

HELLO, GOVERNOR: Minnesota Governor Tim Walz stops by the Pine County Fair. P9



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Hands in the air for the Pine County Fair

Beautiful summer weather meant much to enjoy from July 31 through Aug. 4. More Fair photos on pages 10-12.

Zasteras named Pine County Farm Family of the Year

BY TERRY SALMELA
U OF M EXTENSION

Pine View farm owned by Jason and Jade Zastera is this year's Pine County Farm Family of the Year. The family includes Jason, Jade and two-and-one-half-year-old Zoe. The Pine View farm which is located in Pokegama Township west of Pine City is a five-generation farm and was homesteaded in 1902 by Jason's great-great-grandparents Frank and Anna Zastera. It was a small dairy for most of that time. Jason's father, Alan farmed 150 acres and milked cows. Today the family owns 126



TERRY SALMELA

Jade, Jason and Zoe Zastera make their home on Pine View Farm.

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South I-35 ramps at CR 7 close Aug. 12

BY MIKE GAINOR
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The southbound Interstate 35 ramps at County Road 7 will close Monday, Aug. 12. They will remain closed for three weeks. The ramps at County Road 11 in Pine City and Highway 70 in Rock Creek will be open and will be used as the detour route. During the closure new ramps will be constructed at County Road 7.

The County Road 7/Hillside Avenue/Pokegama Lake Road overpass – originally built in 1962 – was demolished on Monday, July 22. Construction of the new overpass will continue into October. MnDOT Project Engineer Andrew Deming said that new overpass will include a center left-turn lane and a sidewalk with railing and lighting on the

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Property values up in Pine County

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Property values have been steadily increasing in Pine County. Pine County Assessor Lorri Houtsma and Deputy Assessor Troy Stewart shed some light on the property valuation process recently. Houtsma explained, "Values have been increasing recently because the market has been increasing." She said the tax statements residents receive represent taxes that are due in 2019, but the valuation notice represents what the property value will be in 2020. "To arrive at the 'estimated market value' for taxes payable in 2020, a sales study is completed. This means we review all qualifying sales between Oct. 1, 2017, and Sept. 30, 2018, for each township and city in Pine County.

Qualifying sales are sales that are considered arms-length transactions, where you have a willing seller and buyer and there is no duress on either part. "According to the Department of Revenue, our sales ratios must fall within 90% to 105%, and when we have an increasing market," she explained, "it is very likely that our values have fallen below 90% and then values are increased pursuant to statute." Houtsma added, "A tax increase could be for a number of reasons. You need to look at what is happening with the county, city or township and school budgets. Just because your value is increasing doesn't necessarily mean your taxes are increasing." She said the county department physically

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Pine City setting the standard with Summer Rec

BY ELI GRUBBS
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Pine City's Summer Rec program has a rich history of serving its community, and doing so in an affordable way for families. The six-week summer program offers a wide range of sports for various ages, including T-ball, rookie league baseball, golf, track and field, flag-football, and softball, and unlike most surrounding towns, the program is free here.

"It is a zero-cost program," Jena Dennis said. Dennis is the Pine City High School's varsity softball coach, and the director of the Summer Rec program. She has worked in Summer Rec for 20 years and has a family history with the program.

"My grandpa, Roger Hagstrom, was one of the founders of the Summer Rec program," Dennis said. "He and a couple other teachers worked really hard to get this program started in the late 50s, and it has been free ever since."

Dennis said that the affordability factor is very important to herself and the program as it allows young students to try out various sports without having any financial pressure on their parents.

"The cool thing about Summer Rec is, because it's free, we'll have a bunch of kids try everything," she said. "They can figure this out now, what they like and don't like."

Dennis said that the program focuses a lot on the fundamentals of each sport and having fun, but she added that kids often times discover a new passion through playing the sports.

"You have a parent that'll sign up a kid for tennis, and the kid's like 'I don't like tennis, I don't want to do it', and by the end of the summer they're there more than any other kid," she said. "Our goal is to keep the kids busy and active—finding a way for them to use up their energy and to learn the fundamentals of the different sports that we offer."

Dennis said that Summer Rec is its own entity. "We work with the city and with the school, but we are a non-profit."

Dennis works with surrounding schools, coaches and other youth programs to provide the best opportunities for the Summer Rec participants. One such instance is her work with Mora coaches and the East Central Co-op to make a traveling softball team that plays nearby schools.



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Every year the Pine City Summer Rec program rewards the top 40 candy sellers (a fundraiser for the program) with a trip to a Minnesota Twins game. This year they went on Saturday, July 20.

Dennis said that another great aspect of Pine City's Summer Rec program is that most of the coaches are local high schoolers and college students who have played the sports. "Our workers are paid

and we do that through our candy sales, and our sponsors throughout Pine City." In fact, Dennis said that most of their costs are paid through local sponsors.

Dennis said that Summer

Rec is in a fantastic spot, and that they had nearly 800 registrations for the 2019 season, with kids signed up for multiple sports double counted. "It's pretty amazing," she said.



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Students join ECE for D.C. tour

Two local students were among nearly 2,000 high schoolers who participated in the 2019 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 14-20. Delegates sponsored by East Central Energy (ECE) were Abby Larsen of Milaca and Gavyn Jensen-Schneider of North Branch. The seven-day trip included visits to Arlington National Cemetery and the White House. Students had the opportunity to visit with representatives from their congressional districts and address their concerns directly with legislators. "We got to talk and share some of our own concerns with our state representatives face to face," said Larsen of her experience. "We even got to thank them for the work that they have done to help rural cooperatives."



MIKE GAINOR | THE PIONEER

Witke sworn in as Pine City postmaster

Kathleen Witke, with husband Eric by her side, was formally installed as Pine City's postmaster on Friday, July 26 in a short ceremony attended by family, friends and colleagues. She swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and promised to well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of postmaster of Pine City.

