Maxwell's second son, Alan Anderson, had a major role in the play.

In 1938, Anderson got together with other noted playwrights and organized the Playwrights Producing Company "to assure that producers did not (have) to fight over which plays to choose or reject." The company's first play, "Knickerbocker Holiday," was a musical where Anderson wrote the play and lyrics to the songs and Kurt Weill composed the music. Despite the fact that the play took place in 17th century New York, it was actually a satire of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal policies. It premiered on Broadway on Oct. 19, 1938, and ran for 168 performances.

The biggest thing to come out of it was "September Song," with the lyrics written by Anderson. According to Billboard magazine, "over 300 different artists have performed this song," and it was a hit for Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Willie Nelson. Royalties from the sale of records, sheet music and other items made this play "Anderson's most profitable show."

We will conclude the story of Maxwell Anderson next week.

"Did You Know That" is written by Curt Eriksmoen and edited by Jan Eriksmoen of Fargo. Send your comments, corrections, or suggestions for columns to the Eriksmoens at cjeriksmoen@cablone.net.

QUESTIONS

From Page B5



Happy Birthday Vernon!

Vernon Huseby, who served in the Air Force in WWII and was a lifelong farmer in the Nome, ND area, will be 100 on May 5th. Because of social distancing, he would enjoy getting a card from you. His address is:

(Please note corrected address)

Vernon Huseby
1120 5th St. N.E. #306
Valley City, ND 58072

blossom end rot — it leads to more of it. Blossom end rot is caused by a deficiency of calcium. Epsom salts contain magnesium sulfate — no calcium at all.

"Adding Epsom salts to the soil may create more rot since magnesium and calcium ions compete for uptake into the plant. The more magnesium in the soil, the less chance that calcium will be absorbed.

"What can we do to prevent blossom end rot? Don't focus on the soil. Most soils in (North Dakota) have plenty of calcium. Focus on watering. The uptake of calcium depends on the uptake of water. Irrigate regularly. Avoid the extremes of waterlogged soil and droughty soil. Mulch to maintain consistent levels of moisture in the soil. Cultivate shallowly. Don't damage the roots of your vines. We need these roots to absorb calcium."

Q: When is it safe to plant bare-root shrubs in Fargo? — Arielle Windham, Fargo.

A: Bare-root trees and shrubs can be planted starting in mid- to late April. Because they normally do not have leaves yet, they are not injured by the freezing temps still likely until mid-May.

Potted shrubs and trees, on the other hand, that were started in greenhouses or warmer climates and brought here in full leaf, should not be planted until the likelihood of frost is past, usually mid-May, because freezing temperatures would likely injure the leaves.

If you have a gardening or lawn care question, email Don Kinzler, NDSU Extension-Cass County, at kinzlerd@casscountynod.gov or call 701-241-5707. Questions with broad appeal may be published, so please include your name, city and state for appropriate advice.

RESTRICTIONS

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best. You can stay on top of your mom's care with the attitude that you are all in this together.

For now, MH, understand that while you feel painfully separated from your mom, you are doing the best that you can under extreme circumstances. Even though many facilities are battling infections, the majority of even elderly people will recover so while you'll probably have emotional setbacks, try to remain positive.

Eventually, family members will be able to visit. Many caregivers are now lobbying to do so earlier because they are essential to their loved ones' ongoing care, so stay tuned for changes in your area for a time when those changes can be made with relative safety.

Carol Bradley Bursack is a veteran caregiver and an established columnist. She is also a blogger, and the author of "Minding Our Elders: Caregivers Share Their Personal Stories." Bradley Bursack hosts a website supporting caregivers and elders at www.mindingourelders.com. She can be reached through the contact form on her website.

The case of the missing fine vintage

Dear Annie: I am fond of drink, as was my late neighbor. His wife, "Gemma," does not drink.

A few months ago, I celebrated a big birthday. Among the presents was a bottle of red wine from Gemma, presumably recycled from her late husband's possessions. It was a very expensive one, so I set it aside in my garage cupboard.

Gemma has a set of keys so that in case of emergency, she could check on me. More recently, I was away for several weeks while a paid minder with another set of keys kept an eye on my house.

When I returned, everything seemed in order. The COVID-19 crisis was in full swing and I was running out of red wine, so I thought I'd look at that expensive bottle. Much to my dismay, it



ANNIE LANE
Dear Annie

was missing! In its place were two bottles of decent but inexpensive wines, one red and one white.

