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Cleaning up the community



Students from Our Savior's Lutheran School participated in their annual Community Clean Up Day on Wednesday, May 13. In an effort to give back to their community and help care

for God's creation, groups of students took to the streets to pick up litter and do what they could to make their school neighborhood better. (Submitted)

UMN Crookston animal science students achieve 90.9% veterinary school acceptance

Acceptance rate is nearly 10 times the national average

by University Relations

The University of Minnesota Crookston has announced 90.9% of its animal science pre-veterinary students were accepted into veterinary medical programs. This acceptance rate is nearly 10 times the national average of 11%, highlighting the program's rigorous academic preparation and hands-on learning environment.

This year, 10 out of 11

UMN Crookston students who applied to veterinary programs received offers of admission. The success rate underscores the strength of the animal science program and its commitment to preparing the next generation of veterinary professionals through a combination of classroom excellence and practical experience with livestock and other animals.

"We are incredibly proud of our pre-vet students and their continued success in the veterinary school admissions process," said Leslie Lekatz, associate professor of animal science at UMN Crookston. "I believe our consistently high acceptance rates are driven by several

factors. First, our curriculum and small class sizes provide students with the hands-on learning experiences that veterinary schools value. Our program also includes a built-in internship experience, which helps students develop valuable clinical and animal-care hours before applying to veterinary school."

The animal science program at UMN Crookston is known for its faculty mentorship and the unique opportunity for undergraduates to work directly with animals on campus. UMN Crookston students start working hands-on with animals as early as week two. This is different from

larger institutions where students may not get to have hands-on interaction with animals until their second, third, or even fourth year of undergraduate education. These factors create a competitive profile for vet school applicants that is clearly recognized by admissions committees across the country.

UMN Crookston graduates are making their mark nationally and will attend several prestigious institutions including University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Missouri State University, Arkansas State University, Ross University, and South Dakota State University.

Temporary no parking zone to be enacted on a section of Barrette Street

A temporary no parking zone will be in effect along the east side of Barrette Street from Central to Summit avenues beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 31 through 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 2.

This temporary restriction is necessary to allow for street sweeping, project installation, volunteer painting activities, and cleanup associated with the City of Crookston's Active Transportation Demonstration Project.

City crews, planning con-

sultants, and volunteers will be working in the area throughout the day on Monday, June 1. Residents may experience temporary traffic delays, lane shifts, and limited parking access during the project.

Remove all vehicles from the posted area prior to 7 p.m. Sunday and utilize alternate parking locations during this time. Vehicles left in the posted area may be subject to towing to allow work activities to proceed safely and efficiently.

Oklee resident elected president of VFW Auxiliary District 9

Brianna Smith has been elected president of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary District 9. The district spans north to south from Roseau to New York Mills, and west to east from East Grand Forks to Bemidji.

Smith has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2793 Auxiliary in Thief River Falls since 2020. She is currently serving her fourth year as Auxiliary president there. Smith lives in Oklee with her four kids, Emma, Avery, Wyatt and Jaxx.

During her time as District 9 president, Smith hopes to get more homeless veterans off of the streets and help them obtain jobs matching their skill sets in the areas of carpentry and landscaping.

Both of Smith's grandfathers, as well as a great-grandfather and her ex-husband, served in the military. Serving in the VFW Auxiliary is a way of saying thank you.

"I chose to step into this role because I believe our veterans deserve more than a handshake once a year. They deserve people willing to stand beside them every day — to fight for them, support them, honor them, and make sure their sacrifices are never forgotten.

"I became Auxiliary president because I care deeply about this community. I've seen the good the Auxiliary can do when people come together with compassion, grit, and dedication. Whether it's supporting veterans and their families, helping our community, organizing events, or simply being there when someone needs support, this organization matters.

"I also chose this position because leadership means service. It means showing up even when things are difficult. It means listening, learning, and helping others feel valued. I want to help create an Auxiliary where every member feels welcomed, appreciated, and proud to be part of something bigger than themselves.

"Most importantly, I became president because I want to leave things better than I found them. I want to build stronger connections, encourage new ideas, support our traditions, and inspire others to continue the mission long after my term is over.

"This role is not about being in charge — it's about being responsible for the people and mission I care about. And that's a responsibility I carry with pride."

Crookston Leo Club receives award



The Crookston High School Leo Club received the Community Service Challenge 25-26 from the Minnesota State High School League in partnership with Team Up 4 Community and SALT – Student Advisory and Leadership Team. This is first time that the MSHSL has awarded this honor, and the CHS Leo Club is the first recipient of this award, which recog-

nizes the community service completed by the Leo Club. Total number of Leo Club members (9th-12th graders) is 93; around 40 attended the awards presentation to accept the award. They received a banner and a plaque that will be displayed in CHS commons. (Submitted)

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The Title Team recently moved to 2015 Sahlstrom Dr., Suite 5, across from Walmart in Crookston. The Title Team provides commercial and residential full-service title and escrow properties.

