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Demo project agreement approved

City also approves agreement related to old Diocese site

by Anna Phalen
Correspondent

The Crookston City Council approved agreements pertaining to demolition and development at its meeting Monday, June 1.

The council approved Task Order No. 28 with Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services (AE2S) for the Tri-Valley Building Demolition Project. The council reached consensus that the former Tri-Valley building should be demolished at 102 N. Broadway. Anticipated engineering fees for the project are \$113,500, with funding expected to come through a bond. Council member Joseph Shostell abstained from the vote.

The council also approved a professional services agreement with AE2S Communications to provide support for the former Diocese site redevelopment project at 1298 Memorial Dr. Engineering fees for the work will be billed on an hourly basis and will not exceed \$33,700.

Council members approved a resolution waiv-

ing a \$10,000 special assessment against a parcel in Nature View Estates Plat 5. The property is owned by Bob Herkenhoff, and the waiver is contingent upon the sale of the lot for construction of a new home.

Council reports

Council member Clayton Briggs clarified that city staff are not watering community flower baskets or planter boxes this year after the expense was removed from the budget. Briggs said a resident had approached him expressing disappointment, noting she had spent between \$150 and \$200 on flowers and would not have done so had she known the planters would not be watered by the city.

Shostell reported that the Crookston Housing and Economic Development Authority met May 28 and approved several items while also discussing the Eickhoff Boulevard lots. Council member Morgan Hibma echoed those comments.

Council member Dylane Klatt discussed the possibility of establishing a public grass-clipping disposal site that would be accessible after hours and on weekends. Interim City Administrator Darin Selzler said he would follow up on the idea.

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Candidates file for county offices

Filing period is July 14-28 for school district, city seats

According to the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office, the following candidates have filed for office in Polk County:

- District 2 county commissioner – Douglas James Cariveau, Curtis Knutson and Leonard Vonasek
- District 4 county commissioner – Dennis R. Boucher and Michael Wedin
- County sheriff – Mike Norland
- County attorney – Gregory Wiseth
- Soil and water supervisor, District 1 (East) – Elizabeth Davis
- Soil and water supervisor, District 2 (East) – David Kiecker

- Soil and water supervisor, District 1 (West) – Eric McWalter
- Soil and water supervisor, District 3 (West) – Johnathan Sorenson

In addition, the following candidates have filed for positions in the Minnesota Legislature:

- Senator, District 1 – Mark Johnson (R) and Bjorn Solberg (DFL)
- Representative, District 1B – Jennifer Compeau (DFL) and Steve Gander (R)

Filing periods for other seats

The same filing period was in effect for the seats of U.S. senator, District 7 U.S. representative, governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor and attorney general. Various judicial offices also had the same filing period.

Filing periods for city council and school board elections is July 14-28.



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 Trap Team, which received \$11,290. (Submitted)

NWMAC announces 14 new artists available for residencies

Fourteen area artists recently completed the Northwest Minnesota Art Council's teaching artist training and are available for school and community residencies. NWMAC is proud to now promote a roster of 23 local artists trained in our Teaching Artist Roster Program.

This new cohort of artists include visual artists Alyssa Aune of Gatzke, Beau Bakken of Hallock, Trey Everett of Crookston, Amy Fuglestad of Crookston, Samantha Harrill of Warroad, Jill Levene of Warren, Caylie Nicholson of Hallock, Gail Ose of Thief River Falls, Jodi Peterson of Moorhead who teaches in Ada, Jessica Ross of Fisher, Mandy Smestad of East Grand Forks, and Acacia Winters of Thief River Falls; and performing artists Eden Johnson of Lake Bronson and Megan Maloney of Thief River Falls.

They join Kristin Eggerling of Hallock, Christine Foster of Thief River Falls, Janet Johnson of Roseau, Jolene Juhl of Greenbush, Cindy Kolling of Gully, Misti Koop of East Grand Forks, Aliza Novacek-Olson of Roseau, Stephanie Olson of Thief River Falls, and Elizabeth Rockstad of Ada.

Residencies and multi-day workshops offered are in ceramics, storytelling, writing, visual arts, violin, self-portraits, watercolor or acrylic painting, mural painting, creative expression, glass fusing, encaustic art, mixed media, collaborative design and technical theater, performing arts, textiles, mosaic, printmaking, and more.

To view the roster and learn more about the artists (including how to contact them) visit <https://northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/tarp-artists>, or click on Artists at the top of the



Fourteen area artists recently completed the Northwest Minnesota Art Council's teaching artist training. Some of them are pictured

here with trainer Jane Anderson. (Submitted)

NWMAC website and then click on Teaching Artists List.

TARP is designed to support artists (visual, performing, writing, media, fine art) in refining and developing skills for conducting collaborative, in-depth arts learning experiences in organizations, community settings, and schools. Artists applied and a cohort was selected to participate in this training. Artists interested in being added to the roster can apply this fall to be in the next group going through the mainly online training of seven sessions.

These artists learned valuable skills and tools to best teach their creative practice. The training helped them to expand the ways they apply their craft, belong to a network of fellow teaching artists who serve as resources, mentors and peers, and employ strategies that contribute to success as a teaching artist.

Schools and festivals can apply for funding to sponsor these local artists to come into their school for residencies or to their festival for a workshop experience over a couple days. Artists on the roster have created a residency plan with lesson plans, materials list, and other documents that take most of the work out of applying.

Schools can apply for an Artist Residency Grant of \$3,000 as early as this fall through NWMAC's online grant system. The login to create a user and start an application is in the upper right corner of the NWMAC website. To apply, schools fill out an application showing interest in funding, then requests are made with add-on forms within the online grant software for specific project funding requests. Each residency requires a minimum 10% cash match. Funding for residency activities comes from the Clean

Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in Minnesota. School residencies are first come, first served grants to school districts in NWMAC's seven-county area. The school will need to contact the artist directly to schedule the residency.

Festivals within NWMAC's service area can apply for grant funding to include artists in what they're offering to the public. The deadlines are July 31, October 31, Feb. 28 or April 30. There is a minimum 10% cash match.

Contact NWMAC in Warren with any questions about TARP, to receive a flyer in the mail with the artists available, or to receive grant funding to bring one of these teaching artists to your school or festival. The NWMAC phone number is 218-745-8886 ext 1 and email is director@nwarts.council.org.



The Sixth Grade Trip to Itasca State Park was a recipient of funding from a recent Crook-

ston Masonic Lodge Sunday morning breakfast. The trip received \$5,174. (Submitted)



Crookston High School FFA was a recipient of funding from a recent Crookston Masonic

Lodge Sunday morning breakfast. It received \$4,568. (Submitted)

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Two face charges after six firearms are stolen



Kearra Grace Johnson

by April Scheinoha
Editor

Two people face felony charges in Polk County District Court after they al-

legedly stole six firearms belonging to a Crookston man. Jarquise Davonta Brown-Williams, 23, Crookston, has been charged with felony theft of a firearm and felony possession of a stolen firearm. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. Kearra Grace Johnson, 20, Shoreview, has been charged with felony unlawful possession of ammunition/firearm - crime of violence and felony theft of a firearm. She was arrested. The complaints were filed June 1 and May 28, respectively.