I surmise that, going through their father's effects, the children noticed the absence of the expensive red wine. Exactly what happened after that is a mystery. Maybe the children berated their mother for her ignorance and pressed her to let them use her keys.

I don't relish having to look Gemma in the eye with these doubts. I would rather broach the subject with her by phone or email so as to clear the air. What do you think? — Sherlock Holmes on the

Changed Wine

Dear Sherlock: By any chance, did you tell the person watching your house to help himself or herself to food and drink while there? Even if you didn't, it's a common enough practice that they may have just assumed that was the case. I propose that the housesitter had a hankering for red wine, saw a bottle of red and grabbed it, not realizing that it was an expensive gift. This is the most innocent explanation.

Ask the housesitter if that might have happened. If the housesitter denies it, then use a similar, friendly approach to ask your neighbor.

Since you seem to take trips regularly, you may want to invest in smart security doorbells for your home's entrances.

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Sunday 59 / 40 Mostly sunny. Much cooler. Wind (mph): N 10-20 mph

Monday 47 / 39 Rainy and very cool. Wind (mph): E 10-20 mph

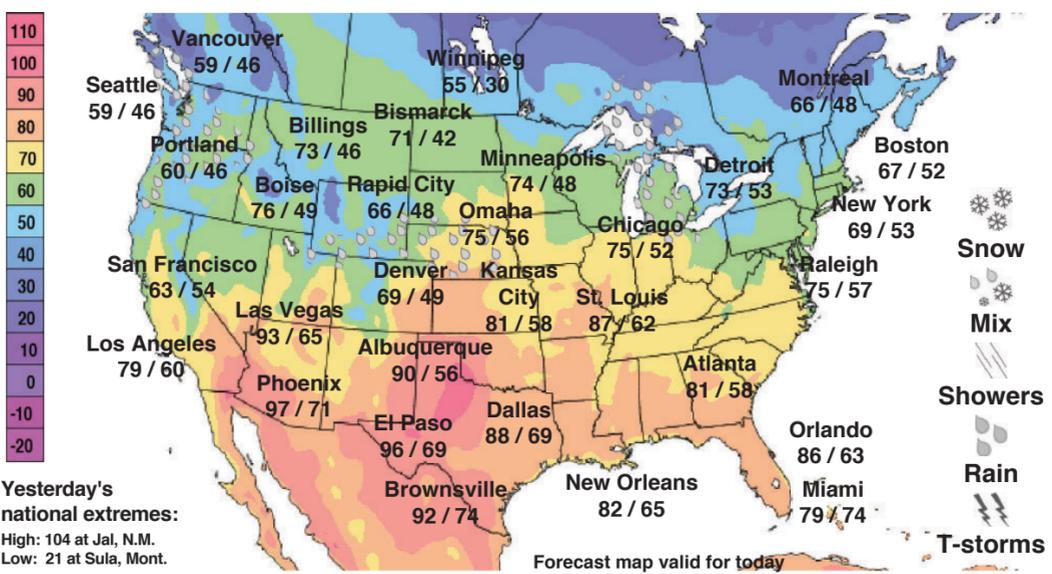
Tuesday 56 / 38 Still a few showers.

Wednesday 62 / 43 Partly cloudy, a bit warmer.

Thursday 61 / 38 Partly cloudy.

