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## City Council approves pool study

by Anna Phalen  
Correspondent

The Crookston City Council has approved moving forward with an engineering study of the Crookston Community Pool. The matter was approved at its meeting Monday, April 20.

The study will evaluate capital and operating costs to help determine whether to repair the existing facility or construct a new one. Half of the \$30,000 study cost will be covered by a \$15,000 donation from Fin and Fit Crookston.

The council approved a resolution to continue summer hours at City Hall on an ongoing annual basis. Under the approved schedule, City Hall will operate Monday through Thursday from 7

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays from 7 to 11 a.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The schedule was previously implemented during the summer of 2025, with staff maintaining a full 40-hour work week.

City Council approved a contract with the Crookston Firefighters Association. Council member Derek Brekken abstained from voting since he is a volunteer firefighter.

The contract spans from Jan. 1, 2027, to Dec. 31, 2029. It includes a 6% annual increase paid by the city. Council member Wendy Ault expressed a desire for additional information, particularly related to revenue.

During council reports, Finance Director Jon Roscoe reviewed the 2025 preliminary trea-

surer's report, noting that budget deficits were generally tied to delays in reimbursement funds. Council member Dylane Klatt suggested that future councils establish a reserve target, with Roscoe indicating that the city typically maintains between five and five-and-a-half months of reserves, compared to a state minimum of approximately two months.

Klatt also suggested that unused funds be carried over into the next year, with levy adjustments made accordingly.

Two proclamations were presented, recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month and Community Action Month.

## Measles case confirmed in county

On its Facebook page, Polk County Public Health indicated that the first case of measles has been confirmed in Polk County. If potential exposures have been identified, individuals will be notified directly.

Measles is caused by a highly contagious virus that spreads through the air when people who have it breathe, cough, or sneeze. The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after

a person with measles leaves the area.

Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Watery eyes
- Rash that typically spreads from the head to the rest of the body

The measles rash usually appears two to three days after the fever begins.

What you can do:

- Check your MMR vacci-

nation status: <https://bit.ly/3SU5o7p>

- Monitor for symptoms
- If symptoms develop, call your healthcare provider before seeking care
- Stay home if you are sick

Polk County Public Health will provide updates as appropriate.

For more information about measles, visit <https://bit.ly/4cAqKS8>.



Dr. Mary Holz-Clause, chancellor of the University of Minnesota Crookston, presented Student of the Year awards to (from left) Jada Schimke, Ayush Singh and Emmah Burnes. (Submitted)

## UMN Crookston honors students at 2026 Awards Ceremony

by University Relations

The University of Minnesota Crookston held its annual Student Awards Ceremony Thursday, April 16 in Bede Ballroom and honored

a number of individuals for their hard work and dedication over the school year. More than 40 awards were handed out in six categories including Student Employment, Student Leadership, Athletics, Academics, Student-Voted, and Student of the Year.

Among those recognized were UMN Crookston Students of the Year - Emmah Burnes, Ayush Singh and Jada Schimke. The Student of the Year award goes to a junior or senior who best demonstrates the skills and commitment required to succeed in college, business,

and life while exhibiting Golden Eagle Pride, professionalism, and strong work ethic, all while excelling in academics.

### Student Employment Awards

- Admissions Student Ambassador of the Year - Chase Nelson
- Animal Attendant of the Year - Belle Syrett
- Athletics Student Employee of the Year - Jada Schimke
- Computer Help Desk Student of the Year - Hermon Tegegn
- Library Student Employee of the Year - Mikaela Woodruff
- Outstanding Student Employee of the Year - Brooke Hoven

### Student Leadership Awards

- Peer Mentor of the Year

- Lauren Bowyer

- Peer Tutor of the Year - Diane Cilengi
- Community Advisor of the Year - Ayush Singh
- Outstanding Student Orientation Staff Award - Kelsey Harms and Codey Wolff
- Outstanding Student Group Representative - Najeem Sekoni
- Outstanding CSA Senator - Zach Hanson
- Golden Eagle Entertainment Programmer of the Year - Presley Westrum
- The Inclusion and Belonging Excellence Award - Diane Cilengi
- Athletic Awards
- Male Scholar Student Athlete of the Year - Kyle Odenbach

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Bill Maki (right) recently presented the Improve Dee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2026 to Sam Dubuque, who works at the robotic finishing cell at Dee Manufacturing. (Submitted)

## Sam Dubuque honored as IDEA winner

Sam Dubuque was recently selected as the Improve Dee Excellence Award winner for the first quarter of 2026. Sam works at the robotic finishing cell at Dee Manufacturing and won the award for his suggestion to prevent shot blast material from plugging up his shot blast machine. Sam has

been an employee at Dee Manufacturing for five years. Sam received a \$50 gift card along with a plaque for his IDEA.

The IDEA program is a quarterly award program that recognizes employees for their suggestions to improve Dee Manufacturing. The program provides a for-

mal method for employees to recommend improvements and for management to evaluate and implement them. The program was established in 2004 as a part of the company's IATF 16949 quality management system.

## Students of the Semester



University of Minnesota Crookston Students of the Semester were recently recognized by the Crookston Rotary Club. Pictured are Crookston Rotary President Brandon Lee; Student of the Semester Tessa Vanoverbeke, Business Department, Waseca; George French, associate profes-

sor at MN Crookston; and Student of the Semester Kloe Wadd, Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, Hartford, S.D. Not pictured is Student of the Semester Ruth Freiberg, Humanities, Social Sciences and Education Department, Hopkins. (Submitted)

## Loegering receives Minnesota Award from the MN Chapter of The Wildlife Society

by University Relations

Dr. John Loegering, professor of natural resources at the University of Minnesota Crookston, has been selected to receive the Minnesota Award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The award represents the chapter's highest honor and recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Minnesota's wildlife and natural resources.

Loegering was recognized during the chapter's annual awards banquet on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The Minnesota Award highlights a career of leadership, service and men-

torship in the wildlife profession across the state.

Throughout his 26-year career at UMN Crookston, Loegering has helped prepare generations of students for careers in wildlife biology and natural resources management. His mentorship and commitment to student engagement have helped many graduates enter the profession and become active members of professional wildlife organizations.

"Dr. Loegering has shepherded a countless number of students, preparing them to enter the field of natural resources through his work as a professor at UMN Crookston," said Jennifer

Boucher, a UMN Crookston graduate. "He dedicates himself to his students and the profession, going above and beyond his required duties by hosting a very successful student chapter of The Wildlife Society. I personally attribute much of my success landing a professional job in this career path to his influence and introduction to The Wildlife Society."