"It's somewhat of a challenge, but it's a nice change," Witke said. "I'm going to do everything I can to support the post office, have everybody work safe, enjoying their job, having fun and staying active in the community. I'm honored to be here. I truly am."

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THURSDAY AUG. 8

Superintendent reception

On Thursday, Aug. 8, 3-4 p.m., the public is invited to a meet and greet reception for Dr. Curt Tryggstad and his wife Cathy in the district office lobby area of Pine City High School. There will be coffee and lemonade and a welcome in the auditorium at 3:45 p.m.

Mora's Music in the Park

The City of Mora's Music In The Park summer concert series will feature acoustic rock by Bjerke "Unplugged" at a free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8 in the gazebo of Library Park in downtown Mora. For more information visit www.ci.mora.mn.us.

Stories from the Night Sky

Join Jeffery Tyson, interpretive naturalist from St. Croix State Park, for an exploration of stories about constellations from around the world from 3-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8 at East Central Regional Library-Rush City. And then make your own constellation! Stories from the Night Sky is recommended for ages 6 through adult, and no registration is necessary. Call 320-358-3948 with questions.

FRIDAY AUG. 9

Braham Evangelical pig roast

On Friday, Aug. 9 the public is invited to the Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (905 Central Drive West, Braham) community fellowship gathering pig and turkey roast from 5-7 p.m. There will be live music, yard games and kids activities. Call 612-390-0657 with any questions.

SATURDAY AUG. 10

Mille Lacs museum celebration

Kids ages 8 and up are invited to Mille Lacs Indian Museum on Saturday, Aug. 10 between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. to learn how to weave a dream catcher. While there, explore the exhibits, including the popular Four Seasons Room with life-size dioramas and a new exhibit chronicling 100 years of the jingle dress in celebration of the 59th birthday of the museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For cost, admission or information, call 320-532-3632 or email: millelacs@mnhs.org.

Cross and Pokegama Lake Associations golf tournament

The public is invited to the Cross Lake versus Pokegama Lake Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Registration for the two-person scramble is at 8 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost includes a cart, food, prizes and a taco/nacho bar after. To register a team call 320-629-3848 or email golf@pincitycc.com.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY AUG. 10 & 11

Northern Hollow Art Fest

Northern Hollow Winery in Grasston (6919 Canary Rd.) will be hosting their 4th annual Art Fest featuring fine art, live music, wood-fired pizzas, a BBQ truck and award winning wines on Saturday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 320-266-8691 or visit www.northernhollowwinery.com for details.

SUNDAY AUG. 11

Sokol Camp Booya & Picnic

The 89th annual Sokol Camp Booya & Picnic will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11 at the Sokol Camp on the northeast corner of Cross Lake in Pine City (19201 Woodland Acres S). The event runs from noon to 5 p.m. Food available includes booya (a hearty soup/stew), cabbage rolls, Czech sausage, brats and kolache (Czech pastries). There will be live bingo, fun and games for children, music, the Czech-Slovak Folk Dancers in full Czech costume and more. This event is open to the public and free to attend. There's plenty of dock and shoreline space for those arriving by boat.

Luther Point summer celebration

Luther Point Bible Camp will hold its annual Summer Celebration and Quilt Auction on Sunday, Aug. 11 beginning at 11 a.m. The canteen will be open for browsing and purchasing and the waterfront will be open for swimming. There will also be lawn games for children and garden tours. Worship and praise time will begin at 12:30 p.m. The live auction will begin at 1 p.m. as well as kid friendly activities. There is something for all ages, so bring the entire family. Camp is located at 11525 Luther Point Road, Grantsburg, WI 54840. For additional information call 715-689-2347 or email al@lutherpoint.org.

Summer Gospel Nights

On Sunday, Aug. 11 the public is invited to a free Summer Gospel Nights concert featuring The Mystery Mountain Boys at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hinckley. Located at 405 2nd St. NW, the show begins at 6:30 p.m. Email jenniferkubesh@yahoo.com with any questions.

Rural School Museum

The Pine City Rural School Museum on 7th St. SW will be open Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. throughout August. Come see what school was like years ago. Contact Erna P. at 320-629-2810 for more information.

MONDAY AUG. 12

Author visit at Pine Library

Author Will Weaver will talk about all things writing and reading, literature and literacy during a special visit at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 at East Central Regional Library-Pine City. Weaver's works include Sweet Land (short story collection and independent feature film), Memory Boy (novel and opera), and his enduring debut novel of the Midwest, Red Earth, White Earth, which was produced as a CBS television movie. Call 320-629-6403 with any questions.

TUESDAY AUG. 13

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

Pit your wits and nimble fingers against your friends and neighbors while escaping the summer heat over a jigsaw puzzle challenge at 10 a.m. or at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at East Central Regional Library - Pine City. Participants do not need to sign up as a team, but they may join others upon arriving at the library. The Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge is recommended for teens and adults, and registration is required; visit the events calendar at eclib.org to get registered.

THURSDAY AUG. 15

Mora's Music in the Park

The City of Mora's Music In The Park summer concert series will feature acoustic pop by She's My Sister at a free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15 in the gazebo of Library Park in downtown Mora. For more information visit www.ci.mora.mn.us.

FRIDAY AUG. 16

End of season gardening

On Friday, Aug. 16 the Rush City Garden Club will hold their meeting at the Rushseba Town Hall at 9 a.m. The topic will be "End of Season Gardening," the speaker will be Donna Tatting, Master Gardener. Contact aljeanhoffman@yahoo.com with any questions.

