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## Storms decimate parts of Cottage Grove



Some houses were labeled as temporarily condemned due to the size of the trees that fell on them and the damage those trees did. Owners needed to find alternative housing until the damage could be inspected and the building cleared for reentry. *Photo by Bruce Karnick*



Trees of various sizes including several giant, well-established trees were uprooted during the recent storm that went through Cottage Grove. The combination of strong winds and moisture saturated soil helped destroy some of the more beautiful trees in the area. *Photo by Bruce Karnick*

**By Bruce Karnick**  
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Thursday, August 29, 2024, will be one of those days to remember for many

Cottage Grove residents. While parts of Dakota County to the south saw an F0 tornado, Cottage Grove faced straight line winds that uprooted dozens of large trees and damaged several

houses in the area. The damage was so severe, Mayor Myron Bailey and the City Council declared a State of Emergency on Friday morning and the city called in all available resources to clear

roads the night of the storm. Severe thunderstorms as strong as the two different storms that hit the area Tuesday 8/27 and Thursday 8/29 are fairly easy to track but difficult to predict the

severity of. Everyone knew the storms were strong and had a lot of energy to disperse, but what was not known was just how quickly that energy would turn into wind on Thursday.

One resident was coming home from his son's soccer game when the storm crossed highway 61.

"We were on the freeway

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### Champlin man sentenced for assaulting Washington County deputies during traffic stop

Stillwater, Minn. — A Champlin man was sentenced to consecutive pro-

bationary sentences and jail time for physically assaulting, spitting on, and threatening law enforcement officers during a traffic stop in 2021, Washington County Attorney Kevin Magnuson announced.

In May, a jury found Anyeth Abdalla Deng, 27, guilty of three counts of felony fourth-degree assault against a peace officer and one count of threats of violence after he assaulted and threatened two Washington County sheriff's deputies during a traffic stop in September 2021.

On August 27, Judge Helen Brosnahan sentenced Deng to stayed prison sentences ranging from a year to 18 months in length, as called for by the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines. Judge Brosnahan imposed consecutive probationary terms, meaning Deng will be on probation for a total of six years, as well as a total of 120 days jail.

"Judge Brosnahan, in my view, clearly understood the serious nature of Deng's

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## County Board receives GFOA Triple Crown awards

*Celia Wirth reappointed to third term as manager of Brown's Creek Watershed District, Tyler Roenicke named Minnesota Counties and Computer Cooperative Member of the Year*

The Washington County Board of Commissioners took many actions at its regular monthly meeting Aug. 27.

Among them, the Board of Commissioners reappointed Celia Wirth of Grant to a third term as manager of the Brown's Creek Watershed District.

Created to manage water resources along natural (hydrologic) boundaries, the Brown's Creek Watershed District is one of eight such watershed districts within the county, located over 28 square miles or approximately 18,000 acre northwest of Stillwater, emptying into the St. Croix River via Brown's Creek. Wirth's third term as manager of the Brown's Creek Watershed will begin on Oct. 23 of this year and last for three years, expiring Oct. 22, 2027.

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Accounting and Finance Director Cat Piepho, Deputy Director Renee Vought, and Office of Administration Budget Analysts Xai Tao and Trung Le were recognized Aug. 27 by the Washington County Board of Commissioners for receiving the GFOA's Triple Crown of financial reporting awards. Shown from left to right are District 4 Commissioner Karla Bigham, Office of Administration Budget Analysts Xai Tao, District 2 Commissioner Stan Karwoski, District 5 Commissioner Michele Clausen, District 3 Commissioner Gary Kriesel, Accounting and Finance Director Cat Piepho, District 1 Commissioner Fran Miron, Deputy Director Renee Vought, and Trung Le. *Image courtesy Washington County*

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when the tornado hit, it was crazy.” He said. “We had to get home because our dog was home alone and when we turned the corner, we saw the tree on the house.”

That tree covered most of the roof of the house and there were several spots where the branches poked through the roof. Their neighbor had a couple trees down, one that did significant damage to their roof too.

The story was similar all over the area. The storm hit quick, the conditions changed even faster and there simply was no time to react.

“I was watching something on my phone,” explained Gary Larsen. “I didn’t even notice the power went out, but I heard all this rain then I heard this kind of thump sitting there. I looked out the back door and just saw tons of water obscuring my view. I tried to open the door, and the wind kept pushing me back. I came back a few minutes later and noticed a huge tree branch came down.”

“I just talked to my neighbor a week ago, and I think he jinxed himself, because, because he said, you know, I’m worried about that big branch coming down one of these storms,” Larsen said as he chuckled.

Luckily for Larsen, he had already planned on having a tree service out to clean some things up on his property, so, he should not need to wait too long for service for the storm damage.

“It came really quick. I heard no sirens. If there were any sirens that went off, the pounding of the rain on the roof and even on the side of the house was like, just loud,” added Larsen.

That was the consensus of everyone that spoke on their experiences with this storm, it happened fast, and they did not hear any sirens and they were not sure if that was because the storm was so loud or if they just did



You are not imagining things and it is not an optical illusion, the pole is leaning due to the damage caused by the trees that fell on the wires. Several poles in the line could be seen leaning severely and, in this case, the broken lines are also visible. Photo by Bruce Karnick

not go off.

According to information on the city’s social media, Mayor Myron Bailey said this:

“We normally rely on the National Weather Service to determine if we hit the sirens. Only for tornadoes and winds over 70 miles per hour. What was weird about this storm is we were in a severe thunderstorm warning and then it expired. It was after the expiration when the wind hit unexpectedly. I assume the storm was back building. I’m just glad no one was hurt.”

The last part of the statement was the most interesting piece about the storm. Not one injury was reported due to the storm that hit.

More than 20 different tree service companies came to the rescue of the area residents with one of the busiest being Kaposia Tree Service. Terry Turkl took a few minutes to give us a rundown of how things go in situations like the storm that hit Thursday.

Kaposia handles a lot of their work with a large crane each Tuesday and Thursday, so they already had the crane available to them for that day.

“With all the dead ash trees in the cities, we are always busy,” said Turkl. “This kind of thin sets all the regular work back so we can focus on the storm clean up.”

When a storm like this happens, many tree removal companies answer the phone 24/7/365 and Kaposia is no different.

“We were out here by 7:30 this [Friday] morning assessing the job and had the crane here by nine,” added Turkl. “Even with all of the tree companies out here, it will be several weeks before everything is cleaned up. We do the bigger things first like the trees on the houses.”

His assessment of the area was exactly what everyone knew it was, “it’s bad,” he said. “I’ve driven around this morning, there are so many trees on top of houses, a lot of old, established trees are down. The problem is, the ground is so saturated with water, they just uplift.”

And a lot of trees, big trees did just that. In just a few hours Friday morning, we were able to take almost 100 pictures of trees that were uprooted between



This downed tree covered two vehicles in the neighborhood behind Hy-Vee. Yes, there is a black SUV completely covered next to the red pickup. Photo by Bruce Karnick

80th and 90th streets from Summit Avenue to Hadley Avenue and across Highway 61 behind Hy-Vee toward Jamaica Avenue.

Thursday night an estimated 4,000 residents were without power, and Xcel Energy was not certain when the power was going to be restored. Credit is due to the Xcel contractors and the City of Cottage Grove folks that worked diligently to get power restored as quickly as possible. Within 72 hours, most of the power had been restored to the area. The commercial customers like Holiday at 80th St. and Hadley Ave. lost power around 5:30 and had it restored by 9:30 that evening, just four hours later.

With the city activating their emergency headquarters on Thursday night, they had every available resource out opening roads and ensuring everything was safe for people to move about their neighborhoods as they could. Woodbury police and Washington County Sheriff’s officers assisted in shutting down access to the area from storm chasers

and gawkers while allowing residents to access and assess their properties with minimal interruptions. Fire departments from Newport, St. Paul Park, Woodbury and Lake Elmo also assisted along with Washington County Public Works. The city staff were done with the initial road opening process by 11:00 p.m. and they returned to work by 7:00 a.m. to finish the process.

“Our community came together in a powerful way after the storm! Witnessing neighbors helping neighbors was truly inspiring.” Mayor Myron Bailey shared, “I want to thank the citizens of Cottage Grove, specifically those in the hardest hit areas. I was able to personally witness neighbors helping neighbors this evening, while I was out checking the damage and offering help. I am so proud of our community! With events like this... We see the best in each of us!”

Finalizing the cleanup will take weeks and repairing the damage to the area homes will likely take months if not a year from

start to finish. Some of the worst hit homes were declared condemned until an engineer could assess the current state of the home from a safety standpoint. That means homeowners cannot enter the property to retrieve needed items until there is a basic inspection.

The city will be conducting curbside pickup of private tree debris resulting from the recent storm. Please place your debris parallel to the curb for removal by October 1, 2024. Size of the branches is not a concern. City staff will be conducting periodic sweeps to collect debris. No prior scheduling is necessary, this is a free service to residents. Additionally, the city will be removing or trimming damaged boulevard trees located within the city right-of-way.

If residents wish to expedite this process and haul the debris away themselves, the Rumpca Compost Site will accept the debris free of charge, residents just need to mention it is from the storm cleanup.

## Public invited to open house on Bailey Road and Settlers Ridge Parkway intersection improvement project Sept. 24

The public is invited to an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, regarding improvements to the intersection of County Highway 18 (Bailey Rd.) and Settlers Ridge Parkway. The open house will occur at Lake Middle School, 3133 Pioneer Dr., Woodbury.

The project seeks to improve intersection control with a roundabout, manage and treat highway drainage/

runoff, and improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

At the open house meet the project team, provide input on existing conditions, and learn about the schedule and next steps for the project.

For those unable to attend the in-person open house, there will be an opportunity to review the material shared at the in-person open house on the project website. The online engagement will

be available from Sept. 24 through Oct. 8. There will be no formal presentations during the in-person or online engagement.

Construction updates will be posted on the project website at [washingtoncountymn.gov/County18](http://washingtoncountymn.gov/County18). For more information, contact Project Manager Andrew Giesen, 651-430-4336, [andrew.giesen@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:andrew.giesen@co.washington.mn.us).



Trees were downed all over Cottage Grove, this one barely missing an above ground pool. Photo courtesy of Gary Larsen



Trees of various sizes including several giant, well-established trees were uprooted during the recent storm that went through Cottage Grove. The combination of strong winds and moisture saturated soil helped destroy some of the more beautiful trees in the area. Photo by Bruce Karnick

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# COUNTY BOARD

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## County Board approves annual report for development agency

Also in news from the Aug. 27 regular board meeting, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the county Community Development Agency (CDA) 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A means to communicate to the HUD and policymakers how funds are spent and the impact the programs make in the community, the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) details Washington County's progress toward meeting the goals outlined in Washington County's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and projects undertaken with 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds.

Included among Washington County's Program Year 2023 accomplishments nine home improvement loans that achieved construction completion; street and public improvements in the city of Landfall; public improvements by Rise, Inc at their Cottage Grove and Forest Lake facilities; land acquisition and new rental construction by MWF Properties; new construction of homes in St. Paul Park by Habitat for Humanity; and Two Rivers Community Land Trust acquisition and improvements of six single family homes scattered throughout Washington County for sale to income-eligible households.

Utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, Washington County Community Services also provided resources for homelessness prevention to 3,188 people. An additional eight households that had fallen behind on their mortgage payments because of the COVID-19 pandemic were provided emergency mortgage assistance grants.

