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Council rejects hemp edible license

by Anna Phalen Correspondent

The Crookston City Council considered a retail license application that ultimately failed on a divided vote Monday, May 4.

Hemp edible license denied

The council considered a request from MPT Enterprises, doing business as Best Buy Liquors, for a lower-potency hemp edible retailer license.

City staff noted the applicant had satisfied all required state conditions for licensure, including pay-

ment of applicable fees and compliance with zoning, safety and operational standards. It was also noted that the state had already issued the license.

Despite this, the resolution failed following a vote, with council members Clayton Briggs, Donald Cavalier and Joseph Shostell voting against approval. Council members Derek Brekken, Henry Fischer and Dylane Klatt were absent from the meeting.

Selzler reminded council members that licensing decisions should be based on whether an applicant meets

established requirements. He also indicated the city may need to further review whether it has the authority to deny the sale of such products given state approval.

Shostell said his vote was based on data, citing concerns about crime rates. During discussion, Mayor Dale Stainbrook questioned whether similar concerns would apply to other licensed businesses such as those serving alcohol. Shostell responded that approving the license could "open a can of worms."

Interim administrator

evaluation

Under the regular agenda, the council reviewed a summary from a closed Ways and Means meeting held April 20 regarding Interim City Administrator Darin Selzler.

According to the report, Selzler's performance was rated as exceeding expectations, and the council voted unanimously to have him continue serving in the interim role for the foreseeable future.

As part of its consent agenda, the council appointed John Thorp to the Crookston Housing

and Economic Development Authority Board.

The Parks and Recreation Department reported crews have been preparing baseball and softball fields, with the campground set to open Friday, May 15. Approximately 100 trees were planted in Central Park, and seasonal facilities have been installed.

Shostell noted the University of Minnesota Crookston recently held commencement for its largest graduating class, with 410 graduates. He called it a positive develop-

ment for the community.

Stainbrook shared a letter from the Warren Volunteer Fire Department thanking the Crookston Fire Department for assistance during the CHS elevator fire, highlighting the importance of mutual aid. He also noted a new art exhibit at the Fournet Building and announced an open house at the Crookston Sports Center on Wednesday, May 20 from 5 to 8 p.m.



While visiting the University of Minnesota Crookston, current and new members of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents planted a tree near the Early Childhood Development Center. (Submitted)

Advanced therapy brings new hope to stroke patients

April was National Occupational Therapy Month, making it the perfect time to highlight RiverView Health's newest OT service – the Vivistim Paired VNS (vagus nerve stimulation) System – and the team helping stroke patients regain independence and improve their quality of life.

The Vivistim system is designed for individuals who have experienced an ischemic stroke, the most common type of stroke, accounting for about 80% of all cases. These strokes occur when blood flow to the brain is blocked and can lead to long-term challenges such as weakness on one side of the body, difficulty speaking, memory loss, and trouble with movement and daily activities.

For patients with limited use of their arm and hand after a stroke, Vivistim offers new hope. The system is designed to improve upper-limb function and help individuals return to everyday activities like preparing food, playing cards, or buttoning a shirt.

"Vivistim is supported by strong functional outcomes and has the potential to increase independence and im-

prove participation in meaningful daily activities," said Allie Reiffenberger, OTD, OTR/L.

Reiffenberger and Olivia Pemberton, OTR/L, recently completed comprehensive Vivistim training and are approved providers. They lead RiverView's Vivistim outpatient therapy program in Crookston's Rehab Services Department.

Vivistim is FDA-approved and works by combining vagus nerve stimulation with targeted rehabilitation exercises. Studies show this approach can lead to two to three times greater improvement in hand and arm function compared to therapy alone – even years after a stroke.

The system includes a small device that is implanted under the skin in the chest and connected to the vagus nerve in the neck. This same-day surgical procedure is performed by a neurologist and is currently available in Fargo.

Following implantation, RiverView's specially trained occupational therapists guide patients through therapy using the required

Regents visit UMN Crookston

by University Relations

The University of Minnesota Crookston welcomed current and new members of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents to campus on Thursday, April 30 as part of the university's systemwide onboarding process. New Regents visiting Crookston included Joel Bergstrom, Sam Heins, Ellen Luger and Kowsar Mohamed, as well as current Regents James Farnsworth and Mary Turner.

Visits to system campuses are a standard compo-

nent of Regent orientation, providing an opportunity to learn more about the distinctive programs, people, and priorities that define each location. The Regents began their visit with lunch on campus with current students. From there, they took an interactive campus tour designed to offer a deeper look at academic programs, student experiences, and campus initiatives.

Throughout the day, Regents visited several key locations across campus, including the Center for Rural Education in Science

and Technology (CREST) Mobile Lab, Early Childhood Development Center, University Teaching and Outreach Center, residential halls, athletic facilities, and the Red River Valley Natural History Area. At each stop, faculty, staff, and students shared insights into their work and highlighted how these spaces support the university's land-grant mission.

Regents participated in a ceremonial tree planting tied to the university's summer campus beautification and sustainability initiative,

which includes the planting of approximately 800 trees and shrubs. The group planted a tree near the Early Childhood Development Center, symbolizing growth and long-term investment in the campus environment. This initiative is supported in part by funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency with planting efforts carried out in partnership with the Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa.