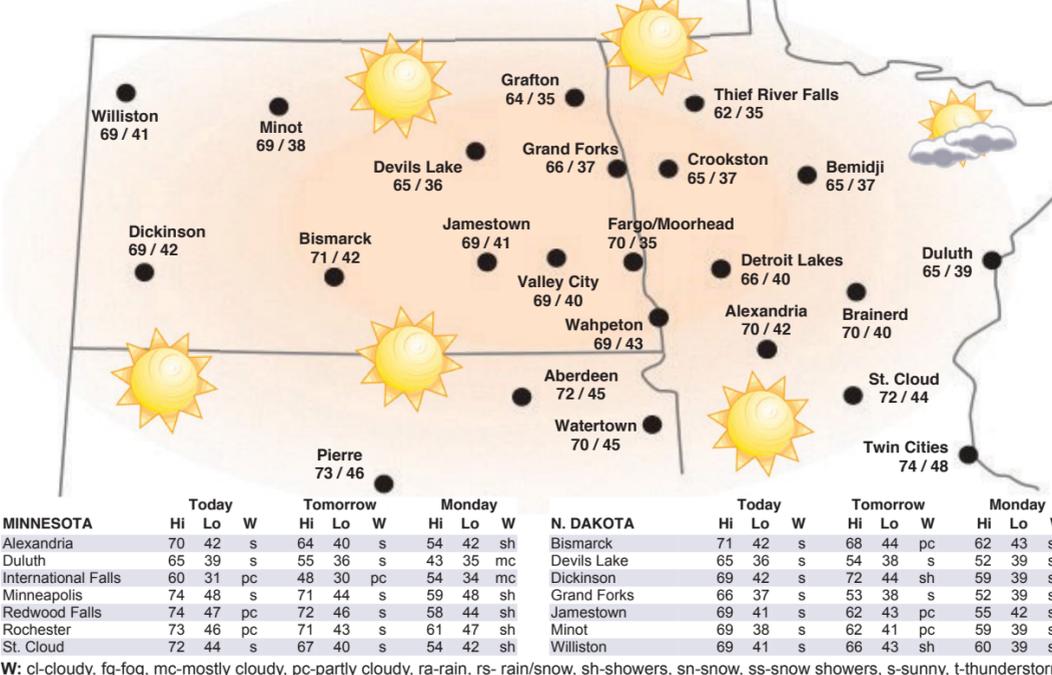
Friday 56 / 34 Partly to mostly cloudy. Cool.

TODAY'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Yesterday's national extremes: High: 104 at Jal, N.M. Low: 21 at Sula, Mont.

TODAY'S REGIONAL FORECAST MAP



W: cl-cloudy, fg-fog, mc-mostly cloudy, pc-partly cloudy, ra-rain, rs- rain/snow, sh-showers, sn-snow, ss-snow showers, s-sunny, t-thunderstorm

April was a cool month

April was a very cool month, relative to the present three-decade average. The average daily high in Fargo was 50 degrees, which is 5.8 degrees cooler than average.

WEATHER TALK

1.61 inches, which is 0.38 inches above average. Most of this fell on the first two days of the month when a storm brought rain, freezing rain, sleet and then snow for a total of 1.19 inches.

John Wheeler is Chief Meteorologist for WDAY.

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Statistics through 6 p.m. Yesterday

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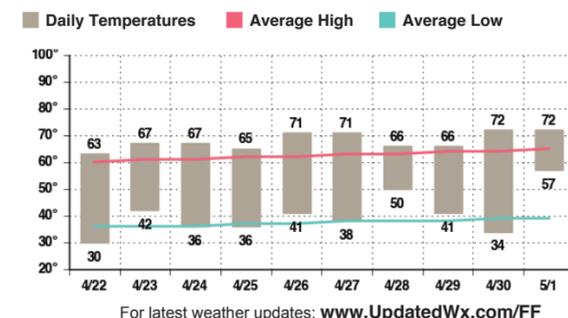
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Sun and Moon

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise, Moonset. Rows for Today, Sunday, Monday.

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Table of TV programming for Saturday, May 2, 2020, listing stations, times, and program titles.

Table of cable channels and their programming for Saturday, May 2, 2020.

BRIDGE

Simple Saturday "Simple Saturday" columns are meant to help advancing players improve technique and logical thinking.

East made a good deceptive play, but after the jack of clubs wins, South should lead a club to the ace.

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SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and empty cells, including a difficulty rating and a reference to yesterday's answer.

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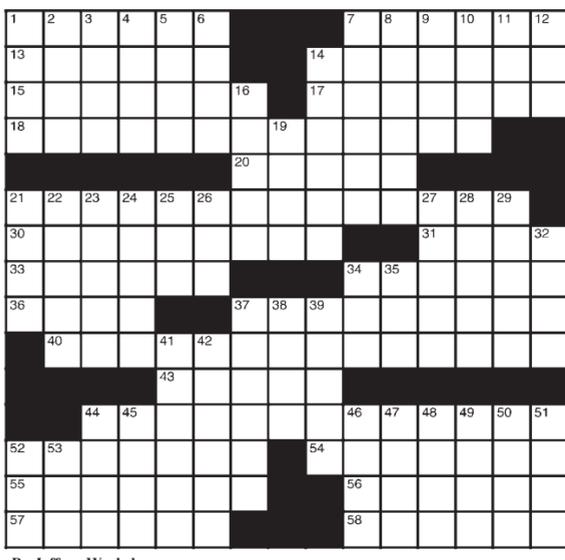
ACROSS
 1 Declare
 7 Domestic power connection, briefly
 13 Large envelope
 14 One working on arrangements
 15 Feature of communication with space probes
 17 Relevant
 18 Escargot gatherer's bounty?
 20 Quebec neighbor
 21 Harvest worker needing a bath?
 30 Chewbacca trait
 31 Club usually numbered
 33 Frisée is its curly variety
 34 Digestive aid
 36 Your alternative
 37 Flavored thirst quencher
 40 Much ado about nothing?
 43 Study aids
 44 Successful gem seeker's cry?
 52 Butcher's staple
 54 Horn of Africa country
 55 Little Debbie competitor
 56 Blinker, e.g.
 57 Many a Sunday magazine
 58 Kindly