The Wildlife Society is an international non-profit scientific and educational organization founded in 1937, dedicated to excellence in

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# Loegering receives award from MN Chapter of The Wildlife Society/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) wildlife stewardship through science and education. It supports over 11,000 members - including biologists, managers, and students - by providing professional development, certification, networking, and science-based resources for sustainable wildlife management.

Loegering's impact also extends to the professional wildlife community. He has been a long-time leader and supporter of the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society and has received the chapter's Service to Chapter Award four times. At the national level, he received the Jim McDonough Award from The Wildlife Society, recognizing individuals who make significant contributions to the wildlife profession through active participation, program de-

velopment and leadership. In 2019, Loegering was named a Fellow of The Wildlife Society, one of the organization's highest professional recognitions.

"John has been a constant when it comes to leadership and support for the Minnesota Chapter," said Daniel Svedarsky, professor emeritus at UMN Crookston. "He is recognized by fellow professionals as a solid contributor and a true professional."

Colleagues said Loegering is often the person others turn to for guidance on complex wildlife and natural resource issues.

"John Loegering is the person I look to when there is a wildlife issue that needs to be addressed," said John Moriarty, wildlife biologist and colleague. "He has worked with academics, students, farmers, gardeners

and policymakers on a wide range of wildlife topics. John brings a calm and professional approach, even when others do not, and he consistently delivers outstanding work."

Loegering also serves as advisor to the UMN Crookston student chapter of The Wildlife Society. Twelve student members recently attended the joint annual meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society and Society of American Foresters in Duluth. During the conference, students participated in workshops and attended oral and poster presentations covering current research and professional practices in natural resources management. They also met with Ed Arnett, the chief executive officer of The Wildlife Society, and Sarah Strommen, com-

missioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, to discuss natural resource management in Minnesota, and participated in a workshop focused on identifying more than 150 fish species found across the state.

In addition to the Minnesota Award, Loegering received the Excellence in Mentorship Award in 2024, recognizing his dedication to guiding and supporting students as they prepare for careers in natural resources and wildlife conservation.

Through his teaching, mentorship and professional leadership, Loegering continues to shape the next generation of wildlife professionals while contributing to the stewardship of Minnesota's natural resources.



John Moriarty (right), with the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, presented the Minnesota Award to Dr. John Loegering, professor of natural resources at the University of Minnesota Crookston. (Submitted)

# UMN Crookston students honored with awards/Continued

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- Female Scholar Student Athlete of the Year - Emmah Burnes
- Male Senior Student Athlete of the Year - Connor Bushbaum
- Female Senior Student Athlete of the Year - Emma Miller

**Academic Awards**

- Outstanding Accounting Students - Charlotte Dombrowski and Elizabeth Medlen
- Outstanding Management Students - Natalie Mikrot and Taryn Frazer
- Outstanding Marketing Student - Isaac Telle
- Outstanding Sport and Recreation Management Student - Anaka Lysne
- Outstanding Communication Student - Kloe Wadd

- Outstanding Elementary Education Student - Victoria Olson
- Outstanding Sport Media & Communication Student - Emmah Burnes
- Outstanding Exercise Science and Wellness Student - Aiden McPhee
- Outstanding Information Technology Management Student - Sophia Shostell
- Outstanding Software Engineering Students - Alina Ivashchenko and Jim Bond
- Outstanding Agricultural Education Student - Katelyn Larson
- Outstanding Animal Science Students Hailey Schlotfeldt and Jada Schimke
- Outstanding Equine

Business Management Student - Alexis Triebenbach

- Outstanding Equine Science Student - Grace Swaja
- Wildlife Society Travel Award - Hannah DeLong and Gregory Utt
- Norman Pankratz Memorial Conservation Award - Hannah DeLong
- John Polley Soil and Water Conservation Award - Michael Anderson

**Student-Voted Awards**

- Outstanding Educators - Theresa Helgeson and Randy Nelson, Ph.D.
- Most Supportive of Students - Layla King, Ph.D. and Laura Bell
- Outstanding Service to Students - Monica Kustritz

# Economic value of family caregiving reaches \$11.1 billion

Minnesota's family caregivers now provide 480 million hours worth of labor each year, according to a new AARP report. Most of this work is unpaid, yet it forms the backbone of the nation's long-term care system that is essential to helping millions of older adults live independently at home.

Why this matters: Without family caregivers, many more Minnesotans would rely on expensive institutional care, driving significantly higher costs for taxpayers and public programs.

Key findings from the report - Valuing the Invaluable 2026 - include:

- 840,000 Minnesotans are caregivers of adults, providing care for older parents, spouses, neighbors, and other loved ones, contributing 480 millions hours of

care annually, work that would be valued at \$11.1 billion per year if paid in the marketplace, based on a value of \$22.94 per hour.

Across states, the estimated value of caregiving ranges from \$14.12 per hour in Louisiana to \$27.05 per hour in Washington, reflecting regional differences in wages and the cost of care.

National findings:

- 59 million Americans are caregivers of adults, providing care for older parents, spouses, neighbors, and other loved ones, contributing 49.5 billion hours of care annually, work that would be valued at \$1.01 trillion per year if paid in the marketplace, based on a value of \$20.41 per hour.

The 49.5 billion hours of care provided each year is the equivalent of nearly 24 million full-time workers,

roughly 17% of the entire U.S. full-time workforce.

The value of family caregiving exceeds total federal, state, and local Medicaid spending nationwide, and almost doubles all out-of-pocket health care spending.

Caregiving has become more demanding and complex as chronic illnesses rise and more care shifts into homes:

- Family caregivers are spending more time providing care, averaging 27 hours each week.
- More than half, 57%, now provide high-intensity care meaning; they spend more hours helping with daily tasks like bathing and dressing as well as complex medical and nursing tasks like wound care and administering injections.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Kathleen "Katy" (Johnson) Hanson, 80**

**Crookston** - Kathleen "Katy" Johnson Hanson, 80, of Crookston, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Benedictine Living Center.



Katy was the second child born to Henry and Ruby Johnson in October of 1945. She grew up on the farm near Euclid with her sister and an expansive group of cousins. She remembered attending a one room school house until 4th grade, going to the neighbors to watch TV because her family didn't have one, and seeing every episode of *I Love Lucy*. After her high school graduation, she worked for Polk County State Bank in Crookston for 10 years. The first time she saw Paul Hanson, she told her friend she wanted nothing to do with him. They married in 1973 and she began her next career of raising seven rambunctious kids on the farm.