Pictured are (front row) Alicia Berhow (Tri-Valley Opportunity Council), Lydia Hoffman (AgCountry Farm Credit Services), Jessica Christensen (The Title Team), Lisa Meyer (The Title Team), Ashley Clark (The Title Team), Andrea Ness (LeBlanc Realty), Bobbie Torkelson (H&R Block); (back row) Randy Schoenborn (RiverView Health), Lindsey Erdman (Benedictine Living Community in Crookston), Keenan Devier (City of Crookston), Aaron Rosten (The Title Team) and Kristy Morris Leas (Old National Bank). (Submitted)

Northland to deliver no-cost use of force training for Minnesota peace officers

Northland Community and Technical College has been awarded funding through the Minnesota Office of Higher Education's Use of Force Training Grant, expanding access to advanced, no-cost training for licensed Minnesota peace officers.

The first training session is scheduled for Monday, June 15 at Northland's Thief River Falls campus. The one-day workshop offers eight POST Continuing Education credits at no cost to participating officers.

Through Workforce Development Solutions, Northland is expanding access to high-quality, real-world training that supports law enforcement professionals across our region.

WDS will coordinate outreach, registration, and program delivery in partnership with Northland instructors David Lovly and Randy Sondrol to ensure accessibility and strong participation.

The grant will support hands-on, scenario-based training designed to strengthen decision-making,

Advance registration is required. For more information, contact WDS at 218-683-8649 or WDS@northlandcollege.edu.

Salmonella prevention tips provided

Health officials are reminding backyard poultry owners to take simple precautions to reduce the risk of human salmonella infection. Since January 2026, 184 salmonella cases linked to backyard poultry have been reported across 31 states.

Backyard poultry can still be enjoyed safely by following a few practical steps: Practice safe hygiene when handling poultry. Wash hands thoroughly after handling poultry, eggs, or equipment.

Children under 5 years old should avoid direct handling of chicks and ducklings. Maintain a clean coop and handle eggs safely.

at least 30 days.

Purchase birds from hatcheries that participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), which works to reduce salmonella in poultry breeding and hatchery operations.

Use hand sanitizer until soap and water are available. Avoid eating or drinking while handling poultry or cleaning coops.

Refrigerate eggs promptly after collection. Cook eggs thoroughly until yolks and whites are firm.

Many farm and feed stores have also added protective measures to decrease the chance of spreading salmonella, including installing barriers around live poultry displays and providing educational materials and hand washing or sanitizing stations to encourage safe handling practices.

Supervise children around poultry and encourage proper handwashing. Children under 5 years old should avoid direct handling of chicks and ducklings.

Protect flock health. Introduce new poultry to existing flocks gradually and keep them separated for

at least 30 days.

Foster parents needed

New data out this month from the Minnesota Department of Human Services reports that 9,070 children and youth experienced out-of-home care in 2025. People might be surprised to learn that 63% of children that need foster care live in Greater Minnesota.

there is a particular need for foster parents who are reflective of the varied backgrounds and heritages of the children in care, those who are able to keep sibling groups together and those open to providing care to teens, according to the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and Families.

Each child is unique, but

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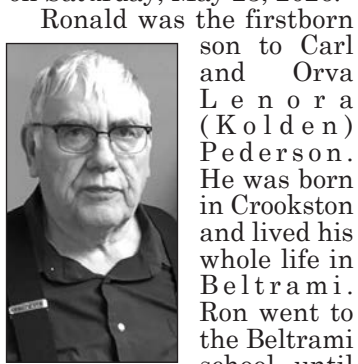
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DEATH NOTICES

Ronald Pederson, 86

Beltrami - Ronald Eugene Pederson, age 86, went home into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, May 23, 2026.



Ronald was the firstborn son to Carl and Orva L e n o r a (K o l d e n) Pederson. He was born in Crookston and lived his whole life in Beltrami. Ron went to the Beltrami school until 8th grade and then graduated high school in Fertile.

During his childhood he helped his parents and siblings on the farm until he started working at the McCray Mechanic Shop at the age of 16. With his natural talent and intelligence, Ronald eventually bought the shop, and it became The Pederson Garage. He also farmed with his dad on the homestead.

On December 4, 1965, he married Emilie Stark and they shared their life together in Beltrami while raising three children.

Ron served on the Trinity Lutheran Church Board for many years and was the chief of the Beltrami voluntary fire department for some time.

He was someone who could fix anything. Even after he retired, he spent his free time working on projects

and helping others with their machinery or vehicles. Ronald was known as an amazing teacher who had a passion for sharing his knowledge. He used his expertise to make things, like the wooden truck in his yard, that was loved by his grandchildren and is still used by other relatives. When he was younger, he also flew model airplanes often taking his children with him.

Ron is survived by his wife, Emilie; and their three children, Eugene Pederson, Julie (David) Smith, and Daniel (Stacey) Pederson; his grandchildren, Brooke Smith, Breanne (Joseph) Hudella, Bryn Smith and Braelyn Pederson; and his great-grandchild who will arrive in mid-June. He is also survived by his siblings, Judy/Larry Bertelson, Silvia Hovland, Larry/Beverly Pederson, Cheryl Durdahl and Greg/Karla Pederson.

Family members who preceded him in death are his parents; and his grandson, Kailer Pederson.

A funeral service honoring Ron's life was held on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Beltrami, at 2:30 p.m.

Visitation was held prior to the service, starting at 1 p.m.

