

Stomper's bookcase provides books in laundromats

By TRACY SWARTZENDRUBER
Staff Writer

Minnesota State students see photos of Stomper everywhere on campus. However, Stomper's knowledge extends beyond campus into Stadium Laundry, Laundry Max and The Washboard.

Crystal Watts, Interim Assistant Director for Community Engagement, had participated in the Little Red Bookshelf program that was run by the United Way back home in Marshall, Minnesota.

"They had forty locations where they had installed bookshelves in laundromats, specifically, and then other small businesses. And it was just a recognition that children have to occupy the same spaces that grown-ups do, but there might not be anything in those spaces geared toward their needs," Watts said.

When Watts moved down to Mankato to begin her graduate studies, she noticed a lack of material for kids to read at laundromats.

"I noticed that there wasn't any intentional spaces. If there were spaces for children, they were very small or full of toys that had been loved on; and the books that were there, if there were any, were very well loved," Watts said.

Watts approached this as a challenge for students at Minnesota State to recreate something simi-



Courtesy Crystal Watts

Members of Sigma Nu pose by one of the bookshelves that are a part of Stomper's Bookcase. The project was spearheaded by Interim Assistant Director for Community Engagement Crystal Watts.

lar to what she had done with the United Way back in Marshall.

She proposed the idea to the Mavs in Action team, which oversees student volunteer opportunities.

Joe Roeser, current Sigma Nu

President, expressed interest in Watts' idea. Watts and Sigma Nu started creating ideas for how Stomper's Bookcase would work and asked for the support of the United Way.

"It took over a year to get it go-

ing, and so it was really intimidating at first. But bits and pieces at a time, we figured out what we wanted to do and slowly but truly got it going," Roeser said.

Sigma Nu carefully sorts

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EMT program provides help and knowledge

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

Medical emergencies aren't always convenient. When Student Health Services closes and students need help, the campus EMTs are able to address student's needs.

Campus Security Supervisor Aaron Mumford said EMTs responded to over 115 incidences last academic year. He said EMTs responded to emergencies ranging from a cut finger to those experiencing a panic attack to someone thinking they were having a heart attack.

Mumford said he views MSU and the EMT program as part of the campus community.

"The university is a community just like Mankato is a community and anything that you would see or expect in Mankato, you should see it expected on campus as well," Mumford said.

Beyond responding to campus emergencies, students can find themselves helping others out through the EMT program.

While there is no EMT study at Minnesota State, South Central College (SCC) in North Mankato offers the study as a part of their paramedic program. However, students have to be registered at MSU to be considered for the program.

"The EMTs I typically see are coming to us from the military or they earned their certification already because they were a CNA in their profession or got a job after high school," Mumford said.

EMT training is expected when students come in for an interview. SCC's EMT program is worth seven credits and can be finished in a semester. Students are also required to take tests through the Minnesota Emergency Medical Service Regulatory Board (EMSRB) and the National Registry Board. Once students have obtained their EMT certification, students can reach out to university security for an interview.

Like other student jobs on campus, employees can only work up to 20 hours a week. Mumford said a typical shift starts at 4 p.m. and lasts until

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Faculty dives into their new tool, The Fountain

By AMALIA SHARAF
Staff Writer

A new informational platform, The Fountain, was launched at Minnesota State for faculty and staff members.

Searching for information about events on campus can be stressful for staff and faculty members, who receive a number of emails from students daily.

"It's a place for all of the news, information and events that faculty and staff need here at the university," said Assistant Director of Communications and Special Events Jennifer Besel.

Besel said MSU has never had anything similar to The Fountain. All communications about important events or news had been coming through email.

"So this was an opportunity for us to find a way to streamline some of that to make it accessible and searchable for our employees here on campus," said Besel.

According to Besel, the team looked at various options to name the platform. Besel said The Fountain has a lot of reasons to be called this way.

"But of course, the fountain out-



DOMINIC BOTHE • The Reporter

The Fountain is a new way to receive information about campus news and can be a useful tool to search for information on campus.

side is the center of our campus," said Besel. "And so the fountain on the SharePoint became sort of the center of our campus communications."

An icon with a direct link was installed in their computers for employees to access The Fountain. The Fountain is based on SharePoint, which is connected to the Microsoft ecosystem.

Thus, faculty and staff members can access the platform anytime from their personal devices, too.

"All faculty and staff computers have an icon right on the desktop that is a direct link to The Fountain," said Besel. "But yes, if they wanted to get it on any of their mobile devices, there's a SharePoint app that they can download. They just sign in with their StarID and password like they would on their

desktop."

The Fountain team is working on adding more university internal information to the platform. Besel said her goal is to make this information easily accessible through the phone.

The team also recognizes the amounts of emails students receive and discusses the possibility of creating a similar platform for all students.

"We do see the potential here for this kind of platform to be available for students as well because we know they get a lot of emails, too," said Besel. "We're in the very beginning stages of talking about how that could work."

Besel encourages employees to learn about the platform and leave feedback for further development.

"We're asking them to 'dip in' daily or 'splash around' and learn the platform," said Besel. "There is, right on the front part of it, a button that asks for feedback, and if they have any feedback, they're more than welcome to share that with us and the team. We're looking at those and making regular adjustments to what's on there to try to make this the most useful tool we can."

More Americans are seeing climate change as the culprit after summer



GREGORY BULL • The Associated Press

Sweat covers the face of Juan Carlos Biseno after dancing to music from his headphones as afternoon temperatures reach 115 degrees Fahrenheit (46.1 Celsius), July 19, 2023, in Calexico, Calif.

By TAMMY WEBBER and LINLEY SANDERS
The Associated Press

Kathleen Maxwell has lived in Phoenix for more than 20 years, but this summer was the first time she felt fear, as daily high temperatures soared to 110 degrees or hotter and kept it up for a record-shattering 31 consecutive days.

"It's always been really hot here, but nothing like this past summer," said Maxwell, 50, who last week opened her windows for the first time since March and walked her dog outdoors for the first time since May.

"I was seriously scared. Like, what if this doesn't end and this is how it's going to be?"

Maxwell blames climate change, and she's not alone.

New polling from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research indicates that extreme weather, including a summer that brought dangerous heat for much of the United States, is bolstering Americans' belief that they've personally felt the impact of climate change.

About 9 in 10 Americans (87%) say they have experienced at least one extreme weather event in the past five years — including drought, extreme heat, severe storms, wildfires or flooding — up from 79% who said that just a few months ago in April.

And about three-quarters of those believe climate change is at

least partly to blame.

In total, 64% of U.S. adults say both that they've recently experienced extreme weather and that they believe it was caused at least partially by climate change, up from 54% in April.

And about 65% say climate change will have or already has had a major impact in their lifetime.

This summer's heat might be a big factor: About three-quarters of Americans (74%) say they've been affected by extremely hot weather or extreme heat waves in the last five years, up from 55% in April — and of those, 92% said they've had that experience just in the past few months.

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through the over 500 donated books, selecting the ones that they believe that kids would most appreciate and that caregivers would find most helpful for them.

"We'll sanitize all the books, clean them off, check in the pages to make sure that there is nothing inappropriate at all in it, any profanity whatsoever," Roeser said.

With so many different books, Roeser said they will change up books depending on the time of year.