In the moments of peace and quiet, she enjoyed game shows (do not disturb her when *Jeopardy!* is on), jigsaw puzzles, playing cards, and working the daily word games in the *Grand Forks Herald*. She rarely missed the Artists' Series events or stopping at an antique or thrift store to find new additions to her Santa Claus and Cherished Teddies collections. Every spring, she looked forward to buying plants at Bergeson's that she would proceed to forget to water the rest of the year. She enjoyed traveling, but she refused to set foot on an airplane. She hated cooking so she was more than happy to pay for a meal out at The Shanty, Happy Joe's, or Red Lobster.

In 1998, she started her favorite career of all: Grandma. Once the grandkids came along, it was necessary to have a bigger playset and a pool in the yard. Cookies, chocolate chip muffins, pancakes, and English muffin bread could be made at all hours of the day. A bowl of mini marshmallows suddenly was an acceptable snack. Shopping trips to the toy section at Walmart became a regular occurrence.

She was a lifelong member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Crookston. She served as treasurer and the head of the Sunday school program. She enjoyed the Christmas lefse making, the annual rummage sale, and the summer luncheons (she always made her bread pudding and caramel sauce). She especially enjoyed the camaraderie of the Methodist women's group and their Thursday morning get-together with the Presbyterian ladies.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; her children and their spouses: Steve and Suzanne Hanson, Michelle Hanson and Al Ingling, Jennifer and Jeff Cook, Nancy and Chris Kolstoe, Jason Hanson, Diana and Taylor Amiot, and Alex and Danielle Hanson; her grandkids: Brandon, Luke and Kendall, Jared and Maddie, Sarah, Emma, Ruby, Violet, and Georgia; her sister, Bev Tate; and a few of the cousins. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, John Hanson; and her sisters-in-law, Paulette Hanson and Shirley Hanson; her church family at Wesley United Methodist Church; and her pesky but loveable cat, Carl.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers-in-law, Jim Tate, Pat Hanson, and Joe Hanson; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and her beloved dog children, Sadie and Ella.

Katy's family will celebrate her life with a funeral service on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Crookston beginning at 11 a.m. with lunch following the service.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at Oakdale Cemetery at a later date.

The family wishes to thank RiverView Health for diagnosing the metastatic cancer, Altru Health System for trying to treat it, and the Villa St Vincent and HIA Hospice for providing care when it all became too much.

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**Genevieve Knott, 80**

Genevieve Knott of Red Lake Falls, 80, passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls.

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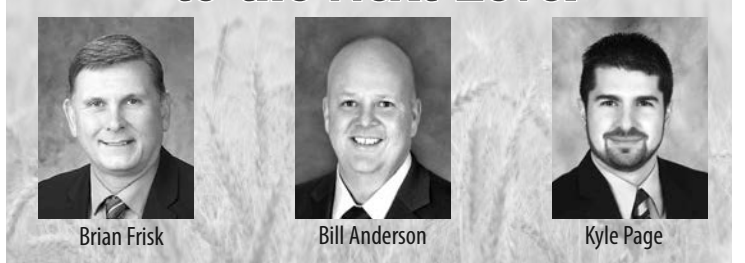
Northwest Service Cooperative sent five teams to the State Knowledge Bowl Tournament held April 9-10 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. Teams representing Fosston, Roseau, and Crookston competed in the Single A division, East Grand Forks in Double AA, and Bemidji in Triple AAA.

The competition began Thursday with a 60-question written test, followed by a banquet celebrating all participating teams. On Friday, teams competed in five oral rounds of 45 questions each, within their respective divisions.

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**Pamela Grove, 63**

**Halstad** - Pamela Jo Grove, age 63, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

A memorial service for Pam was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 2 p.m.

Visitation with her family was held one hour prior.

The service was livestreamed, a link to which is available at [www.stenshoelhauske.com/obituaries/pamela-grove](http://www.stenshoelhauske.com/obituaries/pamela-grove).

**Russell Brown, 70**

**Crookston** - Russell Daniel Brown, 70, of Crookston, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home from 6-8 pm.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday May 2, 2026, at Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home beginning at 1 p.m.

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Crookston.

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Rural Reflections ...

# The Project Feederwatch survey is going to the birds

by  
**Grant Nelson**



As you read this week's column, we are entering data for the final count of the 2025-26 bird count for Project Feederwatch. This is a six-month survey of the area birds who visit our feeders, which is then uploaded to the Cornell School of Ornithology and Birds Canada so they can monitor bird population trends in North America. This information is used to track winter distribution, population changes, disease spread, and the impact of food sources on bird behavior.

Our bird counts were light to begin the survey back in November. It wasn't until the Nov. 8 count that we had any birds. That weekend, we fed one each of the following birds: a sparrow, a downy woodpecker, a blue jay, a magpie and a black-capped chickadee.

The count stayed light until just before Christmas. On Dec. 20, as we blew up mylar balloons and replaced Christmas tree lights removed by our cats, we also fed 11 seemingly unpaired gray/Hungarian partridge. Project Feederwatch views this bird as an "unusual species for your location at this time of year or a species rarely seen at feeders." For this reason, I had to snap a picture of the birds and include it with the entry. We had many more bird visits from January through April.

The following week, two of the partridge paired up and they were the only couple of their species that consistently dined with us the rest of the season. The whole group returned during storms and huddled together behind the same tree. I started leaving sunflowers for them in their chosen spot.

I like to observe animals and try to make their life easier. In the case of birds, I place food in areas that receive sunlight and are protected from the wind. I also try to decrease competition by maintaining several feeding stations and some ground-feeding.

I am always amazed that such tiny animals are so tough and able to live through a Minnesota winter. I enjoy learning the difference between species of

woodpeckers or sparrows and recognizing them without a book. It seems like a waste of my time to be concerned with animals from exotic locales without learning about my own backyard first.

So the Project Feederwatch survey is about finished, at least until next year. I feel disappointed when the survey ends, but now starts the work to make our place more attractive to the birds we survey. Still, I wish there was something else.

I received a phone call while I was writing this column. The call was from a University of Minnesota employee who wondered if we still wanted to participate in the "Sounds of Nature." This survey is pretty simple for us as the university sends us a recording unit that will

chronicle bird calls during various periods of time this spring and early summer.