DOWN
 1 Tsp. and tbsp.
 2 Sloop feature
 3 Valley, Calif.
 4 Pre-K follower
 5 Be dependent
 6 Kissers
 7 Type of skiing
 8 Natural light refractor
 9 Sophisticated rock genre, briefly

10 Kissers
 11 It offered soldiers Hope: Abbr.
 12 Some hot rods
 14 Muslim ascetics
 16 Easy putt, in casual golf
 19 Low isles
 21 Religious prefix
 22 Big name in animation
 23 Down for a pillow
 24 Mill fill
 25 Snake or Gila: Abbr.
 26 Analogue for -like
 27 Rice dish
 28 Verdi baritone aria
 29 Relative of Fido
 32 "You ain't gwyne to drink a drop-- single drop": Twain
 34 Word with lion or horse
 35 Leather punch
 37 Gallon's 3.785
 38 Summer treats

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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BIGAR'S STARS

DAILY HOROSCOPE

By Jacqueline Bigar
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, May 2, 2020:
Observant and productive, you will spend the year perfecting a masterpiece of your own. Opportunities to buy or sell property will also come to you. You'll make a successful impact on others if you remain tactful. If single, you prefer continuing to spend your valuable time alone. If attached, you both enjoy luxuriating in the warmth of the life you have built together. VIRGO is as smart as you, but in a different way.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ This is, of course, an auspicious time for home-based businesses and, today, also those who deal with homes and property. Unique and visionary ideas take root as long as you can curb impatience or bossiness. Tonight: Read between the lines.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ The urge to speculate or take a chance might seem powerful today. Use caution, however, where money is concerned, lest losses occur. Dealings with children are also favored, and pregnancies are likely. Tonight: You can't help but impress others now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Today you know where you stand in terms of your future domestic life. A situation that might have had you teeter-tottering becomes more easily resolvable. Take time to mull over decisions, as thoughts are cloudy and your mind is a bit restless. Tonight: Early bedtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your local scene will be the focus today. Love might be found just around the corner. Let siblings, neighbors or friends fix you up. You could meet an intriguing, intelligent newcomer with a worldly bent. This person could broaden your horizons considerably. Tonight: Celebrate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Today brings exciting opportunities on the financial front. Although much money might be spent, it's just as possible that a large sum comes your way. Those in teaching, publishing or travel-related occupations fare best. Tonight: Listen to a friend's qualms about a personal matter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You will want to have it all today, but choose wisely, especially if it's a love or money choice. Do not be surprised if an old love pops back into your life, forcing you to reexamine motives and values. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You want time for solitary pursuits today. You will not feel lonely, but replenished by this. Sleep, meditate or begin work on a secret project in your spare time, just so long as you devote energy to personal needs. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Power struggles among friends or within groups could mar important relationships. Others might be argumentative. You will feel out of sorts and restless. Do not let anyone pressure you. Resentment will surely build. Tonight: Not to be found. You take the night off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You certainly will not be bored today, as new ideas become action. Your only problem might be in biting off more than you can chew, as multiple plans come to fruition all at once. Your mate and job vie for your attention. Tonight: Celebrate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)
★★★★ A fresh outlook and new attitude are found today through higher thought processes. Friends cheer you with uplifting ideas, and physical energy is high. Those of you who are creative do outstanding work now -- work that even you cannot criticize. Tonight: Slow down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ While opportunities for you or your partner to earn extra money are plentiful, the money might disappear just as quickly. It is not the day to take risks of any kind. Things are not as they seem -- even yesterday. Tonight: Talk it through patiently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Although a friend's romantic difficulties somehow benefit you, be cautious about making commitments. Have alternate social plans made in case of change, which is likely today. Associates just cannot seem to make up their mind. Tonight: Add more fun to the moment.