"We do seasonal stuff too, like put some Christmas books in there, other holidays that we will throw in there around that holiday time," Roeser said.

Sigma Nu currently oversees the bookcases at three laundromats, but it took various partnerships to get the project off the floor.

Greater Mankato United Way oversaw the project. Lloyd Lumber donated the material for building the bookcases, as well as built the bookcases for free. Members of Sigma Nu painted the bookcases.

A month after beginning their

project, Sigma Nu was able to receive feedback from one mother at the laundromat as the fraternity members walked in the door.

"We saw about two or three kids around the bookshelf, and I remember talking with their mom as we were restocking them. She was like 'this is a great idea. It's better than them staring at tablets, iPhones, iPads, all that stuff.' It's getting them reading," Roeser said.

Sigma Nu has requested books that fit the age range of the kids most likely to take advantage of these books: pre-K through third grade.

Furthermore, the fraternity has sought to seek out books that are multi-culturally sensitive. As of now, they have been able to access many books in Spanish print.

Roeser went on to explain the significance of brand new books over used ones.

"You can put a brand new book and a torn up book next to each other, and your kid will probably take the new book. Right? The fact that they're nice, they're glossy, they're super shiny. It makes it more attractive for the kids to look

at," Roeser said.

The vision for the future is to continue expanding Stomper's Bookcase to more locations, branching out from the three laundromats that are currently serviced by Sigma Nu.

To support expansion, Sigma Nu is eager to partner with other student groups, some of which have requirements of community service for their members.

"I think it is important to stress the importance of community partnerships. Sometimes it takes many hands and many minds to put something like this together, and for students that can be a really daunting task. You have a dream in mind that you want to pursue, but you don't know who to start with... So, the partnerships is a huge stress for us on that," Watts said.

Watts encouraged those interested in supporting Sigma Nu in its Stomper's Bookcase project to reach out to her at crystal.watts.2@mnsu.edu with a request to sign up for the Community Engagement Office newsletter.

Artificial intelligence may be the solution to fighting wildfires



GREGORY BULL • The Associated Press

Falco Kuester, a researcher at ALERTCalifornia, a program run by the University of California San Diego, looks at imagery of firefighters at a fire.

By KELVIN CHAN
The Associated Press

Wildfires fueled by climate change have ravaged communities from Maui to the Mediterranean this summer, killing many people, exhausting firefighters and fueling demand for new solutions. Enter artificial intelligence.

Firefighters and startups are using AI-enabled cameras to scan the horizon for signs of smoke. A German company is building a constellation of satellites to detect fires from space. And Microsoft is using AI models to predict where the next blaze could be sparked.

With wildfires becoming larger and more intense as the world

warms, firefighters, utilities and governments are scrambling to get ahead of the flames by tapping into the latest AI technology — which has stirred both fear and excitement for its potential to transform life. While increasingly stretched first responders hope AI offers them a leg up, humans are still needed to check that the tech is accurate.

California's main firefighting agency this summer started testing an AI system that looks for smoke from more than 1,000 mountaintop camera feeds and is now expanding it statewide. The system is designed to find "abnormalities."

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5 a.m.

"They'll check out all the campus AEDs. The campus has first aid boxes as well and they'll check those and make sure they're stocked. Then the rest of that time they wear a pager and then if something comes up, they're paged," Mumford said. "They're only on duty where they are actively out and about."

Mumford said recruitment for the EMT program has been difficult since COVID-19.

"There hasn't been a need for EMTs to go to a four-year institution after getting either their EMT certification or completing their whole paramedic program, because typically a lot of them could find a job right away where they can make \$30 an hour and go right into the field," Mumford said.

Mumford said a lot of his previous EMTs were nursing students or pre-med majors looking to grow patient contacts.

"(The students) didn't just pick these things up. They kind of knew what they were doing when they

left high school, so they got their registration beforehand and just jumped right into it," Mumford said.

Mumford said the program is helpful for students looking to gain experience.

"It's different than being an EMT on an ambulance service because you're kind of dealing with a certain subset of our population which is the 18 to 24-year-old crowd. You're not dealing with geriatric or child emergencies," Mumford said. "You're still getting your feet wet to ease yourself into the profession."

Mumford said the certification, while a lot of work, is worthwhile in helping students better understand their community.

"It really punches through empathy. It's being able to see your patient on a whole different level kind of out outside of the confines of the hospital, out in the middle of the street area, on the scene. It just kind of gets you used to dealing with people at what might be considered their worst," Mumford said.

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Parent struggle as more schools are adopting 4-day school weeks



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Hudson, 7, left, Callahan, 13, middle, and Keegan Prunte, 10, right, stand outside their school on their first Monday home during the new four-day school week on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, in Independence, Mo.

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
The Associated Press

It's a Monday in September, but with schools closed, the three children in the Prunte household have nowhere to be. Callahan, 13, contorts herself into a backbend as 7-year-old Hudson fiddles with a balloon and 10-year-old Keegan plays the piano.

Like a growing number of students around the U.S., the Prunte children are on a four-day school schedule, a change instituted this fall by their district in Independence, Missouri.

To the kids, it's terrific. "I have a three-day break of school!" exclaimed Hudson.

But their mom, Brandi Prunte, who teaches French in a neighboring district in suburban Kansas City, is frustrated to find herself hunting for activities to keep her kids entertained and off electronics while she works five days a week.

"I feel like I'm back in the COVID shutdown," she said.

Hundreds of school systems around the country have adopted four-day weeks in recent years, mostly in rural and western parts of the U.S. Districts cite cost savings and advantages for teacher recruitment, although some have questioned the effects on students who already missed out on significant learning during the pandemic.

For parents, there also is the added complication, and cost, of arranging child care for that extra weekday. While surveys show parents approve overall, support wanes among those with younger children.

On this Monday, Brandi Prunte was home because Hudson had a mysterious rash on his arm. Most weeks, her oldest would be in charge, with occasional help from grandparents.

She has no interest in paying

for the child care option the district is offering for \$30 per day. Multiplied by several kids, it adds up.

"I want my kids in an educational environment," she said, "and I don't want to pay for somebody to babysit them."

Even then, the district-provided child care isn't as convenient because it's not in every school. And in other four-day districts, so many parents adjust their work schedule or enlist family to help that the day care has been discontinued because of low enrollment.

That is especially concerning for parents of younger kids and those whose disabilities can make finding child care an extra challenge.

In more than 13,000 school districts nationwide, nearly 900 operate on a truncated schedule, up from 662 in 2019 and a little more than 100 in 1999, said Paul Thompson, an associate professor of economics at Oregon State University.

The practice has taken off mostly in rural communities, where families often have a stay-at-home parent or nearby grandparent.

But Independence, known best for its ties to President Harry Truman, is anything but rural, with 14,000 students, including around 70% who are eligible for government-subsidized meals.

The district offers meals on Mondays, but not at every school. Starting in October, struggling students will be able to attend school on Mondays for extra help. Superintendent Dale Herl said discussions with officials at other districts convinced him parents will figure out child care for the other students.

"You have to go back and look, you know, what do parents do during the summertime? What do they do over, you know, spring break or Christmas break?" he said, adding that schools already

had weekdays off for occasions such as teacher conferences.

