

LOCAL BRIEFS

Parvovirus outbreak in F-M area puts puppies at risk

FARGO — Veterinarians are warning pet owners in the Fargo-Moorhead area about a parvovirus outbreak that has sickened multiple puppies.

Prairie Winds Veterinary Center has confirmed cases of the highly contagious virus in three litters of puppies, one juvenile dog, and a single household puppy.

The virus can be deadly if not treated quickly, particularly for puppies and unvaccinated dogs. It typically causes vomiting, diarrhea and dehydration.

“We know that this virus is always out there because it’s so environmentally hardy,” said Dr. Alicia Wisniewski of Prairie Winds Veterinary Center. “You know, our dogs travel with us. They go all over. We take them to the lakes. We take them to daycare, boarding, grooming, just dog parks, so our pets are mobile, and it’s a reminder that we need to, we need to take those vaccinations seriously, because they’re proven.”

Veterinarians are urging pet owners to make sure their dogs are up to date on their parvovirus vaccines and boosters.

Wisniewski recommends contacting your local veterinarian to schedule a vaccine if needed.

Registration opens for 9/11 Memorial 5K at NDSU to support student veterans

FARGO — Registration is open for a run-walk to honor those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and to support student veterans.

The community is invited to “Run to Remember” at the Fargo-Moorhead 9/11 Memorial 5K on the North Dakota State University campus.

The event is scheduled for 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 7, according to a release from the Fargo-Moorhead Student Veterans Organization.

The nonprofit is dedicated to supporting military-connected students through education, community engagement and advocacy. Proceeds from the event will benefit local student veterans through scholarships, services, and leadership development.

Race director Terry Traylor said the event is about remembrance, resilience and unity.

“We’re honored to create a space where the community can reflect, participate, and show their support,” Traylor said in the news release.

The 5K is USATF-certified, open to all runners and walkers and features self-selected start corrals.

Participants may register for the event at this link.

New principal named for Fargo Davies High School

FARGO — Fargo Public Schools has named a new principal to Davies High School in south Fargo.

Sean Safranski will take on the role July 1 for the 2025-26 school year, succeeding Troy Cody, who is leaving for a job in the private sector, the district said in a release.

Safranski is currently the assistant principal at Davies, where he has served since 2013.

He began his career in education in 1999 as an eighth grade Earth science teacher at West Fargo Middle School. From 2004-2013, he was principal of Shanley High School and Sullivan Middle School in the John Paul II Catholic Schools Network, the release said.

Safranski holds a Bachelor of Science in Earth Science Education from the University of North Dakota and a Master of Educational Leadership from North Dakota State University.

Cody has been principal of Davies since 2012.

He was named the Fargo Public Schools Administrator of the Year in 2024.

ND wildlife officials urge caution to avoid animal collisions

FARGO — The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is urging drivers to use caution when traveling on roads near wildlife, especially in rural areas.

Deer and bears are commonly involved in vehicle crashes, with accidents most likely to occur between 5-7 a.m. and 7-11 p.m.

If a driver is close to hitting an animal, officials say it’s safer not to swerve. Swerving increases the risk of a more serious crash, such as a head-on collision or rolling into a ditch.

If a collision results in the animal’s death, drivers are only required to call 911 if someone is injured or if the animal creates a dangerous obstruction on the road.

“Just because one deer moves away from the road or one deer moves across the road doesn’t mean there aren’t more deer around there,” said Doug Leier, biologist with the Game and Fish Department. “Be very, very vigilant. Be watching. Just because you see one critter and it crosses or gets out of the way doesn’t mean that you’re necessarily safe.”

Leier recommends drivers stay alert and reduce speed in areas known for wildlife crossings.

Forum staff reports



Ky Miller with Prairie Rose Farm helps Joe Swegarden pack up a crate of fresh vegetables at the first Moorhead Farmers Market of the year on Tuesday at Viking Ship Park in Moorhead.

Summer produce makes an early appearance

Moorhead kicks off F-M farmers market season

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MOORHEAD

Farmers market season has started in the metro, with the first vendors setting up shop in Moorhead’s Viking Ship Park.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 2, the opening day of the market, around a dozen booths lined the edge of the parking lot outside the Hjemkomst Center. Vendors sold wares like soaps, wooden signs, spice mixes, baked goods and produce. Families with children bounced from booth to booth, while a musician sang on a small stage.