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FRIDAY 5-1 PUZZLE

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 YMCA class
- 4 Prefix for "night" or "day"
- 7 Piles
- 12 Haw preceder
- 13 Nabokov novel
- 14 Concur
- 15 Actor McKellen
- 16 "Stormy Weather" singer
- 18 Before
- 19 Mexican snacks
- 20 Dog bane
- 22 Actor Cariou
- 23 Broad-casts
- 27 LPs' successors
- 29 Holiday quaff
- 31 Secret store
- 34 Suggest
- 35 One-celled creature

DOWN

- 1 Main opposite
- 2 Oyster's prize
- 3 Soprano Fleming
- 4 Beer ingredient
- 5 Paragons
- 6 Do the tango
- 7 Scoffing laughs
- 8 Conceit
- 9 Schedule abbr.
- 10 Signing need
- 11 Observe
- 17 Top-of-the-line
- 21 Liniment targets

23 Ecstasy's

24 — and outs

25 King, in Cannes

26 Pvt.'s superior

28 Society newbie

30 Transcript no.

31 Cornfield noise

32 Parisian pal

33 Gear-wheel tooth

36 Eyebrow shape

37 Lacking vegetation

40 Campbell or Watts

42 Milk dispenser

43 Japanese city

44 Feel

45 Tizzy

46 Hose woe

48 Joke

49 Way to go (Abbr.)

50 "Mangia!"

51 Epoch

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Used a chair
- 4 Atkins diet
- 8 Molt
- 12 "Gross!"
- 13 "Would — to you?"
- 14 Jeans maker
- 15 Arthur of "Maude"
- 16 Travel permit
- 17 Skip
- 18 "Let's Get Loud" singer who performed at the 2020 Super Bowl
- 21 Revue segment
- 22 Trendy
- 23 Outscores
- 26 Shack
- 27 — de mer
- 30 Bakery buys
- 31 Towboat
- 32 Indonesian island
- 33 Weep
- 34 Future flower

DOWN

- 1 Pt. of a sentence
- 2 Baseball's Tommie
- 3 Compared to
- 4 Social studies course
- 5 "Can I give you —?"
- 6 Get up
- 7 Hearty embrace
- 8 Sailing vessel
- 9 Rope fiber
- 10 Marisa's "Only Love" role
- 11 Bubble-head
- 19 D.C. baseball team
- 20 Torched

23 English channel?

24 Continent north of Afr.

25 Whatever to Newman film

27 Avril follower

28 PC key

29 Actress Taylor

31 Instructed privately

32 Online journal

34 Rail

35 B.B. King's instrument

36 Rust, for one

37 Un-manned plane

38 Band boosters

39 News reporter Logan

40 Swelled heads

41 Lavish affection (on)

42 Sci-fi fleet

43 Love god

44 Micro-waves

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Yesterday's answer 5-2

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FRIDAY 5-1 PUZZLE

Second chances
Cy the Cynic says that if at first you don't succeed, you and he have a lot in common.
Cy was today's South. When North raised to four hearts, Cy boldly cue-bid four spades to try for slam, and North was happy to cooperate. (In a style where North's two diamonds was forcing to game, North could have raised two hearts to three, forcing. That style has advantages and drawbacks.)
Against six hearts, West led a diamond. Cy took dummy's ace and let the nine of trumps ride, but the finesse didn't succeed. West took the king and led a second diamond for down one.
DISCARD
"Without that diamond lead," the Cynic grumbled, "I'd have had time to finesse in clubs to try for a diamond discard when the trump finesse lost."

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Cy gave himself one chance when an extra chance was there. At Trick Two, he leads the queen of trumps ... to his ace. When the king falls, Cy is home. If instead East-West played low, Cy could try a club to dummy's queen, hoping to pitch his diamond loser on the ace.
DAILY QUESTION
You hold: ♠ 9 7 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ K 10 8 3 2. Your partner opens one diamond, and the next player overcalls one spade. What do you say?
ANSWER: This is an uncomfortable position, but I suspect that a majority of experts would raise to two diamonds. True, you would rather have four-card or better support to raise partner's minor-suit opening, but unless you show your support, such as it is, and some strength now, you may not have another chance.
South dealer
N-S vulnerable

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Three more! Fifteen to twelve!

The views are great from here. Look at the town down there!