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OPTICARE announces Save Your Vision Month Essay Contest winners

As part of Save Your Vision month, Fisher Elementary first graders as well as Crookston's Highland Elementary second graders participated in a writing contest sponsored by OPTICARE. The goal of the contest was to make children aware of good vision for their learning and life activities.

Each child was asked to write a short essay about why he or she thought vision was important to success in school, sports and other life activities.

Criteria for evaluation included: staying on the topic of the importance of good vision, appropriately using capital letters and correct punctuation, and using complete sentences. One winner was selected from each of the first grade classes.

The winners from each class each received an OPTICARE t-shirt with the Save Your Vision month mascots, Wise Eyes and Spex. All the students received a certi-

cate of participation and a Save Your Vision bookmark with warning signs of vision trouble. The winners of the essays contest are as follows:

Fisher Elementary: Westin Anderson – Ms. Schroeder's class

Highland Elementary: Mosley Perreault – Mrs. Braam's class, Irelynn Solberg – Mrs. Hanson's class, Logan Burket – Ms. Holland's class and Franki Rasmussen – Mrs. Sorenson's class

The essays

Westin Anderson – I think eye care is important because it is good to get your eyes checked to see if you need glasses.

Mosley Perreault – When you go to the eye doctor you will have the sign in. After you sign in they take you in a room. When you go in the room they will sit you down in a chair then they will tell you to read some letters. Then they will decide if you need glasses. If you do need

glasses they will have you pick out glasses.

Irelynn Solberg – Do you keep your eyes healthy? If you don't know how I can teach you. First go to the eye doctor, they will check your eyes. You might have a few

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Winners in the OPTICARE Save Your Vision Month Essay Contest were (from left) Logan Burket, Franki Rasmussen, Mosley Perreault, Irelynn Solberg and Westin Anderson (pictured separately). (Submitted)

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University of Minnesota Crookston students recently won first place at Huskies Hack: IdeaForge. (Submitted)

UMN Crookston students earn first place at Hackathon event

University of Minnesota Crookston software engineering students took first place at a recent Hackathon event hosted by St. Cloud State University, showcasing their technical skills, creativity, and ability to collaborate under pressure.

Students worked in teams to build web, mobile, or software-based projects that addressed real-world challenges. Teams presented their final products to judges and competed for prizes, with support from event sponsors including Best Buy, ElevenLabs, and Immersion Data Solutions.

"This was the first Hackathon for all of us, and we came into it just wanting to learn and challenge ourselves," said Ivashchenko. "It ended up being an experience that showed me how powerful teamwork and quick decision-making can be. Seeing our idea come to life in such a short time was incredibly rewarding."

The group was supported and mentored throughout the experience by software engineering lecturer Nurul Amin, who coordinated the trip and guided students through the competition process. Preparation included organizing travel logistics, scheduling pre-event meetings to develop project ideas, and ensuring students were positioned for success throughout the event.

Twig and branch biweekly collection begins

Twig and branch collection will take place on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, May through October. Materials must be placed curbside for pickup. Branches must be cut into four-foot lengths and securely bundled if able for collection.

Trunks not cut to this length will not be collected and will be the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of. Twigs may be placed in boxes or bags. Residents removing diseased elm trees should contact City Hall to schedule a special pickup.

compostable material
Leaves, grass and other compostable materials may be placed in bags or boxes and will be collected on the second and fourth Mondays of each month along with the twig and branch collection.

If you are using your own garbage bins or containers that you do not want disposed of during collection, please clearly mark them with "KEEP BIN." Unmarked containers may be collected and disposed of.

Advanced therapy/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) device protocol to help ensure optimal outcomes. During therapy sessions, a wireless remote directs the device to deliver gentle stimulation while patients perform specific exercises. This paired approach helps the brain form new neural connections, supporting recovery and improved movement. Continued progress also takes place at home through exercises and daily activities performed using a handheld magnet to activate the device.

required afterward. Now, they have access to this advanced care much closer to home." Reiffenberger went on to explain the impact the system can have on stroke survivors in the area, even years after the stroke occurred. "We're especially excited because this technology applies to a large population. Anyone who has experienced an ischemic stroke more than six months ago can be evaluated to determine if they're a good candidate." For more information on the Vivistim system, visit vivistim.com.

Regents visit/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) The visit also included an informal reception in the Prairie Room, where members of the campus community had the opportunity to meet the new Regents, share their experiences, and highlight the impact of their work at UMN Crookston. Brief remarks were delivered, followed by time for conversation and connection. The visit concluded with an evening dinner hosted by Chancellor Dr.

Mary Holz-Clause and members of her cabinet, providing additional time for discussion and engagement. The Board of Regents is the university's governing board. Regents articulate a vision for the university and work to ensure the University of Minnesota fulfills its mission of education, research, and outreach for the benefit of the people of Minnesota, the nation and the world.

Park Board to meet Monday

The Crookston Park Board will meet Monday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall in the conference room. All notices may be found

at www.crookston.mn.us. There may be a quorum of City Council members present at the above-mentioned meeting.

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DEATHS

Elaine Kaml, 79

Elaine Kaml, 79, Euclid, died on Thursday, April 23, 2026.
Interment of her cremated remains will be held in the Czech National Cemetery of Tabor.