The draft CAPER was released for public comment and published on the CDA website Aug. 2 with instructions on how to comment. The public comment period closed Aug. 20. The CDA conducted a public hearing at its Aug. 20 meeting. No public comments were received at the public hearing or during the public comment period.

The CAPER and certifications will be submitted to HUD by Sept. 28. The full report can be viewed on the CDA's website at [www.washingtoncountycda.org](http://www.washingtoncountycda.org), along with Open to Business Program, Rent Cafe, and subsidized as well as senior housing properties.

## County Board receives GFOA Triple Crown awards

Recognized for its financial reporting, meanwhile, the Washington County Board of Commissioners was presented with awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Aug.

27, representing the "Triple Crown" for financial reporting.

The awards are for:

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

- Award for the 2022 Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR).

- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2024 budget.

The award for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) marks the 38th consecutive year that the county has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. The award is intended to recognize and encourage excellence in financial reporting by state and local governments. The county's consistent participation in the program demonstrates its commitment to quality financial management practices and open and clear communication with its residents. The award has a direct impact when rating agencies assess the county's financial practices during bond issuance.

This is the fifth consecutive year the county has received the GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement in the 2022 Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR). The PAFR is designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the public. It aims to reduce jargon and technical language, and includes charts and graphs to assist users in understanding the financial position of the county.

The board also received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the county's 2024 budget. The 2024 award marks the 27th consecutive year of receiving the award. To receive the award, the budget document is submitted to the GFOA and goes through peer reviews to determine if the quality of the document meets the nationally recognized standards for effective budget presentation. The county document must also meet 14 mandatory criteria on which it is rated.

The budget satisfies nationally recognized guidelines as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Washington County is one of only a small number of counties in Minnesota and the U.S. to receive these three awards.

The GFOA's Triple Crown recognizes governments that have received all three of these awards.

The award program began in 1998 and is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

## Family Health Nurse Supervisor Tyler Roenicke named Minnesota Counties and Computer Cooperative Member of the Year

As for news from Aug. 27, the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognized Family Health Nursing Su-

pervisor Tyler Roenicke as the Minnesota Counties and Computer Cooperative Member of the Year Aug. 27.

Public Health & Environment is a member of the MnCCC, which works with all Minnesota counties as a joint powers organization facilitating services and training related to software solutions.

Each year MnCCC awards a Member of the Year to an individual whose outstanding dedication and service to the mission and vision of MnCCC is recognized and felt by the Board, staff, and MnCCC members.

Over the last year, Roenicke has spent significant time and energy supporting the Community Health Services (CHS) User Group and the PH-Doc Software used by nearly 40 counties across the state. Roenicke's work has impacted various PH-Doc efforts, including the PH-Doc roadmap committee and the recent Title V Grant Reporting Standardization. Roenicke participates in the CHS User Group and the Enhancement Committee meetings and activities. He is dedicated to sharing information among users to support continued learning, encouraging innovation, and advocating for using new and best practices across the electronic health record documentation continuum. Because of his continued commitment to making PH-Doc a more accessible, user-friendly, and cost-effective product, MnCCC has chosen to recognize Tyler Roenicke as the 2024 Member of the Year.

## St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park to get new play equipment

For young outdoors enthusiasts, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park will have new play equipment installed to replace the aging play equipment in the hilltop area of the park.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a \$283,255.02 purchase order with Landscape Structures for the play equipment and a \$361,300.03 purchase order with Flagship Recreation for the installation of the new play equipment Aug. 27. Metropolitan Council grants will fund the purchase orders.

The new play equipment includes nature-themed equipment and will emphasize inclusive play. The new play container will be 100% poured-in-place rubber surfacing, which promotes accessibility.

Valley Friendship Club was engaged as part of the playground design process and the feedback received was incorporated into the final design concept.

The existing St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park playground equipment was installed in 1999. The current playground is characterized by outdated equipment, sand surfacing, and mature oak trees which provide natural shade for kids and caretakers. Construction is anticipated to be completed in early summer

2025.

## JM Hauling, LLC to complete of river trail stabilization project at St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

Also planned for St. Croix Bluff Regional Park, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a \$128,851.63 contract with JM Hauling, LLC for the stabilization of the river trail at St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park.

The project will address erosion by stabilizing the ravine below the park's campground and repairing a failing culvert at the eastern end of the ravine. Funding comes from the Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grant program, which helps local governments tackle important water quality issues based on a watershed's highest priorities. The WBIF program is administered through the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

The South Washington Watershed District is supporting this contract by providing the grant's required local match of up to \$30,000, or approximately 20 percent of the project's construction. Bids for the project were opened on Aug. 6 and JM Hauling, LLC had the lowest and compliant bid.

## Forest Lake Contracting, Inc to complete North Environmental Center connection to State Highway 61

North at Forest Lake, the Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Forest Lake Contracting, Inc. to connect the North Environmental Center to State Highway 61 and Headwaters Parkway Aug. 27.

The \$1,351,390.85 contract for Bid Package 3 will include the construction of a future city street that will connect the new site to the intersection of State Highway 61 and Headwaters Parkway, and the necessary modifications required at the existing traffic signal. It also includes a fiber communications connection to the new environmental center building.

The environmental center building is nearing completion with an expected occupancy this fall. Following a 2017 study, the County Board directed staff to develop a North Environmental Center (household hazardous waste facility) to service the northern portion of Washington County. The new center will allow residents in the northern part of Washington County to dispose of hazardous materials, electronics, and other items that don't belong in the trash.

Bids for Bid Package 3 were opened on Aug. 6 and the county received six bids. Forest Lake Contracting, Inc. was the lowest bid, meeting all bid requirements.

## County recognized for five Minnesota Association of Government Communicators Northern Lights Awards

In staff recognitions, the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognized staff Aug. 27 for receiving

five awards at the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators annual awards banquet that took place this July.

The Northern Lights Contest recognizes outstanding work in Minnesota's government, educational and non-profit communications, and provides valuable feedback for all entries from the communications professionals who judge the contest.

The following awards were awarded:

- First place Northern Light Award in the General Publication category for the Library's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.

- First place Northern Light Award in the Public Information Project category for Public Health and Environment's Recycling Matters campaign, done in collaboration between Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

- First place Northern Light Award in the Logo, Illustration, or Graphic category for the Parks animal stickers collection developed by the Office of Administration.

- First place Northern Light Award in the Website Design or Redesign category for the Office of Administration's redesign of WashNet, the county's employee intranet system.

- Silver Award in the Writing category for the Comprehensive Website Evaluation Request for Proposal developed by the Office of Administration.

## County Board continues review of 2025 budget

Closing out news from the Aug. 27 board meeting, the Board of Commissioners, in a livestreamed and recorded workshop, continued its review of the county's 2025 recommended budget.

The initial budget workshop, available in the County Board livestream archives, was Aug. 6 and provided an overview of a recommended budget for 2025.

The board will hear presentations from each county department between Aug. 6 and Sept. 3. The Aug. 27 presentations were from the Library and Law Library and Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department.

The overall county budget recommended by the Office of Administration includes a 5.9% levy increase to \$139.3 million. If the recommended levy is adopted, a median-valued home, worth \$412,000, would see a 3.2% increase in county property taxes, totaling about \$30 more for 2025. The county has the second-lowest tax rate and the third-lowest property tax levy per capita in the seven-county metro area.

The Library has eight phys-

ical branches across the county, provides Library Express lockers for material pickup in Marine on St. Croix, Hugo, and Newport, and supports its digital branch that holds its website, catalog of materials, email, and online chat services.

Checkouts at county library branches in 2024 are on pace to match 2023, new library card registrations are exceeding pre-pandemic levels, and the Library continues to expand the number of performers and events offered to those of all ages. Use of digital checkouts continues to grow for library users. Key factors impacting the 2025 budget are rising costs of materials and investments in that improve access and reduce barriers to library services.

The Property Records and Taxpayers Services Department provides a wide variety of mandated and core services in five locations throughout Washington County. It is projected in 2025 that the Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department will:

- Oversee property records of 119,100 parcels
- Collect \$675 million in property taxes
- Conduct 254,650 transactions in licensing centers
- Support 186,000 registered voters
- Record 50,000 documents

The department's services are provided in the Government Center in Stillwater, and service centers in Stillwater, Forest Lake, Woodbury, and Cottage Grove.

All budget presentations can be found on the county website. Archived livestreamed meetings may be found on the county website at [washingtoncountymn.gov/countyboard](http://washingtoncountymn.gov/countyboard). Budget documents presented at the workshops may be found at [washingtoncountymn.gov/budget](http://washingtoncountymn.gov/budget).

The board will follow a budget calendar through early December, which will include:

- Sept. 24: Set a preliminary levy
- Oct. 1: Review the county's five-year capital improvement plan
- Nov. 12: Conduct a public hearing on the five-year capital improvement plan
- Nov. 26: Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2024 budget and levy; the public hearing will occur after 6 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Adopt a budget and property tax levy for 2024, and the capital improvement plan

The Washington County Board of Commissioners meet most Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the board room at 14949 62nd Street North in Stillwater. The public is welcome to attend.



## MY View

BY JOHN McLOONE

# Don't trust Big Water

Ever since people started buying in plastic bottles what comes out of the tap for little or nothing, I've been skeptical.

Little did I know, there was an enemy lurking somewhere in the H2O.

I'm not a huge consumer of water. When I see people that walk around with these enormous jugs and try to consume it all throughout the day, I wonder how they get anything done, since they've got to be in the restroom half the time.

I'm a fickle consumer of beverages. There are beverages that I like, and they have flavor. I've never been one to attempt to drown myself for the sake of getting that gallon

of water consumed.

I drink lots of coffee, and that has water in it, so I'm not completely dehydrating myself. And who thinks it's a good idea to have to deal with all these empty plastic bottles we're leaving behind? I'll tell you who? Big Water.

Thirty years ago, you would have thought the idea of selling plastic bottles of water would be an insane business decision, doomed to quickly fail. Big Water found a way.

In my own world, when I'm offered a bottle, I often respond, "I don't trust Big Water." I must have said it around the wrong person, because Big Water had it in for me.

I'm recovering as we speak

from what I consider to be a direct attack from Big Water. I spent two weeks traveling between my recliner and another important room in my house fighting off a parasite, cryptosporidium, which most likely attacks through drinking water. Health officials worked to find a direct link as to where it came from, but it's a mystery. I told them I thought it was a direct attack from Big Water.

I had a vague memory of cryptosporidium, as I lived outside of Milwaukee in the 1990s when the city's water system was contaminated with it. Hundreds got sick and many people died. By the time tests results finally uncovered this monster lurk-

ing within me, I was actually relieved. I will tell you, however, that if I wasn't just an isolate case, we'd be in trouble. The drug that treats it is extremely hard to find. When it was backordered, my wife-turned-nurse scoured pharmacies in two states and found just two doses.

I now know the absolute power Big Water wields. Fill your jugs folks, drink until you're about to explode. You won't get any criticism from me. Water is only \$3.50 for two 16-ounce bottles. What a deal! Buy it now. Scrunch that bottle when you're done and get that in the landfill.

Big Water has silenced me for now, so you won't get any criticism here.

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## Slices of Life

By Jill Pertler



### Fixing a broken wheel

We are all broken. Some have just a dent in the fender; others need a whole new transmission.

We are dinged, bent, damaged, hurt, cracked, confused, crushed and cut to the quick.

Because life will sometimes do that to you - to me - to all of us.

It changes us. It challenges us. It tosses us into the deep dark waters during a violent tempest because we were meant to whirl with the waves and experience the storm.