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Yesterday's answer:
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Cryptoquip

Today's clue:
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Apt.	Eff, 1,2,3	1,2	6,12 mo	\$520	\$915		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	6,9,12 mo	\$660	\$1075	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X		X	X			X	X	X	
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	12 mo	\$500	\$850		X	X	X	X			X	X						X		X			X	X	
Apt.	1,2,3						X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X	X	X	X			X	
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	6,12 mo	\$525	\$775		X		X			X						X		X	X	X				X	
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	6,9,12 mo	\$810	\$1150	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X	X			X	X	X	
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	6,9,12 mo	\$625	\$935		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X	
Apt.	2,3	1,2	6,12 mo	\$600	\$775		X		X		X	X						X		X	X	X				X	
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Apt.	2	1	12 mo	\$550	\$575	X	X		X		X	X						X		X	X	X					X
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	12 mo	\$550	\$900		X		X		X	X						X		X	X		X	X		X	X
Senior Living Apt.	1,2	1										X					X	X			X						
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	12 mo	\$530	\$975						X	X	X							X	X		X	X		X	X
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	6,12 mo	\$600	\$950				X		X	X	X					X		X	X	X	X		X	X	

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Apt/ Town homes	Studio, 1,2,3,4	1,2	6,9,12 mo	\$330	\$760	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	12 mo	\$525	\$790						X	X						X		X	X	X	X	X			
Apt.	1,2	1	12 mo	\$450	\$540		X	X				X									X						
Apt.	1,2	1	12 mo	\$350	\$550		X	X										X		X	X	X					
Town Home-like	3	1.5	12 mo	\$775	\$800							X						X		X		X					X
Apt.	2,3	1	9,12 mo	\$520-\$560	\$710	X	X		X	X	X	X								X	X					X	
Apt.	1,2	1	6,12 mo	\$525	\$600			X				X								X	X						X
Apt.	2	1	12 mo	\$660	\$660		X	X				X									X						
Apt.	1,2,3	1,2	12 mo	\$700	\$1,015		X	X			X							X		X	X			X	X		X
Apt.	1,2	1	12 mo	\$450	\$540		X	X				X									X						
Apt.	2	1		\$575	\$675		X	X	X	X		X								X	X						
Apt.	2,3	1,2	12 mo	\$725	\$850			X			X	X	X					X		X		X					X
Apt.	1,2	1	9,12 mo	\$495	\$720		X	X	X		X	X	X							X	X						
Apt.	1,2	1	12 mo	\$450	\$540		X	X				X									X						X
Apt.	1,2	1	12 mo	\$450	\$540		X	X				X									X						X
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MILESTONE

Rooty

After giving Rooty a chance to share his take on social distancing, the PetsHQ team is back with your April pupdate on our favorite English bulldog. Follow our mischievous mascot's triumphs and troubles through a new pet milestone published on the second Saturday of each month.



Now four months old, Rooty is quickly growing into his rolls and is "beginning to look quite distinguished with his drooping jowls." In addition to interrupting conference calls and providing an adorable distraction from distance learning while his family is home, Rooty has been hard at work learning to sit and stay. Labrador sister Foxy lends a paw in his training sessions by modeling new tricks. Human siblings Drake and Phoebe prefer to help by taking him on walks. With extra time for outdoor adventures, Rooty is setting new records. Although he's managed to make it a little farther than two whole city blocks on some occasions, he'll let you know when his walk is over and he expects you to carry him home.

This little pup's biggest challenge has been house-breaking, but he is getting there one tiny step at a time. He recently conquered small sets of stairs so he is well on his way. Carrots, yogurt bites, and peanut butter training treats have helped him overcome his (usually endearing) stubbornness. Overall, his dad reports "he'd pass puppy kindergarten if we were able to go."

Despite his busy training schedule, Rooty still finds plenty of time to chase squeaky tennis balls under the couch and make the most of a spring snowstorm. His cat sibling Whitney has dropped some of her suspicions about this spunky little pup, but still keeps him at a distance. Rooty's dad says, "he really wants to play with her. Maybe he just wants to taste her a little bit. She doesn't run away. Rooty respects the claws. I suspect he's seen them up close." As the days get a little warmer, Rooty's family is happy to have more time to spend with their curious puppy as he experiences his first spring.