SATURDAY AUG. 17

Zion Lutheran annual cornfeed

On Saturday, Aug. 17 the public is invited to Zion Lutheran Church, Pine City, for their annual fundraiser cornfeed from 4:30 to 7 p.m. In addition to all-you-care-to-eat corn on the cob, there will also be pork chops, pasta salad and hot dogs. Tickets are available at Cabin Coffees, the Flower Box and the church office. Call 320-629-3683 for more information.

SUNDAY AUG. 18

Mille Lacs Indian Museum Fun Run and open house

Join staff and community members for an approximate one-mile walk around the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Powwow grounds on Sunday, Aug. 18. Registration is at 9 a.m. In addition, admission is free and open to everyone from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum the same day. For powwow grounds location or other information call 320-532-3632 or email millelacs@mnhs.org.

Stoffel Family Museum

The Stoffel Family Memorabilia Museum will welcome visitors from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18. The museum is located on Emerald Road, one mile south of WCMP and the Snake River Fur Post. For information call 320-629-3219 or email pixleym@juno.com.

MONDAY AUG. 19

Summer Gardening Series

On Monday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m., the public is invited to the free Pine City Community Garden Summer Gardening Series "Is it Ripe?" session at the garden location at 10 SE 3rd St. or, in the event of rain, at the Pine County Courthouse Board Room in Pine City. Take a garden tour, learn about cover crops and composting, harvest nutrition and recipes. For more information contact the Pine County Extension office at 800-657-3813 Ext. #3 or email Terry. Salmela@co.pine.mn.us.

Northern Exposures Photo Club

The Northern Exposures Photo Club will meet on Monday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kanabec History Center in Mora. Dee Kotaska will give a presentation on "Envisioning Your Photo." Members will share their images for this month's theme, "Panning," a technique for capturing motion in a photograph. The public is invited. Email wmehlan@hotmail.com with any questions.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY 8/8

TOPS-Take Off Pounds Sensibly: Pine City Library Community Room, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

NAMI peer support: Cambridge Medical Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Teen AA/NA: 6:30 p.m., Teen Focus Center, Rush City

Pine City VFW Auxiliary: Pine City, VFW Post 4258, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 8/11

AA (Big Book-open mtg.): Evangelical Free Church, 7 p.m., Mary: 320-438-9121

MONDAY 8/12

Celebrate Recovery: Pine City, Journey North Church, 6 p.m.

Pine City School Board: District office at PCHS, 6:30 p.m.

AA: 7:30 p.m., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

TUESDAY 8/13

American Legion & Auxiliary: Pine City American Legion, 7 p.m.

Pine City VFW: Pine City, VFW Post 4258, 7:30 p.m.

Pine County Republicans: 7:30 p.m., Tobies, Hinckley

WEDNESDAY 8/14

Woodcarving club: Askov, 9 a.m., Pine Co. History Museum
Al-Anon: 725 2nd Ave. SW, Pine City, 12 p.m., 612-387-6094, David
AA: 8 p.m., Rock Creek Community Center

SENIOR DINING

Aug. 12-16

Monday: Swiss steak in Spanish sauce, parslid potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, cinnamon applesauce

Tuesday: BBQ grilled chicken breast with bun, roasted sweet potatoes, fruit sauce, blonde brownie

Wednesday: Italian marinated pork roast, whipped potato with gravy, steamed cabbage, wheat bread, spiced apricots

Thursday: Chili dog on a bun, potato salad, fresh fruit, puppy chow mix

Friday: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, cake with icing

Cost is \$4.25 for people over 60 and \$8 for under 60. Call the Pine City Senior Center at 320-629-3024 between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with any questions.

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Sun., Aug 11	Sub Sandwich with Chips <small>Happy Hour -Every Day 4-6pm</small>
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1. Man charged with burglary, threats, drug possession: A Sturgeon Lake man is facing felony charges after incidents on July 23. Richard Joseph Zuk, 41, is being charged with first degree burglary, second degree burglary, terroristic threats and drug possession.

2. The Pine County Fair suggestion box: 'Nice jumpy ride, but where's the poker and puppets?': Deep in the U of M's 2018 survey report on the Pine County Fair is the section "Survey responses with suggestions receiving only one mention." In other words, just one of the more than 1,000 people taking the survey wrote that response. There were a lot of ideas, really interesting ideas – though some were maybe ("Shorten the pork chop line") not entirely serious.

3. Donald Christensen - Obituary

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Is it that time already?

We were at a wedding this past Saturday for a wonderful young local couple, the kind who – despite their age – just seem to have it all figured out and know how they want to spend the rest of their lives and who they want to spend it with.



Editor's Soapbox
Mike Gainor

The wedding was down off St. Croix Road, past Shuey Farm and down that hill carved by water and ice eons ago leading to the flats and the river.

It's always lucky to have rain on a wedding, and these guys were very lucky. After hearing thunder threaten in the distance for nearly an hour and feeling the wind pick up, the rain finally came in a drenching downpour. The worst of it passed us by, and the wedding tents held up just fine, but there were still a few shrieks when the wind shifted and a rivulet of water that had been pouring off the tent changed direction and started pouring down people's backs.

However, they did then get a rainbow. Which made everything else more than worth it.

But what I really wanted to talk about was not the wedding, not the rain and not the rainbow. It was about what happened when those gusts of wind came on through

and shook the trees.

You guessed it – leaves started to fall.

The first signs of autumn are always a rude shock, to me anyway. August is still summer, and the month just started. The first zucchini have started to show up, but we ought to be knee-deep in the suckers by now. It has been a good, busy summer for us, and I suppose I'm just not ready to accept that it's going to end.

But here we are. The kids are ready to head back to school, including that couple who are going to spend the first year of their marriage as college students together (good luck, you two!), and pretty soon everything that's vibrant and green today will be turning red, gold and brown. And soon after that we're going to be wishing for a little bit of the heat and humidity that we're complaining about right now.