When the recording period reaches its conclusion, we send the recording unit back and the University of Minnesota analyzes the calls and creates data expressed in charts and a spreadsheet at <https://soundsofnaturemn.shinyapps.io/sounds-of-nature-map>. There has been a lot of information collected in central Minnesota, but our recordings will be the first for northwest Minnesota.

Years from now, I will have forgotten many things that I once thought were important. The work we do to feed, enjoy and document area birds will be something that I remember with great satisfaction. Their very presence will always remind me.

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# UMN Crookston prepares for the end of the academic year

by **Dr. Mary Holz-Clause**  
Chancellor of the University of Minnesota Crookston

Greetings from the University of Minnesota Crookston!

We are into the final stretch of the semester, and the campus is buzzing with energy as we have a full lineup of events and activities through commencement.

Our commencement is slated for Saturday, May 2, at 11 a.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium. There are 470 students who are eligible for graduation, 70 more than last year, with approximately 200 that will participate in the graduation ceremony – 110 on campus and 80 online. One of my favorite times of the year is seeing our students transition from students to graduates and open a new chapter of their lives.

Our strength has always come from the connections we share – with one another and with the broader Crookston community. On Monday, April 20, we celebrated and recognized alumnus Les Nielsen. The campus wellness center was named the Nielsen Family Wellness Center in recognition of their generous financial contribution. Their gift is the largest donation in our campus history.

Les Nielsen and his late wife, June, have been longtime supporters of UMN Crookston. Since the 1990s, they have funded scholarships benefiting hundreds of students, including a recent full tuition scholarship for students from several Minnesota communities: Red Lake Falls, Grygla, Clearbrook, Gonvick, Goodridge, and Euclid. Ten years ago, the couple donated \$1 million to the wellness center project in memory of their son Mitch Lien Nielsen.

This year's Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement request to the Minnesota Legislature would fund 50 projects in 45 buildings across Minnesota to address building accessibility needs, fire protection systems, leaky roofs and windows, asbestos abatement and other core maintenance issues that must be corrected to provide safe and usable spaces. Here at the Crookston campus that includes roof replacements on multiple buildings, and a structural analysis and remediation of Lysaker Gymnasium.

For a second year in a row, the Strengthening Education for an Engaged Democracy Coalition has recognized UMN Crookston and its collaborative community partnerships with the 2026 Community Partner Award. This year's recognition highlights the collaborative effort among local businesses and organizations behind Crookston's annual National Night Out celebration, locally known as Night to Unite. Special thanks to all that engage, plan and deliver an event that is one of the Crookston's largest community gatherings. The SEED Coalition is a network of colleges and universities across Minnesota and Iowa recognizing outstanding civic and community engagement initiatives that strengthen campuses, communities, and the relationships between them.

To those friends who attended this year's International Dinner featuring Diane Ciligne showcasing South Africa and the Women's History Lunch and Learn in March, thank you! It was great seeing so many community members and as we charge on through the end of the month, I hope you'll take a moment to step away from the day-to-day, connect with colleagues and students, and join us in celebrating all that makes our campus community so special.

You can find all that is going on at [crk.umn.edu/today](http://crk.umn.edu/today). This includes our Horticulture Department's Annual Bedding Plant Sale, which begins April 22, and, of course, our Golden Eagle Sports.

Last month, we announced the addition of men's and women's track and field as NCAA Division II sports competing in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. UMN Crookston has added men's and women's cross country, trap, hockey, and men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field since 2019.

The programs build off the men's and women's cross country teams and have grown in success each season since the program commenced. The Golden Eagle men's and women's teams are each coming off their best season in program history in 2025, as the UMN Crookston men's squad placed top five at the NSIC meet for the first time ever. The women's team also had their best-ever finish at the NSIC Championship, placing seventh of 16 teams. In the past, our men's and women's cross country runners have been competing at indoor and outdoor track and field meets as unattached runners. This will allow those runners to officially represent UMN Crookston at meets, and run as a part of NSIC Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

Golden Eagle Sports con-

tinued to persevere even if Mother Nature continues to remind us who's in charge. The Golden Eagles baseball team is currently tied for second place in the NSIC standings with a 14-8 conference record. They recently split a doubleheader against the University of Sioux Falls on April 13.

Our softball team is currently ranked 11th in the Northern Sun Conference standing. The team's record is 5-11 in the NSIC conference.

Tennis is closing out their regular season and is poised for their third-consecutive NSIC Tournament appearances. Our Trap team opened their spring season in the USACCTL and Men and Women's Golf are wrapping up their regular season play.

We remain committed to supporting student success, engaging with local partners and fostering a welcoming and inclusive campus environment. We continue to provide a high-quality, accessible education while maintaining the financial health of our institution, and now more than ever we are committed to strategic priorities that position our campus for continued growth.

Elevate Extraordinary 2030 is the strategic roadmap for the University of Minnesota emphasizing collaboration and innovation to elevate the university's contributions to Minnesota, the nation and world. The initiative aims to transform the university's direction and impact focusing on the preparation of student engagement, the future of learning, serving communities through knowledge creation and exchange in the arts, health, healthcare and the economy while strategically investing in our talented workforce, operations and facilities.

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# Ways and Means Committee reviews CHEDA appointment

by **Anna Phalen**  
Correspondent

At its meeting Monday, April 20, the Crookston City Council Ways and Means Committee addressed business in both open and closed sessions.

During the open agenda, Mayor Dale Stainbrook recommended the appointment

of John Thorp to the Crookston Housing and Economic Development Authority (CHEDA) Board. Thorp, a resident of Oak Court in Crookston, would fill the unexpired term of Annette Thompson, which runs through December 2028.

The mayor noted that, under government requirements, if a resident ex-

presses interest in serving on the board, the city is obligated to appoint them.

The meeting then moved into a closed session to evaluate the performance of Interim City Administrator Darin Selzler. A summary of the evaluation will be presented at the next council meeting.

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# Our Savior's School to host open house Wednesday

Our Savior's Lutheran School in Crookston will host an open house for prospective preschool – sixth grade students and their families on Wednesday, April 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come tour the school, meet the teachers and get more information.

# Minnesota Crookston bats come alive in home-opening sweep over Bemidji State

Minnesota Crookston softball had a ton of fun on a windy Monday for their home opener with Bemidji State. Minnesota Crookston collected 25 hits in two games on their way to a 9-1 win in game one and a 13-5 win in game two over Bemidji State.

