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getting active

Several people could be seen doing yoga Wednesday along Third Street during the Active Streets event. Active Streets, intended to encourage the community to get out and get healthy, featured yoga, street hockey, bicycle demonstrations, chalk art, basketball, disc golf and more. The next event is set for Aug. 13.

Community members of all ages took to the street Wednesday evening during this summer's second Active Streets event. Fitness classes, yoga, street hockey, basketball and much more were part of the effort to encourage people to get out and get healthy. The next event is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 13 at the intersection of Fourth Street and Ninth Avenue and one block in each direction. Organizers say next month's event will feature even more active opportunities.

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Olivia Clayton appears to be enjoying herself at Wednesday's Active Streets event.



CJ Hasbargen takes a shot at the net during a street hockey game on Fourth Street.

Sandbag disposal fee waived

BY SPENSER BICKETT Staff Writer

The Koochiching County Board Wednesday agreed to allow citizens to return empty sandbags to the county transfer station free of charge.

Commissioner Brian McBride reported a load of empty sandbags had recently been dropped off at the transfer station, and staff weren't sure what to do with them. They took the bags, he said, and didn't charge a fee to the person who dropped them off.



Brian McBride



Wade Pavleck

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Governor seeks presidential disaster declaration

Koochiching is among 51 counties included in request

BY LAUREL BEAGER Editor

Gov. Mark Dayton Wednesday asked President Barack Obama to declare a major disaster in Minnesota as a result of flooding caused by heavy rainstorms in June.

In a letter to the president, Dayton described widespread flood damage across Minnesota,

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Local preschooler battles life-threatening allergy

Parents say Wisconsin clinic offers hope

BY EMILY GEDDE Staff Writer

Four-year-old Breana Riley is an energetic, bright girl who loves princesses and everything pink. But behind the contagious smile of the blond-haired, blue-eyed preschooler is a serious, life-threatening medical condition. Breana suffers from a peanut allergy, a growing menace that, combined with her asthma, can

make breathing next to impossible and anaphylactic shock a horrifying possibility. "Her allergy is so severe that if she comes into contact with something touched by someone who ate something with peanuts, it could trigger an allergic reaction," said Breana's mother Jennifer Beck. The nightmare started when Breana was 9 months old. Beck's father was watching Breana while Beck was working. Shortly after she dropped her daughter off, she received a phone call that changed her life. "My dad said he had only

Helping Breana

Donations to help Breana Riley visit Allergy Associates of La Crosse can be made by visiting www.gofundme.com/b4pmd0.

touched peanut butter to her lips, but we needed to take her to the hospital immediately," Beck recalls. Rushing home, Beck found Breana vomiting with large welts

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Four-year-old Breana Riley suffers from a life-threatening peanut allergy. Her parents, Jennifer Beck and Mike Riley, are hopeful a trip to a Wisconsin allergy clinic will improve her quality of life.

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