In Missouri, the number of districts routinely getting three-day weekends has more than doubled since the pandemic hit, from 12% to 30%. Some Missouri lawmakers have pushed back, arguing students need more time with teachers.

One failed legislative proposal would have let students in four-day districts transfer or attend private schools, with their home districts picking up the tab.

Some turn to a shortened schedule to save money. An analysis by the Economic Commission of the States found such savings were modest, totaling 0.4% to 2.5% of their annual budgets.

For many school systems including Independence, which lengthened the other four school days, the hope is to boost teacher recruitment and retention. Some school systems making the switch are competing against districts that are able to pay up to \$15,000 more, with just 15 minutes added to the commute, said Jon Turner, a Missouri State University associate professor of education.

But when one district switches to a shortened school week, it gains a recruiting advantage over the others.

Other districts soon follow, making shortened schedules a "Band-Aid" solution with diminishing returns, Missouri Commissioner of Education Margie Vandeven said.

"If everybody becomes a four-day school week," she said, "that is no longer a recruitment strategy."

In some communities, a four-day week is better for families. In the Turner district in north-central Montana, taking Fridays off avoids situations such as basketball games played at districts three or more hours away that leave only a small number of students at school, Superintendent Tony Warren said.

Fan favorites may be back soon as writer strike is almost over



CHRIS PIZZELLO • The Associated Press

A tentative agreement between striking screenwriters and Hollywood studios offers some hope that the industry's dual strikes may be over soon.

By ANDREW DALTON
The Associated Press

A tentative agreement between striking screenwriters and Hollywood studios offers some hope that the industry's dual walkouts may soon be over. But when will your favorite shows return?

Well, it's complicated. First, the agreement needs to pass two key votes — one involving the boards of the screenwriters union, followed by a vote by the 11,500 members themselves.

Then there's the fact that 65,000 film and television actors remain on strike.

That work stoppage will prevent many projects from returning to normal. Certain paused productions such as "Deadpool 3," "Yellowjackets" and the next film from Quentin Tarantino

will still have to wait on actors to reach a deal with studios.

WHEN IS 'JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE' COMING BACK?

Once the contract is approved, work will resume more quickly for some writers than others. Late-night talk shows were the first to be affected when the strike began, and they may be among the first to return to air now.

NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" on CBS could come back within days.

They will return with a guest shortage, however. The actors strike limits promotional appearances that are the lifeblood of late-night shows.

"Saturday Night Live" might be able to return for its 49th season.



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The Benefits of Reading

We can find ourselves getting swept up in the hectic day-to-day lifestyle, almost always consumed by technology. Whether for work, school or entertainment, we are glued to screens. There's something special about stepping away for a few hours and getting lost in a good book. We should prioritize swapping screen time for curling up with a book of our choice.

Unfortunately, school has made students associate reading with homework. While English is a necessary class, reading does not have to be something to dread.

Reading books should be something we turn to as a way to wind down. Having assigned reading forces students to read books that might not interest them. Specific genres apply to different people, so there is truly something for everyone out there. Librarians are more than happy to help you find books based on your interests, so never be afraid to ask them for assistance.

Reading isn't just a form of entertainment. There are several health benefits to gain from reading. Reading is a way for us to reduce our stress levels.

When we find a book that we enjoy, it calms us down as we can forget what's going on around us. Reading improves our brain function as it keeps us engaged. While some choose to read on a Kindle or a Nook, reading a physical book tells our brains it's time to wind down. Reading before we go to sleep tells our brains to shut down and regulates our sleep cycle.

Additionally, reading helps improve our social skills. Reading helps shape literacy skills such as improving our vocabulary. It can make us more eloquent when speaking and can improve our papers in school.

Being exposed to authors of different backgrounds broadens our views and grows our sense of empathy. Reading makes us knowledgeable as well.

Our conversation skills are greatly improved the more we choose to read. With so many topics to read about, it helps us become better communicators. We are able to talk with a variety of people on numerous topics the more we read. Whether it's educational or for entertainment, there's always something to be discussed when it comes to books.

We need to give our eyes a break from the harsh glare of blue light after consistently staring at phones and laptops all day. Books provide us with the opportunity to lose ourselves in another world and forget about our issues. When we find ourselves with a little extra free time, we should crack open a book for a while and take a break from the real world.

Perspectives

A Diabetic Talks: Why Awareness Matters



Luke Jackson • The Reporter

I went 17 years not having a clue what type 1 diabetes is. I didn't know how it affected people, why it mattered and simply never felt the need to care. In 10th grade biology, we had a chapter about diabetes and the critical role of the pancreas and what insulin and blood sugar all meant. I decided to be the classic high school guy that pretended to listen as it went in one ear and out the other as I counted down the minutes for the dreadfully long class period to be over.

I was ignorant and felt it didn't matter to me. I didn't have this weird disease nor did I ever think I would have any reason to be knowledgeable about it.

Then about a year and a half later, I lost 30 pounds as my body ate away at all the fat I had in my already skinny build. It then started to affect my muscles and deteriorated my body until I was hospi-



Luke Jackson
News Editor

talized. I was then told I have type 1 diabetes.

An educator came into the room and asked me what I knew about this disease. I tried thinking back to biology class, but I had nothing.

I regretted dismissing the knowledge they tried teaching me. I regretted the fact that I didn't bat an eye at this disease until it affected me. I felt dumb, arrogant and realized the importance of listening even if something does not affect you directly.

I believe this disease needs more light shed on it. I feel it

is such an invisible disease to the public eye and that is not right. I understand they teach you the bare minimum in class and that students should listen but often, they do not.

This is a disease that could be fatal on any random day and if the people around you are not aware of how to help, it could end very badly. The harm your body can go through if undiagnosed can be very threatening and parents and loved ones should always be aware of how to tell if their kid needs the medical attention that it takes.

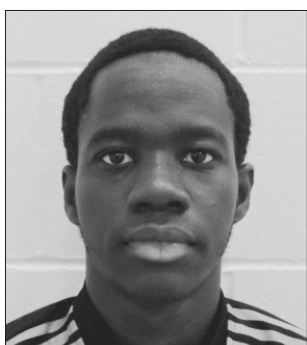
On the other hand, it affects people in other ways. Diabetes costs are absurdly expensive. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, one of every four dollars in US health care costs are spent on caring for diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Association, type one diabetics spend

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Pulse

“What’s your favorite book you’ve read?”

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ABDOULAYE HAMAT
MBAYE,
SOPHOMORE

“Le Rouge Et Le by Stendhal.”



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GRAD STUDENT

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SOPHOMORE

“Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin”



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“Civil War.”

Los Alamos braces for biggest mission since the Manhattan Project



Susan Montoya Bryan • The Associated Press

A sign marks a roadside rest stop that has been made to look like the historic security gate that all Manhattan Project workers passed through in Los Alamos, N.M., on June 26, 2023.

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
The Associated Press

Los Alamos was the perfect spot for the U.S. government's top-secret Manhattan Project.

Almost overnight, the ranching enclave on a remote plateau in northern New Mexico was transformed into a makeshift home for scientists, engineers and young soldiers racing to develop the world's first atomic bomb. Dirt roads were hastily built and temporary housing came in the form of huts and tents as the outpost's population ballooned.

The community is facing growing pains again, 80 years later, as Los Alamos National Laboratory takes part in the nation's most ambitious nuclear weapons effort since World War II.