Interment immediately followed the service, at Fairview Cemetery.

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Catherine Johnson, 96

Crookston - Catherine Elaine Johnson, age 96, of Crookston, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026.

Service details will be available at a later date at: www.stenshoelhouke.com/obituaries/catherine-elaine-johnson.

Dennis Hanson, 83

Crookston - Dennis Hanson of Crookston, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

Mass of Christian Burial for Dennis will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Gently.

Burial will be at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Gently.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 29, 2026, starting at 5 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Gently and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com.

Jerald "Beeps" Robinson, 72

Jerald "Beeps" Robinson, 72, passed away on May 11, 2026.

A service will be held to honor Jerry's life on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception in Crookston; visitation with family will be one hour prior to the service, starting at 1 p.m. A prayer service will be held the night prior on Friday, June 19, at 7 p.m., with visitation two hours prior, starting at 5 p.m., also at the Cathedral. The service will be livestreamed, a link to which will be available at www.stenshoelhouke.com/obituaries/jerald-robinson.

Dale Cameron, 75

Dale R. Cameron, 75, passed away on January 19, 2026.

A Celebration of his Life will be held on Saturday, June 6 at Fisher Lutheran Church beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Visitation will be one hour before the services.

Inurnment will be at the Fisher Lutheran Cemetery with military honors, followed by a luncheon at the Scott Cameron farm.

Shirley Hanson, 86

Shirley Hanson, 86, of Beltrami, passed away on May 21, 2026.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 30, at 2 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Resurrection Free Lutheran Church in Beltrami.

Otter Tail Power files resource plan

Otter Tail Power Company has filed its 2027-2041 Integrated Resource Plan with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, outlining how it plans to meet customers' electricity needs over the next 15 years.

The plan includes proposals to add a 50-megawatt natural gas plant expected to be in service in 2031-2032 and two 50-MW wind projects expected in service in 2035 and 2040.

Otter Tail Power said the proposed additions are intended to help meet electricity demand and maintain system reliability.

The IRP also reflects projects in development following its last Resource Plan approval, including the 50-

MW Solway Solar expected to be in service in 2026, the 295-MW Abercrombie Solar expected to be in service in 2028, a 75-MW battery storage facility, and additional wind generation.

The company develops its resource plans using forecasts for customer demand, available generation resources, and market conditions across its service territory. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will review the plan through a regulatory process that includes opportunities for public and stakeholder input. Otter Tail Power expects to file a separate IRP in North Dakota in 2027. South Dakota does not currently have an IRP requirement.

Summer air quality predicted

Meteorologists with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency are predicting an active air quality season with conditions similar to those seen in 2024.

Between 12 and 16 days of wildfire smoke impacts are expected in Minnesota this summer; local fire activity may become elevated.

With a strong El Niño southern oscillation cycle, expect warmer and drier conditions this summer punctuated with storms.

Smoke from wildfires can contain fine particles that pose health risks, even for healthy individuals.

Ozone and drought conditions

Forecast models predict four to six days this summer where ozone levels may be unhealthy for sensitive groups. This is slightly above Minnesota's historical average. The highest risk areas include the Twin Cities suburbs and parts of southeastern Minnesota near Rochester.

Drought and below-average rainfall are expected to lead to more sunny days, creating favorable conditions for ozone to form.

LEGALS

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Notice is hereby given that PEGGY GANYO, 3741 Daytona Dr., Bismarck ND 58503 is the Personal Representative for the Estate of Randall R. Ganyo, a resident of the State of North Dakota.

On April 16, 2026, the Personal Representative filed with the Court an Application to be appointed as Personal Representative and stating an intention to exercise as to assets in Minnesota, all powers of a local personal representative and to maintain actions and proceedings in Minnesota in accordance with Minn. Stat. 524.4-205.

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Dated: 5/16/2026

/s/ Kathy Narlock / CW
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Masons present donations



The Crookston Masonic Lodge recently presented Sunday morning breakfasts at the Lodge Building, 112 W. Robert, to support various groups. One of those breakfasts

benefitted the Crookston Music Department trip to the Twin Cities. The Masons donated \$1,958 from the breakfast. (Submitted)



Crookston High School After Prom activities recently received funds from the Crookston Masonic Lodge, which held a breakfast ben-

efitting the activity. The Masons donated \$1,064 from the breakfast. (Submitted)

Sixth graders graduate from Our Savior's



Our Savior's Lutheran School held its sixth-grade graduation on Wednesday, May 20.

Graduates were Soren DeBoer, Chase Stueber and Gus Kangesier. (Submitted)

Crookston Library to host four upcoming events

This June, the Lake Agassiz Regional Library invites young readers to step into a literary time machine with the "Reading is Timeless" Summer Reading Program, including a packed lineup of free events and activities for youth.

The following activities will be offered at the Crookston Public Library:

- Time Traveling Decorating Crew on Saturday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Tuesday, June 2

from 6 to 7 p.m. – Celebrate Reading is Timeless by creating crafts inspired by the past, present, and future! Your creations will be used to decorate the library all summer.