Ruth Carlson, 99

Ruth A. Carlson, 99, Ada, died on Friday, April 24, 2026.
Funeral service was held Friday, May 1, 2026 at Grace Lutheran Church, Ada.
Interment was in East Marsh River Lutheran Cemetery, Rural Halstad.

Genevieve Ricard, 84

Genevieve Ricard, 84, of Crookston, passed away on April 23, 2026.
A funeral service honoring Genevieve's life was held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Crookston. A burial service will take place at a later date.

NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given that the following county and soil and water district offices will be voted on at the State General Election to be held in Polk County on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Candidates must file between 8:00 A.M., May 19, 2026 and 5:00 P.M., June 2, 2026 with the Polk County Auditor-Treasurer. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file prior to departure. Note: Filing documents may be executed on May 25, 2026 although filing offices will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. (Minnesota Statutes 204B.06/.11 and Minnesota Statutes 204.B33)

COUNTY & DISTRICT OFFICES
Candidates for the following offices file with the Polk County Auditor-Treasurer, Polk County Government Center, Taxpayer Service Center, 612 N Broadway, Suite 207, Crookston MN 56716. Phone: 218-281-2554.
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One County Commissioner for District Two
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SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE (Three Seats)
Seat # Incumbent:
1 (Sarah E. Hennesy)

How to safely apply backyard chemicals

by **Denton Bruening**
Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Every spring, Minnesotans step outside to perform the same ritual: rake the lawn, plan the garden, and grab a bag of fertilizer to help the yard wake up from winter. What most people don't realize is how much this last step can affect the water around us.

A University of Minnesota study from a few years back delivered a clear wake-up call: Backyard chemicals, especially lawn fertilizers, are a significant source of nutrient pollution in our lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

The problem is bigger than many may realize. Every year, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture tracks off-farm fertilizer and pesticide purchases. In 2024, the last year purchase data was published, Minnesotans bought 178 million pounds of fertilizer for residential use. Pesticide purchases were smaller — about 870,000 pounds at last count — but they also contribute to contamination risks.

So, no matter what you apply — fertilizer, weed-and-feed, pesticide — the same rules apply: Chemical products used at the wrong time or in the wrong place can move off your property and into our waters.

But here's the good news: You don't have to overhaul your yard or give up a healthy lawn. Just use these products the right way. Here

are simple steps that help keep chemicals out of our water resources:

- Use only what you need. Conduct a soil test before you buying or applying fertilizer to ensure it's needed. Test kits are available at most garden centers. Spot-treat weeds and other problem areas, whenever possible. Mow at three to four inches to shade out weeds and use mulch in gardens to prevent others from establishing. When using any backyard chemical, follow label instructions.

- Keep products where they belong. If a powder or granular chemical lands on the sidewalk or driveway, sweep or blow it back into its intended area. Pavement is the fastest route to a storm drain.

- Check the weather before applying anything.

Even if you hire a lawn care crew, you still have a say over what happens in your yard. Professional applicators are licensed by the MDA and are required to provide a clear breakdown of what they apply to your yard. You can — and should — ask how they determine what products are used, how they prevent runoff, and whether their practices align with your goals for protecting water quality. A reputable company will welcome these questions.

Minnesotans fish, sail, swim, and brag about our lakes for good reason. And protecting these waters isn't just the job of farmers, cities, and regulators. It's on all of us.

This spring, remember:

United Way distributes over \$62,000

The United Way of Crookston has announced the distribution of more than \$62,000 for local nonprofit agencies and programs that serve the Crookston community.

In a tough fundraising climate, Crookston came through to help ensure these incredibly important services remain vibrant and able to keep changing lives throughout the area.

The United Way is thankful for a community that recognizes and supports these kinds of services and thanks the community for its generous giving. The United Way couldn't do it without donors.



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THE CITY OF CROOKSTON Project Coordinator

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The City of Crookston is currently hiring for the position of **Project Coordinator**. The Project Coordinator for the Crookston Economic Development Authority (CEDA) supports efforts to grow and strengthen the local business community. The role focuses on coordinating economic development projects, identifying and managing funding opportunities, assisting with grants and loans, and serving as a liaison between residents, businesses, developers, and government or foundation partners.

Submit cover letter and completed job application to:
hr@crookston.mn.us

Full Job Posting - <https://www.crookston.mn.us/jobs.aspx>

Equal Opportunity Employer: The City of Crookston provides equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or genetics.

Polk County Minnesota Employment Opportunities:

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Rural Reflections ...

Data centers – good or bad?

by Grant Nelson



The Midwest has been discovered and will soon be settled for human occupation. I think that is the perspective of many who have never before lived here. The advent of remote employment meant people could live where they wanted and work in a large city via high-speed internet.

We have also been discovered by companies which wish to build data centers. As rural populations decrease, it's nice to have new neighbors who can pay taxes, volunteer as firefighters and first responders, join churches or populate schools. I like the arrival of the people; I haven't made up my mind about the data centers.

Data centers are huge buildings, filled with computers that create heat and need large amounts of electricity. I enjoy the programs hosted at data centers. Some of these programs include artificial intelligence, which has some people worried. I

think artificial intelligence is like any tool; its use for good or evil depends heavily on the character of the human using it.