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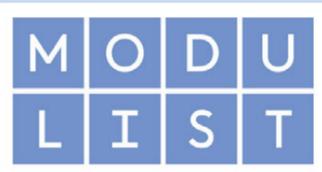
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How to protect dogs from Lyme disease

Lyme disease is a potentially dangerous condition transmitted by the passing of bacteria from deer ticks to their unsuspecting hosts. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. Lyme disease also is a cause for concern in Canada, parts of Europe and Asia.

Tens of thousands of people are diagnosed with Lyme disease each year. But Lyme disease also affects animals, including popular house pets like dogs. Tufts University says that the Lyme bacterium can cause serious illness in some dogs. Lyme disease can be difficult to detect and cause serious and recurring health problems. That is why it is essential for pet parents make concerted efforts to reduce the risk that their dogs become infected.

The American Veterinary Medical Association says

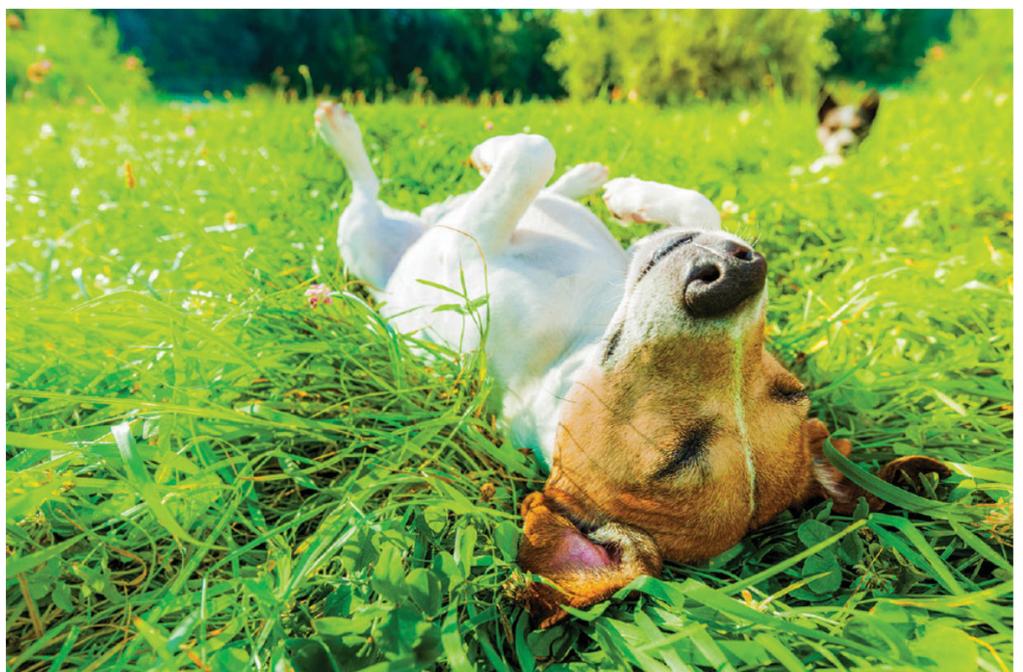
the best way to protect pets against Lyme disease is to emphasize prevention.

*Speak with your veterinarian about a tick preventive product that is right for your dog. These can include repellent collars, topical treatments and ingestible medications.

*Vets may recommend vaccination against Lyme disease if you live in an area that is home to high tick populations. Recommendations also may be based on your pet's lifestyle and overall health, among other factors.

*Address conditions in the yard that are conducive to ticks. Mowing the lawn regularly is one way to make the backyard less attractive to ticks, as is removing leaf litter.

*Keep a clean home and landscape. Rodents and other wildlife can carry deer ticks. Securing trash cans, picking up food scraps, removing hiding spots and potential dens, and other strategies can keep these carriers away.



Keep the lawn trimmed to make it less hospitable to ticks that transmit Lyme disease.

*Conduct a daily tick check if your dog spends time outside. Pay attention to bumps on the skin and part the fur so you can see where the coat meets the skin. Don't forget to look in the ears.

*When possible, avoid areas where ticks may be found, such as tall grass-

es, wooded areas and marshes. Stick to trails when spending time in wooded areas.

Dogs with Lyme disease may exhibit various symptoms. These include loss of appetite, fever, joint swelling, decreased activity, and lameness. Visit the vet promptly if

symptoms occur and do not abate, or are causing considerable distress for your pet.

Lyme disease is a concern for pets. Avoidance, preventive measures and outdoor maintenance can help reduce the likelihood that pets will contract Lyme disease.