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Regional board to set precedent for Minn. statute



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 The American Crystal Sugar plant on Thursday in EGF.

Health board will assemble report to address concerns following American Crystal fine

BY LOGAN ANDERSON
 Grand Forks Herald

EAST GRAND FORKS — The Polk-Norman-Mahnomen Community Health Board will be playing guinea pig for a new Minnesota environmental statute following a

massive fine brought earlier this year against the American Crystal Sugar Co.

Without precedent, the board must make it up as it goes along, according to Polk County Commissioner Joan Lee, who also chairs the health board.

"We're in uncharted territory," Lee said.

The health board agreed to a contract with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that became effective on July 22, to put together a project addressing pollution caused by American Crystal Sugar's East Grand Forks plant, which was fined \$350,000 earlier this year. The contract is part of a state law passed in 2023 requiring 40% of environmental violation

finances over \$250,000 be allocated to the local community health board to address issues that may have been caused by the violation.

This is the first time since the law was passed that a case surpassed \$250,000 in fines. "Because it's a new statute, and this is the first case where the statute is being applied, everyone is kind of

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Altru sports project to begin in 2025

BY MATTHEW VOIGT
 Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — The new Altru Indoor Sports and Aquatics Center is expected to begin construction next June, if all goes to plan.

The new facility is about 70% of the way through schematic design, which means this fall the Grand Forks City Council will be tasked with deciding what the final facility will look like. The primary design proposes a 218,000-square-foot facility with turf, aquatic and pickleball facilities. What the final facility will include comes down to cost — how much the city is able and willing to spend for the project.

"This is the phase involved with understanding the physical characteristics, program requirements, size, the adjacencies, what needs to be in here," Adam Davidson of JLG Architects said to the council July 22. "The best way I can put it is it's about right-sizing the building."

While many of the final details are still being hashed out, the final facility will likely include turf and aquatics facilities that can help augment and fill gaps in the community. With the Hyslop Pool closing and the limited availability of the Fritz Pollard Athletic Center and turf facilities around town, city officials hope the new

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Eric Hylden / Grand Forks Herald
 In this Herald file photo, President Bill Clinton stands among U.S. senators and congressman, Grand Forks Mayor Pat Owens and East Grand Forks Mayor Lynn Stauss (in USA jacket) at Grand Forks Air Force Base on April 22, 1997, days after a dike along the Red River broke, causing massive flooding in Grand Forks.

Clinton praises Owens' leadership

Former president says he's grateful to have worked with Owens, the mayor of Grand Forks during Flood of 1997

BY KORRIE WENZEL
 Grand Forks Herald

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Former President Bill Clinton said Pat Owens was a born leader whose work set a path to recovery in the wake of a disaster that devastated Grand Forks in 1997. Owens, who served as mayor of Grand Forks from 1996 to

2000, died of natural causes Tuesday in Rochester, Minnesota, at age 83. Although she left Grand Forks more than two decades ago, her legacy in the community was galvanized when she led the city during the Flood of 1997 and the massive recovery effort that followed.

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 In this file photo from 1997, President Bill Clinton reaches over to assure Grand Forks Mayor Pat Owens as she started to speak in a press conference in the wake of devastation to the community.

Historic 'Cream of Wheat' art on display at The Olive Ann Hotel

BY PAMELA KNUDSON
 Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — A helping of nutritional history is on display — celebrating the first hot breakfast cereal, produced by Grand Forks entrepreneurs — in the coffee shop at The Olive Ann Hotel in downtown Grand Forks.

Four pieces of original artwork used for nationwide advertising and marketing of Cream of Wheat — which was launched here more than 130 years ago — adorn the walls in the hotel's Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea

shop, 14 N. Fourth St. The paintings are part of the collection owned by Bruce Gjovig, a Grand Forks author and art collector. A free booklet, describing the collection and the history of Cream of Wheat, is available on site.

About a decade ago, Gjovig began searching online for Cream of Wheat advertising images, amassing 13 pieces of original art as they became available, mostly from galleries on the East Coast, he said. The galleries had acquired the art from collectors, and made them available for sale to

the public.

Another four paintings from Gjovig's collection were shown at Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea starting in January. The hotel management plans to continue to show pieces of the collection on a rotating basis, he said.

Much of the art is reminiscent of Norman Rockwell's work. They depict scenes such as children sledding or flying a kite. The artists represented in this collection are Edward Brewer, Haddon Sundblom, Frank Hoffman, J.A. Cahill, Frederic

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 "Little Engines that Burn Up Energy" (1924), by Frank Hoffman, is an example of the kinds of scenes that were captured in Cream of Wheat artwork to promote the product, especially to mothers.



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