Data centers use a lot of electricity, that's one of the reasons they are building a data center near Horace, N.D. This area produces power, particularly from the Minnkota Power Plant. A good portion of Minnesota and North Dakota are powered by Minnkota Power Cooperative and 58% of Minnkota's power comes from coal. It's consistent power with solid delivery systems and a good performance track record. It's one of the reasons data centers like the area.

It sounds like a decent deal, business development in an area that needs such an investment and a new long-term electric customer. The problem is that demand can lead to increased costs. We live about two hours from Horace; however, we share the same power source. I have always worried that the cost of power may make it hard to live in the area; however, our cost has stayed reasonable so far.

I am concerned that Minnesota's goal of 100% renewable electricity by 2040 will drive the cost beyond what we can afford. I see data cen-

ters and renewable energy as a multiplying effect on the cost of electricity. As we use more electricity, the goal of 100% renewable energy becomes ever more expensive. Each new data center creates a greater need for expensive coal-fired energy which is going to be replaced with higher-cost renewables one day. It seems to be moving the goal line further away.

Elon Musk has plans to develop a satellite system of tiny independent data centers which orbit the earth and are linked by microwave-like beams. The satellites would be powered by solar power and the extreme cold of space would make cooling very efficient. The technology solves problems but is not proven; until then, development of data centers will be an earth-bound question. Google is developing a nuclear SMR (small modular reactor) to support AI data centers, perhaps that is the answer.

This is still Rural Reflections, and I still like cows, cats, trees, birds and nostalgia. There will be a time to write about all of those things in the future. I just thought you might like to hear about another future this week: Our own.

Food banks thank Senate committee for funding to help working families

Minnesota's food banks express gratitude to members of the Senate Health and Human Services Finance Committee for including \$10 million in statewide food bank funding in this session's finance bill, which was passed off the floor on Wednesday, April 29. The investment recognizes the essential role food banks play as community-based organizations that partner with local grocers, farmers, and volunteers to deliver food assistance efficiently and with minimal overhead to food shelves.

Food banks are proven stewards of every public and private dollar they receive. On average, food banks source and distribute groceries at prices well below what Minnesota families pay at big-box retailers. With this funding, food banks will turn each dollar

into multiple meals for working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and children across the state. That kind of return on investment is exactly what taxpayers should expect from any use of public funds.

This funding comes at a critical moment. Grocery costs remain high, and more of our neighbors, many of them working full-time jobs, are turning to food banks to fill their pantry. This funding ensures that rural communities, small towns, and Greater Minnesota are not left behind.

The food banks are especially grateful to the committee members and bill authors from both sides of the aisle who recognized that hunger is not a partisan issue and that supporting Minnesota's food banks is a sound, fiscally responsible investment in our communi-

ties. "In the rural communities we serve, we take pride in looking out for one another. Our goal is to help neighbors get back on their feet. However, more people than ever need our help to get by. In the last three years, our distribution has increased by a stunning 37%, and the need continues to outpace the available funding. This funding will help us ensure that rural families aren't left behind," said Susie Novak Boelter, executive director of North Country Food Bank Inc.

Minnesota's food banks look forward to continuing to work with legislators in both chambers as the bill moves through the process, and we urge the House and the full Legislature to preserve this commonsense investment in Minnesota families and seniors.

Osberg earns DFL endorsement in 7th Congressional District

U.S. House candidate for Minnesota's 7th Congressional District Erik Osberg won the DFL endorsement Saturday, April 25. He earned 65% of the vote on the first ballot over Minnesota State House Rep. Heather Keeler who received 35% of the vote.

On winning the endorse-

ment Osberg said, "I'm incredibly humbled and grateful to the delegates, and honored to have earned their trust and their vote. Our campaign talks a lot about gratitude and I couldn't have reached this point without the incredible team we've put together."

Osberg, a first-time candidate for office, has worked for the last nine years as the Rural Rebound Initiative Coordinator for Otter Tail County. He is now preparing to face Republican Michelle Fischbach in the general election in November.

On the prospects of winning in the general election, Osberg said, "We believe this will be a very competitive race. Collin Peterson, a Democrat, held this seat for

almost 20 years. We will continue to do what we've done since we launched this campaign over 13 months ago: meeting voters where they're at and having face-to-face conversations about what really matters to the people of western Minnesota. One of the things we've heard most is that the people in this district don't feel like they have a voice with our current congressperson. Our goal is to change that and to provide real representation to the people of CD7.

"We also want to thank Representative Keeler and her team for running a strong campaign, which pushed us to be our very best."

Save Your Vision/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) different eye doctors. Next make sure to not be so close to your electronics. Then carrots can also help your eyes. Lastly talk to your eye doctor to see if you need glasses.

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Seed Coalition honors Night to Unite partnership

by University Relations

The community partnership behind Crookston's annual National Night Out celebration, locally known as Night to Unite, has been recognized with a 2026 Community Partner Award from the Seed Coalition. The recognition highlights the collaborative effort among local partners, including University of Minnesota Crookston, that helps make the event one of the region's largest community gatherings.

Each year, the Seed Coalition's network of colleges and universities across Minnesota and Iowa recognizes outstanding civic and community engagement initiatives that strengthen campuses, communities, and the relationships between them. The Community Partner Award honors collaborative efforts that demonstrate meaningful partnerships between higher education institutions and the communities they serve.