It goes by fast. It still feels, some days, like I just started working here at the *Pioneer*, but as of this issue I'm seeing stories I wrote about Pine City in the 10 Years Ago section. Boy oh boy.

Well, I hope you and yours are enjoying these last days of summer. Even with the leaves falling, there's still a lot left to take in, so let's all make the most of it.

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Ojibwe people have rich history in Pine County

BY MARINA VORK
HINCKLEY FIRE MUSEUM

During the summer of 2017 a committee in charge of the archives at the Hinckley Fire Museum decided to go over all the files of documents and photos collected at the museum since it opened. Colleen Volden chaired the committee. I was aware that the local Ojibwe tribe was planning to have a book written about their history. I volunteered to set aside all the documents and photos about the Ojibwe in order to share with them. I should also explain that there have been several names for the natives in our area that have been used over the years. They are often identified as Chippewa and later as Ojibwe. They refer to themselves as Anishinaabeg. I am using the Ojibwe identification.

My interest in the Ojibwe culture has evolved over the years. At the museum one of the often asked questions is "What happened to the Ojibwe during the fire?" I recall that when the museum opened we received information from Duane Dunkley that there is no exact information but that his father informed him that he knew of no deaths in the fire. In recent years I met David Matrous who was a local Ojibwe historian. We often traded information and I encouraged him to write down or record his records. During our year of record review, David died suddenly of a heart attack.

In this first article I would like to share local Ojibwe history located in our files and prepared by Lee Guptil and Carl H. Sommer. Lee worked at the Hinckley Post Office and loved local history. He published a book on our early history that is still used often to verify information. Carl Sommer was from Rush City and he was also a local historian who wrote a book on the Government Road. My third local reference was a book titled "We Are at Home" by Bruce White. Mr. White's book records photos and pictures as well as his interview with local Ojibwe families including the Towles and Dunkleys.

EARLY HISTORY

I would like to share a brief summary of the early history that brings us up to the time of the fire.

The Ojibwe burial services involve mounds. In 1966 the Stumne Mounds west of Pine City were opened under the direction of the Minnesota State Historical Society. This mound was ascer-

'Part of the raiding party was stationed on the west side of the lake to cut off any escape by canoe. A signal had been arranged for the beginning of the attack. A member of the raiding party prematurely fired his gun...'

Marina Vork

tained to be about 1,200 years old, meaning that these people lived here since 800 A.D. The first European people began coming into this area in the early 1800s. The Northwest Fur Company established a trading post in 1805. Conner's trading post came between 1816 to 1825. The next step in the area was taken by the missionaries.

MISSION ON POKEGAMA

In 1836, Reverend Ayers established a mission on Pokegama Lake. He worked on translating the Bible into the Ojibwe language. He also taught religion, home building and gardening. The mission closed in 1847.

The Sioux and the Ojibwe battled over this area. The Sioux had lived

along the St. Croix and Kettle Rivers but were pushed to the west and south by the Ojibwe. The last of their battles took place at the Mission on Pokegama Lake. In an earlier raid by the Ojibwe on an encampment near Stillwater, two sons of Little Crow had been killed.

The Sioux planned their revenge raid carefully. They were to wait in hiding until the Ojibwe began working in their Mission gardens. Part of the raiding party was stationed on the west side of the lake to cut off any escape by canoe. A signal had been arranged for the beginning of the attack. A member of the raiding party prematurely fired his gun. When warned, the Ojibwe were able to remain in their homes and the Mission building, sheltering their defense. The Sioux were beaten and retreated, taking their dead with them. The Ojibwe had anticipated the attack and sent their families to an island in the lake.

The fear of more attacks led to the closure of the Mission. Families left until it was no longer worthwhile to keep the Mission open.

My second article will bring information about the Ojibwe location at the time of the fire. It will involve the locations in the St. Croix State Park and their connection to Ed St. John and Chief Songetay.

What is going on with Minnesota's Human Services?

What in the world is happening at Minnesota's Department of Human Services?



State Senator

Jason Rarick

At the end of June, the career professional in charge of Minnesota's Medicaid program was suddenly let go. The only reason given was that his job was being eliminated. At the beginning of July two top deputy commissioners resigned abruptly without saying why. Days later, DHS Commissioner Tony Lourey resigned, saying only that he wasn't the right man for the job. The next day, his chief of staff quit, and the two deputies rescinded their resignations.

So why did all this happen? So far, Gov. Walz and folks at the department are keeping everything to themselves. Republicans have submitted data requests to try and learn the truth, but we haven't been given anything yet.

Here's what we know: the agency has a terrible track record of failure, fraud, waste, and privacy breaches back to the failed launch of MNsure in 2013, and includes MinnesotaCare and Medicaid eligibility problems, PCA Medicaid fraud, elder abuse, child care assistance fraud and much more. But clearly there is something else happening, and the public has a right to know about it.

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Pine City celebrates centennial birthday in 1969

BY KIM DAVID
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10 Years Ago, 2009

Rita Bible and Dave Griffith don't know each other, but these two Pine City residents share the qualities which caused them to be named 2009 Outstanding Senior Volunteers for Pine County. Regarding the long hours she spends volunteering, Rita said, "When you volunteer, you get self-satisfaction. Volunteers get more out of it than the people they help. It's the satisfaction that you are giving." Griffith said he was "surprised and humbled" by his award. But the variety and number of hours he



Years Ago
Kim David

has volunteered in his 85 years have more than earned him this recognition. "I consider it a privilege to have had all the years that I've done this. I mean that. It's been more benefit to me than the people I was serving. I serve warm meals and walk out with a warm heart," said Griffith.