And the storm changes us in ways we never would have imagined. It leaves us broken - in tiny or all-encompassing ways.

We often try to hide this. The broken pieces that reside within us. But people are smart. They see through our forced smile, our transparent armor, and they want to help.

They want to fix it. I've thought about this and I think it's simply a part of human nature - to want to heal the hurts in others - to make everything okay. To fix them.

Thing is, there is no undoing what's been done. There is no changing the dings and the scrapes and the collisions we'd had in life. They exist as sure as the sunrise and sunset, and they can't be erased.

And they needn't be. They shouldn't be.

Because our experiences, our past - good and bad - aren't supposed to be overlooked, ignored or erased. They happened for a reason. And that reason - however cliché - made us the person we are today - scars and all.

But here's something I've observed about scars and human nature and the troubles we all encounter in life:

Sometimes I just want to talk about mine. Sometimes I want to unload. Sometimes it feels like a relief to talk about these things out loud. Maybe it lessens them. Maybe it makes them more real - or less real.

Maybe it just helps to share. But here's the crux: sometimes sharing is all I want to do. I'm not necessarily looking for a fix, because there often is no fix, and I'm guessing when you share like this, you aren't looking to be fixed, either.

We tend to listen with the intent of responding and that involves solving or fixing. There's nothing inherently wrong with this, it's just not what most people want or need.

We don't necessarily want, much less need, a response.

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We've probably already heard them all already. What we need is to be heard. We want someone to listen without judgement, but even as importantly, without providing solutions that we've most likely already thought of ourselves.

I guess I'm just thinking out loud here, because I've got as much to learn here as anyone else. I'm venting, if you will. And in that, I'm not looking for a quick fix from anyone. I am realizing I need to/want to be more mindful (not to mention silent) when others confide in me. I'm going to try to remember my own advice and not give unwarranted advice. (Or at least ask if my advice is wanted.)

Times of trouble can be very large and very lonely. It is during those times we aren't necessarily looking for solutions or problem-solving. People confiding in us don't always need ideas about new hobby suggestions, church locations or places to meet new people. Maybe they aren't looking for any of that

Maybe, instead they are looking (we all are looking) simply for an ear. Maybe they are looking for the opposite of a quick fix. Maybe what they need most is a silent, supportive friend who has no need to fix because they love us just as we

are, cracks and all. Wouldn't that be awesome?

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

## Ravine Park: the initial report

The following excerpts were originally published as part of the 1992 Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park Master Plan, laying out the rationale for additional nature space.

### Washington County Park Facility Trends

A survey of leisure activities in the Twin Cities area, conducted by the Metropolitan Council in 1983, reinforces the need for park and open space development. According to the survey, picnicking, walking, swimming, and biking, each ranked within the 70th percentile for leisure activity interests by those surveyed. Fishing and camping were within the sixtieth percentile cross-country skiing within the 50th, and non-power boating, the 40th percentile. This trend is reinforced by the 1990 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Analysis, which designated state resident's desired activities.

### Park User Desires by Activity

The Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park (CGRRP) will be accessible by cars, school buses, and bicycles. Regional access for vehicles may be gained by using Interstate 494, Trunk Highways 61 and 10, in combination with County Road 19 and Point Douglas Drive. This roadway system will provide easy access from the primary and secondary service areas. In addition, County Road 19 has county designated bike lanes.

### Needs Summary

Based upon the natural resources and regional needs justification, the following conclusions are drawn:

1. Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park will protect a representation of the Mississippi River floodplain and lightly glaciated landscape types (text continues).

2. In 1986, the County Board of Commissioners adopted a Recreation Open Space System Plan for Washington County. The plan was developed through the public meeting process to chart a course for future acquisition and development of recreation and open space. During the site selection process for the systems plan, which consisted of applying sequential reviews of goals, policies, site selection criteria and citizen input, CGRRP was identified as being an important component of the county/regional park system.

The primary population base served by CGRRP is of small size; however, this population is witnessing consistent growth

which is projected to continue beyond the year 2000. The park's secondary service area includes suburban and urban areas of Washington, Dakota, and Ramsey Counties. This area's population base represents approximately one-half that of the total general use area population.

CGRRP is accessible by car, bicycle, and hiking throughout its primary and second service area. County and state highways allow minimal to moderate travel times in reaching CGRRP from population concentrations.

Up-to-date user surveys for other Washington County regional and county facilities indicate rapidly increasing use. CGRRP will complement other county facilities and provide additional capacity. This capacity is especially important when considering resource-based activities such as picnicking, trail development, and interpretative facilities.

### Park Boundary (existing)

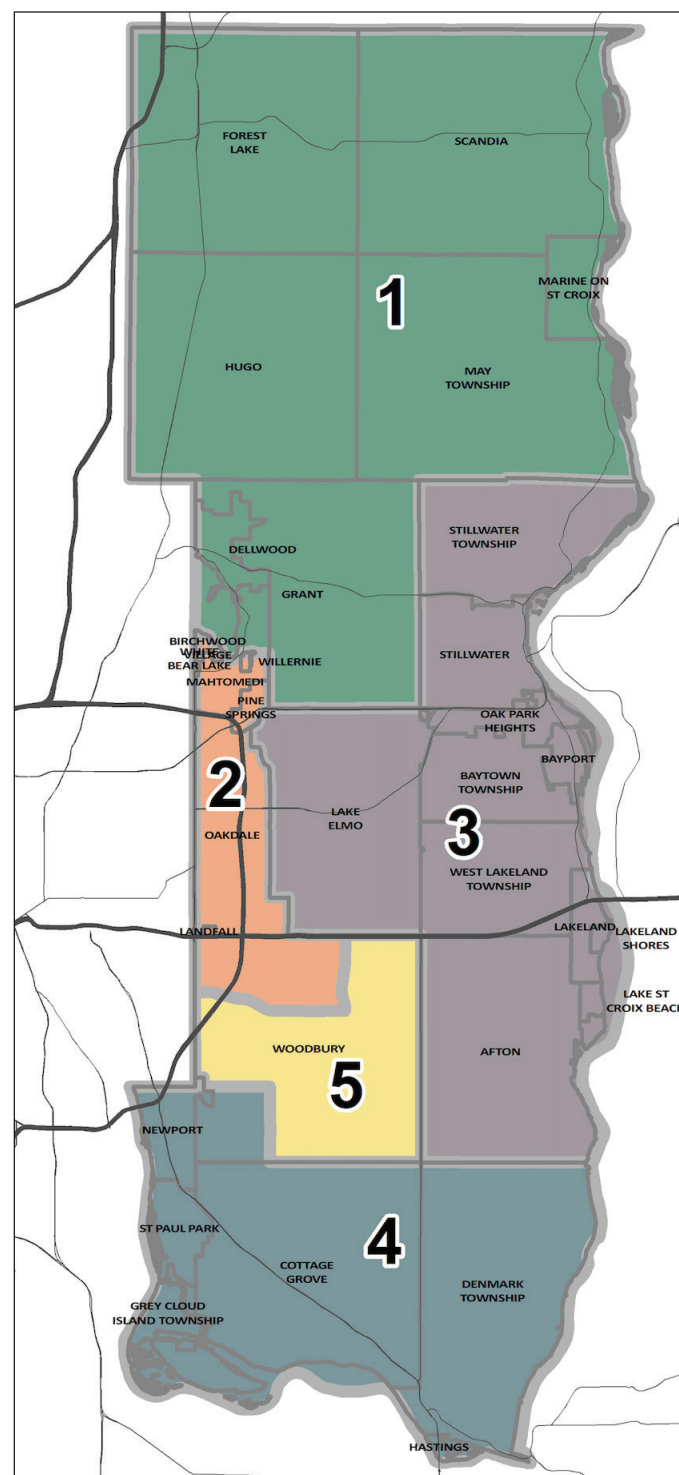
The establishment of boundaries for CGRRP, to a great extent, have been completed. In 1967, Washington County showed CGRRP, then called site #26 as part of their comprehensive plan. In 1972, the County hired Urban Planning and Design Inc., to develop a concept plan for CGRRP, at that time called Cottage Grove Valley Park. In 1973, the Metropolitan Council declared that Cottage Grove Park had regional significance. CGRRP was included in the "The Regional Open Space System Plan for Washington County," approved by the Metropolitan Council in October 1975. By 1975, three hundred twenty-five acres of the current four hundred and fifty had been acquired. Both the Washington County Board and Metropolitan Council approved a master plan prepared by the Washington County Planning Department, 1982. In 1985, a boundary amendment was approved by the Washington County Board and Metropolitan Council establishing the boundary we are currently reviewing.

Presently (as of 1992), the critical issue is to establish whether the properties shown in the 1985 boundary amendment for acquisition should be acquired, and if acquired, will the resource be protected and its integrity be preserved. Consideration should be given as to whether or not acquiring these properties would cause major dislocation or economic strife for the local community...

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# What's happening this week in *Cottage Grove*?

## Thursday, Sept. 5 Baby Storytime

9:45-10:15 a.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Join us in singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing at this inclusive, lap sit Storytime for families with ages 0-3. This is a time for you and your baby to bond with one another through early literacy activities. It's also an opportunity for you to meet new friends in a welcoming environment. This Storytime is recommended for soon-to-be parents, developmental ages 0-3, and their grown-ups (siblings always welcome). You are encouraged to attend the Storytime that best meets your family's developmental needs. Registration is not required.

## Storytime

10:30-11 a.m. - R. H. Stafford Library, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury

Sing, talk, read, write, and play with us at Storytime in the R.H. Stafford Library Children's Area. Storytime is a great opportunity to meet new friends, socialize, and strengthen early literacy skills. Registration is not required. This Storytime is recommended for children ages 2-6 and their grown-ups!

## Food Truck Thursdays at Cottage Grove City Hall

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway S., Cottage Grove

Beginning May 2, there will be a food truck weekly for residents and visitors to enjoy. This Thursday, enjoy "Eggroll Queen."

## Cottage Grove Farmers Market

2:30-6:30 p.m. - United Church of Christ, 7008 Lamar Ave. S., Cottage Grove

The Cottage Grove Farmers Market occurs

every Thursday between the hours of 2:30-6:30 p.m. from June 20-Oct. 10, 2024 in the parking lot of the United Church of Christ. Find fresh fruit and vegetables like rhubarb, green onions, sugar snap peas, kale, basil, kohlrabi, dill, potatoes, tomatoes, pumpkins and more throughout the growing season will be available. Buy honey, pickles, jams, jellies, salsas, freshly roasted coffee, macarons, micro greens, freeze dried foods, pop up greeting cards and more! The market has staple food trucks that typically come every week such as the Eggroll Queen.

## Contraption Club

3:30-5 p.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Children ages 9-12 are welcome to learn how to use a variety of technologies including 3D printers, a Glowforge laser cutter, a Cricut machine, an embroidery machine, TinkerCad, AdaFruit, and much more. No prior experience is required, librarians are on hand to assist you with the project of the day or free exploration. Limit to nine participants at a time. If over nine participants, the class will rotate participants every 45 minutes. No registration is required. This class is on a first-come basis.

## Yoga in the Park

6-7 p.m. - Lake Elmo Park Reserve, 1515 Keats Ave. N., Lake Elmo

Reconnect with the rhythms of nature as you flow through a variety of yoga poses under the open sky with Yoga in the Park! Embrace the tranquility of outdoor yoga and find your inner balance while soaking in the beauty of your surroundings. All levels are welcome to join in this uplifting experience and the revitalizing journey of mind, body, and na-

ture. For more information go to WashingtonCountyMN.gov.