The Crookston partnership was recognized for its work supporting Night to Unite, the community's local celebration of National Night Out. The event marked its 41st year nationally and its 22nd year in Crookston in 2025. Over the past five years, Night to Unite has been held on the University of Minnesota Crookston campus on the first Tuesday in August, where the university works alongside local partners to host one of the area's most visible community-building events.

Nationwide, more than 40 million people in over 15,000 communities participate in National Night Out events each year. In Crookston, the event has grown in participation, scope, and community engagement, with more than 1,500 attendees gather-

ing on the Crookston campus each August to connect with neighbors, local organizations, and public safety partners.

"Night to Unite is the largest and most impactful community event organized by the City of Crookston and would not be possible if not for the partnerships with UMN Crookston," said Darin Selzler, Crookston police chief and interim city administrator.

Local public health leaders also noted the broader community impact created through the collaboration.

"The impact of this collaboration is felt throughout Crookston and beyond. It reinforces democratic values and civic responsibility by creating a welcoming space among residents, university, local leaders, law enforcement, health providers, and alike," said Sarah Reese, MS, CHES, administrator and director of Polk County Public Health and Polk-Norman-Mahnomon Community Health Services.

The University of Minnesota Crookston has partnered with Night to Unite organizers since 2010, helping expand the event's reach and community participation in recent years.

"The Seed Coalition's Community Partner Award recognizes UMN Crookston's community-university collaboration, and Night to Unite is one of those many regional partnerships showcased each August," said Michelle Christopherson, director of outreach and engagement at UM Crookston.

Award recipients were recognized Thursday, April 9 during a ceremony hosted by St. Olaf College in Northfield.

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Girls Golf

Pirates win TRF Invitational

Eleven strokes was all that separated first place Crookston and third place Thief River Falls at the varsity girls golf meet held Friday, May 1 at the Thief River Golf Club.

Crookston won the nine-hole meet with 191 strokes from its top four golfers. East Grand Forks was seven strokes back with a score of 198, and Thief River Falls finished third with a score of

202. Paige Lindgren of East Grand Forks was the medalist with a 6-over par score of 42. Crookston golfers Halle Nicholas and Ava Martin finished second and third with scores of 44 and 45, respectively.

Also competing for the Pirates were Makenna Peterson in fourth with a nine-hole round of 50; Emelia Hoerner in 10th with a 52,

and Taylor Weiland in 14th with a 55.

Results

- Team Scores - 1. Crookston 191; 2. East Grand Forks 198; 3. Thief River Falls 202.
- Medalist - 1. Paige Lindgren, East Grand Forks, 42; 2. Halle Nicholas, Crookston, 44; 3. Ava Martin, 45.
- Crookston scores - 2. Halle Nicholas 44; 3. Ava Martin 45; 4. Makenna Peterson 50; 10. Emelia Hoerner 52; 14. Taylor Weiland 55.



Crookston senior Ava Martin puts with Thief River Falls competitor Alora Green watching on the hole number 11 green during Friday's girls golf meet at the Thief River Golf Club. Martin finished third in the May 1 meet, shooting 45 in the nine-hole round. (Photo by Scott DCamp)

Pirates finish third at HOL girls meet in Park Rapids

Halle Nicholas shot a 15-over par round of 87 to finish 12th overall and lead the Crookston girls golf team to a third place finish at the Heart O' Lakes girls meet in Park Rapids Monday.

Also contributing to the Pirates' team score were Emelia Hoerner in 17th with a 94; Makenna Peterson in 26th with a 98; and Elsie Mathews in 53rd place with a 114.

Detroit Lakes paced the field with 318 strokes from its top-four golfers, including medalist Jaycie Sliper and runner-up Rowan Gatheridge, who shot 73 and 80, respectively at the Headwaters' Golf Club course.

Results

- Team Scores - 1. Detroit Lakes 318; 2. Roseau 354; 3. Crookston 375; 4. Park Rapids Area 392; 5. East Grand Forks 400; 6. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 412; T7. Perham

418; T7. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 418; 9. Hawley 426; 10. Barnesville 428; 11. Thief River Falls 431; 12. Pelican Rapids 432; 13. United North Central 444; T14. Breckenridge 456; T14. Frazee 456; 16. Park Rapids Area-2 570.

■ Medalist - 1. Jaycie Sliper, Detroit Lakes, 73; 2. Natalie Martin, Park Rapids Area, 80; 2. Rowan Gatheridge, Detroit Lakes 80.

■ Crookston scores - 12. Halle Nicholas 87; 17. Emelia Hoerner 94; 26. Makenna Peterson 98; 53. Elsie Mathews 114; 56. Taylor Weiland 115.

Crookston boys finish 13th at Headwaters Invite

Garrett Fischer shot a three over par 75 to lead Crookston to a 13th place finish at the 2026 Headwaters Invitational boys golf tournament held Friday, May 1 at the Headwaters Golf Club in Park Rapids.

Fischer finished fifth. Also factoring into the Pirates' team score were Evan Shockman in 48th place with an 89; Tony Elbinger in 81st place with a 95; and David Dauksavage in 90th place with a score of 100.

The Pirates finished in a

13th place tie with Thief River Falls, with each team tallying 359 strokes. Team honors went to Bemidji with 305 strokes from its top four golfers. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley finished second with 319 strokes, and Perham and Pequot Lakes tied for third with scores of 320.