Concluding its ninth annual Bridging the Dream scholarship campaign, the Pine Technical College Foundation awarded a total of \$26,400 to 32 deserving students. Thanks to the donation of more than 60 individual and business donations, 24 full-time students received \$1,000 and eight part-time students were awarded \$300 scholarships.

25 Years Ago, 1994

The newly crowned Miss Pine City, Joell Werner, spent time waving to the grandstand crowd following her coronation Thursday night at the Pine County Fair. Joell is the daughter of Jerry and Julie Werner.

Chosen to accompany her as princesses during her reign were Jolana Berchin, daughter of Nick and Sherrie Berchin, and Heather Cummings, daughter of Pam Cummings and Gary Cummings.

It was just a little path through the woods, but this summer it connected several young lives with their school and their community. Ten Pine City teenagers created what they call the Environmental Fitness Trail. It begins in the woods, east of the city's new softball fields and north of the high school. Working 12 hours, three days a week for six weeks, they ended up with a trail 10 to 12 feet wide and about one mile long. They also put in four Gamefield exercise pods, donated to the school district by the National Fitness Campaign, giving users the space and equipment to do warm up exercises, strengthening exercises and a cool down routine. The trail project was a cooperative effort of the Private Industry Council 5, which provided a grant to pay the workers \$4.25 per hour, the City of Pine City and Pine City School District. Students who participated were Kyle Hanson, Jeremy Wiberg, Shawn Bachmeier, Jason Koffler, Dustin Bodell, Brian Gray, Danielle Odegard, Mari Oare, Mark Olds and Erik Krine. Teachers Pam Jambeck and Terry Mikulich supervised the crew, and Tom Kloeckl served as overall coordinator of the project.



THE PIONEER

A Fair to remember

Maddie Delozier, Katelyn Booth and Audrianna McKeller share a seat and some laughs on the Scrambler at the 117th Pine County Fair in 2009.

50 Years Ago, 1969

Throngs of people are expected in this community during the next four days when a double-barreled event is being staged for Pine Citians, Pine County and area residents. Pine City, 100 years old this year, will note its centennial in conjunction with the 77th annual Pine County Fair which promises to be a most outstanding celebration.

The Village Council held its monthly session at which time Mayor Wm. Challen reported to councilmen on a meeting he had with the Pine County Commissioners in which the county had

proposed to take over the Pine City airport and make it a county airport.

75 Years Ago, 1944

The Village Council is asking the people who frequent Pine City to please drive slow and careful on the newly finished parts of the street improvement for the next few weeks. Careful use now will assure a long lasting, smooth surface for future driving pleasure.

100 Years Ago, 1919

Geo Schlensky shocked his grain one evening last week til eleven o'clock by the electric light on the top of the water tower, which is a 300 watt Mazda lamp erected by the Eastern Minne-

sota Power Company. George says the light is some accommodation in the busy season.

Henry Cherrer, last Friday while getting prepared to take a swim at Bede's Point on Cross Lake, saw a small clam, picked it up and found a fine 11-grain pearl in it.

125 Years Ago, 1894

The forest fires in this section of the country are still raging, but we have not heard of anyone being burned out as yet, although quite a number have had close calls.

The crew at the Pine City lumber companies mill quit work on Tuesday evening of this week, and they refuse to work until some kind of a settlement is made.

3rd Annual Corn Feed

August 17th, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

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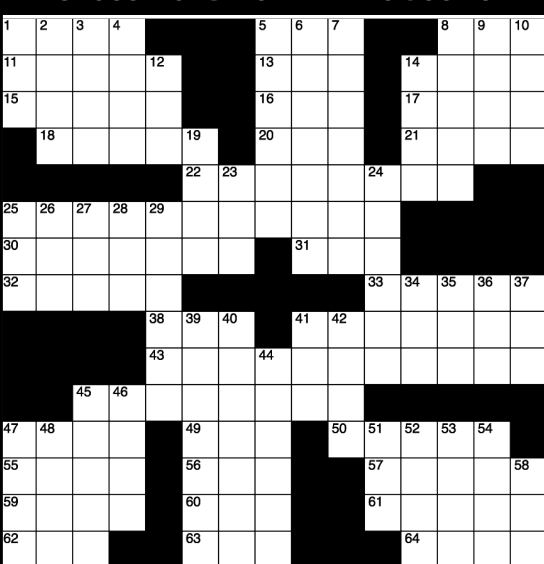
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE - AUGUST 8



CLUES ACROSS

- Social reformer Lucretia
- Engine additive
- Where draft beer comes from
- Skin lesions
- Denoting one or more things
- Beloved dish
- Packaging allowances
- Surrounds the earth
- Expresses pleasure
- "For goodness ___!"
- Liquefied natural gas
- Paul ___, Swiss painter
- Benign tumors
- In an early way
- Covered with wood
- Principle underlying the universe
- Message
- Become dry through heat
- Printing speed measurement

- One who does not succeed
- Type of agent
- Type of waste
- Wings
- Giants' signal caller
- Polio vaccine developer
- Congo native
- Mortal is one type
- Fishing vessel (Naut.)
- Ethnic group of Thailand
- Where golfers begin
- Western Florida city
- Belonging to us
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Influential Israeli diplomat

CLUES DOWN

- Mountain Time
- Int'l political organization (abbr.)
- Olympic champion Lipinski
- March
- Less fresh
- Reduced in size
- Garden archway
- Professional translators group (abbr.)
- Type of pain
- What to do for the cameras
- Midway between south and southeast
- Bangladeshi monetary unit
- Satisfy
- Flop
- Nearsightedness
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Midway between northeast and east
- Swedish castle

- War-ravaged Syrian city
- American model Carol
- Bitterly regret
- Grand ___: superior grade wine
- Of she
- Clergymen
- Ringwald and Shannon are two
- Daze
- Scores perfectly
- More narcissistic
- Fencing sword
- Highest point
- In addition
- Hawaiian feast
- Appropriate under the circumstances
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The Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Please submit your nomination in writing by email at info@pinecitychamber.com or by mail 315 Main Street South, Suite 155, Pine City MN 55063. Deadline for submission is Friday, August 30th. A nominee should be a resident of Pine City and exhibit qualities that make them deserving of recognition by the community. A recognition banquet in honor of the 2019 Citizen of the Year will be planned for the end of September.

