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Fewer speeding tickets issued in GF last year

By Sav Kelly
Grand Forks Herald
GRAND FORKS — Local
speeding tickets saw a significant decline in 2022, which could be a positive, but a lieutenant at the Grand Forks Police Department attributes the drop in part to staffing issues.

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Andrew Stein, "part of the hiring process for a officers available. From while now, attempting to bring up staff numbers. According to Stein, the bear of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12022 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12032 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the numbers of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022, the number of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 12042 (1,165) to 2021 to 2022 (1,165) to 2021 to 2024 (1,165) to 202

officers available. From nationwide," according 2021 to 2022, the number of calls for service increased 1.2%, from 53,776 to 54,397. Stein said the departent has seen an would get dispatched to," ed. They include "any-thing that an officer would get dispatched to," Stein said. One exam-ple would be if someone needs assistance when their car breaks down in

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EGF supt. resigning to take new job

By Joe Banish Grand Forks Herald EAST GRAND FORKS – Mike

Kolness, superintendent of the East Grand Forks Public Schools, has announced his Schools, has announced his resignation, effective June 30.



Kolness — who has served as superintendent for the past seven years — will be leaving to take the position of superintendent at Kindred Public Schools in Kindred. North

Public Schools in Kindred, North Dakota. Prior to serving as superintendent, Kolness was a teacher, coach and admin-istrator with the Ada-Borup West School District in Ada, Minnesota

West School District in Ada, Minnesota Kolness said he is taking the position in Kindred for both "personal and professional reasons," among them the desire to be closer to his children and grandchildren. "East Grand Forks Schools has a special place in my heart," said Kolness. "I've really enjoyed serving the community." Kolness said under his watch, East Grand Forks Schools has made significant progress.

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"There are lots of positive things happening in the district," said Kolness. "Since I've been superintendent, we've implemented programs such as full day pre-school, upgraded our two elementary schools and middle school. I feel that I am leaving the district in positive shape." Kolness also touted the creation of the district's "Wave Academy," an initiative that Pairs students at East Grand Forks High School with caree ropportunities in the region.

The district has not yet named Kolness' replacement. Kolness said the school board has recently begun its search for a new superintendent, and that he will assist in the process if necessary. "I want to do what's best for the district," said Kolness. "If I'm asked to help in the search for my replacement, I am happy to do so."

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Curlers from North Dakota State University practice for a tournament at the Fargo Curling Club in 2017.

BILL TO MAKE CURLING ND'S OFFICIAL SPORT SWEEPS THROUGH LEGISLATURE

By Jeremy Turley Grand Forks Herald

Bismarck
game of stones is one
step closer to gaining
elevated status in North

The North Dakota House of The North Dakota House of Representatives voted 72–21 on Wednesday, March 15, to pass Senate Bill 2229, which would designate curling as the state's official sport. The legislation that won Senate approval in January will go to Gov. Doug Burgum's desk. A spokesman for the Republican governor

declined to comment on the

Historical evidence

Historical evidence suggests curling, sometimes referred to as chess on ice, dates back to at least the 1500s in Scotland and the Netherlands.

Back then, the pastime was played on frozen lochs and ponds. Today, throwers and sweepers compete on well-maintained indoor sheets at tournaments, known as at tournaments, known as

at tournaments, known as bonspiels. North Dakota has 11 curling clubs, the most on a per capita basis of any state, according to Sen. Sean

Cleary. The first such club was established more than

was established more than 120 years ago in Drayton.
Cleary, R-Bismarck, originally brought the bill on behalf of Alaina Schmit, an 11-year-old student in the capital city who told lawmakers she has been a curler almost half her life.
"Curling is a good son;

"Curling is a good sport for hanging out with people, and it's good exercise in the winter," she told the Senate Education Committee in

January.
Several House members remarked Wednesday that Schmit and her

curling cohort were highly curling cohort were highly convincing lobbyists for the bill. Rep. Jon Nelson, R-Rugby, noted that Schmit's passion represents "a perfect example of young people having the ability to test our system." No legislators spoke against the bill Wednesday. Seventeen states have an