The mission calls for modernizing the arsenal with droves of new workers producing plutonium cores — key components for nuclear weapons.

Some 3,300 workers have been hired in the last two years, with the workforce now topping more than 17,270.

Close to half of them commute to work from elsewhere in northern New Mexico and from as far away as Albuquerque, helping to

nearly double Los Alamos' population during the work week.

While advancements in technology have changed the way work is done at Los Alamos, some things remain the same for this company town.

The secrecy and unwavering sense of duty that were woven into the community's fabric during the 1940s remain.

James Owen, the associate lab director for weapons engineering, has spent more than 25 years working in the nuclear weapons program.

"What we do is meaningful. This isn't a job, it's a vocation and there's a sense of contribution that comes with that," Owen said in an interview with The Associated Press following a rare tour of the facility where workers are preparing to piece together plutonium cores by hand. "The downside is we can't tell people about all the cool things we do here."

While the priority at Los Alamos is maintaining the nuclear stockpile, the lab also conducts a range of national security work and research in diverse fields of space exploration, supercomputing, renewable energy and efforts to limit global threats from disease and cyberattacks.

The welcome sign on the way into town reads: "Where discoveries are made."

The headline grabber, though, is the production of plutonium cores.

Lab managers and employees defend the massive undertaking as necessary in the face of global political instability. With most people in Los Alamos connected to the lab, opposition is rare.

But watchdog groups and non-proliferation advocates question the need for new weapons and the growing price tag.

"For some time Los Alamosans have seemed numbed out, very involved in superficial activities but there is a very big hole in the middle where thoughtful discourse might live," Greg Mello, director of the Los Alamos Study Group, a nonprofit that has been challenging the lab over safety, security and budget concerns, said in an email.

Town officials are grappling with the effects of expansion at the lab, much like the military generals who scrambled to erect the secret city on the hill in 1943.

The labor market is stressed, housing is in short supply and traffic is growing.

Rising oil prices helps Russia's war to make gas prices rise



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI • The Associated Press

The prices of the various grades of gasoline available are displayed electronically on a pump at a filling station on Sept. 18, 2023, in Newcastle, Wyo

By DAVID McHUGH
The Associated Press

Oil prices have risen, meaning drivers are paying more for gasoline and truckers and farmers more for diesel.

The increase also complicates the global fight against inflation and feeds Russia's war chest. That poses problems for politicians as well as the people having to spend more to get to work, transport the world's goods or harvest fields.

Here are things to know about the recent increase — and where prices might be going:

WHY HAVE OIL PRICES RISEN?

Above all, Saudi Arabia's decision to cut back how much oil it sends to global markets has pushed prices higher.

The world's second-largest oil supplier has slashed production by 1 million barrels a day since July and decided this month to extend the cut through the end of the year.

Russia, Saudi Arabia's ally in the OPEC+ oil producers' coalition, also extended its own cut of 300,000 barrels a month through 2023.

Simply, tighter supply means higher prices.

International benchmark Brent oil traded at just under \$94

per barrel Monday, up from \$90 before the extension on Sept. 5 and from \$74 before the Saudi cut was first announced. U.S. oil traded at around \$90.50, up from \$68 before the Saudi cut.

HOW HIGH COULD OIL PRICES GO?

Some analysts think oil could hit \$100 a barrel based on robust demand and limited supply. But that's far from the only view.

Oil prices can be volatile, and while they might briefly top \$100 in the coming months, they're unlikely to stay there, said Jorge Leon, senior vice president for oil markets at Rystad Energy. He foresees prices in the low \$90s on average in the last three months of the year.

That's still high historically, he said, supported by "resilient" demand for fuel to drive and fly.

The Saudi cuts were a unilateral move outside the framework of the OPEC+ alliance, meaning the kingdom can make changes as needed to quickly respond to shifting market conditions.

Leon said the Saudis will review the cuts each month — and could add barrels back if prices spike to levels that could seriously worsen inflation in countries buying oil. Excessive price increases could mean central banks worldwide hike interest rates further or keep them higher for longer.

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\$16,752 dollars a year on medical expenditures. That is over double the average for non-diabetics.

If there was more awareness, a lot could change. People like myself may be more knowledgeable when they are diagnosed and have a better understanding of how their life will be altered forever. People would also know how to help others in need when they need it and there may be more of an outcry for the government to help the ones that are spending so much of their hard

earned money to simply survive.

Although I spent this column talking about just type one diabetes, this message applies to everything and everyone. For me, I had to have a rude awakening to realize everyone's problems matter.

I didn't have that understanding when I was a young immature kid in biology class. I was more worried about class ending than being worried about what so many people go through on a daily basis. It is so important that people listen, understand and educate themselves about

what others go through daily.

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SPORTS

'Krabbenhof Family Video Board' debuts in Bresnan Arena

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

Minnesota State Athletics officially unveiled a new Daktronics video board inside Taylor Center's Bresnan Arena.

The \$795,000 videoboard was unveiled to the viewers of the first home Maverick volleyball match Saturday, Sept. 16 when the Mavs took on the Winona State Warriors. This was all made possible in part by a \$400,000 lead gift pledge from Kelby Krabbenhof. For his contributions, the "Krabbenhof Family Video Board" is named in his honor.

Apart from the video board, Bresnan Arena has integrated a new sound system. In partnership with AVI Systems, a \$253,000 Bose ArenaMatch Loudspeaker system has replaced the arena's existing sound system. These two additions round out a nearly \$1.25 million project that took around 10 weeks to install.

"We are grateful about the investment that has been made to elevate the gameday experience for our fans, student-athletes and coaches," said Kevin Buisman, Director of Maverick Athletics, in a press release posted to the Maverick Athletics website. "These improvements will transform the Taylor Center into a premier destination for sporting events, commencement ceremonies and gatherings of all kinds. Kudos to



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Krabbenhof Family Video Board now hangs over the center of the court of Bresnan Arena, located in the Taylor Center on the campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato.

the project management team and vendors for completing this installation on time and on budget. We can't wait to share these stunning enhancements with everyone."

There was, however, a period of time where the project left the Maverick volleyball team questioning where they would play their

first home match.

"If the floors of Bresnan Arena were not in good enough shape after all of the installation, the first match would have had to be played at either Bethany or Gustavus," said Charlie Snelson, Director of Athletic Communications. "Luckily, everything came back just fine and

we were able to host the match and unveil the videoboard to our fans."

With two games being played under the new video board, fans have had the chance to check out the newest addition to Bresnan Arena.

However, in those two games, the Athletics staff is only just begin-

ning to explore all of the potential possibilities.

"The board right now just displays what they want but the score is still controlled down at the desk. They have graphics for kills, blocks and aces and then a graphic they put up during time-outs," said Zach Collins, MSU Athletics Marketing Intern. "But once they get a camera crew going, then they'll be showing replays and stuff of that nature."

Right now, the board displays a photo of the Maverick logo when nothing is happening, but in the future, the Athletics staff hopes to expand to include more video content from multiple angles.

"The additions of the videoboard and the sound system are allowing us to make use of more camera replays and motion videos that will look and sound better," said Snelson. "Another thing that we are hoping to get going when basketball comes around are hype videos."