- Get Misti-fied! with Misti Koop on Wednesday, June 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. – Join the library as it kicks off its Summer Reading Program, with a magical, musical performance by the one and only Misti Koop.
- Learning Express

Trailer on June 15-26 during library hours – Explore the amazing resource bins filled with kits, games and activities, courtesy of Prairie Public.

- Dino Digs Day on Wednesday, June 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. – Join the library as it welcomes paleontologists from the School of Geology and Geological Engineering at the University of North Dakota to learn about fossils.

How to safely apply backyard chemicals to protect state waters

by Denton Bruening Minnesota Department of Agriculture

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

- Use only what you need. Conduct a soil test before you buy or apply any 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, always 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. Avoid windy days, heavy rain in the forecast, extreme heat, and drought conditions. Weather determines whether products stay put or end up downstream.

Denton Bruening is an agronomist with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

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Chloe Boll

I am graduating from Crookston High school. I plan to attend UMC to play basketball and major in Exercise Science.



Brady Chandler

I am graduating from Crookston High School. I plan to attend attend Northland Community and Technical College and then farm after. I made a lot of good memories at Cathedral and also learned a lot of new things and am thankful for all the teachers and staff that helped me along the way."



Zander Luckow

I am graduating from Crookston High School. Attend a trade school to become an electrician. I enjoyed my time at Cathedral School. I had lots of laughs and good times with the boys.



Connor Maruska

I am graduating from Northstar Christian Academy. I plan to Continue playing hockey and working on the farm in the summer. Cathedral school taught me the importance of putting my trust in God.



Jay Reese

I am graduating from Crookston High School. I plan to play hockey somewhere in the US/Canada. Have fun and live life but put God first.



Mason Reitmeier

I am graduating from Crookston High School. I plan to work in construction while I explore other career paths. The teachers at Cathedral School were great, they really cared about us and made learning fun. Some of my best memories were at Cathedral School.

Zachariah Plante

I am graduating from Crookston High school. I plan to attend UND for Marketing. Statement about Cathedral School: "It set me up for a lot of success in acting during high school."



Evan Shockman

I am graduating from Crookston High School. I plan to attend college at Minnesota State University Mankato, majoring in Commercial Aviation. Attending Cathedral School for my elementary years was more than just the start of my education. I learned that academic success is only half the battle, the other half is showing up with kindness and integrity. The supportive, tight-knit community at Cathedral helped me to develop morals and values that guide me today as I prepare for college.



Lucy Smith

I am graduating from Crookston High School. I plan to attend NDSU for Sonography. I love Cathedral School and all the teachers there. I am grateful for all they have done for me!"

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Gander delivers major investments

This legislative session, Representative Steve Gander (R-East Grand Forks) helped secure major investments for communities across District 1B, delivering critical funding for water infrastructure, flood mitigation, aviation safety, agriculture, and food access projects that will support families across northwest Minnesota for years to come.

Among the largest wins this session is \$9.7 million for Phase 1 of the West Central Regional Water System, expanding reliable potable water infrastructure across Norman, Clay and Polk counties.

"Clean water is not some luxury item," Gander said. "It's something folks in larger cities don't even think about because they assume it will always be there. But in rural Minnesota, communities carry the stress of aging systems every single day. This investment means families can spend less time worrying at the kitchen sink and more time focused on raising their children, growing businesses, and keeping rural Minnesota strong."

Gander also helped secure significant funding for flood mitigation projects throughout the Red River Basin, including investments tied to the Mustinka River Rehabilitation Project,

the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project, Cass County flood mitigation, and the Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project.

"If you've lived in the Red River Valley long enough, you know flooding is not a matter of 'if,' but more so a matter of 'when,'" Gander said. "We can't keep asking communities to mop up and rebuild every time the water rises. At some point, we've got to get ahead of it and prevent future problems before they happen."

Additional investments secured this session include funding to improve aviation and medical transport infrastructure through the use of unmanned aircraft systems capable of delivering medical supplies to rural areas.

"In rural Minnesota, distance matters," Gander said. "Most folks in St. Paul can drive five minutes and pass three pharmacies and two hospitals. Around here, a 'quick trip' can be an hour. If there's technology that helps get medicine or emergency supplies to folks faster, then we ought to be investing in it!"

The bonding bill additionally secured more than \$2 million for upgrades to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Potato Inspection Facility in East Grand Forks, supporting one of the

region's cornerstone industries.

Gander also worked for the passage of the Regional Food Bank Grant Program, which provides ongoing support to regional food banks and tribal governments helping families facing food insecurity.

"It breaks your heart hearing from families who never thought they would need help putting food on the table," Gander said. "But when groceries cost what they do now, more and more people are swallowing their pride and asking for help. Supporting food shelves is not political at all – it is basic human decency."

Northwestern Minnesota is the only region in the state without a Level IV Educational Facility for students with high behavioral needs. After many years of work by local educators, school administrators, and elected officials, it will now become a reality for 11 to 13 school districts across the region. This year's bonding bill allocates \$6.5 million toward the facility.

"I am pleased to continue the effort begun by Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks), Representative John Burkel (R-Badger), and our local and regional education professionals to make this hap-

pen," Gander said. "Testifying before the bonding committee this year, we all became convinced that this is an idea whose time has come."

