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79 DEGREES VIETNAMESE CUISINE

A VIRAL SENSATION



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Kaitlin Nguyen, 6, holds up Propitious white peach ice cream as a stick of mango ice cream sits on the table at 79 Degrees in Sioux City. Propitious ice cream is a specialty brand of ice cream from China that became viral on TikTok.

79 Degrees has mango-shaped ice cream that’s heating up the internet

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SIOUX CITY — If you’ve never heard of the cute, mango-shaped ice cream pops called Propitious, you’re probably never on TikTok.

The brightly colored frozen treat that originated in China has been taking social media by storm for more than a year.

That’s why 79 Degrees Vietnamese Cuisine’s Vy Pham wanted to have a stock of the hard-to-find dessert items in her 3087 Floyd Blvd. eatery.

“I had seen these ice creams online and knew they were going viral,” she explained. “They were in short supply, but I knew there was a distributor in Omaha where we could get them.”

Since then, 79 Degrees has been able to source the mango, peach and milk-flavored Propitious ice creams for its customers, though Pham said her supply goes fast.

“As soon as people find out we have them, they sell out,” she said with a shrug.

So, what’s making the Propitious so popular? First of all, they look adorable.

Regardless of its flavor, all of the Propitious ice creams have the distinctive shape of a mango fruit. While the peach and mango version are covered with an orange-yellowish shell, the milk-flavored one has a white-and-blue covering.

The rice treat is the ice cream, which is rich, creamy and sorbet-like.

And here’s the kicker: Even though the Propitious Mango Ice Cream is shaped like



Multiple bánh mì, a boba tea and a Korean corn dog are seen on a table at 79 Degrees. Located at 3089 Floyd Blvd., 79 Degrees offers a wide array of Asian-inspired comfort foods.

If you go

WHAT: 79 Degrees Vietnamese Cuisine

WHEN: 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Thursday; 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Sundays

WHERE: 3087 Floyd Blvd., Sioux City

a mango, it doesn’t really contain any real mango.

That fact doesn’t bother Pham’s 6-year-old daughter Kaitlin, who adores eating the frozen dessert that is served on a stick and is packaged in a colorful box.

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Kaitlin Nguyen, 6, holds up one of the bánh mì offered at 79 Degrees, 3087 Floyd Blvd. “Bánh mì” translates directly from Vietnamese to “bread,” but also refers to a type of sandwich.

SIOUX CITY COUNCIL

Agreement to pave way for \$5M sports complex

City plans to sell parcel near Lewis & Clark Park for project

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SIOUX CITY — The Sioux City Council will be asked Monday to approve development and minimum assessment agreements for a \$5 million multi-sport complex west of Lewis & Clark Park.

The complex for Siouxland Sports Academy will be built on a 2.3-acre parcel of city-owned land just west of Lewis & Clark Park. Construction of the building is slated begin before March 2026 and be completed by the end of 2027.

The facility will provide year-round athletic opportunities for the region, including youth sports training programs, multi-sport leagues and tournaments, athletic showcase events, multi-court facility rentals, coaching clinics, and more, according to city documents.

“City staff has been working with the developer over the past several months as they finalized plans for the new sports complex. The group has considered various locations in the region and has identified approximately 2.4 acres of city-owned land west of Lewis and Clark Park as the ideal location to construct the new facility,” the documents stated.

Siouxland Developers, LLC intends to purchase the property for \$50,000 and invest \$5 million to construct the 65,000 square-foot multi-sport complex. The facility will include five basketball courts/nine volleyball courts, a batting cage, state-of-the-art weight room, dance academy, upscale concessions area, locker rooms, offices and outdoor patio seating.

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, Siouxland Developers, LLC would:

- Purchase the property from the city for \$50,000

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Search for flood victims is on hold in Texas

Heavy rains bring new threat of high waters

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KERRVILLE, Texas — More heavy rains Sunday in Texas paused a week-long search for victims of catastrophic flooding along the Guadalupe River and led to high-water rescues elsewhere as officials warned that the downpours could again cause waterways to surge.

It was the first time a new round of severe weather had paused the search since the July Fourth floods, which killed at least 129 people. Authorities believe more than 160 people may still be missing in Kerr County.

In Kerrville, where local officials have come under scrutiny about the warnings given to residents, authorities went door-to-door to some homes after midnight early Sunday to alert people that flooding was again possible. Authorities also pushed alerts to the phones of those in the area.

Ingram Fire Department officials ordered search crews to immediately evacuate the Guadalupe River corridor in Kerr County until further notice, warning the potential for a flash flood is high. Search-and-rescue efforts were expected to resume on Monday, depending on river flow, fire department spokesman Brian Lochte said.

“We’re working with a few crews and airboats and SAR (search-and-rescue) boats just in case,” Lochte said.

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