Maverick fans can catch the Krabbenhof Family Video Board in action again Friday, Oct. 6 when Maverick volleyball takes on MSU Moorhead. Bresnan Arena is also home to men's and women's basketball and wrestling, which begin in late-October and early November.

A formal dedication that will include a donor recognition event for the Krabbenhof Family Video Board will be announced at a later date.

Young fans motivate football to stay undefeated

By LUKE JACKSON
News Director

Two young fans successfully motivated Minnesota State running back Shen Butler-Lawson with a bold prediction which led the Mavs to victory Saturday.

According to Butler-Lawson, he met two teenage fans at a meet-and-greet this past week. One of them messaged him on social media saying that he would rush for 200 yards leading the team to victory.

Butler-Lawson hit 199 yards with ease before getting taken out of the game due to the blowout final score of 42-10 against Concordia University, St. Paul.

"They just gave me motivation this week," Butler-Lawson said. "They came to practice this week and texted me everyday this week just saying, 'Shen you're going to go for 200 this week.' That's how I felt coming into this week and even today, just trying to get it for Aaron.

Butler-Lawson also recorded two touchdowns, totalling 10 throughout the past four games.

"The O-line was doing their job making the holes and coaches were calling plays putting me in the right position. Everything in the game

was just coming together," Butler-Lawson said.

CSP came with a game plan to slow down the Mavericks offense and limit their time of possession. This was done successfully only giving MSU the ball three times throughout the first half. The Golden Bears started the game with a lengthy 11 minute drive of run offense which only resulted in a field goal making the score 3-0.

"They limited us to three drives in the first half which is the fewest drives that I think we've ever had in the history of Minnesota State Maverick football," head coach Todd Hoffner said. "They worked the clock but they got three points in an 11 minute drive. So, probably a little disappointing. But their plan was to keep us off the field. They did that but when we got on the field we went three for three which is really impressive for the entire offense."

The first Maverick drive ended in a three yard touchdown carry from Tony Anger, and the next two resulted in rushing touchdowns from quarterback Hayden Ekern and Butler-Lawson.

To conclude the half, CSP put together a tedious 13-play, 75-yard drive that took up one minute and 22 seconds. It ended on a touch-



JACKSON FORDERER • SPX

The Mavericks are off to their first 4-0 start in four years. The last time they started 4-0, they went on to have an undefeated season before losing to West Florida in the Division II Playoffs.

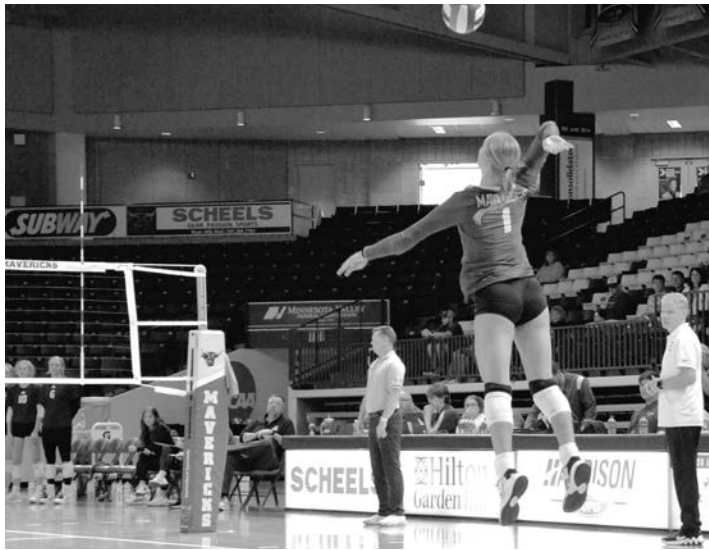
down on fourth and goal, with no time remaining. Concordia's quarterback lobbed it up to one-on-one

coverage for a contested jump ball which they came down with. The half ended 21-10, and that was the

last time the Golden Bears gained another point.

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Volleyball drops to 5-7 in two competitive matches



DALTON GRUBB • The Reporter

The Mavericks are 0-4 in conference play so far, but they will have two more chances this weekend to get into the win column.

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

The 5-5 Minnesota State volleyball team entered Thursday's matchup against no. 2 ranked Concordia St. Paul with an expectation to compete.

And that's exactly what they did.

Despite being swept, the Mavs were able to push the Golden Bears to their limits in three competitive sets.

The first set began with a service error as the ball failed to make it over the net, giving the Mavericks the first lead of the night.

For the Mavs, hope was all they needed and this seemed to set the tone for them.

The first set was the most competitive of the night as the teams fought, trading leads and going on runs until the Golden Bears were able to come away with the 25-22 victory.

In the second set, the Golden Bears took the lead early, but the Mavs fought to keep them within

reach. However, when the Mavs came knocking on the door to take the lead, the Golden Bears always had an answer. They were eventually able to take a 9-7 lead, but the Golden Bears took charge the rest of the way to close out a 25-17 win.

The third set began again with CSP taking the lead early, but the Mavs roared back to take a 6-5 lead.

Later in the match, the teams would go back and forth, tying the game at 11, 12, 13 and 14 before a reviewed play was overturned and gave the Golden Bears the point to go up 16-14.

They rode that momentum all the way to the end, finished off the Mavs and completed the sweep, 25-20.

If you attended the game, you wouldn't have known it was the no. 2 team in Division II playing an unranked, 500 team.

Head coach Corey Phelps was very proud of his players despite the sweep.

"It was a good loss for us," said

Phelps. "If we played like that last Saturday (against Winona State), we win." Phelps was particularly happy with the team's defensive performance; "I am super proud of them. They stuck to the game plan and were able to compete at a very high level. (Concordia is) too good to stop them all the time, but we were able to slow down enough of their swings, we got good touches and were able to swing right back. That is a game-changer for us."

Two days later, the Mavs traveled to Sioux Falls, S.D. to take on the Augustana Vikings, hoping that their defensive performance and energy would translate to a series win.

It did not. The Mavs were swept again as the Vikings were able to pull away, led by 47 kills, 17 more than the Mavs.

The first set was the Mavs' to take, taking an 11-5 lead before the Vikings fought back to tie it at 15.

The momentum gained from that run was enough to help the Vikings sneak out of the first set with a 25-21 win.

The second set was even closer, as neither team could gain more than a three point lead for the entire game, but the Vikings held off the Mavs' attempted comeback to secure the 25-23 win.

In the third and final set, the Mavs were defeated 25-19, tying the game only once at seven and never holding a lead.

The mood from Phelps was not the same after Saturday's sweep.

"We have work to do," said Phelps. "We're hurting ourselves unnecessarily right now."

The Mavs now sit at 5-7 and will be on the road for their next two contests.

First is a matchup with the 4-8 University of Mary Marauders Friday, followed by the 2-10 Minot State Beavers the next day.

Soccer moves into sole possession of first place in NSIC



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

The Mavs tied their second match of the season Sunday. This brings their record to 5-1-2 on the year with 10 games remaining.

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's soccer team were back on the road for another two-game road stint.

The Mavericks' first matchup was a 1-0 win against the University of Mary Friday.

In the 54th minute, Anna Van Wyngarden found the back of the net for the Mavs to give them the lead and what turned out to be the winning goal. It was Van Wyngarden's second goal of the season and her first ever winning goal in her MSU career.