## Friday, Sept. 6 On Our Quilt Time

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Do you have a quilting project you are working on? Join fellow quilters for camaraderie, inspiration, and ideas. Bring your own sewing machine and project supplies. Come and go as needed. No registration required.

## Storytime

10:30-11 a.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Join us in singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing at this inclusive, welcoming Storytime for families. This Storytime focuses on concepts such as life skills, emotions, community, family, and kindness. Storytime is your opportunity to meet new friends, socialize, and strengthen early literacy skills. Activities during and after Storytime are designed to strengthen fine and large motor skills. Grown-ups are encouraged to actively participate alongside the children they bring (modeling is one of the best ways to influence behavior). Please limit discussion between grown-ups until Storytime has finished. Registration is not required. We will meet in the children's area. This Storytime is recommended for developmental ages birth-8 and their grown-ups!

## Family Art Cart

11 a.m. to noon - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Every Friday following Storytime we will spend time making art at Park Grove Library. Registration is not required. This event is recommended for families with children ages 3-12 and will relate to the Storytime theme of the day.

## Saturday, Sept. 7 Bird Hike

8-10 a.m. - Carpenter Nature Center, 12805 St. Croix Trail S., Hastings

Learn to identify birds with local experts. Binoculars and field guides available or bring your own. Pre-registration required - Call 651-437-4359. Cost is \$5 per person or free for Friends of CNC, SCVBC and students.

## Cottage Grove Parkruns - Weekly 5k

9-10 a.m. - Cottage Grove Parks

Parkruns are free weekly community events held all around the world on Saturday mornings. Parkrun events are 5ks and are meant to be a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience for all. There is no time limit, and no one finishes last. Whether you walk, jog, volunteer or spectate, all are welcome on Saturdays at Kingston Park for a Parkrun! Free to the public.

Parkruns found at participating local parks:

9-10 a.m. - Kingston Park, 9195 75th St. S., Cottage Grove

9-10 a.m. - Hamlet Park, 8883 Hamlet Ave. S., Cottage Grove

## Bike with a Ranger

9-11 a.m. - Levee Park, 20 Ramsey St., Hastings

Bike with a Ranger is a way to explore the Mississippi River and Hastings Trails along the 10-mile loop. Led by a Park Ranger, participants will learn about history and wildlife at easily accessible points by bicycle. The ride begins at Levee Park, which opened in 2016 as part of the "Riverfront Renaissance" that showcases a

pavilion overlooking the Mississippi River. This ride is also on the Mississippi River Trail, which ultimately follows the river roughly 600 miles from its source at Itasca State Park to the Iowa border. This event is free to the public and is recommended for teens and adults.

## Fix-it Clinic

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury

Don't trash it, fix it! Join Washington County Fix-it Clinic volunteers as they assist with simple repairs and maintenance of everyday items. Last item accepted at 1:30 p.m.

## 22nd Annual Bluegrass Festival

2-6 p.m. - Lake Elmo Park Reserve, 1515 Keats Ave. N., Lake Elmo

At the South Pavilion in Lake Elmo Park Reserve, join Washington County for the 22nd annual Bluegrass Festival. Enjoy the community, the great outdoors, and the home-grown bluegrass music. It's our way of celebrating a successful summer season and giving thanks to everyone for supporting Washington County Parks.

## Campfire Programs - Bugs! Presented by Bruce the Bug Guy

7-8 p.m. - St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, 10191 St. Croix Trail S., Hastings

Join area naturalists at outdoor park amphitheaters for an engaging nature program. Each program will present live creatures, facts, and/or exhibits for hands-on, family learning. Programs include a bonfire when conditions allow. Bench seating and grassy areas are available. Visitors are more than welcome to bring camp chairs and blankets for comfort. All campfire programs are free to campers and visitors with a vehicle permit (\$7/day or \$30/annual).

## Monday, Sept. 9 Baby Storytime

10:30-11 a.m. - R. H. Stafford Library, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury

Join us for an interactive Storytime for babies and their grownups! We'll share books, songs, rhymes, and more to practice early literacy skills. After Storytime, stay for a play and social time designed just for babies. Baby Storytime is recommended for developmental ages 0-24 months. Everyone is always welcome. Registration is not required.

## Library Play Date

10:30 a.m. to noon - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Stop by for the opportunity to play with your child(ren) in a literacy-focused environment. Each week will feature a variety of activities designed to strengthen fine motor skills, large motor skills and early literacy development. You may even meet a new friend or discover a new activity you enjoy! This inclusive, welcoming program is recommended for developmental ages 0-8 and their grown-ups (siblings always welcome). No registration required.

## Crafty Needles

6-8 p.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Do you have a project you are working on that uses needles - knitting, crocheting, embroidery? Join fellow enthusiasts camaraderie, inspiration, and ideas. Bring your own project supplies. Come and go as you wish. Join the fun!

## Tuesday, Sept. 10 Blazing Needles

9:30 a.m. - noon - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Do you have a needlework project you are working on? Join fellow enthusiasts for camaraderie, inspiration, and ideas. Bring your own project supplies. Come and go as you wish. Join the fun!

## Storytime

10:30-11 a.m. - R. H. Stafford Library, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury

Sing, talk, read, write, and play with us at Storytime in the Children's Area. Storytime is a great opportunity to meet new friends, socialize, and strengthen early literacy skills. Registration is not required; recommended for children ages 2-6 and their grown-ups!

## Memory Café hosted by FamilyMeans

1-2 p.m. - R. H. Stafford Library, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury

Memory Café is a welcoming place for those with memory loss, such as Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and their caregivers. Cafés occur on the second Tuesday of each month, providing those in the community support and opportunities to connect with others facing similar challenges. To register, contact Jenny West at FamilyMeans at 651-789-4015. Funding to support Washington County Memory Cafés is provided in part by the Washington County Local Public Health Grant. The Memory Café will meet in the glass study room at the North end of the building.

## Let's Make Stuff: Fall Gnome Décor

2-4 p.m. - R. H. Stafford Library, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury

Join us for Let's Make Stuff! to get crafty and learn something new. In this class each participant will create their own Fall themed Gnome decor! This would be a great way to say hello to the fall while also using up that old flannel shirt you have laying around.

Let's Make Stuff is a creative class for adults. Each class will feature a different project. Class size is limited so registration is required. Register online or call your local branch. Before registering, please make sure you can attend in person. If you can't make it, please cancel your registration as soon as possible to give someone on the waiting list the chance to attend the class. This class will be repeated on Saturday, Sept. 14. Fine motor skills required for this class as we will be working with hot glue gun, scissors, and more.

## Teen Game Night

3-4:30 p.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to play video games, board games, study, and hang out in the large meeting room at Park Grove Library after school. Games will be provided. Bring your friends and come have fun! Registration not required.

## Art Cart for Adults: Watercolor painting

6-7:30 p.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Come experience the Art Cart at Park Grove Library. Programs with these carts will not be instructor led, but there will be some helpful information. Participants are welcome to interact with art materials on the cart. This month, we'll be painting with watercolors. This is a great opportunity to use your imagination and

meet someone new. No registration is needed. For this activity, children over 8 years of age are welcome as long as they are supervised by an adult. This program is funded with money from the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

## Wednesday, Sept. 11 Storytime

10:30-11 a.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

Join us in singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing at this inclusive, welcoming Storytime for families focusing on concepts such as life skills, emotions, our community, and kindness. Storytime is your opportunity to meet new friends, socialize, and strengthen early literacy skills. Plus, there will be plenty of music (both singing and dancing varieties). We will meet in the children's area. Registration is not required. This Storytime is recommended for developmental ages birth-8 and their grown-ups!

## Criminal Legal Advice Clinics

10 a.m. to noon - Law Library, 14949 62nd St. N., Stillwater

The Washington County Law Library provides weekly Criminal Legal Advice Clinics. The clinics assist residents navigating the Washington County judicial system. Each resident will receive a free half-hour consultation with a volunteer attorney from the Washington County Bar Association. Topics covered during the Criminal Legal Advice Clinics include traffic tickets, criminal process, criminal expungement, and DANCO order. If you have any questions, please call the Law Library at 651-430-6330.

## Park Grove Daytime Book Club

1-2:30 p.m. - Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove

This month's selection is "Giants in the Earth: A Saga of the Prairie" by O.E. Rolvaag. The Daytime Book Club at Park Grove Library meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. All are welcome!

## Tween/Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

1:30-3:30 p.m. - R. H. Stafford Library, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury

Tweens and teens ages 10 and up are invited to join the Dungeons & Dragons Club. This weekly event is an opportunity to enjoy social time with other young people while practicing reading, math, and cooperation skills. All programs are led by teen participants. Interested teens may be able to use their creativity to plan and lead adventures. Registration is required. We are signing participants up for an eight-week session and encourage you to attend all eight weeks if possible. No prior D&D experience is needed, but to ensure the best experience for everyone involved, we will not make exceptions to the minimum age requirement.

All materials are provided by R.H. Stafford Library and Woodbury & East Metro Homeschool Club, but participants are welcome to bring their own Player's Handbook, character sheets, and dice.

## Bingo! At the Muddy Cow

7 p.m. - Muddy Cow, 7350 Hardwood Ct. S., Cottage Grove

A \$1000 Overall game starts at 7 p.m.

## ACCIDENT Report

### Thursday, Aug. 22

2:23 p.m. - Officers responded to a motor-vehicle accident with property damage at the intersection of 80th Street South and Hadley Avenue South.

## ARREST Report

### Thursday, Aug. 22

• At 9:29 p.m., a juvenile male, 15, was arrested for warrant service - arrest.

### Friday, Aug. 23

• At 4:48 p.m., **Emma J. Carmona**, 38, South Saint Paul, was arrested for traffic - open bottle law; possession, DWI - operating a motor-vehicle under the influence of alcohol, DWI - operating a motor-vehicle - alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours and DWI - refuse to submit to a chemical test; breath or test refusal or failure.

• At 5:46 p.m., **Shannon M. Centracchio**, 41, Cottage Grove, was arrested for warrant service - arrest.

### Saturday, Aug. 24

• At 12:51 a.m., **Jamya L. Poole**, 19, Hastings, was arrested for traffic - reckless driving; drives consciously disregarding a substantial or unjustifiable risk, fleeing a peace officer by a means other than a motor-vehicle and fleeing a peace officer in a motor-vehicle.

• At 8:40 p.m., **Charles J. Schuck**, 49, Saint Paul, was arrested for drivers' licenses - driving without a valid license endorsement for vehicle driven, motor-vehicle registration - operating unregistered vehicle/without plates on public streets/highways, traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle and traffic - driver's

license - driving after revocation.

### Sunday, Aug. 25

• At 7:07 p.m., **Thurman L. Thomas**, 63, NPA, was arrested for traffic - DWI - operating a motor-vehicle under the influence of alcohol, traffic - DWI - operating a motor-vehicle - alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours, traffic - DL - driving after cancellation - inimical to public safety and traffic - open bottle law; possession.

### Monday, Aug. 26

• At 9:11 a.m., **Justin J. Juris**, 31, Cottage Grove, was arrested for traffic - DWI - operating a motor-vehicle - alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours and traffic - DWI - operating a motor-vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

### Tuesday, Aug. 27

• At 7:16 a.m., **Elizabeth N. Bartlett**, 29, Cottage Grove, was cited for neglect of a child - likely substantial harm physical/emotional health.