While proud of the wins secured this session, Gander acknowledged there are still important projects left unfinished. He noted that he is already exploring opportunities through the Minnesota Local Road Improvement Program to secure funding for Red Lake Falls infrastructure improvements and will continue pushing future bonding requests for East Grand Forks projects, including industrial park infrastructure and water tower repairs. The Border-City Tax Bill will have to wait another year due to one committee co-chair who blocked all local tax bills across the entire state, undermining economic development and expansion.

"At the end of the day, rural Minnesota does not need empty promises – we like to get things done," Gander said. "These communities have spent generations feeding the nation through agricultural output, powering this state's economy, and raising good families. I'm going to keep fighting to make sure the state does its part to serve Greater Minnesota."

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Rural Reflections ...

The feelings associated with rain

by Grant Nelson



It rained recently; depending on context, this is a statement that is either joyful or causes despair. In my case, it was a lovely slow rain; however, if a four-inch thunderstorm preceded a lovely, slow rain, you wouldn't think it was lovely. I remember standing in the dairy barn four decades ago and watching rain after a long drought. I remember expressing my relief to Dad, who said it was fine but "now let's just hope it stops." There's nothing like milking cows in the heat to make you grim even when a shower breaks the drought.

Rain or water has such an impact in our lives that it is often used as a metaphor. Water can be cleansing in the Bible or it can be an instrument of judgment. The Who wanted to express how completely they wanted love by singing "Love, Reign O'er Me" with its references to rain, water and the sea.

Water exposes human frailty and how little we know; it would be easy to make fun of meteorologists whose forecasts are occasionally incorrect. I could not back up such allegations as I think they do pretty well. I will instead look into my own confidence at judgment of oncoming storms.

A friend of mine came to the farm some years ago. I wanted to show him the cattle and our system of rotational grazing. I think he enjoyed the tour but expressed his concern about a distant rain squall. I explained to him that I had attended the "stormspotter" class twice and that we had plenty of time before what I would come to realize was a storm with our names inscribed on it.

The storm was short but incredibly intense. If it had been incredibly long and as intense, they would have made a movie about it. I didn't have the doors on the Ranger at the time, so the cool wind announced the arrival of this overachieving rain squall with an overblown sense of self aspi-

rations to be memorable.

I can remember Chris' face as the rain came down, it was an expression of disbelief and fear. I think he was saying, "I told you so," but the wind was deforming his face to such a degree that his words came out in the form of a maniacal laugh. The rain blew in from each side of the cab to a degree that it began to pool on an absolutely flat floor. I hoped we would eventually get to a place where it mattered that our shoes were wet.

Lisa gave us both towels when we got back to the yard and Chris went home. I could tell he no longer felt safe. I was glad that towels were enough to save us. We never really spoke about the incident; however, since then, he's always had the same wildly expectant look in his eye and wry smile whenever he asked my opinion of the weather.

Rain is mostly perspective, like much in life. It can be the despair of another bad day or it can be the relief of a "million dollar rain." I think for me it is normally a break from work and the hope of growing things. I have already known rain for terror, or relief, when it arrives and worry when it doesn't appear. I prefer the soft, slow rain that recently nourished our trees; it's all I need. I am not searching for metaphors and no one's asking me to be a weatherman.

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Students named to UMN Crookston chancellor's list

The University of Minnesota Crookston has announced students who were named to the spring 2026 chancellor's list.

Crookston residents named to the list included Cassidy Baatz, Lam Tue Bo, Emma Burnes, Terezia Drasilova, Ava Edwards, John Hua, Allina

Ivashchenko, Paige Klipping, Elizabeth Medlen, Kavya Singh, Huyen Nguyen Dieu Than and Doanh Kha Tran.

To qualify for the chancellor's list, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 4.0 grade point average.

UMN Crookston announces dean's list

The University of Minnesota Crookston has announced its spring semester 2026 dean's list.

Crookston students named to the dean's list include Norden Bista, Kayla Brekken, Anh Thi Ngoc Bui, Heidi DeBoer, Phoenix Debrusk, Leah Dufault, Angus Ellingson, Jackson Garmen, Ranjan Khadka, Payton King, Sarah Le, Tu Thi Cam Luong, Nghi Thanh Luu,

Abril Manas Hernandez, Thy Dinh Van Nguyen, Hiroki Nishioka, Delaney Penner, Andrew Scully, Ariadna Solis Guals, Hermon Yonatan Tegegn, Samuel Tilahun, Anh Nhu Tran, Linh Trung, Anh Minh Vu Jr. and Renae Wesenberg.

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Pirates split doubleheader with Warriors

Crookston and Warroad split a baseball doubleheader to wrap up the 2026 regular season Thursday, May 21 at Jim Karn Field in Crookston.

The Pirates won a shoot-out in the opening game, defeating the Warriors 14-6.

The Pirates scored in five of their six at-bats in the opener, plating two runs in the first, four in the second, one in the fourth, five in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Dexter Janek went 3-for-5 at the plate with a double, a triple, three RBIs, and a run scored. Cody Demarais went 3-for-4 with a walk, an RBI, and 3 runs scored, and Davin Janek racked up a team-high 5 RBIs while going 2-for-4 with a triple.