Ashlyn Watt and freshman Maddix Archer each got an assist after tic-tac-toe passing to Van Wyngarden before she slotted it home.

It was their first assists of the season and Archer's first ever assist in the purple and yellow.

The Mavs were able to get another shutout after keeping their opponents from scoring for the third consecutive match. This gave goalkeeper Mackenzie Rath her 28th career shutout, which now ties her for second all-time in MSU shutouts with Alexa Rabune.

Head coach Brian Bahl was proud of how his team handled the weather conditions during the match that took place in Bismarck, North Dakota.

"Really tough battle today in very challenging conditions. We knew it would be a 90-minute fight and it definitely was. Our ladies had tremendous energy and a great work rate to them today and that helped carry us to the win," Bahl said in a press release posted to the Maverick Athletics website.

Bahl also spoke about his team's heart and determination to get another victory due to a second half goal.

"Finding a way is becoming our theme and we hung in there and battled to get another second half goal and win on the road. I'm very proud of our team for sticking together and showing tremendous heart and determination today," Bahl said.

Next up for the Mavs was a bout with Minot State. The match that took place at Herb Parker Stadium ended in a 1-1 tie.

After failing to get a goal in the first half for the seventh consecutive game, the Mavs were able to take the lead in the 65th minute thanks to Allie Williams. Williams controlled a pass while spinning to avoid a Beaver defender and found the net from a shot at the top of the penalty box.

The Mavs were unable to hang on to their one-goal lead as they conceded a goal in the 73rd minute from the penalty spot.

Bahl thought his team controlled the game but noted that they need to score more goals so that unfortunate bounces don't cost them wins.

"It's really tough to leave here with a tie. Another unfortunate bounce, similar to the Grand Valley game that gave them a PK after we controlled the game like we did and had a lead, is hard to swallow. I'm proud of our team though for blocking out the weather conditions and playing a solid game. Obviously, we need to find a way to score more goals so that the unfortunate bounces don't hold us back," Bahl said.

The Mavs will be back in action Friday when they host St. Cloud State.

Mavs announce dates for Pond on Madison scrimmages

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

With hockey season rapidly approaching, both Minnesota State hockey programs have announced their intrasquad scrimmages to be played at the Pond on Madison. The events are free and open to the public, featuring 3-on-3 competition.

Women's Scrimmage: Tuesday, September 26

Three 20 minute scrimmages

will be held, with resurfacing in between games.

Opportunities for autographs will take place during the games and do not include the players and teams on the ice. Following the last game around 7:30 p.m., MSU will host a skate with the Mavericks. All skaters are required to sign a waiver prior to skating.

Men's Scrimmage: Thursday, September 28

The men's team will be taking a different approach, splitting the

team into two groups. To begin, group B will sign autographs from 5:50-6:30 p.m. before Group A plays two 20-minute running time halves at 6 p.m.

Following the conclusion of Group A's game, Group B will suit up to play two 20-minute running time halves while Group A signs autographs from 7 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The women's team begins their season at Sacred Heart on Oct. 6 while the men's team will host the University of Nebraska-Omaha the following day.

Men place sixth, women place fourth at Roy Griak Invitational

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

The Roy Griak Invitational concluded Saturday with the men's and women's cross country teams both placing inside the top ten in their respective races.

For the men, Tanner Maier was

able to place third with a time of 25:45.2 behind only Ransom Allen of Wayne State and Ryan Hartman of Augustana.

Junior Ray Ure took 27th with a time of 26:31.2 while Nikolai Schmanski finished in 45th place with a time of 26:53.4 to lead the Mavs to their sixth place finish.

Finishing above the Mavs was Indiana Wesleyan in first, Wayne State in second, Dordi in third, Augustana in fourth, and UC-Cororado Springs in fifth.

On the women's side, junior Emily Cunningham led the way. Her tenth place finish was the best among Maverick runners,

but MaKenna Thurston was not far behind, finishing 12th. Makayla Bishop was the Mavs' third top scorer, finishing 45th with a time of 23:48.8.

Just three teams finished above the Mavericks: Augustana, University of Mary and Wayne State.

Next up for the Mavericks is the

Briar Cliff Invite on October 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Adams Nature Preserve in Sioux City, Iowa.

This will be the final meet before the NSIC Championships scheduled for October 21.

Following the NSIC Championships are the NCAA Regionals and the NCAA Championships.

'The Last Dance'- a new meaning



ABBIE PARR • The Associated Press

If this truly is Kirk's final season, or final games, in purple, I could not be more happy for how he has played and the way he is turning the narrative around. My best wishes are always with the man, and I hope someday he wins a Super Bowl.

By HAYDEN LEE
Sports Editor

A little over a month ago, I wrote an article about the Vikings titled "The Last Dance begins..." Now we are three weeks into the season, and my Vikings sit at 0-3, tied for last place in the NFC North with the Chicago Bears. Being anywhere near the Bears in the standings is a bad place to be, and quite frankly, it disgusts me that we can be compared to them at this point.

But that's the reality. The Vikings are 0-3, the season may already be lost, Kevin O'Connell is in panic mode and Justin Jefferson is still not signed to a contract extension. Could anything be worse?

Enter Kirk Cousins trade rumors.

This topic is polarizing, to say the least. Some fans may want Kirk Cousins to pack his bags and get on the first flight out of Minnesota. Some look at his stats and say that he could make any team a contender. You could make an argument that Cousins has been the best QB in the NFL through three weeks. I mean, he leads the NFL in passing yards (1,075), touchdowns (9), completions (96) and completions of 20+ yards (17). For me, I think that trading Kirk Cousins is a mistake, at least right now. With

an 0-3 start, the odds are stacked against you to make the playoffs, but if the Vikings want to be a team that beats the odds, you need Cousins. It is not unrealistic to say that the Vikings can go 4-2 in their next six games.

To begin, they will take on the Panthers, which should be a win. Then, the Chiefs. This one could get sticky. I think there is a chance, but let's call it a loss. Week 6: Chicago. Win. Do I need to say anything more about them? Week 7: the 49ers. Ummmmmm, loss. Moving on. After them, we have the Packers, who have looked better than I expected, but I think that the Vikings can win that one. Then the trade deadline is two days later. If at this point the season has gone off the rails and there seems to be no hope, then I think it is reasonable to pull the trigger. But I wish it wasn't. A week later, they take on the Falcons, who are a beatable team, and depending on if Kirk is on the team, I think they could win that one as well.

The next topic of conversation is the turnovers. Oh, the turnovers. Today, as I am writing this, Kevin O'Connell has threatened to bench players who cannot secure the ball. And while that is totally against his character to be someone that comes down on players, I think that to be a successful coach

in this league, you cannot always do what the players want. You have to hold firm to the things you believe will help the team win, no matter the way your players view you. And maybe this isn't a big topic to some, but to me it was a surprise to hear Kevin O'Connell and threatened in the same sentence. So maybe with the addition of Cam Akers, Mattison will see less playing time.