Perham junior Reid Aakre was the tournament medalist with a one under par score of 71.

Results

- Team Scores - 1. Bemidji 305; 2. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 319; 3. Perham 320; 3. Pequot Lakes 320;

5. Staples-Motley 329; 6. East Grand Forks 335; 7. Frazee 336; 8. Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 344; 8. Pine River-Backus 344; 10. United North Central Warriors 348; 11. Barnesville 354; 12. Park Rapids Area 357; 13. Crookston 359; 13. Thief River Falls 359; 15. Hawley 362; 16. Nevis 380; 17. Blackduck 394; 18. Wadena-Deer Creek 405; 19. Park Rapids Area-2 499; Incomplete - FHL Academy, Laporte.

■ Medalist - 1. Reid Aakre, Perham, 71; 2. Jackson White, Staples-Motley 73; 3. Jackson Fogelson, Bemidji, 74; 3. Maverick Reed, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, 74.

■ Crookston scores - 5. Garrett Fischer 75; 48. Evan Shockman 89; 81. Tony Elbinger 95; 90. David Dauksavage 100.

Minnesota Crookston falls in opening round of NSIC Baseball Tournament to Augustana

The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team fell 21-4 to Augustana University in round one the 2026 NSIC Tournament Wednesday, May 6 at The Birdcage in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Minnesota Crookston dropped to 26-24 with the first round loss. Augustana improved to 38-13 with the victory. The Vikings have won all four of their NSIC Tournament meetings all-time with the Golden Eagles.

Isaac Wensloff (Sr., RHP, Roseau) started and fell to 6-4 with the loss, after allowing seven earned runs on 10 hits in 2.1 innings. He struck out two, and no walks. Kaylor Chamberlain (So., RHP, Mankato) allowed two unearned runs in 0.2 frames. Jaxson Bennett (Sr., RHP, Saginaw, Minn.) notched 1.1 scoreless frames on the bump.

The win went to Augustana's Jack Sutton in relief, allowing no runs in two frames with one strikeout. Mauricio Gomez, the NSIC Pitcher of the Year, started but struggled with walks. He tossed three innings, allowing four runs on two hits. Gomez struck out five, and walked seven.

Minnesota Crookston was led by Cole Hebl (R-So., 1B, Hillsboro, N.D.), who went 3-of-4, with two RBI. Elias Leach (Fr., OF/LHP, Plymouth), the NSIC Freshman of the Year, went 1-of-4, with an RBI. Tyler Miller (So., SS, Grand Rapids) scored two runs for the Golden Eagles.

The Golden Eagles put a pair of runners on with a Bushbaum walk and a Hebl base-knock. Gomez loaded the bags with two outs as Aaron Wensloff (Jr., IF, Roseau) was walked. Gomez struck out Sculati with the bases loaded to keep the game 0-0.

The Vikings put their first two batters on as Weigel was hit by a pitch, and Soelter singled. A Carter Heinsch double knocked in Weigel to

give Augustana an early 1-0 lead. Ragan Pinnow hit one off the fence in left center to drive in Soelter and Heinsch to push the advantage to 3-0.

The Golden Eagles countered in the top of the second. After three-straight Gomez walks, Bushbaum reached on a fielder's choice, plating Caden Kappes (Jr., IF, Wahpeton, N.D.) to trim the deficit to 3-1. Hebl delivered a single to drive in Bushbaum, and Miller to knot the game up 3-3.

Augustana came back in the bottom of the second with a Kobe Eikmeier two-run shot, plating Maddux Foss to extend the advantage to 5-3. Heinsch singled to right field to score Weigel to give the Vikings a 6-3 lead. Isaac Wensloff struck out Berg to get out of the frame.

The Vikings pushed their lead to 7-3 in the third as Eikmeier reached on an error and Lundquist scored for Augustana. A Weigel double plated Eikmeier and Foss to extend the Augie lead to 9-3. Heinsch singled in Weigel to push the Viking lead to 10-3. Pinnow launched one over the left field fence to score Heinsch and give Augie a 12-3 advantage in the third. Chamberlain got the Golden Eagles out of the frame but not before the Vikings scored six runs.

Gomez walked Miller and Schumacher to lead off the top of the fourth, which would be his two final batters of the day. Bushbaum grounded into a fielder's choice, as the Vikings got the out at second. Bushbaum was then thrown out on the attempted stolen base to put two outs on the scoreboard. Leach laced a ball up the middle to drive in Miller and cut the deficit to 12-4. Sutton got out of the inning with a strikeout of Hebl.

A Weigel walk and a Soelter hit led off the bottom of the fifth for the Vikings off Aaron Bennett (Sr., RHP, Saginaw, Minn.). Augustana

loaded the bases as Heinsch reached on a walk. Pinnow hit a ball deep to center field for a sacrifice fly, plating Weigel to increase the lead to 13-4. A Berg single plated Soelter to extend the Augie advantage to 14-4. A Lundquist double drove in Heinsch to push the advantage to 15-4. Eikmeier walked with the bases loaded, driving in Berg to extend the lead to 16-4. Weigel walked with the bases loaded, scoring Lundquist.