Steve French, events specialist for Moorhead Parks and Recreation, watched from the market’s information booth. A recent hire, French is organizing the market for the first time this season. He hopes to support the small businesses selling at the market.

French envisions it growing into a grocery market, where people can “come down, spend 40 minutes (at) most and buy some groceries, and go make dinner,” he said.

This year’s market features a number of returning vendors.

Althea Bain Fink, owner of Cakes by Althea, had a steady stream of customers, drawn back to her booth by a sample of one of her mini cakes. The baker is returning to the market for a third year. She likes



Althea Bain Fick laughs while chatting with customers at her Cakes by Althea booth at the first Moorhead Farmers Market of the year on Tuesday at Viking Ship Park in Moorhead.

the vendors, customers and location of the market, she said.

“It’s just really fun to be out and enjoy summer,” Bain Fink said. “I think the vibe is just really fun, chill, relaxed.”

A nearby vendor, Jaylen’s Sweets, displays a sign promising the best baklava in town. Owner Ferhad Mayi stands behind that promise.

“It is, I guarantee it,” Mayi said. “If you find it better, I’ll give you your money back.”

He said he often sells out of baklava at the Moorhead Farmers Market, depending on the crowd.

Barry Olsen, a Moorhead beekeeper, has sold honey at the market since it started. He said the Moorhead Farmers Market is the main market where he does business.

“It’s fun to meet people — I’m not making a living off of it,” Olsen said with a laugh.

Prairie Rose Farm was one of the only vendors selling produce at the early June market. Employee Ky Miller said the farm grows produce in a solar-powered greenhouse to give vegetables like lettuce and radishes a head start. Other spring produce, like rhubarb and asparagus, shot up with the warm spell in May.

She said people were excited to see the produce so early in the season.

“They’re like ‘Whoa, how do you have produce?’” she said.

The city of Moorhead website lists 18 vendors that will be at the market at various points during the season.

There are a couple programs to help people purchase food at the market. In partnership with Hunger Solutions Minnesota, people who use SNAP/EBT benefits can redeem \$10 of SNAP benefits for \$30 in tokens to use at the market for SNAP-eligible food and produce.

The market also has

Power of Produce clubs through West Central Initiative and Network and Technology Solutions Inc. Children ages 4-12 and adults 55+ can sign up for the clubs to receive a \$2 token each week to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables.

Denise Quick, who was working at the information table, said the programs help pay for fresh food, which can be expensive.

“Nutritious food, unfortunately, can be more expensive than processed food,” Quick said. The Power of Produce program specifically helps encourage kids to eat fruits and vegetables when they’re young, helping them to develop lifelong habits, she said.

People can redeem the tokens for the SNAP program by swiping their EBT card at the information table at the market. Registration for the Power of Produce clubs can be found on the city of Moorhead website.

The Moorhead Farmers Market will be held from 3:30-6:30 p.m. each Tuesday until Oct. 28 at Viking Ship Park, 202 First Ave. N., next to the Hjemkomst Center. The market will have live music from 4-6 p.m. Museum entry at the Hjemkomst Center is free after 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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Bicyclist dies when struck by vehicle south of Willmar

SVEA, Minn. — A bicyclist died when he was struck by a vehicle attempting to pass him on the roadway Wednesday evening.

day evening.

According to a news release from the Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Office, a 54-year-old Lake Lillian man was pronounced dead at the scene near Svea.

The Sheriff’s Office determined that a 2013 Chrysler minivan, driven by a 59-year-old woman from Lake Lillian, was traveling eastbound on 120th Avenue Southeast and

attempting to overtake an eastbound bicycle.

As the minivan passed the bicyclist in the westbound lane, the bicyclist also entered the westbound lane and was struck by the vehicle,

according to the news release from Sheriff Eric Tollefson.

The crash was reported around 7:37 p.m. Wednesday on 120th Avenue, east of 15th Street Southeast, in

Whitefield Township.

The crash remains under investigation by the sheriff’s office with assistance from the State Patrol.

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