The charges stemmed from a May 20 report of a theft at 417 Sherman St. According to the complaints, a man reported that six firearms were missing from his gun safe. The firearms included a .270 caliber Mossberg Patriot, a 30.06 Remington 700, a 12-gauge

Remington 870 Field Master, a 12-gauge Remington 870 Nitro Mag, a .50 caliber Thompson Carter muzzle-loader rifle and a .20 gauge pump shotgun.

The gun owner suspected a man and woman he had met May 16 at the Crooks Club. After the bar closed, they went to the gun owner's home. The woman, who said she was vomiting, was alone in the house for a time while the man and the gun owner were in the garage playing pool. The gun owner suspected something out of the ordinary was occurring inside his home due to the way his dog was reacting. He then asked them to leave. After they left, he checked to see if anything were missing and discovered the firearms were missing.

A Crookston police detective later allegedly identified

the two individuals as Johnson and Brown-Williams. On May 26, he spoke to Brown-Williams' father, who said Brown-Williams was staying with another son at 322 Jackson Ave. His father said someone had contacted him, telling him that his sons were allegedly trying to sell rifles for \$100 each.

The detective later executed a search warrant for the Jackson Avenue home. Law enforcement allegedly found 13 12-gauge shotgun shells, a firearm trigger lock, gun oil, and a DNA test result featuring Johnson's name.

Johnson and Brown-Williams were near the home. Johnson allegedly denied knowing about the theft. Brown-Williams allegedly said he first saw the guns after the two of them drove away from the man's

home. He said he helped hide the stolen guns, which were initially hidden at the Jackson Avenue home and were now hidden at a Crookston junkyard. Brown-Williams later went to the junkyard with the detective, showing him they were hidden in a bus. The detective allegedly found four of the guns in overhead storage compartments while the other two guns were located in the rear sleeping quarters. The gun owner later confirmed the firearms belonged to him.

Brown-Williams allegedly said he was just the driver and his brother suggested hiding the guns at the junkyard, which was a good spot to hide the guns. He said he didn't have to break into the bus to hide the guns, which his brother was trying to sell. (It is unclear from the

complaints whether Brown-Williams' brother will face charges in connection with the case.)

On May 27, the detective spoke with Johnson. She allegedly said she had stolen the guns after Brown-Williams unlocked the gun safe and informed her it was unlocked. She said she had carried the guns out of the home in two trips and Brown-Williams later cleaned the guns.

Johnson's complaint indicated that she is on supervised probation for first degree aggravated robbery and felony fourth degree assault - peace officer. She is ordered to not possess any firearms or ammunition as part of that case.

Halle Nicholas awarded Kim Samuelson Scholarship

Scholarship honors a young woman planning to pursue a future in business

Halle Nicholas has been announced as the 2026 recipient of the Kim Samuelson Scholarship. This annual scholarship recognizes a young woman who demonstrates academic achievement, leadership, and a strong commitment to community involvement while pursuing a future in business.

Halle, who recently graduated from Crookston High School, exemplifies these qualities through her impressive involvement in school and community activities. A dedicated student with a great grade point average, she has been actively engaged in Student Council,

serving as president her senior year, and has contributed her time through the Leo Club, Polk County Public Health Youth Advisory Board, and numerous volunteer efforts throughout the community.

In addition to her service, Halle has demonstrated exceptional leadership in athletics and academics. She has participated in varsity basketball and golf throughout high school, earning all-conference recognition in golf for four consecutive years. She has also been honored as a Student of the Month, selected as a National Honor Society member, and chosen as Crookston High School's first-ever student representative on the school board.

Halle plans to pursue a degree in business, with an interest in accounting, and hopes to make a meaningful impact in her community through her future career. Her commitment to service

and leadership reflects the spirit of this scholarship and the legacy it honors.

The Kim Samuelson Scholarship was established in memory of Kim (Johnson) Samuelson, a CHS graduate from the Class of 1985. Kim was the longtime owner and operator of RBJ's restaurant, where she spent 35 years building not just a successful business, but a lasting impact on the community. Known for her compassion and leadership, Kim provided countless young people with their first job and served as a mentor to many, particularly young women. She instilled values of responsibility, resilience, and self-worth while encouraging others to pursue their goals with confidence. Her influence extended far beyond the workplace, leaving a lasting legacy of service, generosity, and community connection.

This scholarship continues Kim's commitment to

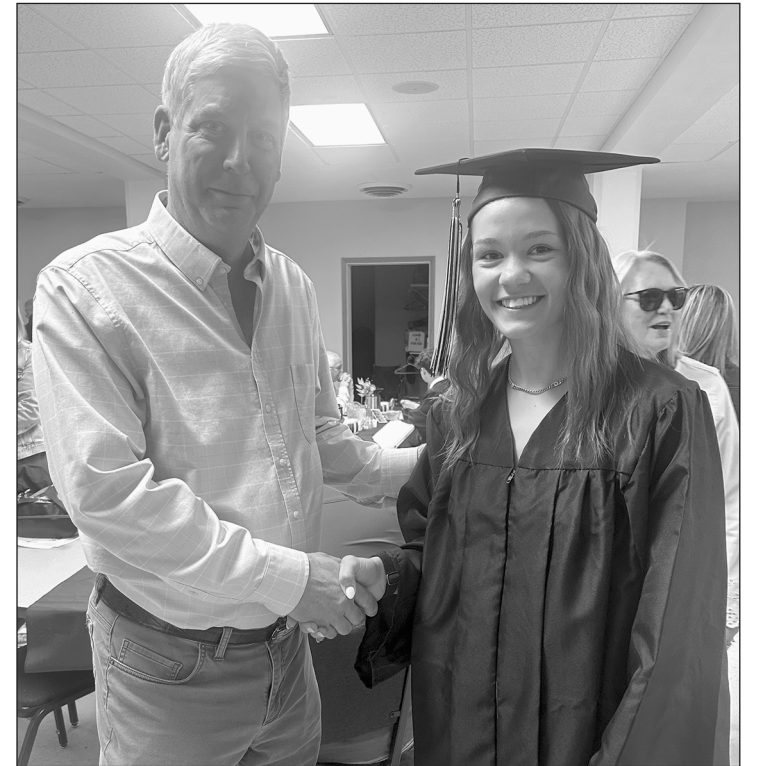
empowering the next generation of women in business by supporting students who demonstrate leadership, academic excellence, and a passion for giving back.

"We are incredibly proud to recognize Halle as this year's recipient," said Eric Samuelson. "She represents everything this scholarship stands for - hard work, leadership, and a genuine commitment to making her community better."

Park Board to meet Monday

The Crookston Park Board will meet Monday, June 8 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.