• At 7:17 a.m., **Zachary N. Bartlett**, 33, Cottage Grove, was cited for neglect of a child - likely substantial harm physical/emotional health.

• At 7:49 a.m., **Lindsey I. Stein**, 29, Cottage Grove, was cited for theft - take/use/transfer movable property without consent.

# A Look Back

- COMPILED BY JOSEPH BACK -

**20 years ago**  
**Aug. 25, 2004**

Some headlines:  
Overpass is delayed again: MnDOT now says opening might not be until Sept. 3 (story by Colby Johnson)  
Six schools in District 833 come up short (story by Judy Spooner)  
St. Paul Park's bars can stay open until 2 a.m. (Story by Anthony Maggio)  
Mainstreet Bank is robbed: Two men enter bank, wield guns before fleeing in vehicle (story by Chad Hjellming)  
Winters will be missed in Grey Cloud: Treasurer applauded for work in preparing township's budget (story by Colby Johnson)  
City staff asked to lower levy: Council tells staff to lower the proposed levy, and has ideas for cuts (story by Colby Johnson)

**30 years ago**  
**Aug. 31, 1994**

Mentioned in "Briefly" on the front page, the Park and Woodbury senior high student councils planned to challenge the district's grading system, fighting for weighted grades. Park High student council co-president Chris Reckinger explained the idea as applied to GPA credit earned in advanced classes.  
"It should be fair," he said. "It's something both schools feel strongly about."  
Down on Jamaica Avenue, the landscape plan called for reconstruction, with 63 mostly oak shade trees and around 90 flowering crabapple trees, with the cost projected to total \$23,000.  
Returning to grading, the District 833 School Board had voted down standardized Iowa Tests for grade 3, despite a one-year moratorium on the issue. The vote meant that Iowa Tests would likely only apply to fifth and seventh graders in the district.

**40 years ago**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY BULLETIN**  
**Aug. 30, 1984**

Reported on by Larry Cortese, a break in to a newly opened Astro Video store at 7172 80th St. S. had been timed to coincide with a powerful rain and wind storm, "which, under normal circumstances," might be thought to impact police response.

Unfortunately for the would be thief, several miscalculations had been made in his plan. The first was in using an ax or crowbar to attempt to gain entry through a nearby wall, which turned out to hit a brick facade of the building extension, not the inside of the video office. The second was missing the office by around 10 feet. The third and final mistake to the would be thief's plans was thinking police would be too tied up elsewhere to respond, with Officer David Henderson coming promptly.  
Several VHS (Video Head System) tapes had fallen victim to the attempted break-in, however, littering the store floor near the wall when Henderson arrived.  
The would be thief, however, was gone—defeated by working security alarms and a brick wall.

**50 years ago**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY BULLETIN**  
**Aug. 29, 1974**

Reported on by Mary Ann Jurgens, the Cottage Grove Council chose to deny a special use permit extension to Transcontinental Homes, having previously okayed an 1,800-unit PUD including patio homes, apartments, townhouses and single family homes, located on 110 acres between 90th Street and Highway 61.  
In making its denial, the council stated that the community had already experienced one bankruptcy in the Vern Donnay Summerhill development near 70th Street, the council preferring to see what happened with a related company named Trans-Urban on a 55 acre all townhouse project just to the west of the Transcontinental development. Utility hearings had already been held on the site, with council member Bill Amundson sharing some thoughts on the matter.  
"We are a very rapidly developing community," Amundson said. "Most of our planning should be short range. We should know what this project will look like in the near future."  
Also reported from 1974, teachers in District 833 were going to work without a contract. Reported on by Brian Sweeney, the district and its teachers "remained far apart" as they prepared to enter me-

diation on Sept. 4. As to the disagreement details, teachers were reportedly requesting a 20 percent increase in pay and 25 percent economic increase overall. The board, on the other hand, was offering to pay teachers at 1973-74 rates with no advances in the salary schedule. Gary Clements was to be chief negotiator for the teachers with no legal strike deemed likely, as the district had stayed within the law and had not committed an unfair labor practice.  
Closing out the 1974 update and also reported on by Sweeney, the final hearing on a proposed Battle Creek Watershed District had been "stormy," being held at Hazel Park Elementary in St. Paul to provide a chance for input from both members of the public and municipal stakeholders.  
The request for a watershed district formation had initially been made by Ramsey County for St. Paul after the city felt that progress had "stagnated" on a joint powers agreement with neighbor municipalities. Neighbor municipalities on the proposed watershed district included Woodbury, Oakdale, Maplewood, Landfall, and Lake Elmo, with a new expanded boundary to abut the Rice Creek Watershed District. With several residents and other stakeholders in attendance—some with resolutions from their councils—the question of whether the watershed districts were working was a main issue. But while the Ramsey County attorney claimed the municipal resolutions produced were "irrelevant and inadmissible" to the public hearing and that failing to pass limited would mean time wasted, a Battle Creek resident shared her own thoughts on the matter.  
"Why do you call it a public hearing?" She asked those assembled.

**80 years ago**  
**THE HASTINGS GAZETTE**  
**Sept. 1, 1944**

With fall in view, it was back to school for both city and rural students. Teaching in the lower grades were the following teachers:  
Mary Casserly, kindergarten  
Mrs. Piper, first grade

Grace Austin, second grade  
Valberg Sandum, third grade  
Mrs. Rabe, Maye Beyers, Ethel Curtis and Signe Palmer, intermediate grades  
Miss Edith Kreig and Miss Irene Hiniker, ward school-teachers.  
Obituary.  
John Spadino, age 18, from drowning while painting the Milwaukee railroad drawbridge. Was to have entered service in near future. Search party formed and body recovered by F. W. Hubley and William Karnick.

**105 years ago**  
**Aug. 30, 1919**  
**ARE YOU MAKING MONEY?**

The money you save is the money you Make.  
Not what you earn but what you save spells success or failure.  
For it is only the money you save and deposit that earns interest for you, and interest money is the only money you don't have to work for.  
Put your money at work in this bank and it will bring back more money for you. Every dollar deposited here grows four percent every year.  
Merchant & Farmers Bank, Hastings, Minnesota  
Even Used to Run Away.  
That even the early horseless carriage retained at least one characteristic of its honorable predecessor, is evidenced by the following item written in 1900: "The claim advanced by the early pioneers that an automobile could not run away like a horse is now being disproved by actual experience. Accounts of automobile run-aways are not infrequent in the daily press."—Chevrolet Review.

**130 years ago**  
**THE DAILY GAZETTE**  
**Sept. 5, 1894**

A Terrible Disaster.  
One of the most destructive forest fires on record destroyed the towns of Hinckley, Mission Creek, Sandstone, and several other villages on the line of the St. Paul & Duluth Road last Saturday night, with a loss of life estimated at between three and four hundred. The damage to property approximates three or four millions of dollars. A train from Duluth was saved by the periodic

conduct of its crew, its passengers escaping into Skunk Lake, where they were rescued by relief committees from Pine City and Duluth. The suffering is simply indescribable.  
Minor Topics.  
Ald. N. L. Bailey is building a new stable in the rear of the Gardner, eighteen by twenty-six, A. E. Owen doing the work.  
Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Mr. Nicholas Reas and Miss Alled Reither, of Vermillion, as well as Mr. Charles P. Berkey and Miss Minnie M. Best of Farmington.

**155 years ago**  
**ECHO DE L'OUEST (Western Echo)**  
**Sept. 5, 1889**

To Advertisers (in English).  
The Echo de l'Ouest has a larger circulation than any French paper published in the Northwest.  
Advertisers may at any time examine our subscription lists.  
We are also ready to substantiate this by proper certificates from the superintendent of mails.  
(French language land sale descriptions)  
Un lot et une bonne maison situé sur la 22e Ave. S. Près de la 6e rue a échanger pour un lot vacant ou de terrain à la campagne.  
Un lot coin e la 3ème rue Nord et 21e Ave. Avec une bonne maison de 8 chambres a vendre a bon marché ou a échanger pour une ferme, le lot est de 55x157.

**155 years ago**  
**THE HASTINGS GAZETTE**  
**Sept. 5, 1869**

Minnesota News.  
The Stillwater Republican has good reason for saying that wheat in Washington County will average twenty-five cents a bushel.  
Der Ansieger is the title of a new German newspaper recently issued in St. Cloud. Not having seen a copy of it we are unable to give further particulars.

**169 years ago**  
**SAINT CROIX UNION**  
**September 1, 1855**

Blomington news: A woman named Malone found hanged in jail before a legal proceeding to be sent to an insane asylum.  
State news: H. M. Rice charged with Know-Nothingism, denies group support.  
Abroad: Sebastopol under siege in Crimea.

**170 plus years ago**  
**THE WEEKLY MINNESOTIAN**  
**Sept. 2, 1854**

Mr. Griggs, of Kaposia,\* presented us with a watermelon on Saturday, which weighed over 30 pounds. He has plenty more of them same sort.  
\*Originally a moving village along the Mississippi, approximating present South Saint Paul

**June 28, 1854**  
Spiritual Teachers and Temporal "Claim" Holders.

We the other day stated the fact that a claimant of land in Dakota County had

been deposed by a mob from his domicile, his arms taken from him, and his premises and despoiled. We asked, for an answer, what it all meant. The following response has been made to our call:  
St. Paul, June 26, 1854  
To the Editor of the Minnesotian:—I am shown just now an article of your daily paper of yesterday, headed, "What does it mean?" It means so many things, indeed! I am going to tell you some of them...(letter continues and disputes "actual settler" versus "claim jumper," with land intended to benefit whole community).

**June 18, 1853**  
Citizens meeting, Chicago county.

Resolved, that the frequent incursions of the Sioux Indians,\* for the last few years, on territories assigned exclusively to the Chippewa Indians...demand an earnest attention.  
Resolved, that we consider the daring attack... on a house in the village of St. Croix Falls on Monday morning April 25th...an encroachment on the rights of the Chippewas, and an alarming outrage on the peace and safety of our citizens.  
Resolved, that we view the attack made by a company of United States Dragoons, commanded by Lieutenant Magruder, on a party of Chippewas near our town on Thursday, April 28th, as a gross exhibition of brutality, and as tending to arouse the Chippewas to retaliating violence, jeopardize our property, and endanger the lives of our citizens.  
Resolved, that, in our opinion, the conduct of the commanding officer, in ordering a charge without quarter, not demanding a surrender...unprecedented in the annals of Christian warfare, and hardly as elevated an act as the usual attacks made by Indians upon each other.

Resolved, that we demand an explanation from the Executive of the Territory of his conduct, or that of whatever superior officer, in dispatching a person with a Sioux guide, in pursuit of Chippewa Indians, in aid of the civil authorities, who could manifest such an ignorance (of the relations these two groups had historically showed to each other)

Resolved, that neither the Laws of the United States nor this Territory, nor the dictates of good policy or humanity, authorize the shootings (of suspects) without any resort to civil process or resistance on the part of such Indians thereto, except in self defense.  
Resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting tougher with the affidavit of Mr. F. W. Lammers, be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary and sent to all the papers in St. Paul for publication; that the memorial be signed by all persons who so desire so to do and forwarded to the executive.  
(Resolutions adopted) "sine die."  
Joshua L. Taylor, Chairman  
John W. Boston, secretary

\*Early state records indicate differences of opinion in different tribal bands on each side, with those disposed to peace not always aware of the mind or able to control those who sought otherwise. A Chippewa-Sioux treaty at Fort Snelling witnessed to in the June 13, 1850 Minnesota Pioneer delineates these differences and complexities.