Soelter was hit by a pitch bringing in Koskie to extend the lead to 18-4. Heinsch was walked, bringing in Eikmeier to push the Augie edge to 19-4. A Pinnow double with the bases loaded, brought in Soelter, and Weigel to push the lead to 21-4.

DNR urges people to leave deer fawns alone

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources asks that people avoid disturbing or touching deer fawns, which are born around this time of year.

Most fawns are born from mid-May to mid-June, and do not attempt to evade predators during their first few weeks of life. Instead, they remain still to avoid being seen. During these times, fawns are learning critical survival skills from their mothers but are often left on their own while their mothers watch nearby.

Be assured deer fawns are likely fine, though they might appear to be abandoned or fragile. Even if the fawn is known to be wounded or abandoned due to car strike or animal attack, do not transport it without talking to a wildlife rehabilitator. Moving a fawn can be detrimental to the animal and increase the risk of spreading diseases.



Crookston senior Halle Nicholas puts on the hole number 11 green at the Thief River Golf Club during a girls golf meet on Friday, May 1. Nicholas finished the nine-hole round in second place with 44 strokes. The Pirates won the event as a team by seven strokes over runner-up East Grand Forks. (Photo by Scott DCamp)

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Pirates finish second at Northwest Quad

The Crookston boys tennis team played its way to a runner-up finish at the Northwest Quad tennis meet on Thursday, April 30 at Bemidji High School.

Grant Funk won all three of his matches to take home to top individual spot at number two singles. Gunnar Groven and Ean Deleon went 2-1 and finished second and number three and number four singles, respectively.

The Pirates also got a runner-up finish from the number two doubles team of Colton Osborn and Sawyer Anderson.

Rounding out the scoring for the Pirates were Reggie Winjum with a third place finish in the number one sin-

gles division and Alex Zammert and Jacob Halvorson with a third place finish in number three doubles.

Northwest Quad
Team Scores - 1. Bemidji 19; 2. Crookston 12; 3. East Grand Forks 7; 4. Thief River Falls 4.

Singles
No. 1 - Owen Lappinga (Bemidji) def. Reggie Winjum (Crookston) 6-0, 6-4; Jett Cornelius (TRF) def. Reggie Winjum (Crookston) 6-3, 7-5; Reggie Winjum (Crookston) def. Oliver Kalenze (EGF) 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2 - Grant Funk (Crookston) def. Blake Friese (Bemidji) 6-4, 4-6, 10-3; Grant Funk (Crookston) def. Kaleb Funk (TRF) 6-0, 5-7, 11-9; Grant Funk (Crookston) def. Austin Kovar (EGF) 6-1, 6-2;

No. 3 - Josh Arel (Bemidji) def. Gunnar Groven (Crookston) 6-1, 6-4; Gunnar Groven (Crookston) def. Cooper Sabo (TRF) 6-2, 6-1; Gunnar Groven (Crookston) def. Tyler

Gemar (EGF) 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4 - Elihu Broten (Bemidji) def. Ean Deleon (Crookston) 6-4, 6-2; Ean Deleon (Crookston) def. Adam Walker (TRF) 6-1, 6-1; Ean Deleon (Crookston) def. Mason Arnold (EGF) 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles
No. 1 - Mathews/Frank (Bemidji) def. Widseth/Rick (Crookston) 4-6, 7-6, 10-7; Widseth/Rick (Crookston) def. Svendsgaard/Dearth (TRF) 6-2, 6-1; Hanson/Wavra (EGF) def. Widseth/Rick (Crookston) 6-3, 6-3.

No. 2 - Fairchild/Gifford (Bemidji) def. Osborn/Anderson (Crookston) 6-1, 6-0; Osborn/Anderson (Crookston) def. Sheridan/Price (TRF) 6-2, 6-3; Osborn/Anderson (Crookston) def. Anderson/Brenden (EGF) 6-4, 6-1;

No. 3 - Bignall/Berg (Bemidji) def. Zammert/Halvorson (Crookston) 6-1, 6-3; Zammert/Halvorson (Crookston) def. Larson/Larson (TRF) 6-4, 6-3; Berg/Olson (EGF) def. Zammert/Halvorson (Crookston) 6-4, 7-6.

Pirates get dominant wins over EGF, Fergus Falls

The Crookston boys tennis team won 13 of 14 matches in a pair of tennis duals on Friday, May 1 at East Grand Forks. The Pirates took six of seven bouts against Fergus Falls before sweeping East Grand Forks 7-0.

Crookston 7, Fergus Falls 0

Singles - No. 1 - Reggie Winjum, Crookston, def. Dane Hare, Fergus Falls, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2 - Grant Funk, Crookston, def. Jacob Warner, Fergus Falls, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 - Gunnar Groven, Crookston, def. Brody King,

Fergus Falls, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4 - Ean Deleon, Crookston, def. Kai Laucheur, Fergus Falls, 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles - No. 1 - Sam Widseth/Hudson Rick, Crookston, def. Leo Scheirer/Tyler Heruth, Fergus Falls, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2 - Colton Osborn/Sawyer Anderson, Crookston, def. William Vaughn/Isaiah Ibarra, Fergus Falls, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3 - Sullivan Rufer/Gabe Carlson, Fergus Falls, def. Alex Zammert/Jacob Halvorson, Crookston, 6-4, 1-6, 10-7.