Eric Samuelson congratulated Halle Nicholas on receiving the Kim Samuelson Scholarship. (Submitted)

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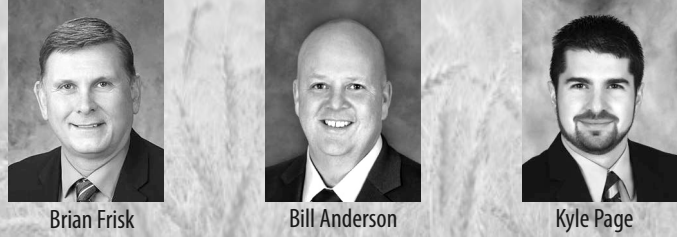
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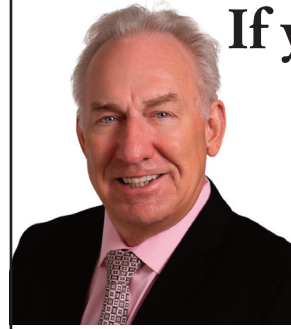


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DEATHS

Vivian Erickson, 93

Fisher - Vivian Joan Erickson, 93, of Fisher, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at Fisher Lutheran Church in Fisher, with interment in Fisher Lutheran Cemetery.

Catarino "Kenny" Dominguez, 87

Grand Forks - Catarino "Kenny" Dominguez, 87, of Grand Forks, passed away on April 11, 2026.

A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday June 13, at 2 p.m. at Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home with interment following at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will begin 1 hour prior.

Dale Knotek, 90

Crookston - Dale Howard Knotek, age 90, passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

A celebration of Dale's life will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Crookston, on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. with visitation one hour prior.

A visitation will also be held the night prior on Friday, June 12, from 5-6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Take precautions to avoid skin cancer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that each year, about 6.1 million adults are treated for basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, the two most common types of skin cancer, at a cost of about \$8.9 billion. According to CDC data in 2021, 90,365 people were diagnosed with melanoma, and 8,224 died from that form of cancer.

The CDC recommends taking the following steps to prevent skin cancer:

- Stay out of the sun as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Wear clothing that covers arms and legs
- Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade face, head, ears, and neck
- Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block both UVA and UVB rays
- Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher
- Avoid indoor tanning machines

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Administrative Assistant Needed Immediately

Care and Share of Crookston, Inc. is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant. Duties include billing, coding, financial support, volunteer management, Canva, Google Drive, and assisting the Executive Director. Qualified applicants should have strong organizational and computer skills.

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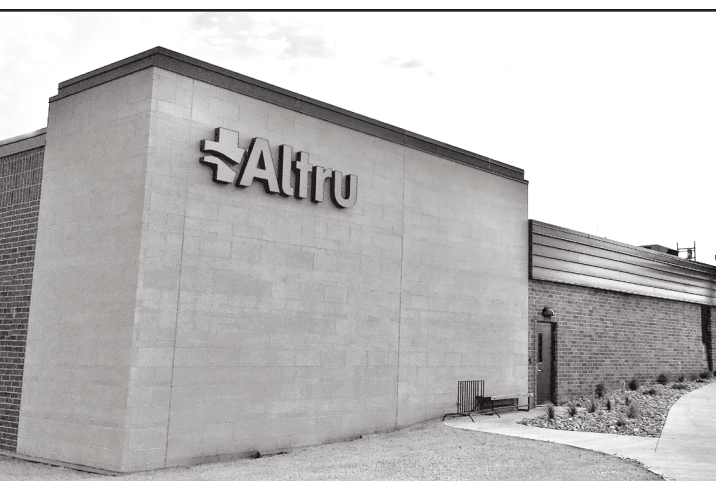
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Rydell National Wildlife Refuge to hold night hike

On the evening of Tuesday, June 9, staff from Rydell National Wildlife Refuge and members of the Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association will jointly host the 4th Annual Refuge Night Hike. This free event will begin at 9:15 p.m. at the Refuge Visitor Center in rural Erskine.

A brief introduction and background on what participants can expect to hear or possibly see will be provided prior to a guided walk on the paved refuge trails. The first portion of the hike will be on the 1.5-mile long Golden Pond Trail. At the conclusion of that trail hike, participants have the option to "call it a night" and return to the Visitor Center. Those who would like to continue and hike a second trail, can stick around for a guided hike on the 1.0-mile long

Church Lake Trail. The second trail walk will also conclude at the Visitor Center.

This "after dark adventure" will provide visitors a firsthand experience of the wetlands, woods and prairies when they come alive with the sounds of the night. Participants can expect to hear a variety of wildlife, including frogs, toads, birds, insects, and mammals. As participants listen to nighttime calls, guides will explain what they're hearing and even why certain sounds and calls are being made. Depending on the night sky, a little star gazing might also occur. Imagine the sounds of coyotes howling, tree frogs trilling, sora rails and loons calling, or a beaver slapping its broad tail on the water just a few feet from shore — all under the cover of dark-

ness.

Although the plan will be to keep artificial light to a minimum during this event, feel free to bring a small headlamp with you, if you wish. Since refuge visitation normally ends at sunset, this is a special opportunity to experience the Rydell NWR at night. If the evening of June 9 ends up being exceptionally windy (more than 20 mph) or it is raining, this event will be rescheduled to a later date. If, on June 9, you think the weather might result in the event being rescheduled, call or email the refuge manager that afternoon to check on the event status. No pre-registration is required for this free event. For more information on this event, contact Gregg Knutsen, refuge manager, at 218-686-4329 or gregg_knutsen@fws.gov.

Rural Reflections ...

Late night viewing with Benji

by Grant Nelson



With the exception of occasionally falling asleep in front of the television, it has been years since I was up late at night. Today, bed time is at 8:30 p.m., but I used to crave the late night experience when I was a kid.

Television after dark was initially more about a little independence for me as a young person. Some of the programming eventually became the reason to stay up late and that led to discovering other classic television shows.

It took a little determination to stay up late around our house in Viking. I had to justify my late night habits with Mom and Dad, but the heat was also turned down in the evening. This is probably where I acquired my blanket and afghan habit along with keeping our dog Benji with me on the couch; the dog has been replaced with cats nowadays.

I discovered late night television first by tuning in to

CKY television out of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, back in the '70s. The turning knob was a ring around the channel selector, which allowed me to watch a very snowy version of "Sherlock Holmes" late at night. That frozen signal somehow made it to our large outdoor antenna, down the wire, which had been cut by the lawnmower and then repaired with tape and into the box that Benji and I watched from beneath the afghan that was supposed to be just for decoration.

I discovered "Saturday Night Live" in the summer of 1976. This was when SNL was extremely funny and had its best cast. "Land-shark" and "Samurai Delicatessen" were something that made being 11 on a Saturday night in Viking seem quite exciting. The show set the standard for comedy and it was the first place I saw Meatloaf sing. The window across from the couch was always open on summer nights and it felt so good to sit there after a long, hot day of working outside and enjoy being cool and clean ... and entertained.

Late night television was not all good. Evidence of this would have been the late-night soap opera "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman." I've tried watching reruns

on YouTube and the show is still a mystery to me. "Fernwood 2 Night" was also beyond my pre-teen sensibilities.

