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Minnesota Monthly put together a list of ten "outdoor must-dos" in Minnesota. **LIST:** <u>https://fluence-media.co/3NPPWpq</u>

The Lynx retired Rebekkah Brunson's jersey Sunday. **SPORTS ILLUSTRATED:** <u>https://fluence-media.co/3lhKHNZ</u>

WCCO-Radio's Henry Lake now has his own ice cream flavor. **MPLSSTPAUL:** <u>https://fluence-media.co/3yGbWi6</u>

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GRANTS: Via *Otto Bremer Trust,* **VERBATIM:** "The **Otto Bremer Trust** has awarded \$11,090,773 in grants and program-related investments as part of its

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said **Daniel C. Reardon**, co-CEO and trustee, OBT." **LIST:** <u>https://fluence-</u> <u>media.co/3tbNySn</u> (SPONSORED: <u>Otto Bremer Trust</u>)

MEDA: Via Minneapolis-based *Meda,* from its annual report detailing its accomplishments supporting BIPOC entrepreneurs:



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CELLY: From Josh Skluzacek via *KSTP-TV*, **VERBATIM:** "The **Minnesota Wild** said goodbye to its team dog Tuesday morning. **Celly** has been with the organization for the past year after the team adopted him as a 5-month-old from **Coco's Heart Dog Rescue**. During the year, Celly — a shepherd/Catahoula/Labrador mix — was raised to become a future service dog. Now, he's joining the Minnesota-based nonprofit Soldier's 6, which provides specially trained K9s to honorably discharged veterans, police officers and firefighters. Celly's new owner is **Allen Thill**, a Minnesota state trooper and Purple Heart recipient." **WATCH:** <u>https://fluence-media.co/3abF6vV</u>

HAIRCUTS: From Kiya Edwards via *KARE-TV*, **VERBATIM:** "Every Tuesday morning in the basement garage of Applewood Pointe, 87-year-old **Tom**

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only a couple of residents take advantage of the 90-minute window Gorzycki makes himself available each week. This week though, a record nine residents eased their way onto his barber shop chair." **WATCH:** <u>https://fluence-media.co/3NHQWvq</u>



GRANDPARENTS MENTORING STUDENTS: West St. Paul-based nonprofit DARTS is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its beloved Learning Buddies program, which connects older adult volunteers – many of whom are retired – with students in kindergarten through 8th grade on a weekly basis. The Learning Buddies program is active in nine school districts in Dakota, Scott and Ramsey counties. Funded primarily by founding sponsor Flint Hills Resources, 130 Learning Buddies volunteers currently mentor students in 200 Minnesota classrooms. Founded in 1997, this intergenerational program has served more than 75,000 students and logged more than 113,000 volunteer hours over its 25-year history. WATCH: https://fluence-media.co/33jdb9D (SPONSORED: Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery)

JULY 23: Via HDSA, VERBATIM: "The Huntington's Disease Society of America's (HDSA) Minnesota Chapter will be hosting the Twin Cities Team Hope Walk on Saturday, July 23rd @ 10:00 AM at Hyland Park: Edgewood Picnic Area (Jan's Place). Team Hope is HDSA's largest national grassroots fundraising event, which takes place in over 100 cities across the U.S. and has raised more than \$20 million for Huntington's disease since its inception in 2007. Thousands of families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and communities walk together each year to support HDSA's mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington's disease and their families." **MORE:** <u>https://fluence-media.co/3P3CwqM</u>

ALIGHT: From Minneapolis-based Alight via *PRNewswire*, **VERBATIM:** "As The Horn of Africa experiences one of its most severe droughts in recent

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Ethiopian-Somali border to help communities mitigate the impact of severe drought and introduce 'smart water' techniques to individual families. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimates that between 15-16 million people are waking each day to high levels of food insecurity and rising malnutrition. About 5.7 million children are acutely malnourished, with numbers expected to rise if rains fail in the coming weeks." **READ:** <u>https://fluence-media.co/3nGCcTa</u>

SCHOLARSHIPS: Via *Hormel*, VERBATIM: "Hormel Foods awarded college scholarships for the 56th consecutive year to children of current, retired and deceased team members of the company and its subsidiaries. The scholarships were awarded through the company's charitable trust to select high school seniors entering college in the fall of 2022. Hormel Foods has provided funds for the scholarship program since 1966. Scholarship recipients are selected each year by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), an independent, not-for-profit organization based in Evanston, III. NMSC's goal is to help academically talented students obtain college scholarships." **READ:** https://fluence-media.co/3ldLbVo

MEDIA: From Marielle Mohs via *WCCO-TV*, **VERBATIM:** "The pandemic closed the doors of a lot of businesses across Minnesota and stopped the printers at several small town newspapers, including one in Eden Prairie. The former **Eden Prairie Newspaper** offered a physical copy of the headlines for 47 years, but printed their last page in April 2020. 'I was looking for news on who I could vote for in things like School Board and City Council, and there wasn't any information on that,' said **Steve Schewe**, who has lived and raised his family in Eden Prairie since 1993. When he found out his city's paper folded, he wanted to be a part of bringing it back. Schewe found a group of neighbors who had the same drive as him, and in September 2020, **Eden Prairie Local News**, better known as EPLN, launched online." **WATCH:** https://fluence-media.co/3ueltJv

BCBS: Via *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation*, **VERBATIM:** "The **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation** has awarded more than \$3.4M in grants to 21 nonprofit organizations in Minnesota. Grant awards are for one or two years and range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per year. Sixteen grants are part of the Healthy Start program, which supports efforts to improve access to quality early childhood care and education throughout the

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MMFCU: Via *Brainerd Dispatch,* **VERBATIM:** "The 2022 recipient of the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation's Award in Philanthropy is **Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union**. The award recognizes the efforts of an individual, couple, family or an organization significantly contributing to the field of philanthropy. Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union clearly exhibited all the above attributes in a significant way, foundation officials said in a news release." **READ:** https://fluence-media.co/3RdBACa

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