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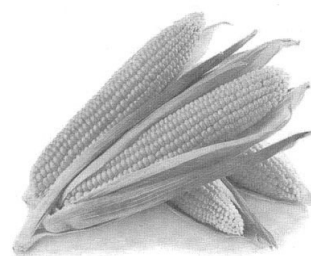
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Our annual parade wouldn't be possible without the work of many volunteers that help organize the event and ensure that it runs smoothly. We want to thank each of them for their time in supporting this great event: Joe Dvorak, Butch Nicoll, Frank Christopherson, Todd Cummings, Terry Peterson, Carissa Vogel and JoAnn Gray. These volunteers do a great job to ensure that our event runs smoothly for so many to enjoy the day.

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Governor Walz takes a tour of the Pine County Fair

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz visited the Pine County Fair on Thursday afternoon to meet the people and check out the action. He stopped in the beer garden and shared a few words with Pine County Fair Board President Pete Leibel and Pine City Lion Terry Rothenbacher. Walz swung by the animal exhibits and got acquainted with Fair Board Member David Durheim and a few four-legged Minnesotans. The governor declared the pork chops delicious, and had a laugh with Rep. Nathan Nelson and his son. After touring the exhibit halls, both Walz and Agriculture Commissioner Thom Peterson tried an ear of sweet corn before getting back on the road.



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Senator Jason Rarick took the plunge in the dunk tank on Sunday afternoon to raise funds for local youth.

Five fun days of the Pine County Fair

No one enjoyed the Pine County Fair more than pedal-puller Barrett Nordahl during the Fair's Sunday Funday, but there were plenty who made the most of it.



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Heather Jager served the first of many, many, many Pine County Fair pork chops just before 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31.



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The King, as portrayed by Beroun's Kevin Luedtke, rocked the Bandstand crowd on Friday afternoon.



CHLOE GAVIN

Braelynn Giampolo and Mitchell Norton raced around the Midway on Saturday.



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Jaeggar Anderson really liked his sweet corn while on a Thursday stroller ride through the Fair, but looked like he might be ready for a nap just afterward.

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- 2 Justin Schlegel - Brainerd - 310'11"
- 3 Tim Witucki - Little Falls - 309'8"

Super Stock 6200

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- 2 Justin Schlegel - Brainerd - 311'11"
- 3 Tim Witucki - Little Falls - 307'3"

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- 1 Tim Witucki - Little Falls - 299'0"
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- 1 Tim Witucki - Little Falls - 319'0"
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1st #10 Tyler Pangerl, Hugo
2nd #49 Popeye Youngbauer, Rush City
3rd #42 Dylan Ploub, Pine City
4th #87 Jakob Freese, North Branch

Stock Cars

1st #88 Greg Gorman, Stacy
2nd #48 Tom Waters, Rush City
3rd #37 Dale Smith, Pine City
4th #44 Skip Peterson, Pine City

Best Paint Job

#89 Alden Nelson, North Branch

Hardest Hit Trophy

#48 Tom Waters, Rush City

SATURDAY NIGHT DEMO DERBY

Antiques

1st #13 Dave Wiberg, Pine City
2nd #23 Gavin Rockstroh, Pine City
3rd #13 Matt Wiberg, Pine City
4th #13 Ryan Linnell, Pine City

Chain Stock Cars

1st #24 Brian Gray, Pine City
2nd #25 Paul Carroll, Pine City
3rd #15 Zach Skluzacek, Pine City
4th #38 Ben Allen, Pine City

Little Trucks

1st #18 Cory Leaf, Pine City
2nd #185 Shane Roatch, Pine City
3rd #12 Jeramiah Mohr, Pine City
4th #88 Jeremy Johnson, Grantsburg

Big Trucks

1st #42 Dylan Ploub, Pine City
2nd #22 Jake Cornelius, Pine City
3rd #49 Marty Youngbauer, Rush City
4th #6 Brady Schumacher, Pine City

Stock Cars

1st #89 James Gorman, Stacy
2nd #55 Jake Smith, Braham
3rd #48 Tom Waters, Rush City
4th #17 Jake Fedder, Pine City

Best Paint Job

#18 Cory Leaf, Pine City

Hardest Hit Trophy

#24 Derek Garmon, Rush City



LANCE FURBER | THE PIONEER

Things got a little hot sometimes down in the derby pit, but no injuries were reported.



LANCE FURBER | THE PIONEER

Hill Gang drivers wore their colors proudly as they drove hard through the mud of the derby pit.



LANCE FURBER | THE PIONEER

The big trucks drove tough on Saturday evening, while a rainbow arced over the entire Pine County Fair.



MIKE GAINOR | THE PIONEER

A young derby fan cheers for the drivers after the finish of the little trucks heat on Friday night.

Man charged with theft after vehicle disappears

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@PINECITYMN.COM

Ronald Benjamin Stillday, 30, of Hinckley has been charged with felony motor vehicle theft and felony fifth degree possession of a controlled substance after a vehicle disappeared from a Hinckley motel on July 29.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Pine County Court, on July 30 a deputy responded to America's Best Value Inn on report of a stolen vehicle.