Waiting to stay up on the weekends seemed too long a wait for me. Fortunately, I discovered the Johnny Carson monologue weekdays and the halftime highlights, hosted by Howard Cosell on "Monday Night Football." I was satisfied and ready for bed after the Carson monologue but would stay up if the guest list looked promising. I liked Cosell's halftime highlights, but my real reason was to see what he had to say about the most recent Minnesota Vikings game. The Vikings' highlights were not so painful to watch back then.

Bruce Springsteen once sang, "57 channels and there's nothin' on." This could be a commentary on how we pursue material stuff that really never satisfies us or maybe how our appreciation for entertainment becomes diluted as it becomes more accessible. Begging to stay up, taping the antenna cable, fine-tuning the snowy reception, all of it made me appreciate my 1970s late-night experience. Except "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman," that was truly "nothin' on."

Demo project agreement/Continued

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Council member Donald Cavalier reported that Ward 4 residents had brought forward concerns about potholes, which have since been addressed. He also thanked the Crookston Police Department for increased en-

forcement on a busy roadway, saying the effort has helped reduce speeding.

Mayor Dale Stainbrook thanked the Crookston Baseball Association for its donation and recognized Taylor Wyum for organizing volunteers for the Active

Transportation Project. Stainbrook also addressed concerns about heavy equipment using gravel roads and alleys, stating that equipment weight is distributed across multiple axles and that weight limits are not being exceeded.

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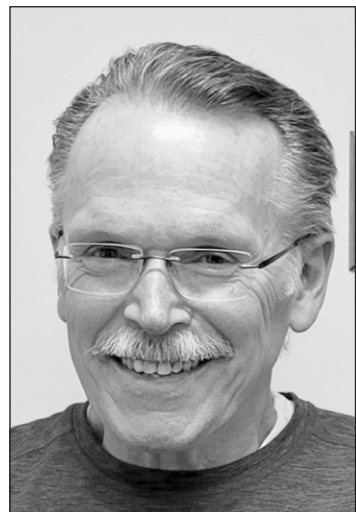
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Steve Gander files for reelection to MN House District 1B seat



Steve Gander

Rep. Steve Gander, an optometrist serving patients in East Grand Forks and Crookston, has officially filed for reelection to the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 1B.

After earning the Republican endorsement earlier this year, Gander is now gearing up for the fall election.

"Getting to know all of you from Fosston to Felton and everywhere in between has been one of the best parts of serving this district," said Gander. "I'm truly grateful for the trust people have placed in me, and to represent you in St. Paul is quite an honor."

Over the past two years, Gander has worked to expose fraud, waste, and abuse in Minnesota government

and in social service programs. He has consistently been outspoken about the billions of taxpayer dollars lost through fraud and mismanagement under the Walz administration.

"Under the failed leadership of Governor Tim Walz and his administration, state agencies allowed unprecedented fraud to occur, totaling as much as \$9 billion," said Gander. "That's money hardworking Minnesotans should never have had to hand over in taxes."

Gander also points to what he sees as irresponsible state spending during the 2023-24 biennium, criticizing the trifecta held by Twin Cities liberals for blowing an \$18 billion surplus, raising taxes by \$10 billion, and leaving the state facing future budget deficits.

"We have had success over the last two years in holding the line on tax increases, while delivering a record reduction in government spending," said Gander. "This year, we have lowered car tax fees and reduced property taxes so you can keep more of the money you earn."

Looking ahead, Gander said that he will continue fighting for lower taxes and fees, reduced government spending, and a more responsible approach to budgeting that puts Minnesota families first.

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Julie Nordling named RiverView Health Employee of the Month



Julie Nordling

To be eligible for the Employee of the Month award at RiverView Health, employees must have at least one year of service. Just six months after reaching that milestone, Julie Nordling earned the honor of being named RiverView's Employee of the Month for March.

Julie serves as a registered nurse in both the Emergency Department and on the Inpatient Unit.

"A little over a year ago, I took a leap of faith and interviewed for an RN position here at RiverView," she said.

"I was drawn to the hospital's small-town feel, along with the opportunity to grow and expand my knowledge as a nurse. What I found was much more — a second family."

"What truly sets RiverView apart is its people. The coworkers I have the privilege of working alongside every day are what makes this place exceptional — individuals who show up, no matter what, and consistently put their patients first. Thank you to all of my coworkers for your dedication to our patients and one another. I am incredibly honored to be a part of such a remarkable team."

Originally from Grand Forks, N.D., Julie has lived in Warren with her family for the past 10 years. She and her husband, Kellen, have four daughters — Hadley, Harlie, Haisley, and Henlie — as well as a dog, Mikka. In her free time, Julie enjoys spending time with her family, soaking in the sunshine outdoors, reading, and sewing.

Pirates lose play-in game to Panthers

A run by Wrigley Clark of Park Rapids Area in the bottom of the first inning proved to be the difference as the host Panthers defeated the Crookston Pirates 1-0 in a Section 8AA North Subsection play-in game on Wednesday, May 27.

The game was originally scheduled for May 26, but it was postponed due to inclement weather.

The Panthers scored the games only run on two hits in the bottom of the first. Clark led off the game with a single and went from first to third on a sacrifice bunt by Kaden Shepherd. Park Rapids Area's Jackson Soderberg struck out for the second out of the inning, but a dropped third strike forced a throw to first, with Clark scoring from third on the throw.

Crookston starter Gavyn Hlucny was lights out from there, allowing just one more hit over the final five innings in a seven-strikeout performance. Matching him was Park Rapids Area ace Jackson Soderberg, who allowed just two hits paired with 10 strikeouts over seven

shutout innings.		Scoring				
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Batting						
Crookston	AB	R	H	BB	SO	
Dexter Janek CF	2	0	0	0	1	
Greyson Ecker SS	2	0	0	0	1	
Gavyn Hlucny P	2	0	0	0	1	
Isaiah Donarski 3B	2	0	0	0	1	
Cody Demarais 2B	2	0	0	0	2	
Nolan Cassavant LF	3	0	1	0	0	
Davin Janek C	3	0	1	0	2	
Tarek Siegle 1B	2	0	0	0	2	
Jaron Knutson RF	1	0	0	0	1	
Lucas Perala RF	1	0	0	0	0	
Totals	20	0	2	0	5	
Highlights - SB: Greyson Ecker; CS: Dexter Janek, Gavyn Hlucny.						
Park Rapids Area	AB	R	H	BB	SO	
Wrigley Clark 2B	3	1	1	0	0	
Kaden Shepherd DH	2	0	0	0	1	
Jackson Soderberg	2	0	0	1	1	
Eli Jalbert 1B	3	0	1	0	0	
Brendan Tretbar 3B	3	0	0	0	2	
Owen Hase LF	2	0	0	0	2	
Nolan Michaelson SS	2	0	1	0	1	
Sawyer Harvey C	0	0	0	2	0	
Alex Holmer RF	1	0	0	1	1	
Totals	18	1	3	1	6	
Highlights - HBP: Wrigley Clark; SB: Sawyer Harvey 2, Brendan Tretbar, Nolan Michaelson, Wrigley Clark; CS: Nolan Michaelson, Owen Hase.						
Pitching						
Crookston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gavyn Hlucny - L	6.0	3	1	1	6	7
Park Rapids Area	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J. Soderberg-W	7.0	2	0	0	5	10