It's the first sweep for the Golden Eagles over Bemidji State since 2012.

Minnesota Crookston improved to 13-32 (7-13 NSIC).

### Game One

Bemidji State would score a run in the first inning after loading the bases for an early 1-0 lead.

BSU would pitch a scoreless bottom of the first inning, but that would be the only inning Minnesota Crookston wouldn't score.

Emily Kalina (Fr., OF, Rice Lake, Wis.) would get the scoring started with an RBI double, scoring Chayse Doering (So., OF, Shakopee) and Hannah Trzinski (So., 1B/P, Stevens Point, Wis.) for a 2-1 advantage.

Later in the inning, Madisen Yandle would single through the left side, scoring Kalina and Ruth Freiberg (Sr., OF, Hopkins).

The Golden Eagles would get a run in the third on a Freiberg RBI single.

In the fourth, the Golden Eagles would strike for four more runs, capped off by Doering's third home run of the season.

The Golden Eagles would hold the Beavers in the fifth for the mercy rule victory.

Minnesota Crookston pounded out 13 hits in the win, led by a career-high three from Freiberg and another three-hit performance from Doering. Freiberg, Doering and Yandle each drove in a pair of runs.

Charlotte Dombrowski (Sr., P, Valparaiso, Ind.) was outstanding once again for the Golden Eagles, giving up just three hits and one earned run in five innings of work. Dombrowski moved to 6-7 with the win.

### Game Two

Game two would see the Beavers jump all over Minnesota Crookston in the opening frame, taking an early 3-0 lead, using some two out hitting.

Minnesota Crookston would use some two out magic of their own in the bottom of the second. In fact, it took just one swing to give the Golden Eagles the lead. Kalina would connect for her first career grand slam, putting the Golden Eagles in front by a run.

It would be all Golden Eagles from there. Minnesota Crookston would score a run in the third and add four more in the bottom of the fourth, using a pair of doubles from Doering and Irelyn Spencer (R-Jr., IF, Rapid City, S.D.).

BSU would cut the lead in half and make it a 10-5 game, but the Golden Eagles would end the game in the sixth on Freiberg's first collegiate home run, a three-run shot.

Spencer was outstanding in the second game, leading the charge with a 4-4 performance with a pair of runs scored. Rayna French (Jr., C, La Salle, Manitoba) finished 2-4 with two runs scored. Kalina led the way with four RBI, while Freiberg finished with three and Doering added two more.

Riley Blake (So., P/OF, Las Vegas, Nev.) moves to 1-3 in the circle, giving up just two earned runs on six hits.



Minnesota Crookston senior Ruth Freiberg is greeted by her teammates after hitting a home run in game two of the Golden Eagles' doubleheader against Bemidji State University on Monday. The Golden Eagles swept the twin bill, winning game one by a score of 9-1 and completing the sweep with a 13-5 win in game two. (Photo by Minnesota Crookston Athletics)

## Boys Tennis

# Crookston boys get dual wins over Benson, Osakis

Crookston won 12 of 14 individual matches while claiming a pair of dual wins over Benson and Osakis Tuesday in a triangular meet at Fergus Falls High School.

The Pirates split singles matches and swept doubles play in a 5-2 win over the Benson Braves. Picking up singles wins were Gunnar Groven and Ean Deleon in spots three and four, with doubles wins coming from the team of Sam Widseth and Hudson Rick in the number one spot, Colton Osborn and Jacob Halvorson in the number two spot, and Cam Martin, Marshall Hansen

and Isaac Erdmann in the number three spot.

The Pirates dropped the number one and two singles matches against the Braves, with Reggie Winjum losing a pair of set tiebreakers in a 7-6, 7-6 loss to Alex Carlson and Grant Falling in three sets to Harold Habben, 6-1, 1-6, 10-8.

Both Winjum and Funk would bounce back in the second match, with Winjum defeating Tyler Stier of Osakis 6-0, 6-2, and Funk defeating Kellan George 6-0, 6-0.

Groven and Deleon added singles wins in straight sets,

and Widseth/Rick, Osborn/Halvorson, and Hanson/Martin won doubles matches in spots one through three.

With the wins, the Pirates improved to 2-1 on the season.

### Crookston 5, Benson 2

Singles: No. 1 - Alex Carlson, Benson, def. Reggie Winjum, Crookston, 7-6, 7-6; No. 2 - Harold Habben, Benson, def. Grant Funk, Crookston, 6-1, 1-6, 10-8; No. 3 - Gunnar Groven, Crookston, def. Brandon Sondag, Benson, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4 - Ean Deleon, Crookston, def. Carson Petrak, Benson, 6-4, 2-6, 11-9.

Doubles: No. 1 - Sam Widseth/Hudson Rick, Crookston, def. Brooks Groniers/Cian Kleas, Crookston, 6-1, 4-6, 10-7; No. 2 - Colton Osborn/Jacob Halvorson,

Crookston, def. Joey Wilcox/Andrew Mathesiou, Benson, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3 - Cam Martin/Marshall Hansen/Isaac Erdmann, Crookston, def. Jameson Lucas/Coy Helmlinger, Benson, 6-2, 6-3.

### Crookston 7, Osakis 0

Singles: No. 1 Reggie Winjum, Crookston, def. Tyler Stier, Osakis, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2 - Grant Funk, Crookston, def. Kellan George, Osakis, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 - Gunnar Groven, Crookston, def. Drew VanNyhuis, Osakis, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4 - Ean Deleon, Crookston, def. Brandon Anderson, Osakis, 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Doubles: No. 1 - Sam Widseth/Hudson Rick, Crookston, def. Preston Steinert/Dylan Helmland, Osakis, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2 - Colton Osborn/Jacob Halvorson, Crookston, def. Skylar Larson/William Meyer, Osakis, 6-0, 6-3; No. 3 - Marshall Hanson/Cameron Martin, Crookston, def. Ryder Rodriguez/Jake Nelson, Osakis, 6-2, 6-0.

## Pirates get walk-off win over Greyhounds

Asher Weiland scored on an a single by Dexter Janek to give the Crookston Pirates a walkoff 8-7 win over Foston Thursday, April 16 at Jim Karn Field.

