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## Court to review asylum-seeker policy



The Supreme Court agreed to review a practice known as “metering” in which migrants can be turned away at the border if there are too many asylum seekers. JOEL ANGEL JUAREZ/ARIZONA REPUBLIC

## Justices refuse to hear appeal on prayers at high school football games

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – The Supreme Court will decide whether the federal government can turn asylum-seekers away at the U.S.-Mexico border if too many migrants want the chance to apply. The court on Nov. 17 agreed to review a practice known as “metering,” which has been used by both Democratic and Republican administrations. The Justice Department said the practice is a critical tool when there are

surges of people at the border; however, lower courts said federal law allows migrants to seek assistance once they’ve reached U.S. territory. Thirteen asylum-seekers and the immigrant rights group Al Otro Lado, Spanish for “on the other side” or “across,” challenged the practice in 2017 on behalf of migrants who were turned back to Mexico. Their lawyers said in a Nov. 17 statement that turning asylum-seekers back at the border was an “illegal scheme.” “Vulnerable families, children, and

adults fleeing persecution were stranded in perilous conditions where they faced violent assault, kidnapping, and death,” the lawyers said. The Justice Department didn’t immediately respond to USA TODAY’s request for comment. The 1986 Immigration and Nationality Act allows anyone “who is physically present in the United States or who arrives in the United States” to apply for asylum. The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the best way to interpret “arrives in” is that it doesn’t mean the same thing as “physically present,” which would be redundant. **See COURT, Page 2A**

### THANKSGIVING

## Dine-in, to-go options for holiday

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Thanksgiving is a time spent with loved ones, and this year, several local restaurants are helping families enjoy that tradition without the stress of cooking. Here’s a list of local restaurants that have enough for the whole family this Thanksgiving.

### Culinary Underground

Culinary Underground is hosting a Thanksgiving feast that includes herb-roasted turkey breast with sage gravy, mashed potatoes, cornbread stuffing, green bean casserole, and cranberry sauce. Dinner will be available Nov. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$25 per person **Reservations:** 815-668-7878 **Address:** 416 S. Main St., Rockford

### Stockholm Inn

The famous Stockholm Inn will be serving from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 27. Reservations are available. **Reservations:** 815-397-3534 **Address:** 2420 Charles St., Rockford

### GreenFire

GreenFire is offering “Thanksgiving To Go,” a prepared meal that serves individual portions and portions that serve up to 16 people. Meals include a Whole Turkey Cooked, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, and full pans of Stuffing, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, and two pies (Apple or Pumpkin). Last day to pre-order is Nov. 20. **Cost:** Full Dinner \$250; Individual Meal \$36 **Reservations/Orders:** 815-316-

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## Rockford chamber celebrates 2025 Women-In-Business award recipients

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The Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce honored four area women business leaders at its annual Pow(H)er Conference. The event, held Nov. 13 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Rockford Riverfront, featured a day of education, networking and recognition, culminating in the announcement of the 2025 Women-in-Business Award recipients. “This year’s honorees demonstrate the incredible range of talent, vision, and resilience that drives our business community forward,” Caitlin Pusateri,

chief operating officer of the chamber, said in a news release. “They are leading not only with results but with purpose that creates meaningful change within their organizations and the region.” Honorees this year included: **Emerging Leader of the Year:** Paige Gors Limberg, AGHL Law. Recognized for early-career achievement and exceptional potential for future leadership. **Woman Business Owner of the Year:** Julie Rylatt, Willow Creek Counseling, LLC. Honored for entrepreneurship, innovation, and contributions to the community. **See AWARD, Page 3A**



Angela Kay Larson, CEO of the Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce, from left, poses for a photo with Emerging Leader of the Year award recipient Paige Gors Limberg of AGHL Law and Caitlin Pusateri, chief operating officer of the chamber, on Nov. 13, 2025, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Rockford Riverfront. PROVIDED BY THE GREATER ROCKFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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