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.
 ■ Play-in Round, Tuesday, May 26 - Thief River Falls 6, Roseau 2; Park Rapids Area 1, Crookston 0; Menahga 6, Barnesville 0; Ottertail Central 1, Hawley 9.
 ■ North Subsection Semifinals, Thursday, May 28 - East Grand Forks 14, Park Rapids Area 3; Thief River Falls 8, Warroad 4.
 ■ North Subsection Championship, Thursday, May 28 - Perham 9, Thief River Falls 2.
 ■ North Subsection Elimination Game, Thursday, May 28 - Warroad 6, Park Rapids Area 0.
 ■ South Subsection Semifinals, Thursday, May 28 - Perham 5, Ottertail Central 1; Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 9, Menahga 8.
 ■ South Subsection Championship, Thursday, May 28 - Perham 3, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 0.
 ■ South Subsection Elimination Game, Thursday, May 28 - Ottertail Central 7, Menahga 0.
 ■ Elimination second round and quarterfinal, Monday, June 1 at Perham - Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 5, Warroad 1; Ottertail Central 2, Thief River Falls 1; Ottertail Central 9, Dil-

worth-Glyndon-Felton 6.
 ■ Semifinal, Monday, June 1 at Perham - Perham 9, East Grand Forks 1.
 ■ Elimination semifinal, Tuesday, June 2 at Perham - East Grand Forks 9, Ottertail Central 2.
 ■ Championship game one, Tuesday, June 2 at Perham - Perham 4, East Grand Forks 1.
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 - Red Lake County 10, Kittson County Central 0; West Marshall 6, Northern Freeze 5; Ada-Borup-West; 11, Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 1; Sacred Heart 15, Fertile-Beltrami 5; Fosston 12, Northome/Kelliher 0; Win-E-Mac 14, Mahnomen/Waubun 9; Blackduck 14, Lake of the Woods 4; Bagley 7, Clearbrook-Gonvick 1.
 ■ West Subsection Semifinals, Thursday, May 28 at East Grand Forks - Red Lake County 13, West Marshall 0; Ada-Borup-West 5, Sacred Heart 1.
 ■ West Subsection Championship, Thursday, May 28 at East Grand Forks - Red Lake County 10, Ada-Borup-West .

■ West Subsection Elimination Game, Thursday, May 28 at East Grand Forks - West Marshall 8, Sacred Heart 5.
 ■ East Subsection Semifinals, Thursday, May 28 at Bemidji State - Fosston 5, Win-E-Mac 3; Bagley 11, Blackduck 0.
 ■ East Subsection Championship, Thursday, May 28 at Bemidji State - Bagley 12, Fosston 2.
 ■ East Subsection Elimination game, Thursday, May 28 at Blackduck - Win-E-Mac 17, Blackduck 8
 ■ Semifinal, Saturday, May 30 at

Crookston - Red Lake County 5, Bagley 1.
 ■ Elimination round two, Saturday, May 30 at Crookston - West Marshall 13, Fosston 11; Win-E-Mac 12, Ada-Borup-West 5;
 ■ Elimination Quarterfinal, Tuesday, June 2 at Crookston - Win-E-Mac 4, West Marshall 2.
 ■ Elimination Semifinal, Tuesday, June 2 at Crookston - Bagley 18, Win-E-Mac 0
 ■ Championship game, Thursday, June 4 at Jim Karn Field in Crookston - Red Lake County vs. Bagley.

Fischer punches ticket to state

Garrett Fischer shot rounds of 78 and 75 to finish ninth overall at the two-day Section 8AA Boys Golf Tournament and claim the fifth and final individual qualifying spot for the Minnesota Class AA State Golf Tournament. The Section 8AA Tournament was held Monday and Tuesday at the Bemidji Town and Country Club.

The top team and top-five individuals outside of that team qualify for the 2026 MSHSL Class AA State Tournament, held June 8-10 at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan.

Detroit Lakes ran away with the team title, with its top five golfers finishing in the top-four of the team standings. Lawsen Justesen was the tournament medalist, shooting a three-under par 141 for the tournament. The Lakers' second golfer, Brock Burhans, shot a three-over tournament total of 147. Sully Braaten finished third for the Lakers with a 148,

and Carter Whitworth and Tyson Eckhoff both shot five over par 149s.

Also competing for the Pirates was Evan Shockman, who finished 37th with a two-round total of 171.

Results
 ■ Team Scores - 1. Detroit Lakes (284, 299) 583; 2. East Grand Forks (310, 319) 629; 3. Fergus Falls (321, 310) 631; 4. Hawley (320, 312) 632; 5. Warroad (327, 322) 649; 6. Roseau (328, 328) 656; Incomplete-Barnesville, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, Park Rapids Area, Perham, Crookston, Morris Area-Chokio Alberta and Thief River Falls.
 ■ Individual State Qualifiers - 1. Lawsen Justesen, Detroit Lakes 67, 74, 141; 2. Brock Burhans, Detroit Lakes 71, 76, 147; 3. Sully Braaten, Detroit Lakes 75, 73, 148; 4. Carter Whitworth, Detroit Lakes 73, 76, 149; 4. Tyson Eckhoff, Detroit Lakes 73, 76, 149; 4. Brody Johnson, East Grand Forks 76, 73, 149; 7. Quintin Kuehl, Fergus Falls 79, 71, 150; 8. Reid Aakre, Perham 74, 78, 152; 9. Hudson Midthun, Hawley 77, 76, 153; 9. Garrett Fischer, Crookston 78, 75, 153; 16. Blayne Smith, Detroit Lakes 80, 78, 158.
 ■ Crookston Scores - 9. Garrett Fischer 78, 75, 153; 37. Evan Shockman 82, 89, 171.

Eagles, Rebels win Section 8 softball titles

Red Lake Falls defeated Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 3-2 Thursday, May 28 to claim the Section 8A softball championship. The Rebels also defeated the Gators 2-0 in the semifinal game two days prior.

The Eagles are seeded second in the Class A State Tournament and faced seventh-seeded New York Mills in the opening round Tuesday, June 2 at Caswell Park in Mankato.

Rebels win 8AA title

In Section 8AA, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton defeated Roseau 4-3 in a winner-take-all championship game two on Friday, May 29 in Frazee. The Rebels defeated Wadena-Deer Creek in the semifinal round on Tuesday, May 26. That same day, the Rams battled their way to the championship game with elimination wins over Hawley, 13-3, and Warroad, 14-5, before beating Wadena-Deer Creek 7-6 in the elimination semifinal game on May 28.

The Rams stayed hot Thursday afternoon, taking game one of the championship 3-2 to hand the Rebels their first loss of the 2026 postseason.

The Rebels are seeded seventh and will face second-seeded Jackson County Central in the opening round.