Seventeen states have ar Seventeen states have an official state sport, ranging from dog mushing in Alaska to jousting in Maryland. Minnesota's state sport is ice hockey, while South Dakota's

is rodeo Contact Jeremy Turley at jturley@

Transgender care pits GOP against doctors, advocates

ND lawmakers hear more than three hours of testimony

By Jeremy Turley Grand Forks Herald

BISMARCK — Leg-islation that would prohibit gender-af-firming care for transgender minors in North Dakota has

Inside

laid bare a division between socially con-servative lawmakers and the state's med-ical community. The Senate Human Services Committee

The Senate Human Services Committee on Wednesday, March 15, heard more than three hours of most-ly oppositional testi-mony on House Bill 1254, which passed the House last month. Under the proposal,

laid bare a division doctors who perform doctors who perform sex reassignment surgeries on minors would be guilty of a Class B felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine. The legislation brought by Rep. Bill Tveit, R-Hazen, also would charge medical professionals

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Jeremy Turley / Forum News Service Bismarck psychiatrist Dr. Gabriela Balf uses a mode of a human brain to describe gender identity to the Senate Human Services Committee on Wednesday

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John C. Reilly to join Tom Brosseau & Friends benefit concert

By Pamela Knudson Grand Forks Herald

Grand Forks Herald
GRAND FORKS — The
Empire Arts Center is
hosting the Tom Brosseau & Friends Benefit
Concert, featuring special guest John C. Reilly,
to support the proposed
children's museum here.
The concert begins at

The concert begins at 6 p.m. March 26. Terry Dullum, an award-win-

Dullum, an award-win-ning journalist and pop-ular humorist, will serve as master of ceremonies. A reception, with drinks and dessert, will follow the concert. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Center for Exploration, also known as the children's muse-um, which is proposed to be built in south Grand Forks.

Along with Brosseau, Hinton.

folk singer and Prai- Reilly, a film and thefolk singer and Prairie Public radio host, the concert will feature Reilly, an actor who has starred in numerous Hollywood movies; as well

as area musicians The Waddington Brothers, John Lardinois, Bob Cary, Heidi Gluck and Tarama

Bertram.
Tickets for the Tom
Brosseau and Friends
Benefit Concert are \$50;
they may be purchased at
www.tinyurl.com/gfchildrensmuseum or by calling (801) 548-3884. Brosseau, folk-sing-

Brosseau, folk-sing-er and songwriter, has toured Japan, Canada, Portugal, Iceland and Australia. He's performed in bars, backyards, grand halls, subways, theaters and retirement communities, and exchanged song and poetry with many talented artists including Susan Orlean, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Patrick Marber, Bonnie Raitt and the late Sam

ater actor, made his act-ing debut in "Casualties of War" in 1989, and is one of several actors whose careers were launched by

Brian De Palma. He has been featured guests on appeared in more than "Dakota Air, the Radio 50 films, including three Show" on Prairie Public films in 2002, each of Radio, the release noted. which was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture, according to a news release about the a news release about the show. He was nominated for the Academy's Best Supporting Actor for his role in the film "Chicago" and a Grammy Award for the song "Walk Hard," which he performed in "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story."

Cox Story." The Waddington Brothrne Waddington Broth-ers have spent many years touring the U.S. and Canada, performing gospel music. As adoles-cents, they played during the Frozen Fingers Blue-grass Festival in Minot, with their sister Amanda playing bass guitar, the release said. Since then, the group has performed at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri, and for North Dakota Gov. for North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple's inaugu-ral ball in 2013, and have

Lardinois developed his love for the fiddle while playing guitar and pedal steel in honky-tonk bands during the 1980s. He has been recording and running sound at fiddle contests for nearly

20 years.