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Court File No. 82-PR-24-3967

In Re: The Estate of Curtis J. Kostelecky, a/k/a Curtis James Kostelecky, a/k/a Curt Kostelecky, Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 22, 2024 at 9:30 O'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 14949 62nd Street N., Stillwater, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, December 10, 2014, and ("Will"), and for the appointment of Michelle Mencacci, whose address is 8490 77th St. S., Cottage Grove, MN, 55016 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

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BY THE COURT

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Judge of District Court

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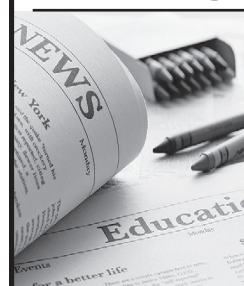


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The project seeks to improve intersection control, manage and treat highway drainage/runoff, and im-

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At the open house meet the project team, provide input on existing conditions, and learn about the schedule and next steps for the project.

For those unable to attend the in-person open house, there will be an opportunity to review the material shared at the in-person open house on the project website. The online engagement

will be available from Sept. 24 through Oct. 8. There will be no formal presentations during the in-person or online engagement.

Construction updates will be posted on the project website at washingtoncountymn.gov/KeatsAnd80th. For more information, contact Project Manager Erin Clarkowski, 651-430-4384, erin.clarkowski@co.washington.mn.us.

# ASSAULT FROM PAGE 1

crimes and gave him the toughest sentence she could under the circumstances," Magnuson said.

According to the criminal complaint, Deng was stopped for a covered license plate and other equipment violations on Frenchman Road in the City of Hugo. When deputies approached the vehicle, Deng was ver-

bally confrontational, and deputies detected the odor of marijuana. After stepping out of the vehicle, Deng refused to remove his hands from his pockets along with other orders. He became physically aggressive when the deputies attempted to place him in handcuffs and punched a deputy four times with a closed fist in the face

and head. While the deputies were taking Deng to the ground to control him, a deputy suffered an injury to his head that resulted in bleeding. Deng continued to be combative after other officers arrived to assist in putting him in the squad car. He mule kicked, tried to bite a deputy, spat on both deputies, and damaged the squad vehicle. During the transport to jail, Deng made repeated graphic and violent threats against the second deputy and his family to be carried out once he was released the next day.

At the sentencing hearing, Assistant County Attorney Keshini Ratnayake argued that our society must stop normalizing assaults against police officers. "Nobody should have to go to work expecting that they could be punched in the face and spat on for simply executing their job duties," Ratnayake said.

"The fact that assaulting law enforcement officer didn't faze Deng at the time of his crimes, during his trial, or at his sentencing is very concerning," Magnuson said. "Assault is not somehow less serious because the victims are peace officers. I am very concerned about anyone who believes they are above the law, especially when it involves violence against police or correctional officers."

Magnuson added, "The Washington County Attorney's Office takes cases of assaults against police and correctional officers seriously and vigorously prosecutes these crimes, which are all too common. I am grateful for the jury's verdict and Judge Brosnahan's sentence in this case."

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# Church Spotlight

## MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Come and See: Inviting All to Witness and Embrace the Love of Jesus

BY DANIELLE BOOS

Originally founded by Swedish immigrants, the members of Memorial Lutheran Church have gathered by the river to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ since 1882, evolving into a vibrant and diverse community of compassionate individuals. Despite many changes over the years, their dedication to serving God's people with purpose and love has remained constant. Memorial Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and they believe that God's Grace and boundless Love is a gift available to all people through Jesus Christ. They welcome all from every age and background to come and see and experience love through Christ.

Weekly services are Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Services are also livestreamed on the Church's Facebook page.

### Children and Youth Ministry

At Memorial Lutheran Church, children are warmly welcomed to participate in the service. While they are given opportunity to grow in their understanding of God's love at "Jesus and Me" (JAM) when they leave during the sermon, they are welcomed back at the sharing of the peace and Holy Communion.

Confirmation classes are available for children in sixth and seventh grade along with other youth and intergenerational activities that are available throughout the year. They gather after Sunday worship for fellowship and learning about God's love revealed in scripture, creeds, prayer and relationships. "Our hope is youth know God's deep love for them in and through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. They know wherever life takes them they are always loved and never alone."

### Music Ministry

Memorial is blessed to have a rich culture of music. The choir, bell choir, and Sunday morning worship music at Memorial Lutheran are led by

Music Director Serena Bentley, who is seminary-trained in sacred music. Throughout the year, guest musicians also contribute to the weekly Sunday services, as well as for special events like Advent Vespers and Easter week services. The Church hosts concerts and guest speakers throughout the year, including musician Jonathan Rundman on November 9, 2024, and Joe Davis, poet, activist and speaker on February 12, 2025. A highlight of the year is the Advent Vespers, scheduled for December 8th which intertwines beautiful music with contemplative readings.

Pastor Karen Treat has been serving the congregation of Memorial Lutheran since April 2023. She grew up in Albert Lea, Minnesota and met her husband, Ed, at Holden Village, a Lutheran Retreat Center in the middle of the Cascade Mountains, in Washington. Ed attended Lutheran Seminary but retired from parish ministry and is now Director of the Center for Addiction and Faith. Pastor Karen practiced nursing for fifteen years but went on to receive her certificate in spiritual direction from Christos Spirituality Center and her Master of Divinity through Luther Seminary. She is ordained through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Having served congregations of varying sizes, Pastor Karen treasures the intimacy of her current congregation. "I was a pastor at a large church in the Southwest metro, but my heart has been to serve a smaller worshipping community. I feel so blessed to serve a community that wants to be together through thick and thin. We pray, laugh, play and grieve together." She adds, "And we hope for a world that knows God's love through Jesus Christ."

As a recent transplant to the community, Pastor Karen comments on the future plans of her congregation, "When I came to Memorial, they were recovering from Covid. Not

the disease itself, but the effects of Covid. Most churches are regrouping after Covid and wondering where God is leading them. The same is true for Memorial. And they are excited about what that might mean. The community of Memorial wants to live out their vision- to be a beacon of hope in our community and beyond. Welcoming all to come and see and experience love through Christ.

She shares that Memorial Lutheran desires to live out the words of Jesus and be the light guiding others to Christ. "This requires prayerful discernment on an ongoing basis. We know the world is aching in so many ways and although we are a small church, we do have the capacity to help using our gifts and strengths. God wants us all to live a life of abundance, currently, we are building a ministry to support and educate those living with addiction and mental illness. It is for those living with and those loving friends and family living with these health challenges." She states, "Basically, it's for all of us." She mentions that they have been named "the Little Church on the Hill". "That's nice and all but we want to be the church (the body of Christ) that lives in the plains and valley, next to the river and in the city and we worship in the beautiful building on the hill. The first church building had a staircase that went to the street. It's long gone, and we are considering building another reaching the city streets. We welcome all to come and see...and experience as we gather each week, energized in creative authentic worship to go back out and be the Love we've been called to be and do.

Memorial is pleased to offer its space for hosting events organized by other groups. They have hosted Homegrown National Park, which offered a forum on Native Gardening, Afton Community Arts Studios classes through Afton Community



Tucked away above Afton on the St. Croix at 15730 Afton Blvd S, Memorial Lutheran is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Photo by Joseph Back

Arts Studio, and additionally participates with the Afton Area Business Association and a local Boy Scouts of America troop that meets weekly. In response to the rise in chemical use disorders and mental health challenges, Memorial is forging partnerships with local services to support and educate their members and the broader community, including Alcoholics Anonymous that meets at the Church on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

Memorial Lutheran Church believes they are called to serve so they continue to show the love of Jesus not only in word but in action. They have a long history of supporting community non-profits, including Hope for the Journey Home, Neighbors, Inc. and Valley Outreach and they support the ELCA churchwide through their benevolence. Memorial members meet religiously every Monday at 9:00 a.m. to sew threads of love quilts that support both local shelters and Lutheran World Relief. The church also has a generous endowment funded through members and gives away thousands annually to local and global non-profits. The staff and congregation of Memorial Lutheran have a message for the local community. "We invite all to



"Let the little children come unto me." One of the littlest congregants of Memorial Lutheran Church makes her way into the fellowship hall where Church members gather following the weekly service. Submitted Photo

"come and see" and experience God's love at Memorial. We believe God's grace, God's unfathomable love, is available to all people as a gift through Jesus Christ. All are welcome. Questions and doubts included."

For more information on Memorial Lutheran Church including services, upcoming events, and children's ministry events, go to their website at [memoriallutheran.org](http://memoriallutheran.org) or call 651-436-1138.

## An evening with Minnesota's First Female Lieutenant Governor



Marlene M. Johnson. Photo submitted

The Washington County Historical Society is honored to host a program featuring Minnesota's first female lieutenant governor Marlene Johnson at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Washington County Heritage Center.

The evening will feature a conversational interview by former lobbyist John Kaul, highlighting Johnson's illustrious career and celebrating the launch of her new book, *Rise to the Challenge: A Memoir of Politics, Leadership & Love*, being released on Sept. 24, 2024. Books will be available for purchase at the event. The Heritage Center is located at 1862 Greeley St. S., Stillwater, MN 55082.

Johnson is a true trailblazer in women's history, becoming Minnesota's first female lieutenant governor under Rudy Perpich's gubernatorial administration in January 1983. Growing up in rural Minnesota, Johnson began organizing and advocating for change early, beginning with a campaign to introduce foreign languages into her high school curriculum. Pursuing a deeply felt commitment to improving the lives of others, she continued to sharpen her leadership skills throughout her life, participating in activist work in college, co-found-

ing organizations to support women entrepreneurs and politicians, and eventually running an international education nonprofit.

As Lieutenant governor of Minnesota, Johnson's goal was to elevate Minnesota's global profile through trade, tourism, education, and the arts. She was a notable advocate for students to participate in international educational exchange, seeking to broaden Minnesota student's perspectives while welcoming foreign exchange students with open arms. She was awarded the Order of the Polar Star by the Kingdom of Sweden in 1988 in honor of "civic merits, for devotion to duty, for science, literary, learned and useful works and for new and beneficial institutions".

After her time as Lieutenant governor, she served on the national government stage. In 1991, she was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the General Services Administration as associate administrator for management services and human resources.

A story of learning and leadership in politics, business, and public service, *Rise to the Challenge* is a moving portrayal of spirit, perseverance, and grace in the face of daunting personal challenges, supported by unwavering faith in the public good.

Kaul started working at the Minnesota Senate in 1971, when he was 23. He served as chief of staff to then-Senate Majority Leader Nicholas Coleman, a Democrat, from 1974 to 1980. Later, he worked as a lobbyist for various causes, including chief lobbyist for Minnesota State Universities from 1987 to 1993 and chief lobbyist for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities from 1993 to 2000.

In 2000, he started his own lobbying firm, Capitol Gains, and represented, among others, Washington County, Rochester Public Schools, the Minnesota Hospital Association, Minnesota Twins, Andersen Corp., Minnesota Humanities Commission and the city of Minneapolis. He retired in 2019. (Mary Divine/Pioneer Press)

John has close ties to the Washington County Historical Society, serving for a time as a member of the Board of Directors. He was one of the filmmakers who produced the 2012 movie "Girl From Birch Creek" about Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl in cooperation with the Society. The film won an award from the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums and was an Official Selection at several film festivals including the American Documentary Film Festival and the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival.