Section 8A Softball
 ■ Elimination quarterfinal, Tuesday, May 26 - Sacred Heart 15, Mah-

nomen/Waubun 4.
 ■ Semifinal, Tuesday, May 26 - Red Lake Falls 2, Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 0.
 ■ Elimination semifinal, Tuesday, May 26 - Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 13, Sacred Heart 0.
 ■ Championship game 1, Thursday, May 28 - Red Lake Falls 3, Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 2.
Section 8AA Softball
 ■ Semifinal, Tuesday, May 26 at Frazee - Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 7, Wadena-Deer Creek 1.
 ■ Elimination second round, Tuesday, May 26 at Frazee - Warroad 11, Breckenridge/Wahpeton 8; Roseau 13, Hawley 3.
 ■ Elimination quarterfinal, Tuesday, May 26 - Roseau 14, Warroad 5.
 ■ Elimination semifinal, Thursday, May 28 - Roseau 7, Wadena-Deer Creek 6.
 ■ Championship game 1, Thursday, May 28 at Frazee - Roseau 3, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 2.
 ■ Championship game 2, Friday, May 29 at Frazee - Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 4, Roseau 3.

State Tournament
Class A
 ■ First Round, Tuesday, June 2 at Caswell Park in North Mankato - #8 Sebeke vs. #1 United South Central; #5 BOLD vs. #4 Southland; #7 New York Mills vs. #2 Red Lake Falls; #6 West Lutheran vs. #3 Barnum.
 ■ Consolation Semifinals, Wednesday, June 3, 11:30 a.m.
 ■ Semifinals, Wednesday, June 3, 4:30 p.m.
 ■ Consolation Championship, Thursday, June 4, 11:30 a.m.
 ■ Third place game, Thursday, June 4, 1:30 p.m.
 ■ Championship game, Friday, June 5 at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium in Minneapolis (University of Minnesota) 5:30 p.m.
Class AA
 ■ First Round, Tuesday, June 2 at Caswell Park in North Mankato - #8 Esko vs. #1 Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial; #5 St. Cloud Cathedral vs. #4 Rockford; #7 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton vs. #2 Jackson County Central; #6 Visitation vs. #3 Caledonia.

■ Consolation Semifinals, Wednesday, June 3, 11:30 a.m.
 ■ Semifinals, Wednesday, June 3, 4:30 p.m.
 ■ Consolation Championship, Thursday, June 4, 11:30 a.m.
 ■ Third place game, Thursday, June 4, 1:30 p.m.
 ■ Championship game, Friday, June 5 at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium in Minneapolis (University of Minnesota) 3 p.m.
Class AAA
 ■ First Round, Tuesday, June 2 at Caswell Park in North Mankato - #8 Orono vs. #1 Sartell; #5 St. Francis vs. #4 Rock Ridge; #7 Simley vs. #2 Byron; #6 Cretin-Derham Hall vs. #3 Mankato East.
 ■ Consolation Semifinals, Wednesday, June 3, 9 a.m.
 ■ Semifinals, Wednesday, June 3, 2 p.m.
 ■ Consolation Championship, Thursday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.

Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is June 5-7

Each year in early June, Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is an opportunity for adults to share the fun of fishing with kids.

"This is a great time of year to take kids fishing. The weather is usually pleasant, and the fish are often found close to shores and piers," said Benji Kohn, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources volunteer mentor program coordinator. "Try heading out to a nearby lake and cast out with a hook, bait and bobber. Kids will be all smiles when they catch fish."

Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is from Friday, June 5, to Sunday, June 7, and this year, the weekend coincides

with a pause in fishing license sales as the DNR transitions data to Minnesota's new electronic license system. During the pause in license sales, anglers may fish without a license from 12 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, through 11:59 p.m. Monday, June 8. All other fishing season regulations and bag limits will remain in effect. At 12 a.m. June 9, the new electronic license system will open for anglers and hunters.

Youth 15 and younger do not require fishing licenses at any time of the year, though they must observe all fishing seasons and regulations.

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 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 46.51; 8. Crookston A (Gavin Reitmeyer, Cade Wisk, Masen Lessard, Aaron Gosse) 46.73.
 4x200 Relay Finals - 1. United Clay-Becker (Matthew Shervey, Jackson Kastel, Evan Schenck, Leif Shervey) 1:30.43; 2. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley (Karch Fraizer, Ethan Whitaker, Hayden Rettke, Vincent Perucho) 1:31.65; 7. Crookston A (Gavin Reitmeyer, Cade Wisk, Masen Lessard, Aaron Gosse) 1:38.17.
 4x400 Relay Finals - 1. Park Rapids Area (Parker Hunter, Carter Hirt, Brayden Price, Kaden Gartner) 3:30.02; 2. Bagley/Fosston (Ethan Proulx, Gage Gray, William Strandberg, Brydin Daniele) 3:30.41; 5. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton (Finn Ahonen, Jake Dawson, Jed Toms,

Owen Winter) 3:40.65; 7. Roseau (Isaac Detweiler, Tristan Carrazales, John Delaney, Asher Munstenteiger) 3:50.98.
 4x800 Relay Finals - 1. Park Rapids Area (Christian Thorson, Asher Bervig, Cesar Quixan Gutierrez, Kaden Gartner) 8:15.11; 2. United Clay-Becker (Bennett Johnson, Coleman Hoff, Drew Knecht, Landon Noonan) 8:24.94; 3. Roseau (Dietrich Olson, Van Munstenteiger, Asher Munstenteiger, Brody Kasprovic) Roseau A 8:27.43; 7. Red Lake County (Hayden Shulstad, William Klawitter, Nate Powers, Nick Suchy) 8:55.72.
 Shot Put Finals - 1. Jack Roseau, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 45-04.00; 2. Nolan Dale, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 45-02.00; 8. Brett Rychlock, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 40-10.75;

9. Owen Larson, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 39-07.75.
 Discus Finals - 1. Trenton Frazier, Bagley/Fosston, 153-09; 2. Logan Giese, Park Christian, 138-00; 6. Owen Larson, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 129-00; 7. Chase Kalt, West Marshall, 127-07.
 Discus Wheelchair Finals - 1. Alex Gullingsrud, Red Lake County, 41-03PB
 High Jump Finals - 1. Ethan Buckholtz, Nevis, 6-06.00; 2. Isaac Jacobson, Park Christian, 6-04.00; 4. Caden Pagnac, West Marshall, 6-02.00; 13. Brody Betcher, Roseau, 5-06.00.
 Pole Vault Finals - 1. Hayden Rettke, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, 13-04.00; 2. Makoti Weber, Crookston, 12-10.00; 4. Noah Dvorak, West Marshall, 11-04.00; 6. Ezra Miska, West Marshall, 10-10.00.

Long Jump Finals - 1. Caden Pagnac, West Marshall, 21-05.00; 2. Raydon Woinarowicz, West Marshall, 21-04.00; 4. Masen Lessard, Crookston, 20-03.25 (0.5); 10. Tristan Carrizales, Roseau, 19-01.50.
 Triple Jump Finals - 1. Gavin McArthur, Mahnomen/Waubun, 44-03.50; 2. Ethan Whitaker, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, 42-07.00; 8. Landon Nordby, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 39-02.75; 9. Rylee Strand, Lake of the Woods/Rainy River, 38-09.75; 10. Isak Ball, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 38-00.50; 11. Eddie Olson, United Clay-Becker, 37-11.00; 12. Milan Gornowicz, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 37-09.50; 14. Shay Jacobson, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 37-01.00.