The victim said he came to the hotel

between 5-6 p.m. on July 29 in a 2006 Chevy Trailblazer. He had many bags to carry so he left his keys in the center console. When he got up a few hours later he looked out the window and saw the Trailblazer was gone, with approximately \$2,000 of tools inside.

Hotel surveillance video showed three males wearing hoodies come to the car at 11:26 p.m. on July 29. Two of them got in the vehicle while the third walked away.

Deputies believed they recognized the male who entered the

driver's seat as Stillday. They located the Trailblazer at the Willow Winds Apartments in Hinckley.

The victim found several items in the vehicle that did not belong to him. These items included court paperwork for Stillday, and clothing that matched what the thief was wearing on video.

A deputy located and arrested Stillday on July 31. In his backpack the deputy found the vehicle's title, keys and items belonging to the victim.

A baggie containing a crystalline substance

was also found in the backpack, which later tested positive for methamphetamine.

Law enforcement reports that after being read his Miranda warning, Stillday admitted taking the car, and said he was planning to sell it for money.

The maximum charge for felony motor vehicle theft is five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. The maximum charge for felony fifth degree possession of a controlled substance is five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Build up bluegills with catch-and-release

BY JENNIFER YOCUM-STANS
HINCKLEY NEWS

Around 16 million sunfish each year are caught on Minnesota lakes, making them the most harvested fish in the state. In order to avoid stunted populations of sunfish, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) is encouraging anglers to release larger sunfish, instead keeping the smaller ones for eating.

According to the DNR, during spring and early summer, sunfish spawn in large nesting colonies. The female lays the eggs and then leaves them with a male who builds the nest and protects and fans them with his fins.

The largest male will often get the best spawning sites, proving that sometimes size does matter. If anglers keep all of the larger males this leaves no competition for the smaller males, who then focus on spawning instead of growing.

"Some of our local lakes and rivers have bluegill

populations with very good sized fish present. Exercising selective harvest of bluegill will help to ensure that quality size structure exists into the future," said Leslie George, DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor in Hinckley. "Harvesting big bluegill, which are typically males, removes a critical component of spring spawning success from the population and eliminates these fish from passing along their genes. Practicing the catch and release of big bluegill while keeping smaller fish for an afternoon fish fry will help protect bluegill populations for future generations of anglers of all ages."

A DNR press release states that spawning sunfish are particularly prone to over harvest because they are very aggressive while defending a nest. Anglers can help by releasing spawning sunfish, especially large, nesting males. Released fish have a high survival rate and will typically return to their nests to complete the spawning cycle.

GPAE announces fall grants

GREATER PINE AREA ENDOWMENT

The Greater Pine Area Endowment is inviting local non-profit organizations to submit grant requests for the upcoming fall review date. The deadline for submission of grant applications is midnight on Saturday, Aug. 31.

The Greater Pine Area Endowment Fund was created in 1992 as a component fund of the Initiative Foundation to develop community resources and to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families in the Pine City area. The GPAE funds have been established to provide financial

resources for the needs of the area within the physical boundaries of the Pine City School District 578.

The grant funds can be used for economic or community development projects. For economic development projects, funding will be considered for projects that lead to quality job creation or high tech employment. Projects that promote community pride and quality of life through environmental stewardship and community beautification would be considered under the community development category. The GPAE will also consider proposals that positively impact the housing, safety,

employment and other needs of the more vulnerable members of the community including youth, the elderly and those who are low-income.

Since its inception, the GPAE has granted to organizations such as the Pine City History Association for a projector installation at the Pine City Community Room; Pine City Community Education for the vision screening devices for early childhood program; and to the Pine City Trap Shooting Team for storage facility. Most recently, a grant was awarded to Pine City Youth Hockey and City of Pine City for upgrades to the outdoor hockey

rinks located at Hilltop Park.

The online grant submission process hosted through the Initiative Foundation can be accessed through the GPAE website at www.pineendowment.org. Organizations seeking assistance in using the online system should contact Becky Schueler at pinecitychamber@gmail.com or 320-322-4040. A copy of the grant guidelines is available online or can be picked up from the Chamber of Commerce office at 315 Main Street South. Online submissions are due by midnight on Saturday, Aug. 31.

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PROPERTY: Values have gone up in county

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reviews properties once every five years to update records such as if there is new construction on the property.

"All property values are adjusted annually whether we physically reviewed your parcel or not," said Houtsma.

DISAGREEING WITH VALUATION

Houtsma explained, "If people have questions regarding next year's value, I urge them to call our office and speak with the appropriate appraiser for their jurisdiction.

There are board of equalization meetings for those who wish to attend and appeal their value. The times and dates are stated on the valuation notice. Once the meeting has taken place however, you have lost your right to appeal until the following year."

If people are concerned about their taxes, Houtsma suggested filing for a property tax refund. That information can be found on the back of the tax statement.

She indicated if a resident's property taxes increase more than 12 percent AND more than \$100 in one year, the resident can file for a special property tax refund (again, the property owner should see the back of the statement for more information).

"I find the best way if someone has questions is to contact our office," said Houtsma. "We would be more than happy to run through their information with them. If they feel it is incorrect, we then would schedule an interior review of their home to confirm our information."

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FARM: The Zasteras of Pokegama Township named Pine County's Farm Family of the year for 2019

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acres with 50 acres tillable. Jason also rents land on 20 other farms and grows 300 acres of corn, 350 of soybeans, 150 of hay and 50 of wheat for a total of 850 acres of crops. He grows hay for the horse and beef hay markets. They also have 25 sows and sell feeder pigs privately.

Jason has been farming for 8 years full-time after working for many years as a heavy equipment operator on road and large earth construction projects primarily in the Dakotas. He said that he started farming full-time because he missed his family, wanted to settle down, stay home and be his own boss.