### Praise for Rise to the Challenge

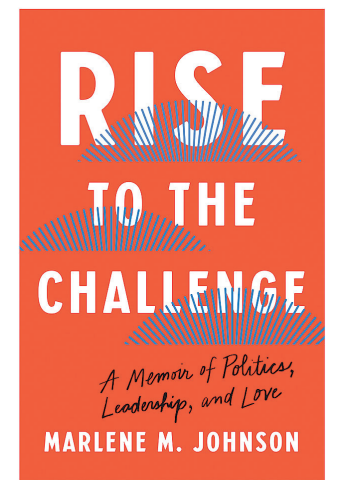
"Marlene M. Johnson wasn't just the first woman to be Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor. She was also the first Lieutenant Governor to have a specific policy portfolio. She had access and influence in ways that laid the groundwork for me and others to follow. Marlene is of a class of women who made important strides in DFL politics, and I'm grateful for her place in Minnesota's history and for this book that tells that story." — Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan

"Marlene M. Johnson's story is one of fortitude, service, and great achievement, all told with humility in this highly readable volume. This is a compelling personal account of a woman who climbed the precarious political ladder in her home state and became an international leader in the field of higher education. Her leadership created a strong network of individuals and institutions that reinforced the values of democratic institutions and

academic freedom based on critical thinking and objectivity. This fascinating success story is an important read for aspiring public servants, male or female."—J. Brian Atwood, former administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; former dean, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

The program is free to the public. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please visit [wchsmn.org/event/marlene](http://wchsmn.org/event/marlene) to reserve your spot. Valley Access Channels will be live broadcasting and recording the event.

For questions, contact Washington County Heritage Center Site Manager Emily Krawczewski at [emily.krawczewski@wchsmn.org](mailto:emily.krawczewski@wchsmn.org) or 651-439-2298. The Washington County Heritage Center is open for visitors Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-4pm.



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# Park Sports Roundup

BY JOHN MOLENE

**Wolfpack go 1-1 on the week in girls soccer**  
Visiting Hastings took a 3-1 decision from host Park in girls soccer Thursday afternoon at Wolfpack Stadium.

Park dropped to 1-1-2 on the young season.

**Park 10, Burnsville 0**  
After scoring only twice its first two games, the Park Wolfpack exploded for 10 goals in a rout of visiting Burnsville Tuesday at Wolfpack Stadium.

Park led 6-0 at the half then added four more tallies after the break.

Park's Lila Krumrie and Ava Taschner had two goals each. Natalie Post, Abby Hagness, Gabby Faletti, Josie Leonard, Tea Alvarenga and Kylee Nick-

le each scored once for the Wolfpack. Nickle added two assists.

Goalie Kenna German recorded her second shutout in three games so far this season.

**Park goes 2-0 to open volleyball season**

Park opened a highly anticipated season in winning style dropping both Apple Valley and Rosemount in its first two matches.

The Wolfpack swept host Apple Valley on Tuesday, then came back with a 3-1 win at Rosemount Thursday, winning 25-20, 26-24, 14-25 and 25-20.

Park now hosts five straight matches, entertaining New Life Academy on Thursday, Sept. 12 and

White Bear Lake Tuesday, Sept. 17.

**Boys' soccer team falls to No. 4 Minnetonka**

Fourth-ranked Minnetonka got a measure of revenge for losing to Park 1-0 last season in the Class AAA state quarterfinals with a 2-0 win Thursday at Minnetonka over the visiting Wolfpack.

It was Park's first loss after starting 2-0.

The two teams battled to a scoreless tie in the first half. The Sailors then pushed across two goals in the second half to earn the win.

Park managed only two shots on goal in the game.

**Park 4, Burnsville 0**

Park broke out of a score-

less tie at the half to overpower visiting Burnsville Tuesday, Aug. 27, with four goals in the second half to earn the non-conference win.

Gavin Oberding led the Wolfpack offense with a pair of goals. Logan Zumbado-Viehauser and JJ Sanchez each scored once for Park.

Devin Igl and Sanchez each had an assist.

Ben Free (72 minutes) and Jack Doherty (eight minutes) combined for the win in goal.



## OUTDOOR Tales and Trails

BY DAVE BECK

### Crappie Classic 2024



Captain Guff led us on a successful crappie run for the 2024 Crappie Classic. Photo by Dave Beck

Growing up on the banks of the Mississippi River was like having a playground with endless opportunities. Exploring those banks was a treasure hunt for unique pieces of driftwood and fishing lures that had washed ashore. It was a simple pleasure that I could only appreciate many years later. Fishing and hunting always trumped the salvaging but better than that was hunting and fishing with my young cronies.

Talking with old friends (as in old in age and as in old friends forever) we all agree that we wouldn't change where, when, and who we grew up with, for anything. From Billy who always went joy riding with me in my dad's boat to John who lost a gallon of blood when a northern pike thought his hand was a bluegill to Jumpin' Joe who was part muskrat as he was "one" with the backwaters. Those quick thoughts only scratch the surface, but the stories end the same way even after all of these years: with a smile on my face.

That brings me to current times and two "old" childhood friends: Snake

and Guff. I don't know how they got those nicknames, but I do know that I can't remember a time when they weren't called Snake and Guff. We have gone on a couple of reunion fishing outings and during the most recent one it was agreed that it would become an annual event and thus needed a proper title. That is how the 2024 Crappie Classic II came to be. Like the original event, the hype lived up to the expectations.

Once on the water the fishing was pretty intense with bragging rights at stake. Trash talk filled the boat faster than we filled the livewell with fish. Stories flowed and there was so much laughter coming that everyone on the lake probably thought our boat was full of beer. The reality was that there wasn't any beer. There didn't need to be any as the company and the action was so great.

At one point Guff jumped up on the bow of the boat and assumed the role of Captain. I'm not sure if you would call it fate, luck, or even skill, but we did go on a crappie run where we caught fish on almost ev-

ery cast. Captain Guff announced that the run of good luck was a direct result of him being in charge and that he wasn't surprised in the least.

Snake chose to hold court from the back of the boat. I am not sure if he knew it or not, but the back deck chair is the most comfortable seat and whoever sits in that chair is also responsible for operating the door to the live well. With almost nonstop action, Snake was a busy guy.

The hours in the boat slipped by and we burned through years of stories. Looking back, it was one of my favorite days of the summer and I am looking forward to Crappie Classic 2025. I guess I should tell you who won this year's "classic." Well that is the easiest question of the day to answer. Drum roll please: this year's Crappie Classic winner was... whoever you happen to be talking to.

*Didn't get enough Dave this week? Visit "Outdoor Trails and Tales with Dave Beck" on Facebook for photos and video of Dave's adventures.*

## Swim and dive team opens new era



Park's Grace Sahli churns to the finish line in the final leg of the 100-yard butterfly. Photo by John Molene

By John Molene

A new coach and lots of new faces in new events opened the 2023 season Thursday at Cottage Grove Middle School pool, hosting Irondale.

Irondale won the meet 99-78, but new head coach Will Arnsparger was pleased how the swim and dive team performed.

"I'm really proud of the way our team made a statement about how we want to compete," said Arnsparger. "I told them to 'swim hard and race fun', and I think they did that. The energy from the deck up

to the stands was palpable and I think the girls thrived on that energy. The results on the scoreboard and the times in the pool will continue to improve, but I'm happy with the energy we raced with and the leadership I saw from our more experienced swimmers like captains Ellie Imdieke and Zoe Pfeiffer and junior Ava Elthon.

"I'm also impressed with how some of our new swimmers have come onto the scene and showed that they're not afraid to compete and that they belong at the varsity level," Arnsparger added. "There were

strong showings from girls like Chloe Micek in the 100 free and the 100 backstroke, Evelyn Sahli in the 100 breaststroke and Grace Sahli in the 200 IM."

Ella Langness was second in the 50-yard freestyle. Sarah Weston was second in diving with a score of 192.15 and Ruby Igl took third with 161.95 points. Chloe Micek was second in the 100-yard freestyle (59.65) and swam to a 1:05.96 time in the 100-yard backstroke.

Evelyn Sahli was third in the 200-yard freestyle (2:20.62) and clocked a 1:21.45 time in the 100-yard breaststroke. Grace Sahli was third in the 200-yard IM (2:39.80). Eraya Nybakken placed third in the 100-yard butterfly (1:15.83). Ellie Imdieke was fourth in the 500 freestyle (6:28.65).

Park was third in the 200-yard medley relay (2:13.10), third in the 200-yard freestyle relay (2:01.82) and swam to a 4:25.19 time in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

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# JOURNAL Sports

## Park drops rain-soaked football opener to Raptors

By John Molene

Park got off to an agonizingly slow start against perennial power East Ridge on a very soggy Thursday night at Wolfpack Stadium. The Wolfpack gave up two quick touchdowns and trailed 14-0 with 3:04 left in the first quarter.

The game start was delayed for more than an hour and a half because of a storm. And when it did begin, the Raptors looked to dominate early.

But a dramatic 60-yard interception return by Park junior linebacker Aidan Boche changed the tenor of the game and the Wolfpack played the Raptors more or less to a standstill the rest of the way. The second half was a 7-7 tie.

East Ridge won the battle 28-14 but the Wolfpack showed they belonged on the same field as the Raptors by the game's end.

"As the game went on I felt like defensively we continued to keep playing better and better," said Park head coach Rick Fryklund. "But against a good team if you let them get a little bit of a head start on you and you're always playing catchup you can't always finish it off in the end. We had chances, right. And I'm not saying that we would have had more than them at the end, but we had chances to make it a one touchdown game there at the end and maybe get another possession."

"In the second half I felt like we did some things to look like a much better football team than we did in the first half," Fryklund added. "I saw a lot of potential and you heard me tell them that. I really do see potential and I'm excited. Now don't get me

wrong I wish it turned out a little bit differently but how hard they played all the way until the end, that is what I am most proud of. Because sometimes you can give it your best go and you still come up short. And we didn't start how we wanted but we finished exactly how I'm hoping that we finish the rest of the year."

Following Boche's theft and score, East Ridge scored again with just 14 seconds left before the end of the first half to take a 21-7 lead into the break.

"We just weren't locked in the whole time and we came out a little lackadaisical, and we can't do that. We've got to fire out hard," said senior wide receiver Eyuel Miftah when asked if he could explain Park's slow start. "We know we can beat them; we've just got to pound it more."

Each team put up one score in the second half, Park's coming on a 59-yard pass from senior quarterback Jacob Czarnota to junior wide out Matthew Kamande.

Asked how he felt when the Wolfpack battled East Ridge to the end of the game. "I think it felt very good," said lineman Junior Mendoza. "It definitely made us closer as a team. Getting our mentality fixed after halftime was a great thing for us and fighting together at the end was amazing and I think we did well."

Park coaches stress doing the little things right can make the big things work. That happened Thursday, said junior linebacker Aidan Boche.

"We had a play where we had a backup linebacker missing and he came in just ready to [play]," said Boche. "He didn't see the field all game and he came in and

made a really good play that changed the tide and we got a stop on defense and it turned the tide for our defense."

Statistically, East Ridge had the edge in total yards, 285-185, and especially on the ground where the Raptors rolled up 220 yards to Park's 46. The Raptors also converted 9 of 16 third downs to 0-for-7 for the Wolfpack.

At quarterback, Czarnota completed 5 of 15 passes for 109 yards with a touchdown but had three intercepted. Starter Miskir Esayas connected of 4 of 9 passes for 30 yards with an interception.

Kody Aikens led Park in rushing with 8 carries for 24 yards.

Kamande caught 2 passes for 69 yards and a touchdown. Aikens had five receptions for 38 yards.