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Weber, Boll punch tickets to state

A pair of Crookston pole vaulters qualified for the 2026 MSHSL Class A State Track & Field Championships at the Section 8A Meet Friday, May 29 in Mahanomen.

Makoti Weber punched his ticket to state in the pole vault, finishing second with a personal record height of 12-10.00.

Chloe Boll also secured a trip to the state meet by finishing in second place. She cleared a clutch vault of 10-02 on her final attempt to guarantee her spot.

On the boys side, Masen Lessard placed fourth in the long jump with a personal record jump of 20-03.25.

Aaron Gosse finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a personal record time of 23.43.

In relay action, the 4x100 team of Gavin Reitmeier, Cade Wisk, Masen Lessard, and Aaron Gosse finished eighth with a time of 46.73; while the 4x200 team using the exact same lineup finished seventh with a time of 1:38.17.

On the girls side, Morgan Boll also competed well in the pole vault, finishing ninth with a vault of 8-02.

Chloe Boll finished ninth in the long jump with a distance of 14-07.75; and Kambree Wangen placed 14th with a jump of 13-09.25.

In the 300 hurdles, Alle Kollin placed 14th overall with a time of 53.26.

In relay action, the 4x800 team of Hallie Perry, Keatyn Kliner, ZiiZi Sam, and Alle Kollin put together a strong race to finish on the podium in 6th place. The 4x100 team of Chloe Boll, Bridget Groven, Brooklyn Waldal, and Morgan Boll improved two spots over its finished in sixth place after entering the meet as the number eight-seed.

Team Scores
Girls - 1. West Marshall 91; 2. Park Christian 83.5; 3. Park Rapids Area 59.5; 4. Bagley/Fosston 55.5; 5. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 53; 6. Fertile-Beltrami 53; 7. Nevis 48; 8. Climax-Fisher-Sacred Heart 38; 9. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 33; 10. United Clay-Becker 32.5; 11. Northome/Kelliher/Blackduck 19; 12. Win-E-Mac 19; 13. Lake of the Woods/Rainy River 15; 14. Mahanomen/Waubun 15; 15. Red Lake County 15; 16. Crookston 14; 17. Roseau 14; 18. BGMR Freeze 11; 19. Warroad 10; 20. Kittson County Central 9; 21. Ada-Borup-West 7; 22. Clearbrook-Gonvick 4; 23. Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke 3.

Boys - 1. United Clay-Becker 111; 2. Park Christian 93; 3. Park Rapids Area 90; 4. Bagley/Fosston 59; 5. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 57; 6. West Marshall 53; 7. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 52.5; 8. Ada-Borup-West 39.5; 9. Roseau 28; 10. Crookston 21; 11. Nevis 19; 12. Warroad 13; 13. Lake of the Woods/Rainy River 12; 14. Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke 11; 15. Mahanomen/Waubun 11; 16. Fertile-Beltrami 10; 17. Climax-Fisher-Sacred Heart 8; 18. Red Lake County 7; 19. Clearbrook-Gonvick 6; 20. BGMR Freeze 5; 21. TrekNorth 2.

Section 8A Girls
Top-two/Area Athletes
100 Meters Finals - 1. Azariah Ogundeji, Nevis, 12.40; 2. Katrina Hitchen, Fertile-Beltrami, 12.46; 6. Janessa Torgerson, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 13.17; 12. Lillian Douglas, West Marshall, 13.47; 15. Alayla Blanco, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 13.70; 17. Joy Neubert, Win-E-mac, 14.08.

200 Meters Finals - 1. Azariah Ogundeji, Nevis, 25.75; 2. Kenley Marquis, West Marshall, 26.00; 3. Naomi Davey, West Marshall, 26.82; 14. Shyanne Ness, Win-E-mac, 28.43.

400 Meters Finals - 1. Katrina Hitchen, Fertile-Beltrami, 58.60; 2. Annika Aakre, Park Christian, 58.68; 4. Macie Haskett, Win-E-mac, 1:01.00; 14. Ava Sharp, Win-E-mac, 1:07.27; 15. Anna Ulvin, Roseau, 1:07.46; 16. Addy Morgenroth, Win-E-mac, 1:07.48.

800 Meters Finals - 1. Allison Lundin, Northome/Kelliher/Blackduck, 2:22.93; 2. Hannah Fonder, Bagley/Fosston, 2:24.40; 5. Audrey Hayden, Roseau, 2:36.32; 7. Teresa Cudnik, BGMR Freeze, 2:38.76; 9. Kaley Boe, West Marshall, 2:39.74; 15. Clara Rogus, West Marshall, 2:51.56.

1600 Meters Finals - 1. Emelia Arntson, Climax-Fisher-Sacred Heart, 5:24.23; 2. Annie Peterson, West Marshall, 5:25.28; 4. Lola Hendrickson, Red Lake County, 5:35.82; 11. Josephine Hinson, Roseau, 5:59.18; 12. Lauren Olson, Roseau, 6:00.14; 15. Ashlynn Omdahl, Roseau, 6:09.00.

3200 Meters Finals - 1. Emelia Arntson, Climax-Fisher-Sacred Heart, 12:07.55; 2. Linnea Harren, Warroad, 12:08.71; 3. Lola Hendrickson, Red Lake County, 12:25.59; 9. Megan Delaney, Roseau, 13:24.95; 10. Brenna Benson, West Marshall, 13:28.14; 11. Jorie Miska, West Marshall, 13:30.90.

100m Hurdles Finals - 1. Kaylee Pieper, Lake of the Woods/Rainy River, 16.75; 2. Taylor Henry, Northome/Kelliher/Blackduck, 16.81; 7. Anna Mooney, BGMR Freeze, 17.52.

300m Hurdles Finals - 1. Grace Officer, Park Rapids Area, 46.25; 2. Annika Adolphson, West Marshall, 47.67; 3. Caralina Janisch, Win-E-Mac, 48.14; 8. Aubrey Halverson, Red Lake County, 50.76; 14. Alle Kollin, Crookston, 53.26; 15. Anna Mooney, BGMR Freeze, 53.37.

Marshall A (Kenley Marquis, Naomi Davey, Annika Adolphson, Markelle Pederson) 50.31; 2. Park Christian A (Siri Messelt, Makenna Christenson, Annika Johnson, Maria Spaeth) 50.70; 3. Crookston A (Chloe Boll, Bridget Groven, Brooklyn Waldal, Morgan Boll) 53.26.

4x200 Relay Finals - 1. West Marshall A (Kenley Marquis, Naomi Davey, Annika Adolphson, Markelle Pederson) 1:44.88; 2. Nevis A (Karli Frisch, Mya Durgin, Mackenzie Lindow, Azariah Ogundeji) 1:48.68; 6. Win-E-Mac A (Macie Haskett, Ava Sharp, Addy Morgenroth, Caralina Janisch) 1:52.40.