Also having big games for the Pirates were Tarek Siegle, who went 2-for-3 with two walks, an RBI, and three runs scored. Nolan Cassavant went 2-for-4 with a walk and three runs scored; and Greyson Ecker showed great discipline at the plate, drawing three walks, going 1-for-2 with a triple, an RBI, and scoring a run.

Overall, the Pirates tallied 17 hits and drew nine walks in the 14-6 win.

Gavyn Hlucny got the win on the mound for the Pirates. He threw 110 pitches and allowed six runs, three of which were earned, on eight hits with a walk and 13 strikeouts.

The Pirates fell behind early in game two and never recovered in a 19-1 loss to the Warriors in five innings. The Warriors took control with five runs in the top of the first and answered the Pirate's lone score with eight runs in the top of the second. The Warriors added to their lead with a single run in each of the third and fourth innings, and they finished the onslaught with four runs in the fifth.

The Pirates were held to just four hits in game two. Davin Janek went 2-for-2 at the plate, accounting for half of the Pirates' total hits, with two total bases. Dexter Janek finished 1-for-3 with a hit. Isaiah Donarski contributed the only other hit for the Pirates, going 1-for-2 with a walk. Hlucny reached base via a walk and a hit-by-pitch, and he scored the Pirate's only run.

Brady Fast got the win for



Crookston senior Gavyn Hlucny struck out 13 Warroad batters in a 14-6 win by the Pirates over the Warriors on Thursday, May 21 at Jim Karn Field. Hlucny also went 1-for-2 with a walk and a pair of runs batted in for the Pirates. (Photo by Isaac Telle)

the Warriors, allowing one unearned run on four hits. He walked five and struck out nine in the five-inning complete game.

Section 8AA opener rained out

Crookston's playoff opener against Park Rapids Area originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 was rained out and rescheduled for Wednesday, May 27. The winner of Wednesday's play-in game between the fourth-seeded Panthers and fifth-seeded Pirates was scheduled to face Section 8AA North top-seeded East Grand Forks in the second round Thursday at Jim Karn Field. Thief River Falls was scheduled to face Warroad in the other second round match-up at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

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| W. Schreiner (P) | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| B. Fast (SS) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |

| Game 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E |
| WHS | 581 | 14X | X | - | 19 | 16 | 1 | | | |
| CHS | 100 | 00X | X | | 1 | 4 | 6 | | | |
| Batting | | | | | | | | | | |
| AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | | | | | |
| R. Chamrick (C) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| W. Schreiner (SS) | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | | | | |
| B. Fast (P) | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| S. Hard (CF) | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | | | |
| A. Mayfield (LF) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| B. Huntvet (DH) | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | | | | |
| K. Thompson (1B) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| N. Butler (3B) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| C. Lien (3B) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| P. Lien (RF) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |



Isaiah Donarski went 1-for-4 with an RBI in the Pirates' 14-6 win over the Warroad Warriors Thursday, May 21 at Jim Karn Field. (Photo by Isaac Telle)

| S. Hard (CF) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| B. Huntvet (P) | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| K. Thompson (1B) | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| N. Butler (3B) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | | | | |
| P. Lien (2B, RF) | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | | | | |
| M. Cole (C) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| Totals | 33 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 16 | | | | | |

Highlights - 2B: W. Schreiner 3; 3B: A. Mayfield, S. Hard; SB: S. Hard 2; E: A. Mayfield, B. Fast, K. Thompson.

| Pitching | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|---|-----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | | | | | |
| W. Schreiner | 10.3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| K. Thompson - L | 3.1 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 2 | | | | | |
| B. Huntvet | 1.2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | | | |
| Crookston | | | | | | | | | | |
| AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | | | | | |
| Gavyn Hlucny - W | 5.1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | | | |
| Greyson Ecker | 1.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |

| Game 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E |
| WHS | 581 | 14X | X | - | 19 | 16 | 1 | | | |
| CHS | 100 | 00X | X | | 1 | 4 | 6 | | | |
| Batting | | | | | | | | | | |
| AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | | | | | |
| R. Chamrick (C) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| W. Schreiner (SS) | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | | | | |
| B. Fast (P) | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| S. Hard (CF) | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | | | |
| A. Mayfield (LF) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| B. Huntvet (DH) | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | | | | |
| K. Thompson (1B) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| N. Butler (3B) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| C. Lien (3B) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| P. Lien (RF) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |

| Pitching | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|---|-----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | | | | | |
| W. Schreiner | 10.3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| K. Thompson - L | 3.1 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 2 | | | | | |
| B. Huntvet | 1.2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | | | |
| Crookston | | | | | | | | | | |
| AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | | | | | |
| Gavyn Hlucny - W | 5.1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | | | |
| Greyson Ecker | 1.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |

Crookston boys finish sixth at 8AA North Subsection

The Crookston boys golf team shot 349 to finish in sixth place in the Section 8AA North Subsection Golf Tournament Tuesday, May 26 at Oakcrest Golf Course in Roseau.