Scoring		R		H		E	
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Crookston							
D. Janek CF	5	2	3	3	0	2	
G. Ecker 2B	4	0	2	2	0	1	
G. Hlucny 1B	4	0	1	0	0	1	

L. Perala 3B	4	0	0	0	0	1	
I. Donarski P	4	0	2	0	0	0	
A. Weiland	0	1	0	0	0	0	
C. Demarais RF	3	1	0	0	0	0	
E. Lanctot LF	1	0	0	0	0	1	
N. Cassavant	3	2	3	0	1	0	
D. Janek C	3	0	1	1	1	0	
A. Delage SS	3	1	0	0	1	1	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	

Highlights - 2B: G. Ecker, I. Donarski, D. Janek; SB: G. Ecker, N. Cassavant, C. Demarais, A. Delage, E. Lanctot; CS: J. Knutson; E: I. Perala; A. Delage 2;

## Walk-off home run sends No. 25 Minnesota State to comeback victory over Golden Eagles

Ethan Bowers hit a two-run walk-off home run to spoil the University of Minnesota Crookston's hopes at a win, as they fell 7-6 in a hard-fought game against No. 25 Minnesota State University.

The Golden Eagles held a 6-4 lead going into the bottom of the ninth, but the Mavericks scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth to capture the comeback victory.

Minnesota Crookston dropped to 21-16 (14-11 NSIC). They sit in a tie for sixth place with Winona State University. Minnesota State improved to 30-8 (22-3 NSIC) with their sixth-

straight win. The Mavericks are in first place in the NSIC standings. The Golden Eagles have dropped four in a row. Minnesota State has also picked up five-consecutive wins in the series.

The Golden Eagles got a stand-out starting performance from Isaac Roers (R-Sr., RHP, Stacy), who tossed six innings and allowed just two runs on five hits. He struck out two, and walked five. Kaylor Chamberlain (So., RHP, Mankato) pitched against his hometown team, allowing two runs on two hits in a frame. Lake Hagen (Jr., RHP, Alexandria) allowed no runs on one hit in 0.2 innings. Joey Connelly (Sr.,

LHP, Eden Prairie) picked up the loss, allowing three runs on two hits in 0.2 frames.

Gannon Reidinger started and went six innings, allowing three runs on five hits. He struck out three, and walked one. The win went to Ben Irsfeld, who improved to 4-0, allowing no runs in the ninth.

The Golden Eagles were led offensively by Aaron Wensloff's (Jr., IF, Roseau) seventh home run of the season, and Jackson Fliflet's (R-So., C, Wahpeton, N.D.) team-high 12th home run of 2026. Tori Uhlich (Jr., OF, Wahpeton, N.D.) guided the squad, hitting 3-of-5, with a

run scored and an RBI. Wensloff went 1-of-4, with an RBI and two runs scored. Cole Hebl (R-So., 1B, Hillsboro, N.D.) finished 1-of-5, with two RBI. Fliflet hit 1-of-4 with an RBI and a run scored.

Minnesota Crookston took a 1-0 lead in the first when Uhlich scored on an Americo Sculati (R-Sr., OF, Golden Valley) groundout. The Golden Eagles padded their lead to 3-0 when Hebl singled to right center, plating Aaron Wensloff, and Thomas Schumacher (Fr., IF, Thompson, N.D.).

Minnesota State countered in the bottom of the first with a C.J. Trask solo

shot, cutting the deficit to 3-1.

The Mavericks pulled within 3-2 in the third with a Louis Magers base-knock, driving in Trask.

The score remained 3-2 until the top of the seventh as Aaron Wensloff swung for the fences for his round tripper to extend the advantage to 4-2 in favor of the Golden Eagles.

Minnesota Crookston added to their lead in the top of the eighth. Fliflet knocked one over the fence to widen the gap to 5-2. The inning was rounded off by a Uhlich single to plate Kyler Miller (So., SS, Grand Rapids, Minn.) and extend the lead to

6-2. Minnesota State mounted a comeback in the bottom of the eighth. A Brandon Vicko solo home run trimmed the lead to 6-3. Pinch-hitter Pambos Nicoloudes hit a home run of his own to cut the deficit to 6-4.

The Mavericks had one last chance in the ninth and made the most of it. A Vicko single drove in Charlie Schau to pull the game within 6-5. Bowers came up in the crucial spot for a two-run blast, plating Sam Haugen to send Minnesota State to a walk-off 7-6 victory.

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# Wensloff's complete game guides Minnesota Crookston to Sunday split with MSU Mankato

The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team earned a split with Minnesota State University Sunday, April 19 at Bowyer Field in Mankato, led by a dominant complete game from Isaac Wensloff (Sr., RHP, Roseau).

Minnesota Crookston sits at 22-17 (15-12 NSIC) with Sunday's split. Minnesota State took the series 2-1. The Mavericks moved to 31-9 (23-4 NSIC) and lead the NSIC standings. Minnesota Crookston is in seventh in the conference standings. The Golden Eagles have five wins in the series since 2023, after going 1-16 in the first 12 years of the series. Minnesota Crookston was close in all three games, including the game two victory Sunday.

### Game One

Wensloff continued his dominant work on the mound as he shut down the Mavericks in a 7-2 win in game one. Wensloff limited Minnesota State to two late runs on four hits in the complete game. He struck out four, and walked three. Wensloff has a 2.97 ERA in his last seven appearances, giving up fewer than three runs in his last seven outings.

The loss went to Louis Magers, who allowed four earned runs on six hits in 5.1 innings. Magers struck out five, and walked one.

Tori Uhlich (Jr., OF, Wahpeton, N.D.) set the tone from the leadoff spot, hitting 2-of-4 with a run scored. Uhlich added to his school record with his 23rd stolen base. Jackson Fliflet (R-So., C, Wahpeton, N.D.) moved to fifth all-time in single-season home runs, going 1-of-4, with two RBI and a run scored. Americo Sculati (R-Sr., OF, Golden Valley) went 1-of-3, with two RBI and a run scored. Cole Hebl (R-So., 1B, Hillsboro, N.D.) was 1-of-4,



Minnesota Crookston senior Isaac Wensloff went the distance in the Golden Eagles' 7-2 win over number 25-ranked Minnesota State University Mankato in game one of a doubleheader on Sunday, April 19 in Mankato. Wensloff walked three and struck out four in the complete-game effort. (Photo by Minnesota Crookston Athletics)

with an RBI and a run scored.

The Golden Eagles pounced early, as Aaron Wensloff (Jr., IF, Roseau) singled to left field to plate Uhlich to give Minnesota Crookston a 1-0 advantage in the top of the first.