4x400 Relay Finals - 1. Fertile-Beltrami A (Jordyn Rasch, Indigo Oistad, Sofie Grunhoyd, Katrina Hitchen) 4:08.52; 2. Park Rapids Area (Cassidy Grewe, Madeline Brandt, Grace Etter, Grace Officer) 4:10.80; 6. West Marshall A (Eva Rogus, Maren Setterholm, Miela Pierce, Elizabeth Buegler) 4:26.61; 7. Win-E-Mac A (Caralina Janisch, Addy Morgenroth, Ava Sharp, Macie Haskett) 4:28.82.

4x800 Relay Finals - 1. United Clay-Becker (Rachel Swan, Kendra Nelson, Chloe Johnson, Katarina Vetter) 9:50.00; 2. Roseau A (Audrey Hayden, Anna Ulvin, Lauren Olson, Josephine Hinson) 10:03.09; 5. West Marshall A (Elizabeth Buegler, Cheyenne Widner, Jorie Miska, Clara Rogus) 10:35.56; 6. Crookston A (Hallie Perry, Keatyn Kliner, ZiiZi Sam, Alle Kollin) 10:44.76.

Shot Put Finals - 1. Aria Garrett, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 37-11.00; 2. Emily Marquis, West Marshall, 37-08.50; 6. Molly Marquis, West Marshall, 32-11.25; 7. Willow Moser, Roseau, 32-05.50; 16. Morgan Skoien, Roseau, 26-09.00.

Discus - 1. Emily Marquis, West Marshall, 135-08; 2. Aria Garrett, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 127-08; 8. Enley Haskett, Win-E-Mac, 92-01; 14. Paige Smith, West Marshall, 71-08.

High Jump Finals - 1. Annika Aakre, Park Christian, 5-07.00; 2. Kayden White, Kittson County Central, 4-11.00; 5. Christine Hanson, BGMR Freeze, 4-07.00; 5. Sascha Melby, BGMR Freeze, NH.

Pole Vault Finals - 1. Markelle Pederson, West Marshall, 11-00.00; 2. Chloe Boll, Crookston, 10-02.00; 9. Morgan Boll, Crookston, 8-02.00; 12. Lillian Douglas, West Marshall, 8-02.00; 13. Leva Ulvin, Roseau, 7-08.00; 14. Emma Olson, Roseau, 7-08.00.

Long Jump Finals - 1. Annika Aakre, Park Christian, 16-11.00; 2. Azariah Ogundeji, Nevis, 16-01.00; 5. Kylie Snare, BGMR Freeze, 15-08.00; 6. Kenley Marquis, West Marshall, 15-05.50; 7. Caralina Janisch, Win-E-mac, 15-02.00; 9. Chloe Boll, Crookston, 14-07.75; 12. Aubrey Halverson, Red Lake County, 14-01.50; 13. Addy Morgenroth, Win-E-mac, 13-09.50; 14. Kambree Wangen, Crookston, 13-09.25; 15. Taylor Wilson, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 12-06.75.

Triple Jump Finals - 1. Ellie Sosa, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 35-09.50; 2. Natalie Aakre, Park Christian, 35-03.75; 9. Annika Adolphson, West Marshall, 30-06.00; 12. Clara Rogus, West Marshall, 29-11.50; 13. Krystal Neuschwander, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 29-10.75; 15. Anna Mooney, BGMR Freeze, 29-01.50.

Section 8A Boys
Top-two/Area Athletes
100 Meters Finals - 1. Leif Shervey, United Clay-Becker, 10.51; 2. Brydin Daniel, Bagley/Fosston, 11.12; 5. Raydon Woinarowicz, West Marshall, 11.31; 6. Isaac Jacobson, Park Christian, 11.37; 9. Brandon Schenck, BGMR Freeze, 11.45; 11. Owen Dvorak, West Marshall, 11.66; 15. Zaiven Martinez, West Marshall, 11.80.

100 Meters Wheelchair Finals - 1. Alex Gullingsrud, Red Lake County, 23.24; 2. Ethan Avritt, Park Rapids Area, 2:02.36.

200 Meters Finals - 1. Leif Shervey, United Clay-Becker, 21.66; 2. Brydin Daniel, Bagley/Fosston, 22.30; 4. Aaron Gosse, Crookston, 23.43; 6. Brandon Schenck, BGMR Freeze, 23.52; 15. Chris Barlow, Roseau, 24.50; 16. Rudy Reyes, Ada-Borup-West, 24.58.

400 Meters Finals - 1. Evan Schenck, United Clay-Becker, 50.64; 2. Gavin Giese, Park Christian, 52.17; 6. Eli Nelson, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 54.04; 7. Brandon Schenck, BGMR Freeze, 54.47; 10. Isaac Detweiler, Roseau, 56.07.

800 Meters Finals - 1. Asher Munstenteiger, Roseau, 2:04.30; 2. Joseph Jensen, Park Christian, 2:04.56; 14. Eli Nelson, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 2:21.23; 16. Nick Suchy, Red Lake County, 2:26.42.

800 Meters Wheelchair Finals - 1. Alex Gullingsrud, Red Lake County, 3:05.26.

1600 Meters Finals - 1. Asher Bervig, Park Rapids Area, 4:37.85; 2. Owen Winter, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 4:42.55; 5. Van Munstenteiger, Roseau, 4:52.79; 12. Silas Hinson, Roseau, 5:12.89; 15. Dietrich Olson, Roseau, 5:31.09.

1600 Meters Wheelchair Finals - 1. Alex Gullingsrud, Red Lake County, 6:04.86.

3200 Meters Finals - 1. Christian Thorson, Park Rapids Area, 9:58.51; 2. Jack Mittness, Park Rapids Area, 10:10.96; 9. William Klawitter, Red Lake County, 11:16.96; 13. Hayden Shulstad, Red Lake County, 11:48.21; 15. Brody Kasprovicz, Roseau, 11:58.33.

110m Hurdles Finals - 1. Samuel Olson, United Clay-Becker, 15.67; 2. Sammy Durand, West Marshall, 15.69; 3. John Delaney, Roseau, 16.19; 15. Wylie Lehrer, Red Lake County, 19.60.

300m Hurdles Finals - 1. Samuel Olson, United Clay-Becker, 41.58; 2. William Strandberg, Bagley/Fosston, 42.21; 5. Sammy Durand, West Marshall, 42.79; 8. Isak Ball, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, 44.14; 10. John Delaney, Roseau, 44.43.

4x100 Relay Finals - 1. Park Christian A (Isaac Jacobson, Zaden Giese, David Pettys, Logan Giese) 43.67; 2. Park Rapids Area (Jaydon Walen, Corbin Schiller, Carter Hirt, Parker Hunter) 44.36; 5. West Marshall (Caden Pagnac, Owen Dvorak, Aiden Fitzgerald, Raydon Woinarowicz) 44.99; 7. Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Shay Jacobson, Isak Ball, Owen Larson, Sawyer Jacobson) 45.31.

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