Cary, who has a wide range of ensemble experience, has been perrience, has been per-forming as a bass gui-tarist for more than 25 years. He's performed with a variety of groups including rhythm and blues ensembles and rock groups, and has provided bass support for comedi-ans such as Martin Short and the Smothers Broth and the Smothers Brothers, and backing vocalist Prudence Johnson and rock-n-roll legend Bo Diddley, the release said. Gluck, a Canadian-American musician,

singer and songwriter based in Lawrence, Kan-

sas, is a multi-instru-mentalist solo artist, band

mentalist solo artist, band member, producer and studio musician. She has released two EPs, "the Only Girl in the Room" and "Pony Show."

She has been a member of several bands including Margot's & the Nuclear So and So's and Some Girls, and has appeared on recordings for numerous other artists includions. ous other artists includ-

ing June Panic.
Bertram, who has

taught violin and viola for 18 years, is a violin and viola coach for Northern Valley Youth Orchestras and choir director at Sacred Heart Church in East Grand Forks. She performs regularly with the Greater Grand Forks and Bemidji symphony orchestras.

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Ask Amy SYNDICATED COLUMNIST 3/16/23

Dear Amy: I'm a business owner with a small etail store located in an a luent community. We rent our space and our sta includes family

members who work for free so that we can keep the doors open.

The shop is a labor of love, and it is a gathering place for community members.

That said, business is very slow and we are struggling.

The COVID years saw our complete shutdown (according to state mandates), and business at a complete standstill. The tourists who used to be our nain guests/buyers have not returned since COVID. We are constantly being approached by local

businesses and nonprofits looking for donations

These include schools asking for donations to ra les; museums asking for three-figure donations to their fundraisers; nonprofits raising money for good causes: local theaters and newspapers sking us to purchase ads ("for only \$275 a week"),

We have always supported them when we could, including giving gift certificates to our shop, but I'm overwhelmed now.

Some days I'm choosing between buying food or

gas for my car so I can drive to my other job. Our business account is empty and it's all I can do not to cry when asked for donations.

They ask in phone calls and then follow up in person and via emails, copying others on these emails, which makes it look like we're an uncharitable business.

Some of the askers even make a comment that we're in "this town" so therefore must have the money and means to donate.

How do I respond to these people? I was always taught to "never complain, never explain," and I don't know how to tell them that I'd love to donate but we simply cannot.

Our hope is to keep our store going for a few more years as our business recovers from the pandemic, but I'm also afraid we're going to lose respect from community members who think we are closefisted and uncharitable.

Your advice?

Worried Shop Owner

Dear Worried: My advice is to craft a simple, honest, and polite written response; "As our business continues to recover after our lengthy closure during the pandemic, we find ourselves unable to

donate to your very worthy cause. We hope to see you in the shop very soon."

I hope that your fears concerning your reputa-tion are an exaggerated response to your a luent surroundings. You should assume that other local family-run businesses are stretched, too. (Connecting with others in a local small-business networking association might help you to see that vou aren't alone.)

Remember that the people making these requests likely do not realize that theirs is the fifth "ask" you've received this week. A quick, respectful, and definitive "Sorry - we're stretched tight, so not this year" should send them on their way. Hang in there. You're not alone.

Dear Amy: I live with my daughter and son-in law in my own private quarters, which I paid for them to build.

My area covers approximately one-third of the

I try to give them their space and live independently in my unit, which is attached by a hallway to their two-story house.

We are a loving family and I have a perfect son-in-law.

I stated that I'd pay one-third of the utilities,

which includes heat, air conditioning, and garbage pickup.
I'm retired and living on Social Security

They are full-time successful business people

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Granted, I don't su er and use the heat and air

for my comfort.
Old people don't like to shiver all winter or sweat

Is it equitable to split the costs 50/50 or should we pay according to our earning power?

- Cool Customer

Dear Cool Customer: No, it doesn't seem equi

table to split the costs of these utilities 50/50. Nor does it seem equitable to pay for utilities

based on your income.

The obvious solution (to me) is for you to pay one-third of the utilities, since you occupy one-third of the space and are one-third of the occupants.