The score remained intact at 1-0 in favor of the Golden Eagles, until a big inning in the top of the sixth for Minnesota Crookston. Sculati hit his ninth home run of the season, driving in Elias

Leach to give the Golden Eagles a 3-0 lead. Fliflet followed suit with his team-high 13th home run of 2026. He is in the top three in the league for home runs. Minnesota Crookston rounded out the inning when Connor Bushbaum (R-Sr., OF, Saginaw) scored on an error to extend the advantage to 6-0.

The Golden Eagles added to their lead in the top of the seventh when Hebl doubled in Aaron Wensloff to push

the advantage to 7-0.

Minnesota Crookston had the shutout going into the bottom of the seventh with two outs, but pinch-hitter Eric Nuno blasted a two-run shot over the fence, scoring Ethan Bowers to cut the lead to 7-2. C.J. Trask was hit by a pitch in the next at-bat, but Isaac Wensloff struck out Cole Yearsley to preserve the 7-2 win.

### Game Two

Minnesota State edged Minnesota Crookston 4-2 in

the second game of Sunday's doubleheader in Mankato.

Daniel Zang earned the win for the Mavericks, throwing seven innings and allowing two runs on four hits. Zang struck out 10, and walked two in the win, improving to 5-1 on the bump.

Ben Irsfeld picked up his third save of 2026, tossing two scoreless innings with two strikeouts.

Nate Benning (Jr., LHP, Browerville) fell to 3-3, tossing five innings and allowing four runs on four hits. He struck out two, and walked four. Lake Hagen (Jr., RHP, Alexandria) threw three scoreless innings, giving up just three hits with two strikeouts.

Leach led the Golden Eagles, going 1-of-3 with one RBI and a run scored. Aaron Wensloff hit 1-of-4, with RBI. Caden Kappes (Jr., IF, Wahpeton, N.D.) went 1-of-3, with a run scored.

Minnesota Crookston got on the scoreboard first in the first frame when Aaron Wensloff singled to right center, driving in Leach to give the Golden Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Yearsley knotted the game 1-1 with a single through the left side, driving in Jake Berkland. The Mavericks took the lead 2-1 with a triple from Magers to plate Yearsley in the bottom of the first. They moved the advantage to 3-1 when Bowers singled to score Magers later in the frame.

Minnesota Crookston extended the lead to 4-1 in the fourth when Eric Nuno crossed the plate on a Logan Miller groundout.

The Golden Eagles trimmed the deficit to 4-2 in the fifth when Leach singled to right field, scoring Kappes.

Minnesota Crookston was unable to overcome the gap in the final four frames, falling 4-2.

The Golden Eagles were back on the road to face Bemidji State University Wednesday, April 22 in a

## Pirate track teams compete at Frozen Five

Aaron Gosse finished first in both the 100- and the 200-meter dash events to lead the Crookston boys and girls track and field teams at the Frozen Four Meet held Tuesday at KROX Radio Stadium.

The Pirates got runner-up finishes from Chloe Boll in the girls 100 and pole vault; Halle Perry in the girls 3200; Keea Kliner in the girls high jump; and Gavin Reitmeier in the boys 200.

The Pirates got third place finishes from Jennika Reese in the girls 3200; and the 4x100 relay team of Boll, Kinsley Wangen, Brooklyn Waldal and Morgan Boll; and the 4x800 relay team of Perry, Alle Kollin, Zizi Sam and Catelyn Mruska.

The Pirates finished fifth in both team competitions. West Marshall won the girls team title with 96 points, while Thief River Falls came away with the boys team title with 81 points.

### Team Scores

Girls - 1. West Marshall 96; 2. East Grand Forks 56; 3. Thief River Falls 53; 4. Roseau 36; 5. Crookston 28.

Boys - 1. Thief River Falls 81; 2. East Grand Forks 69; 3. West Marshall 64; 4. Roseau 39; 5. Crookston 18.

Winner/Crookston Places-Girls 100 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Gwen Wojciechowski, Thief River Falls, 13.30; 2. Chloe Boll 13.90; 13. Brooklyn Waldal 14.83; 14. Bridget Groven 14.87; 15. Kambree Wangen 14.93; 23. Mollie Wagner 15.48; 28. Keea Kliner 16.06; 30. Annalee Espinoza 16.75.

200 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Gwen Wojciechowski, Thief River Falls, 26.74; 8. Morgan Boll 30.16; 11. Bridget Groven 30.90; 14. Kambree Wangen 31.64; 16. Mollie Wagner 32.85; 21. Hailey Fritz 34.17; 23. Annalee Espinoza 36.36.

400 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Kinsley Beland, East Grand Forks, 1:02.49; 11. Annalee Espinoza 1:25.13; 12. Wendy Chen 1:37.84.

800 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Audrey Hagen, Roseau, 2:32.38; 9. Keatyn Kliner 2:48.65; 14. Kasey Fritz 3:48.39; 15. Andrea Morales 3:50.68.

1600 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Avery Solem, East Grand Forks, 5:38.83; 15. Alaina Goelzer 8:50.62.

3200 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Brenna Benson, West Marshall, 13:03.00; 2. Halle Perry 15:53.48; 3. Jennika Reese 16:51.50.

100 Hurdles Varsity Finals - 1. Kenley Marquis, West Marshall, 17.89; 7. Lauren Tull 21.98.

300 Hurdles Varsity Finals - 1. Annika Adolphson, West Marshall, 47.61; 6. Alle Kollin 56.75; 9. Lauren Tull 1:01.20.

4x100 Relay Varsity Finals - 1. West Marshall A 50.98; 3. Crookston A (Chloe Boll, Kinsley Wangen, Brooklyn Waldal, Morgan Boll) 55.42.

4x200 Relay Varsity Finals - 1. West Marshall A 1:47.83; 5. Crookston A (Kinsley Wangen, Ava Oliver, Brooklyn Waldal, Morgan Boll) 2:01.67.

4x400 Relay Varsity Finals - 1. East Grand Forks A 4:20.42.

4x800 Relay Varsity Finals - 1. Roseau A 10:33.57; 3. Crookston A (Halle Perry, Alle Kollin, Zizi Sam, Catelyn Mruska) 11:44.32.

Shot Put Varsity Finals - 1. Emily Marquis, West Marshall, 35.75; 11. Kasey Fritz 25.11.5; 19. Hailey Fritz 22.1.5; 26. Lydia Grovum 20.1; 33. Andrea Morales 16.10.5.