The top three teams and top-six individuals from Tuesday's subsection tournament advance to the two-day Section 8AA Tournament, which will be held Monday,

| Totals | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | | | | | |
| Dexter Janek | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Greyson Ecker | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| Gavyn Hlucny | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Ethan Lanctot | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| Isaiah Donarski | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| Lucas Perala | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| Cody Demarais | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Mason Reitmeier | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| Nolan Cassavant | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| Jaron Knudsen | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| Aiden Delage | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| Davin Janek | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 18 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | | | | | |

Highlights - HBP: Gavyn Hlucny, Mason Reitmeier; CS: Greyson

| Pitching | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|---|-----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | | | | | |
| W. Schreiner | 10.3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| K. Thompson - L | 3.1 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 2 | | | | | |
| B. Huntvet | 1.2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | | | |
| Crookston | | | | | | | | | | |
| AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | | | | | |
| Gavyn Hlucny - W | 5.1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | | | |
| Greyson Ecker | 1.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |

| Game 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E |
| WHS | 581 | 14X | X | - | 19 | 16 | 1 | | | |
| CHS | 100 | 00X | X | | 1 | 4 | 6 | | | |
| Batting | | | | | | | | | | |
| AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | | | | | |
| R. Chamrick (C) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| W. Schreiner (SS) | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | | | | |
| B. Fast (P) | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| S. Hard (CF) | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | | | |
| A. Mayfield (LF) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| B. Huntvet (DH) | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | | | | |
| K. Thompson (1B) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| N. Butler (3B) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| C. Lien (3B) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| P. Lien (RF) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |

Tuesday's tournament served as a qualifier for next week's Section 8AA Tournament. The top three teams and top-six individuals from Tuesday's subsection tournament advance to the two-day Section 8AA Tournament, which will be held Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2 at the Bemidji Town & Country Club.

East Grand Forks won the North Subsection championship with a total of 289 strokes from its top four golfers. Host Roseau was second with 308 strokes and Warroad was third with 313.

Also advancing to sections from the Pirates were Garrett Fischer, eighth place

Ecker; E: Gavyn Hlucny 2, Isaiah Donarski 2, Aiden Delage, Tarek Siegle.

| Pitching | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | | | | | |
| W. Schreiner | 5.0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 | | | | | |
| B. Fast - W | 1.1 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 1 | | | | | |
| Crookston | 3.2 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 4 | | | | | |
| Isaiah Donarski - L | 1.1 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 1 | | | | | |
| Aiden Delage | 3.2 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 4 | | | | | |

| Section 8AA | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Seeds - North Subsection - 1. East Grand Forks; 2. Warroad; 3. Roseau; 4. Park Rapids; 5. Crookston; 6. Thief River Falls. | | | | | | | | | |
| Seeds - South Subsection - 1. Perham; 2. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton; 3. Menahga; 4. Ottertail Central; 5. Hawley; 6. Barnesville. | | | | | | | | | |
| Byes - East Grand Forks, Warroad, Perham, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. | | | | | | | | | |

Girls Golf Rams edge Pirates for North Subsection crown

Roseau used a home course advantage to secure a two-stroke win over Crookston in the Section 8AA North Subsection girls golf tournament Tuesday, May 26 at Oakcrest Golf Course in Roseau.

The Rams shot 344 as a team to the 346 turned in by the Pirates. East Grand Forks also qualified its entire team for the two-day section tournament after finishing third with a team round of 364.

Individually, the Pirates were led by tournament medalist Ava Martin, who shot 77 to lead the rest of the field by five strokes. Also contributing to the Pirates' team score were Halle Nicholas and Emelia Hoerner, who tied for ninth with rounds of 89; and MaKenna Peterson, who finished 11th after shooting 91.

Team Scores - 1. East Grand Forks 289; 2. Roseau 308; 3. Warroad 313; 4. Thief River Falls 325; 5. Park Rapids Area 338; 6. Crookston 349; 7. Red Lake 416.

Medalist - 1. Gavin Rude, East Grand Forks, 66; 2. Brody Johnson, East Grand Forks, 70; 3. Breck Hovda, Roseau, 75.

Play-in Round, Tuesday, May 26 - Thief River Falls 6, Roseau 2; Crookston at Park Rapids Area PPD; Menahga 6, Barnesville 0; Ottertail Central 10, Hawley 9.

North Subsection, Thursday, May 28 at Crookston - East Grand Forks vs. Park Rapids/Crookston winner noon; Warroad vs. Thief River Falls noon. Game one winner vs. game two winner 2:30 p.m.; Game one loser vs. game two loser 2:30 p.m.

South Subsection, Thursday, May 28 at Perham - Perham vs. Ottertail Central noon; Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton vs. Menahga noon; Game one winner vs. game two winner 2:30 p.m.; Game one loser vs. game two loser 2:30 p.m.

Elimination games and semifinal, Monday, June 1 at Perham. Elimination games 2 p.m.; Semifinal and elimination quarterfinal 4:30 p.m.

Elimination semifinal and championship game one, Tuesday, June 2 2:30 p.m./5 p.m. at Perham.

Championship game two, if necessary, Thursday, June 4 at Perham TBD.

Section 8A West Subsection seeds - 1. Red Lake County; 2. Ada-Borup-West; 3. Sacred Heart; 4. West Marshall; 5. Northern Freeze; 6. Fertile-Beltrami; 7. Badger/Greenbush-Middle River; 8. Kittson County Central.