Crookston 6, East Grand Forks 0
Singles - No. 1 - Reggie Winjum, Crookston, def. Aaden Wavra, East Grand Forks, 7-6 (3), 1-6, 11-9; No. 2 -

Grant Funk, Crookston, def. Oliver Kalenze, East Grand Forks, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 - Gunnar Groven, Crookston, def. Nolan Kluck, East Grand Forks 5-2, retired; No. 4 - Ean Deleon, Crookston, def. Kellen Berg, East Grand Forks, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles - No. 1 - Sam Widseth/Hudson Rick, Crookston, def. Austin Kovar/Luke Hanson, East Grand Forks, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2 - Colton Osborn/Sawyer Anderson, Crookston, def. Tyler Gemar/Mason Arnold, East Grand Forks, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3 - Alex Zammert/Jacob Halvorson, Crookston, def. Liam Brenden/Kiptyn Olson, East Grand Forks, 6-3, 4-6, 10-7.



Emelia Hoerner, pictured here chipping on hole number 11, shot a nine-hole score of 52 to finish 10th at the Thief River Falls girls golf meet on Friday, May 1. (Photo by Scott DCamp)

Golden Eagles fall in final games of season

Golden Eagle Softball finished out their season Sunday, May 3 in Winona as they were swept by Winona State University.

The first game was a tight loss as the Golden Eagles and Warriors went 11 innings, with the Warriors scoring three runs in the bottom of the 11th to take the 9-7 win. Game two, and the final game of the season for the Golden Eagles, was a 6-0 loss. The Golden Eagles finished out the season with a 15-41 record, going 8-22 in the NSIC.

Game One

The first game was a back-and-forth affair, with the two teams trading scores. There were five lead changes in total, with the Golden Eagles totaling 13 hits on 47 at bats and the Warriors registering nine hits on 37 at bats.

The first inning saw each team record one hit. Emily Kalina (Fr., CF/LHP, Rice Lake, Wis.) got the ball rolling with a double into right center before three straight outs for the Golden Eagles. The Warriors' lone hit of the inning was a single by Tiegan Mancuso.

The top of the second was quick, as the Golden Eagles' first three batters in the order all went out. The Warriors brought home the first run of the game in the bottom of the inning when Lila McNeil hit a sacrifice fly to center field, bringing home Braelee Jodarski. That was the only score of the inning.

The Golden Eagles registered the only runs of the third inning. The first was thanks to a single by Rayna French (Jr., C, La Salle, Manitoba) that brought home Madisen Yandle (So., SS, Lakeville) for the Golden Eagles. Immediately after that, Megan Surgenor (Fr., RHP/3B, Andover) singled through the left side, bring-

ing Valerie VanZant (Fr., MIF, Salina, KS) home for the first Golden Eagles lead.

The Golden Eagles did not register a hit in the top of the fourth. The Warriors put themselves back on top thanks to a home run by McNeill to tie the game, followed by a second home run of the inning by Alyssa Woelfel, which brought home two other runs to give the Warriors a 5-2 lead.

The Golden Eagles answered right back in the top of the fifth, starting off with a ground out by VanZant that brought Yandle home to shorten the lead to just two. Two batters later, Surgenor homered to center field, bringing both her and French home to even the game at five. That did not last long due to the Warriors scoring on a Jaden Johnson single that brought in Bryn Elsenpeter for their sixth run of the afternoon.

The Golden Eagles tied the game back up in the top of the seventh inning when Kalina recorded her second hit of the day with a home run down the right field line, and the game was back even at six apiece.

The eighth, ninth, and 10th innings did not see any runs scored, and only had two hits recorded. Both of those hits were for the Golden Eagles in the top of the eighth. The first hit was a single by Irelene Spencer (R-Jr., IF, Rapid City, S.D.) and then Madeline Murray (So., C/3B, Abilene, KS) also recording a single.

The 11th inning was where things picked back up for the batters, starting off with an Emily Kalina single to center field. VanZant then hit a single, reaching second on a fielding error, and bringing home Kalina to give the Golden Eagles a 7-6 lead.

The Golden Eagles and Warriors went into the bottom of the 11th with that score. With two runners on base and one out, the Warriors called upon Ava Smith to pinch hit. With a full count, Smith hit a walk-off home run into right center, winning the game for the Warriors 9-7.

Game Two

The Golden Eagles had a more difficult second game, with the Warriors locking in and winning 6-0. The Golden Eagles did not record a hit in the game.

The first scores in this game came in the bottom of the second inning, with the first two coming in thanks to a single by Woelfel that brought home Nicole Weinberger and Jodarski. Then, the Warriors extended their lead to five off of a home run by Elsenpeter, bringing home Mancuso and Woelfel.

The Golden Eagles did get runners on base in the top of the third. Ruth Freiberg (Sr., OF, Hopkins) was walked. Madisen Yandle reached on a fielder's choice, and got to second thanks to a wild pitch. But the Golden Eagles could not get further than that in the inning.

The Warriors got their sixth and final run of the game in the bottom of the fourth inning when Elsenpeter singled through the right side, bringing Woelfel in for her second run of the game and fourth of the afternoon.

The Golden Eagles got on base two more times. Once in the top of the sixth when VanZant was walked, and once when Chayse Doering (So., OF, Shakopee) was walked in the top of the seventh.

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