Discus Varsity Finals - 1. Emily Marquis, West Marshall, 121.7; 21. Hailey Fritz 53.8.5; 26. Lydia Grovum 47.9.

High Jump Varsity Finals - 1. Markelle Pederson, West Marshall, 4-8; 2. Keea Kliner 4-8.

Pole Vault Varsity Finals - 1. Markelle Pederson, West Marshall, 10-0; 2. Chloe Boll 9-6; 4. Morgan Boll 7-0.

Long Jump Varsity Finals - 1. Geena Jordheim, East Grand Forks, 15-2; 4. Chloe Boll 14-3; 5. Kinsley Wangen 14-1; 7. Keea Kliner 13-1; 8. Ava Oliver 13-1; 11. Kambree Wangen 12-10; 12. Mollie Wagner 12-8; 16. Bridget Groven 11-9; 19. Catelyn Mruska 10-10.

Winner/Crookston Places-Boys 100 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Aaron Gosse, Crookston, 11.81; 8.

Gavin Reitmeier 12.48; 9. Masen Lessard 12.54; 26. Miles Corneille 13.86.

200 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Aaron Gosse, Crookston, 24.20; 2. Gavin Reitmeier 25.98; 8. Masen Lessard 26.19; 16. Miles Corneille 27.95.

400 - Derson Dadeah, East Grand Forks, 52.06.

800 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Lincoln Davis, Thief River Falls, 2:17.00; 10. Chris Goodrich 2:34.10.

1600 Meters Varsity Finals - 1. Curtis Griffin, Thief River Falls, 4:38.76; 13. Chris Goodrich 5:47.99.

3200 Varsity Finals - Curtis Griffin, Thief River Falls, 10:32.11.

110 Hurdles Varsity Finals - 1. Sammy Durand, West Marshall, 16.68.

300 Hurdles Varsity Finals - 1. Sammy Durand, West Marshall, 43.82.

4x100 Relay Varsity Finals - 1. West Marshall A 47.56.

4x200 Relay Varsity Finals - 1. East Grand Forks A 1:37.23.

4x400 Relay Varsity Finals - 1. Thief River Falls A 3:41.62.

4x800 Relay Varsity Finals - 1. Roseau A 9:07.48.

Shot Put Varsity Finals - 1. Joey Bruggeman, Thief River Falls, 43.2.5; 8. Lennon Prudhomme 35.7; 17. Miles Corneille 29.8; 25. Kai Hoppe 23.0.

Discus Varsity Finals - 1. Chase Kalt, West Marshall, 120-4; 9. Lennon Prudhomme 84-0; 21. Kai Hoppe 58-9; 24. Miles Corneille 43-3.

High Jump Varsity Finals - 1. Caden Pagnac, West Marshall, 6-0.

Pole Vault Varsity Finals - 1. Noah Dvorak, West Marshall, 11-0.

Long Jump Varsity Finals - 1. Caden Pagnac, West Marshall, 20-10; 4. Masen Lessard 19-0.

**MINNESOTA CROOKSTON SPORTS**

**Saturday, April 25**  
 ■ Baseball - Minnesota Crookston Winona State University DH noon.  
 ■ Softball - Minnesota Crookston vs. St. Cloud State DH 1 p.m.

**Sunday, April 26**  
 ■ Baseball - Minnesota Crookston Winona State University noon.  
 ■ Softball - Minnesota Crookston vs. Concordia St. Paul DH 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 28**  
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## Minnesota Crookston trap team in second after week two in USA College Clay Target League

The University of Minnesota Crookston trap team remains in second place in the USA College Clay Target League Class 1A-Conference 6 standings after week two of the spring season. Minnesota Crookston had an overall tally of 568.0 for the week. They have 1,219.5 points after two weeks. They trail Alfred State College, who has 1,655.5 points, and lead Bethany Lutheran College

by 19.5 points. They also are in front of Illinois College, Valley City State University, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Maine Maritime Academy.

Dessa Terning (Fr., Dassel) is in a tie for ninth for the highest average among female shooters in the entire USA College Clay Target League with an average of 23.25. Lucas Wavra (So., East Grand Forks) tied for

ninth among male shooters in Conference 6 with an average of 23.5. Terning is tied for fourth in Conference 6 among females, while Kelsey Harms (Sr., Norwood Young America) is tied for ninth with a 21.75 average.

The Golden Eagles were guided in the second week by Terning, who connected on 47-of-50 targets. Wavra hit 46-of-50 clay targets. Austin Hughes (So., New York Mills) and Braxton Qual (Jr., Mahanomen) were each 45-of-50 for Minnesota Crookston. Chase Nelson (Jr., Red Lake Falls), Hunter Pierson (Sr., St. Hilaire), and C.J. Walsh (So.) all went 44-of-50. Ruth Freiberg (Sr., Hopkins), and Harms were 43-of-50 for the week. Louis Siegel (Sr., Anoka) hit 42-of-50 clay targets. Jayden Bergerson (Sr., Gully) and Amelia Miller (Fr., Hastings) each went 41-of-50.

The Golden Eagles headed into week three beginning April 19. As of that time, they had three weeks of scoring remaining in the spring season.

**CROOKSTON SPORTS**

**Monday, April 27**  
 ■ Golf - Crookston Girls at Roseau 9 a.m.  
 ■ Softball - Crookston vs. Roseau 4 p.m.  
 ■ Tennis - Crookston Boys Triangular vs. Minnewaska and Perham (at Fergus Falls) 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 28**  
 ■ Softball - Crookston at Fertile-Beltrami 4 p.m.  
 ■ Tennis - Crookston Boys vs. Moorhead 4:30 p.m.  
 ■ Track & Field - Crookston hosts Invitational 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 29**  
 ■ Golf - Crookston Boys at Pre-Subsection (Bemidji Town & County Club) 9 a.m.

**Thursday, April 30**  
 ■ Baseball - Crookston vs. Kittson County Central 4:30 p.m.  
 ■ Tennis - Crookston Boys at Bemidji Quadrangular 9 a.m.

**Friday, May 1**  
 ■ Baseball - Crookston vs. Hillsboro (Karn Classic) 6:30 p.m.  
 ■ Softball - Crookston at Red Lake Falls 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.  
 ■ Golf - Crookston Boys at Park Rapids Invitational 9 a.m.; Crookston Girls at Thief River Falls noon.  
 ■ Track & Field - Crookston Boys and Girls at East Grand Forks 1 p.m.

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