Which brings me to the additions the Vikings have made. Players I think will make a positive difference: Cam Akers, Dalton Risner, Jordan Addison, Ivan Pace Jr. and Josh Oliver. Akers will push Mattison to perform at a higher level while adding a bit of speed and elusiveness to the NFL's worst rushing attack. Not much more to be said at the moment since he hasn't played a down. Risner will make an impact just because of how excited he is to be a Viking. People often forget that football can be such a mental game, and because he is in the perfect mindset to be a Viking, I believe that he will succeed, wherever we decide to put him. Jordan Addison could win rookie of the year. Is what I would say if Bijan Robinson and Puka Nacua did not exist. The rookie has more receiving yards than DeVonta Smith, Calvin

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"It was one of those halves where the team with the ball was definitely going to get in the position to score but I thought we bent and didn't break," Hoffner said.

Although the defense held CSP to ten points, Hoffner still had things he wanted to improve upon.

"We probably gave up a little bit too much of the run game. We've got to do a better job of stopping and forcing them to throw the ball, we need to force teams to do what they're uncomfortable doing

which is really important. But at the end of the day, let's take a look at 10 points. Giving up 10 points is really impressive. It was our best outing to date."

The second half featured many defensive stops from the Mavericks and a lot of runs on offense. Butler-Lawson scored his second touchdown on a nine-yard run to begin the scoring. Ekern connected with Anthony Valainis for a nine-yard touchdown and TreShawn Watson had the final points of the game from a 33-yard touchdown from Ekern.

The game's last straw happened

in the final seconds when Concor dia's pass got tipped at the line of scrimmage, sending it flying in the air. Defensive lineman Cayden Lovett tracked it in the air and got the interception. Hoffner said he was "the man of the day" for his interception.

Jacob Daulton led the team in tackles with seven while Colton Hoffman and Nathan Bolton each recorded six tackles.

Juniors Maven Kretche and Cody Brown each notched a sack, while senior Trey Vaval had the teams first interception of the game.

NFL What Do You Know: Week 3 Edition



ED ZURGA • The Associated Press

I know everyone on Earth has heard of the Taylor Swift-Travis Kelce dating rumors, but here is another reminder of America's newest power couple.

By MOHAMED WARSAME
Staff Writer

Welcome to NFL What Do You Know. This is a segment that I will be doing weekly, if pages provide, starting now.

Dolphins Historic Day

Just when you thought the Miami Dolphins had already put the NFL world on notice with their start to the season, they hang 70 points on the Denver Broncos' head. The Dolphins' 70-20 victory over the Broncos saw them score the most points in a game since 1966. In week one, the Dolphins' tremendous passing game was on display. In week two, they showed a glimpse of what their running game could be. On Sunday, they were hitting on all cylinders. They totaled 726 yards on offense, while collecting 30 first downs and went six for six in the red zone.

Tua Tagovailoa threw for 309 passing yards, four touchdowns and had a passer rating of 155.8. Tyreek Hill was his usual unstoppable self and got nine catches for 157 yards and a touchdown. Raheem Mostert got 142 total yards and had four touchdowns. Rookie running back De'Von Achane rushed for 208 yards. When they are capable of doing that with their passing and running game, what are defenses supposed to do? It will be exciting to see how this Dolphins offense plays for the rest of the season and if they will be in conversation as one of the best offenses the league has ever seen.

Payton's Problems

Now to the other side of that humiliating scoreline, the Broncos. To this point, the Russell Wilson experiment in Denver has been a disaster. However, this loss

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VARIETY

“Radio a la Mav” airs student voices

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN
Variety Editor

DJ E is back behind the mic to entertain thousands of avid listeners via “Radio a la Mav.”

For one hour Monday through Friday from 12-1 p.m. Minnesota State students are able to tune in to their fellow Mavericks on the KMSU student-run radio show.

MSU junior Ethan Tyler, or “DJ E”, hosts every Friday with the help of his freshman co-host Chad Eng.

Tyler says the most rewarding part of his role at KMSU is, “being able to just talk on the radio and have people care about your opinions, care about what you’re talking about and being able just to have it out there.”

Radio a la Mav’s goal is to bring the unique perspective of students to the airwaves. Student broadcasters have free will over song choices and an open platform to discuss anything under the sun.

“It’s just for kids to, you know, go talk to their fellow students about stuff going on on campus,” Tyler said. “Also just to play music, talk to people on the radio and get that experience before they go into the real world.”

KMSU radio has a 20,000-watt signal that reaches throughout southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. Eng joined the station a few weeks ago and soon discovered he was reaching an audience of five to ten thousand viewers.

“9,000 people listening to what I’m saying is so trippy, but it’s also so cool,” Eng said.

Despite numbers, the back-



DYLAN LONG • The Reporter

Featuring everything from current sounds to polka, and everything in between, Radio a la Mav gives students the open mic.

and-forth banter between the student hosts calms the nerves over the many ears on the other side of the microphone.

“It’s really nice being able to work with people around your age and also people that have the same similar interests as you,” Tyler said. “I remember last year with the two guys that I was with, we all liked the same things; we all liked video games, we all liked sports, stuff like that so it was just super easy to talk

to them.”

As for Eng, being new to the crew gives him a different perspective. Eng says he finds difficulty in, “talking in front of tons and tons of people that you don’t know and you’ll never meet.”

Regardless of the challenge, Eng and Tyler advise students to take a leap of faith if they have any interest in radio and broadcasting.

“Before I talked to [KMSU] I was in my own bubble. I didn’t real-

ly talk to very many people in class and stuff like that; I wasn’t that guy, so I was like, ‘I don’t really know if I should put my foot out there,’ but to put my foot out there it’s led me to so many opportunities,” Tyler said. “Just go for it. You might not like it, but at least you tried it.”

Anyone across Mankato has access to Radio a la Mav on 89.7 FM, and across the globe on the KMSU streaming app available for Apple and Android devices.

Hound Hugs and Kanine Kisses is back

By ANAHI ZUNIGA
Staff Writer

A dog is a man’s best friend. In other words, a dog is a Minnesota State student’s best friend. The first month of the fall semester has passed and midterms are quickly approaching. Before many students are set to go and study, a small break in between doesn’t hurt., especially in the company of therapy dogs.

Several volunteers from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs brought in a couple of their canine friends for their monthly Hound Hugs and Kanine Kisses session Thursday at the CSU Hearth Lounge. A couple of volunteers from the ATD reflect on their experiences from past events held on campus such as a session they held during this year’s welcome week.

“I’ve been here several times and it’s very well attended. Looking around, it’s wonderful. It’s fun to come here, the dogs love it,” volunteer Shelly Schulz said. “We have a nice mix of breeds and also ages.”

Schulz brought along her British Labrador Lucy who is 7-years-old.

“She’s relatively new and we started last November. She went through this criteria. It’s online and it does a really good job of saying what our responsibilities are so that any dog that’s here has a good disposition and good temperament,” Schulz said. “She loves it. Whenever I tell her it’s a therapy dog visit, she spins around; she shows her teeth. She’s really happy. She looks forward to it.”

Therapy dogs like Lucy are part of the ATD, an organization made up of volunteers. They provide testing, certification, registration and support for any members who volunteer their dogs in activities and events like Hound Hugs and Kanine Kisses. Their goal is to form a team of kindhearted members along with their unique dogs to spread and share joy among people, including MSU’s student body.

Another volunteer Judy Simonsen is a tester and observer for the ATD. Her job is to make sure the ATD members and dogs have a good relationship and that the dogs are adequate for visits, whether it be on MSU’s campus or other facilities.

