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## A NEW CHALLENGE

Local stay-at-home mom is ready to jump back into the workforce

BY EMILY GEDDE  
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Many people might know Karla Olson-Line as the lady with all the kids. And she's OK with that. As Mother's Day approaches, the mother of five laughed as she recalled attending last Friday's spring concert where a woman congratulated her. "The man with her hit my mom on the shoulder and asked, 'Is she pregnant again?'" Olson-Line said, laughing. No, she isn't expecting any more biological children, but in September, Olson-Line will be adding about 20 kids to her extended family. The woman was congratulating Olson-Line on the preschool teaching position she

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Karla Olson-Line poses for a family photo with her husband, Ben, and children, Olivia, Carter, Carson, Cooper and Cuyler.

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## Roundtable starts planning process

Preparing Koochiching County for rail emergency focus of meeting

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
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Bonnie Hundrieser, Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management Region 2 planner, discusses preparations for a rail emergency Wednesday.

RANIER — North Dakota emergency officials handled a train derailment Wednesday that evacuated residents and sent a plume of black smoke into the air. It was at the same time nearly 50 regional officials a stone's throw from the nation's busiest rail crossing talked about how they would handle a rail emergency that involved hazardous materials. Organized by Koochiching County Emergency Management Coordinator Willi Kostiuk with support from Sheriff Perryn Hedlund, Wednesday's Railroad Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Roundtable may be the first of its kind in Minnesota, said Bonnie Hundrieser, Region 2 planner with the Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management division.

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## RRCC to tackle substance abuse

Grant will help prevent underage drinking and drug abuse

BY EMILY GEDDE  
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When it comes to substance abuse, it can affect everyone in its path. It's no secret that abusing drugs and alcohol is a common issue on college campuses across the United States. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, virtually all college students experience the effects of college drinking – whether they drink or not. The problem with

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Local photographer Mike Thiele shot these photos of a male and female hooded merganser showing off their extravagant crests. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology website calls this the smallest of the three species of mergansers, also known as saw-bills or fish-ducks, found in North America. All mergansers have slender elongated serrated bills tipped with a hooked nail. These bills are ideally suited for capturing and controlling the slippery fish that make up a large part of their diet. They are extremely agile swimmers and divers but awkward on land because their legs are set well back on their bodies.

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