East Subsection seeds - 1. Fosston; 2. Bagley; 3. Blackduck; 4. Win-E-Mac; 5. Mahnomen/Waubun; 6. Lake of the Woods; 7. Clearbrook-Gonvick; 8. Northome/Kelliher; 9. Red Lake.

Play-in round, Tuesday, May 26 - Kittson County Central vs. Red Lake County (at Red Lake Falls); Northern Freeze at West Marshall (Argyle); Badger/Greenbush-Middle River at Ada-Borup-West; Fertile-Beltrami at Sacred Heart; Red Lake vs. Northome/Kelliher winner at Fosston; Mahnomen/Waubun at Win-E-Mac; Blackduck at Lake of the Woods; Clearbrook-Gonvick at Bagley.

West Subsection second round, quarterfinal and elimination game Thursday, May 28 at East Grand Forks.

East Subsection second round, quarterfinal and elimination game, Thursday, May 28 at Bemidji State.

Semifinal and elimination games, Tuesday, June 2 at Crookston TBD.

Championship game, Thursday, June 4 at Jim Karn Field in Crookston TBD.

Team Scores - 1. Roseau 344; 2. Crookston 346; 3. East Grand Forks 364; 4. Park Rapids Area 377; 5. Warroad 402; 6. Thief River Falls 416; Incomplete - Red Lake.

Medalist - 1. Ava Martin, Crookston, 77; 2. Natalie Martin, Park Rapids Area, 82; 3. Paige Lindgren, East Grand Forks, 84.

Top-Six Individuals from non-qualifying teams - 2. Natalie Martin, Park Rapids Area, 82; 3. Paige Lindgren, East Grand Forks, 84; 4. Addi Frieden, Park Rapids Area, 98; 19. Emmie Hardwick, Warroad, 99; 21. Whitney Seifert, Park Rapids Area, 102; 21. Hayden Comstock, Thief River Falls, 102.

Crookston scores - 1. Ava Martin 77; 9. Halle Nicholas 89; 9. Emelia Hoerner 89; 11. Makenna Peterson 91; 21. Elsie Mathews 102.

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Former Golden Eagle Jake Dykhoff has contract transferred to the Baltimore Orioles organization

Former University of Minnesota Crookston baseball player Jake Dykhoff, who competed for the Golden Eagles from 2021-23, had his contract transferred from the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks of the American Association to the Baltimore Orioles organization of Major League Baseball.

When Dykhoff suits up for a Baltimore Orioles minor league affiliate, he will become the third former Golden Eagle to accomplish the feat. He joins Zach Seipel, who was drafted by the Atlanta Braves and played three seasons in their organization, and Paul Krebs, who spent the 2011 season in the Kansas City Royals organization.

Dykhoff has spent parts of four seasons with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks of the American Association, in independent minor league baseball. Dykhoff went 4-4 in 14 starts in 2023 with a 5.60 ERA in 70.2 innings pitched.

In 2024, he moved to a relief role and posted a 5-3 mark with a 2.21 ERA in 57 innings pitched with one save and 42 games played. He had a breakout season for the RedHawks in 2025, posting an 11-4 mark in 27 games and 10 starts in 93.2 innings pitched.

He struck out 81, and walked just 12 with an im-



Former Minnesota Crookston standout Jake Dykhoff had his contract transferred from the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks of the American Association to the Baltimore Orioles organization of Major League Baseball. (Photo by Minnesota Crookston Athletics)

pressive 1.63 ERA. He was a postseason All Star in the American Association in 2025, and was the league's Pitcher of the Year.

Dykhoff is the only qualified RedHawks pitcher with an ERA under two since the team joined the American Association in 2011. Dykhoff

made one start in 2026 for the RedHawks, tossing six innings and striking out 11 against the Cleburne Railroaders.

Dykhoff also spent time with the Canberra Cavalry of the Australian Baseball League, and Caneros de Los Mochis of the Mexican Pa-

cific Winter League.

Dykhoff earned All-NSIC First Team in 2023. He was an All-NSIC Second Team pick in 2021. He was a D2CCA and NCBWA Second Team All-Region pick in 2023 for the Golden Eagles. He finished his career with a 19-11 mark and a 3.50 ERA in 208.1 innings pitched with 14 complete games, four shutouts, two saves, 272 strikeouts and 50 walks. He holds school records for complete games, shutouts, strikeouts, strikeout to walk ratio, and WHIP.

He was teammates with the RedHawks with former Golden Eagle teammate Jake Hjelle, who is in his third season of professional baseball after time with the RedHawks, the Ottawa Titans, and the Boise Hawks.

Former Golden Eagle Conner Richardson is also in the American Association with the Cleburne Railroaders. He is in his fourth season of professional baseball after also playing for the RedHawks, Lake Erie Crushers, and Oakland Ballers. Will Zimmerman is in his fifth season of professional baseball. He is currently playing for the Sussex County Miners of the Frontier League. He also played for the RedHawks in 2021.



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Bruggeman, Brynna Kopecky, Rilynn Aubol, Leia Parkin; back row - Coaches Melissa Parkin (Volunteer), Sunny Bowman (Head Coach) and Kris Nelson (Assistant). (Photo by Joyful Heart Photography)



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