Boche led the Wolfpack with five tackles and two assists, including a tackle for a loss in addition to his interception, Aikens and Bryan Wright each recorded four tackles.

"I think we did a really good job of playing as a family," said junior linebacker Keon Moody. "After we came out in the second half we just came together, played together, we stayed disciplined, did what we had to do and the score got tighter. We only let them have one touchdown in the second half."

"We're a good team and we just have to play from the first play to the end of the last play and just work together and be a family," said junior linebacker Lance Hayes.

Park (0-1) plays at Burnsville (0-1) Friday. Burnsville lost 59-22 at Rochester Mayo in its opener Friday. The Blaze gave up 330 rushing yards and 145



East Ridge used a powerful rushing attack to dominate the game early. The Raptors finished with 220 yards on the ground. Photo by John Molene

passing yards in the game.

GAME NOTES: Always formidable, East Ridge advanced to the 2023 state Class AAAAAA football quarterfinals before losing a 35-34 heartbreaker to Lakeville South.

East Ridge kicker Luke Ryerse went 4-for-4 in PATs and boomed four kickoffs 240 yards, a 60-yard average. He punted three times for a 48-yard average. Originally signing with Alabama, he switched to the University of Minnesota for both football and baseball.

Despite the two school's close proximity, Park and East Ridge have played just this season and last since the old Suburban East Conference football alignment was scrapped. These are the scores from the five previous meetings, all East Ridge wins: 2023 (40-21), 2014 (49-0), 2013 (55-20), 2012 (41-17) and 2011 (20-14).

No team in the Metro-Maroon won its season opener.



Park quarterback Miskir Esayas (3) sprints to the outside in an effort to get past an East Ridge defender. Photo by John Molene



Park's Kody Aikens (22) ran for 24 yards and had five receptions for 38 yards. Photo by John Molene

Metro-Maroon standings		
	Division	Overall
Burnsville	0-0	0-1
Roseville	0-0	0-1
Hopkins	0-0	0-1
Park	0-0	0-1
Eastview	0-0	0-1
Buffalo	0-0	0-1



Park's Aidan Boche and Zach Carr bring down an East Ridge ball carrier during a soggy first half. Photo by John Molene

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# JOURNAL Sports

## Stauffer, Park boys run to Grey Cloud titles



Park's boys team rakes off at the start of the Grey Cloud Invitational at Cottage Grove Middle School Thursday afternoon. Photo by John Molene



The Wolfpack girls get off to a fast start in Thursday's cross country meet. Photo by John Molene



Park senior Gavin Stauffer strides down the backstretch in the final mile en route to a 17:31 time and a victory in the annual Grey Cloud Invitational Thursday. Photo by John Molene

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With a little help from Whitney Houston, Park senior Gavin Stauffer danced his way to a championship Thursday.

Stauffer clocked a 17:31 time en route to his first-

place finish in the annual Grey Cloud Invitational Thursday at Cottage Grove Middle School.

"That was tough," said Stauffer. "The heat got me. That first mile felt really good but I was telling myself I'm not going to go fast for this one (mile), I want to try

and pace myself. And then as soon as we passed in that first mile I started moving. And then I kind of realized that was a mistake when I got to the two-mile mark and I was not feeling good.

"I tried just pushing through it," Stauffer continued. "I always listen to music in my head when I'm running. I was listening to Whitney Houston, 'I want to dance with somebody.'" It's a good tempo, it works well."

Stauffer ran a 17:38.89 time in the same race last fall, finishing fourth.

"Last week I ran a 17:54 so I'm very happy with how much time I cut," Stauffer said. "My goal was just to get faster after last year. I'm very, very satisfied with what I got and how I did. That last mile was tough."

It was a big day for the Park boys. Eli Firchau finished fourth in a time of 18:03, Henry Joa was sixth in 18:09, then the next seven Park runners came in 13th through 20th. Sam Craig was 13th in 20:15, Ben Paulsen 14th in 20:20, Will Mann 15th in 20:27, Liam Fleming 17th in 20:48, Miles Kaiser 18th in 20:59, Sam Paulsen was 19th in 21:18 and Jayden Rentz was 20th in 21:21.

Park and East Ridge tied for the boys' team title, each with 38 points. Hastings was third with 48 and Cretin-Derham Hall fourth with 116.

It was a dramatic improvement for the Park boys' team which finished third in this same race a year ago with 69 points. "We're proud of how the kids handled the heat and humidity," said Park co-head coach Brad Narveson. "It was uncomfortable to run in but as the kids know it was uncomfortable for everyone. We tell them that you can't control the weather, but you can control how you prepare for it and you can control your attitude towards it.

"As a team I think they handled it very well," Narveson added. "It was fun for our boys to win this one. We know East Ridge and Hastings are going to be tough teams to beat in our upcoming conference and section meets so we know we have to keep working hard and keep improving."

The top 10 Park runners all finished in the top 20 overall, going 1-4-6-13-14-15-17-18-19 and 20th.

Hastings won the girls team race with 31 points, followed by East Ridge, 36; Park, 80; and Cretin-Derham Hall, 91.

Ali Devine led the Park girls with a 12th place finish in a time of 26:20.43.

Jana Hafiz was 14th in 26:22.45, Hollen Thompson 17th in 27:04.55, Alaina Murphy 18th in 27:20.84, Mya Albrecht 19th in 27:28.32, Aria Waletzko 21st in 27:50.71, Tenley Nelson 26th in 29:53.52 and Ramsey Nelson 27th in 29:55.29.

"Our girls continue to gain valuable experience and they keep working hard," said Narveson. "Again, the weather conditions were hot and humid and that's tough for young and inexperienced runners. But they gutted their way through it and finished strong. Allie Devine had a great last mile to pass several runners and be our number one. She's just one example of what hard work and a positive attitude can do during a race. I know we're going to see major improvements from our girls throughout the season because of their positive attitude and work ethic."

Linda Ronning of Hastings won the girls race in a time of 20:54.93.

The Wolfpack competes Thursday in the Dewey Minnaert Invitational at St. Croix Regional Park. The varsity girls 5K starts at 4:35 with the boys' varsity race starting at 5:10 p.m.

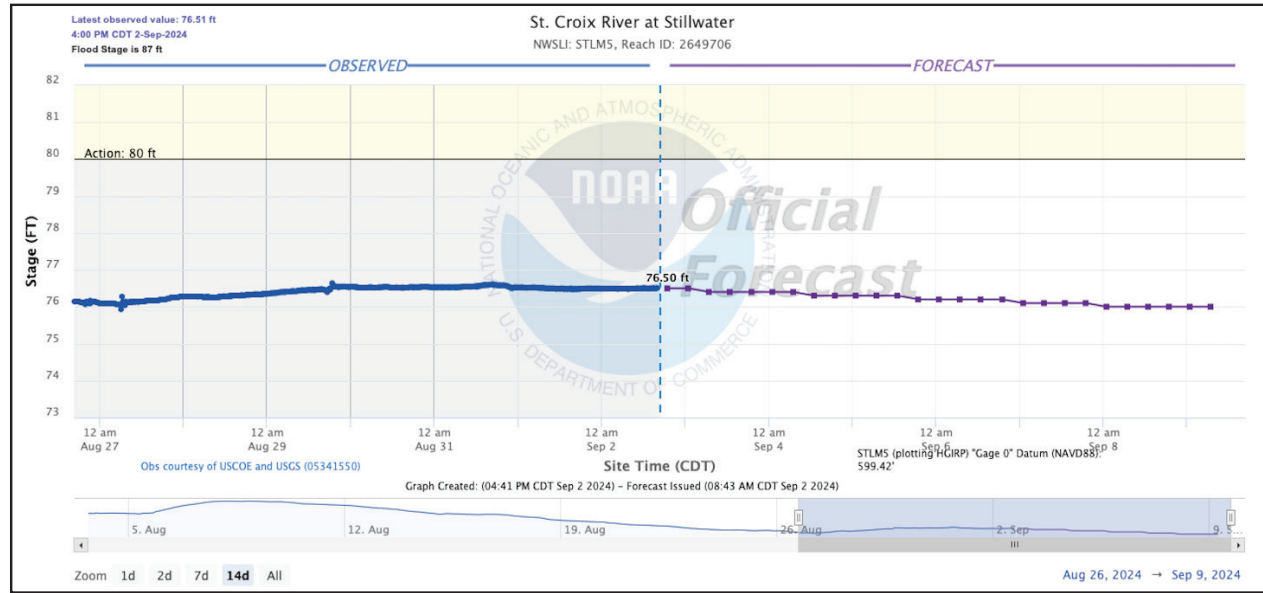


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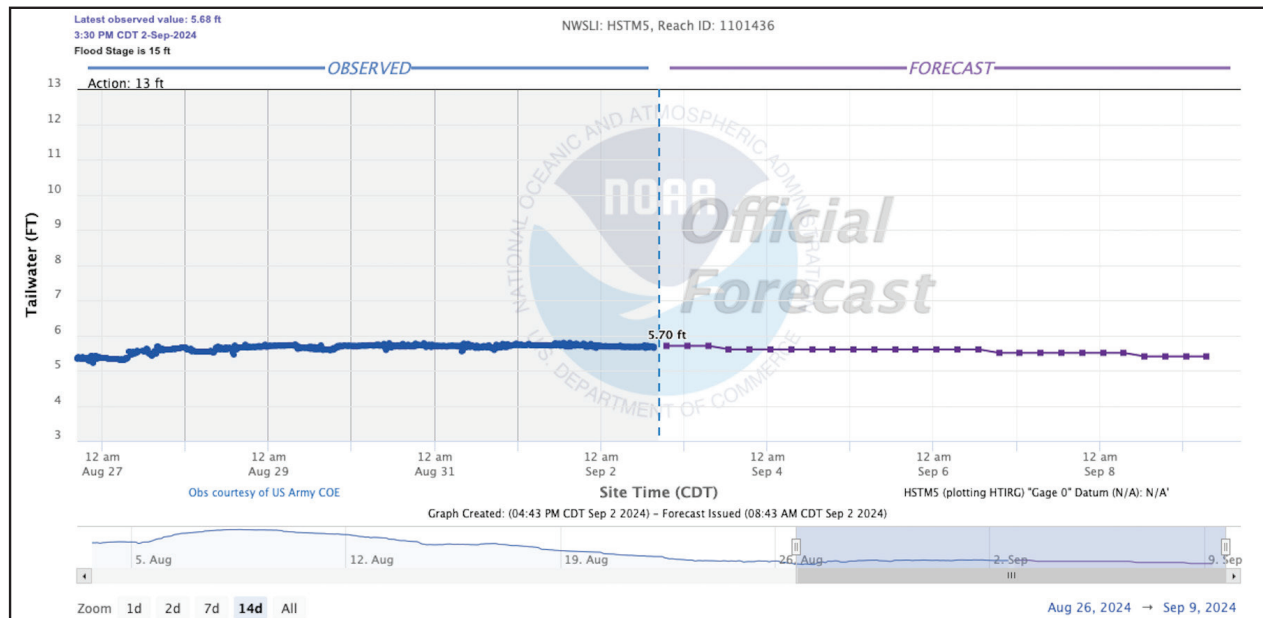
### WEEKLY Rivers Report

The following river level data was logged and/or forecast for the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers by the National Water Prediction Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at water.noaa.gov.

#### St. Croix River at Stillwater



#### Mississippi River at Hastings



Park's Eli Firchau holds his side as he crosses the finish line Thursday. Firchau finished fourth in a time of 18:03. Photo by John Molene