You might look into installing a door between your unit and their house (for energy conservation purposes), and perhaps installing a separate mete

Dear Amy: "Organizer with a Problem" relayed extreme frustration over how their "politically based a inity group" had devolved into dysfunction. They need to use Robert's Rules of Order: Make a

motion, discuss, then vote. That'll stop the minority from ruling the group. Been There

Dear Been There: I vote "aye!"

-CROSSWORD PUZZLE-

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

end questions via e-mail to askamy@tribune.com by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago IL 60611.

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-SUDOKU PUZZLE-

PREVIOUS SOLUTION:

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- HOROSCOPE -Royal Stars Horoscope

BY GEORGIA NICOLS
Royal Stars is based on the degree of your sun at
The sign name is simply a label that astrologies
a set of degrees for convenience. For best results,
ers should refer to the dates following each sign.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions shonping or important decisions toda snopping or important The Moon is in Capricori

rou are intelligent, currous, insignitui and also psychic. It's important to you to stay balanced in this life. This year is a wonderful year when you will get recognition for your efforts and your work. You will get a promotion, an award or some kind of acknowledgement or kudos.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have

*** "Hold the phone!" Think twice before you reply to arryone today, because people are quick to take offense and ready to throw back a zinger. This is because people are irritable and a tad grumpy today. Some are just looking for an excuse to fight. Tonight: Seek solitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** Be patient today so you will have no regrets. This is because it's easy to suddenly squabble with a friend or a

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Be smart and steer clear of challenging comments from bosses, parents, teachers and the police. These could easily lead to an all-out fight that will

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ Do not get involved in controversial discussions about politics, religion or racial issues if at all possible, because they will ramp up into nasty arguments almost immediately. This is the kind of day where people can't resist making a snarky remark. Run away! Tonight: Avoid conflicts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ it's a good thing that fair Venus is at the top of your chart, because this will help you slide through difficult discussions about finances, shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt. It's important that you maintain your coal so that you don't make an enemy (Who are memsery) Tonight: Check your finances.

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, March

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; I-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

member of a group. If you get embroiled in an adversarial discussion, it might be hard to mend bridges later. That's why you have to avoid this -- to have no regrets. Tonight:

only bring you problems. Hopefully, you're reading this in the morning, and you can give authority figures a wide berth today. Tonight: Show respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

whou (wg. 43-sept. 22/ ★ This is a challenging day. You might find yourself at odds with partners, close friends, as well as bosses and parents (that just about covers everyone). For your own protection, keep your head down and your powder dry. Don't get involved. Smile and be agreeable. Tonight: Stay chill.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ By nature you are a people pleaser. You're also an excellent debater! This latter quality might get you in trouble today, especially at work, because foreign interests, or issues related to universities, medicine of the law might get your goat. Don't take the bait. Tonight: Say nothing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Parents must be very patient with their kids today. Everyone is grumpy and inclined to say things they don't really mean. Remember who is the adult and who's the kid. Wait for another day to lay it on the line.

Tonight: Be patient with others SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

** * Family squabbles are classic today, especially with parents. The reason families argue so much is because there's so much at stake — people love each other. Feelings are easily hurt. Cray assumptions are made. Don't even go there today. Take a walk. Tonight: Don't get involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ There's a lot of mental energy flying around today. Wise people will use this energy to study and learn. Not so wise people will get caught up in arguments and snide comments that will make everyone miserable. The choice is yours. Wanna be a wise guy? Tonight: Stay mellow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** Money squabbles will be tough to avoid today. These could arise during financial negotiations. They also might arise if you're shopping or buying something, especially if you're trying to return something. They also could relate to romance, sports, children or a social diversion. Tonight: Zip thy lip!

★★ Fiery Mars is at odds with your sig oday, which is a sure ticket for arc disagreements and challenging times with others. You might be impatient. You also might be quick to take fault with some criticize them. (You know this will go over like a lead balloon.) Tonight: Be nice

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