“All of the dogs are registered with our national organization. They’ve all been tested and they have their health certifications so that they can come to visit,” Simonsen said.

Simonsen brought in her 9-year-old Bloodhound Beckett and shared her thoughts on how meaningful bringing in therapy dogs for students can be.

“We talk to a lot of students that maybe have dogs at home that they miss. Just something different from the normal things around campus so we certainly hope that this can be very impactful for students,” Simonsen said. Holding events like these can also be beneficial in many

Campus Cupboard helps those in need get food

By LAUREN VISKA
Staff Writer

Buying food in college when there are other things to pay for can be difficult for students. The Campus Cupboard is available for those who need help getting the things they can’t live without: food and other essentials of life. They are located next to the Performing Arts Center and are open Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

They recently moved from the basement of the Crossroads Campus Ministry to the main floor. Becky Menk, the cupboard coordinator, said this decision was for accessibility.

“Not only did we move upstairs, all the slabs outside the building used to be stairs. So you had to step up to get in here,” said Menk. “We had a student in a wheelchair, and she wanted to use the facility, and the building wasn’t accessible for her.”

The other decision to move upstairs was that the room they were using was tiny compared to its new space. They could only let three



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The Campus Cupboard is a part of Crossroads Campus Ministry dedicated to providing food for MSU students who need some help during the academic year.

students in at a time to shop. People waited in line for two hours just to get inside. In 2019, they did 20,144 pounds of food and 1,722 visits.

Before the move, they held a household goods drive at the beginning of the school year for in-

ternational students who needed household essentials.

“Primarily, our clientele are international students who came here with a suitcase, and they don’t have a cell phone, dishes, or towels,” said Menk. “They didn’t have any-

thing, and they’re moving into an apartment, and they don’t have any money either because they can’t afford food because they’re paying for school.”

One of the events they do throughout the year is Lunch For-a-Buck. This happens every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They get food donations from groups of churches around the area who bring food in and bring a different menu each week, and it’s not just for students.

“We have administrators that come and get food. There’s one guy from the neighborhood who comes down and gets some food,” said Menk. “It’s a suggested donation of \$1, and then they get a hot meal, salad, beverages, and a dessert.”

548 students are qualified to get food as of July 1, 2023. Menk explains how students can qualify.

“The qualifying guidelines are set by the legislature each year. It is currently 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or an annual income of less than \$43,740 for a household of one,” said Menk.

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Courtesy of Lenny Koupal

Certified therapy dogs come into the Centennial Student Union every third Thursday of the month during the academic year to interact with MSU students.

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ways as MSU student Kristianne Vazquez expresses her opinion on how these sessions can help fellow students as the academic year continues to progress.

"I definitely feel like they help with mental health. Vazquez said. "It's nice to have a break during the day while in college. And it's especially very nice to just pet the dogs."

The Hound Hugs and Kanine Kisses sessions will be held every third Thursday of the month at the CSU Hearth Lounge during the academic year. They will also hold sessions during Finals Week which will be on the first full week of December.

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"That translates to an income of \$841 per week. Of course, if a student is a legal dependent of their parents, the household size is considerably higher than income eligibility."

Menk said that being a part of Campus Cupboard has been rewarding.

"I cannot begin to say how important it is for the kids. It's also incredibly rewarding to be able to make their lives just a little bit easier," said Menk. "We've changed lives. I had someone from Vietnam who did not have to rely on her

father's money for food because of coming here. Another guy was able to buy his wife a car to go to his chemo appointments by going here because he was able to save money."

Students can donate to the Campus Cupboard by calling them at 507-625-6779 or bringing donations to the church.

"We always need cleaning supplies. We always need spices. One of the things we always need is juice," said Menk. "A lot of kids requested ginger. It's something we can't order. One of the frustrating things about ordering is there's no consistency in what's available."

Here's when your favorite show may return

By **ANDREW DALTON**
The Associated Press

A tentative agreement between striking screenwriters and Hollywood studios offers some hope that the industry's dual walkouts may soon be over. But when will your favorite shows return?

Well, it's complicated. First, the agreement needs to pass two key votes — one involving the boards of the screenwriters union, followed by a vote by the 11,500 members themselves.

Then there's the fact that 65,000 film and television actors remain on strike. That work stoppage will prevent many projects from returning to normal. Certain paused productions such as "Deadpool 3," "Yellowjackets" and the next film from Quentin Tarantino will still have to wait on actors to reach a deal with studios.

WHEN IS 'JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE' COMING BACK?

Once the contract is approved, work will resume more quickly for some writers than others. Late-night talk shows were the first to be affected when the strike began, and they may be among the first to return to air now. NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" on CBS could come back within days.

They will return with a guest shortage, however. The actors strike limits promotional appearances that are the lifeblood of late-night shows.

"Saturday Night Live" might be able to return for its 49th season. Its writers could be at work soon on sketches, and its actors could perform because they work under a different contract not covered by



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Picketers carry signs outside Amazon Studios in Culver City, California. A tentative agreement offers some hope that the industry's dual strikes may be over soon.

the actors strike, though as union members they may be reluctant to do so.

Shows that return while actors are still picketing could prove controversial, as happened with the planned resumptions of daytime shows including "The Drew Barrymore Show" and "The Talk." Those plans were later abandoned.

One show that's likely to make a speedy return is "Real Time with Bill Maher." The host plotted a return without writers but ended up postponing once last week's negotiations were set.

WHAT ABOUT 'STRANGER THINGS' AND 'SUPERMAN'?

Writers rooms for scripted shows that shut down at the strike's onset, including Netflix's "Stranger Things," "Severance" on Apple TV+ and "Abbott Elementary" on ABC are also likely to reactivate quickly. But with no performers to act out the scripts, long delays between page and screen will be inevitable.

Film writers will also get back to work on their slower timeline,

though those working on scripts or late revisions for already scheduled movies — including "Deadpool 3" and "Superman: Legacy" — will certainly be hustling to avoid further release-date delays.

Director Quentin Tarantino's 10th film, "The Movie Critic," is among the scripts that are written whose makers are awaiting actors' return to sets.

WHEN ARE DREW BARRYMORE AND OTHER DAYTIME SHOWS COMING BACK?

Barrymore's planned return to her daytime television show became a rallying point for picketers earlier this month, prompting her to cancel her plans. "The Talk" and "The Jennifer Hudson Show," which also employ some screenwriters, also called off plans to return.

Barrymore and the other shows have not announced their plans for returning. However, the Writers Guild of America has made it clear: Guild members cannot start working again on projects until the tentative contract is ratified.

David McCallum dies at 90



The Associated Press

Actor David McCallum of the television show "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," poses in 1975. McCallum died on Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 from natural causes.

By **BOB THOMAS**
The Associated Press

Actor David McCallum, who became a teen heartthrob in the hit series "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." in the 1960s and was the eccentric medical examiner in the popular "NCIS" 40 years later, has died. He was 90.

McCallum died Monday of natural causes surrounded by family at New York Presbyterian Hospital,

CBS said in a statement.

"David was a gifted actor and author, and beloved by many around the world. He led an incredible life, and his legacy will forever live on through his family and the countless hours on film and television that will never go away," said a statement from CBS.

Scottish-born McCallum appeared in "A Night to Remember" and "The Great Escape."

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