Jason indicated that his goal is to try to make farming on a small scale successful.

"New equipment is a luxury and does not necessarily pay in this area," he said. "My equipment is 20 years old; I can fix it and it's paid for. I am farming for myself and not the bank. I am fortunate that I can do it."

In an effort to be more successful he has been experimenting with no-till farming and cover crops. He has used no-till seeding equipment for his corn, soybeans and wheat for six years.

He had his best soybeans when he no-till planted them into corn stalks. He has found that no-till works well on sandy soil. He has found that it can also work on clay, but soybeans may take a few extra days to germinate.

Other benefits of no-till farming are that he has been able to eliminate two trips over his fields in the spring and one in the fall. Not only does that reduce soil compaction and improve soil health, it also has reduced his fuel costs and labor time by 25% or more. He said that he is trying to cut costs without cutting corners, to get the best bang for his buck

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Jason Zastera

and to remain profitable with less fuel costs and machinery maintenance.

He has been impressed with the results.

"I can now drive on fields due to increased soil aggregate size," he said. "I do not have to fall plow and only have to till fields in order to smooth or level the ground before planting hay ground."

With help from a Soil and Water Conservation District staff he has experimented with cover crops in an effort to build soil structure, organic matter, to reduce wind and water erosion in the fall and spring when bare soil is exposed to the elements. He has used a SWCD drill to plant cover crops of rye, tillable radish and field peas cover-crops into wheat stubble the first week of September. He is finding that the cover crops break up soil compaction, scavenge for leftover nutrients and are an opportunity to have a second crop in the same year. The rye survives the winter to provide soil cover in the spring.

Cover crops also help the soil to hold more water like a sponge and they provide more earthworm and root passages. They also increase soil aggregate size;

organic matter and they reduce the amount of needed commercial fertilizer.

On the first week in August he plans to broadcast seed tillable radishes into soybeans. He concluded that in this challenging year that his cover crops have been successful. If a helicopter applicator were available, he would like to try flying cover crop seeds into standing corn.

"I don't claim to be a pro at this," said Jason. "However, you don't know if it will work unless you get out of your comfort zone and try something different."

Jason is on the Pine City Fire Department. He said that he does that because he lost an aunt and cousins in a house fire. Jason and Jade also try to support local fundraisers and benefits for those in need. Jason also serves on the Pokegama Township board. They also adopted the road running by the farm for roadside cleanup.

For fun, Jason has participated in tractor pulls, demolitions derbies and antique tractor clubs. When Jade isn't busy chasing after their toddler, she works part-time at the Pine City Animal Hospital and is involved in church activities. Zoe loves spending time around the farm helping with chores and getting tractor, combine, and skid steer rides with Jason.

The Farm Family Recognition Program has existed for over two decades and has been sponsored and coordinated by the University of Minnesota Extension, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine. The Farm Family of the Year is selected by the Pine County Extension Committee. Nominations for next year's recipient family can be submitted to the Pine County Extension office at the Courthouse in Pine City.

RAMPS: County Road 7 overpass closed into October

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north side of the bridge.

Deming had earlier said that the two-year, \$24,220,127 project – which also included construction of the new Highway 70 bridge, construction of both I-35 bridges over the Snake River, and repav-

ing of all the roadway in between – is going well so far.

"Right now we're on schedule," Deming said. "As long as we don't get any weather delays we should stay that way."

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INSPIRATIONS

Nostalgia brings laughter, tears

According to Webster, the definition of nostalgia is as follows, "The state of being homesick; a wistful or excessively sentimental yearning for return to, or of, some past period or irrecoverable condition." It seems, as one ages, that nostalgia becomes a more constant companion. It's like a winding road that you find yourself strolling upon more and more often.

As I stroll to the rock garden where my mother toiled many years ago, I can still hear her voice, stating as she often did, "Brighter days are coming."

When I walk to my shed in the area we called the mill yard, I can hear the whine of the saw as it turned out beautiful boards from logs neighbors hauled to my dad, Sawmill Anderson, to be sawed into lumber for them. I can hear Dad's voice calling out the board feet to me, as I sat nearby keeping a written record of it for him.

Perusing scrapbooks with photos of sibling supper events at Christmastime, I laugh aloud as I see my sister Lorraine posing as an old Swedish woman, calling herself "Ingeborg" as she handed out gag gifts to each of us.

The other day I couldn't remember someone's name from years ago, so by force of habit I went to the phone to ask my brother, Relic Anderson, and then realized he is no longer on this earth.

And now I must mosey out to the porch swing on the screen house deck where my late husband and I often watched the full moon rise. Back in 2013 I was inspired to write a piece of poetry which was published in The Talking Stick, Vol. 22, by Jackpine Writers Bloc:

I Thought It Was You

I sat on the swing today—
you know—the one
on the screen house deck
where we always sat
as the full moon rose.

I thought I felt your arm
encircle my shoulders,
but it was the honeysuckle vine,
now grown
taller and thicker.

I thought I heard your voice
whispering in my ear,
but it was the wind
in the branches of that pine
we planted years ago.

I thought I inhaled your scent,
making me tipsy,
but it was the rich, dark earth
to which you have
returned.

MARGARET MARTY is a writer and poet who is delighted to be living in retirement on the Rock Creek farm where she grew up.

Editor's Note: We look forward to making "Inspirations" a regular part of the Pine City Pioneer, and invite faith leaders, community members and thoughtful readers to take part and share their ideas in this space. For more information email editor@pinecitymn.com or call Mike at 320-629-6771.



**Meandering
with Margaret**
Margaret
Marty



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WORSHIP GUIDE

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815 7th St. SW, Pine City
10 a.m. Bible Study
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4 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study.
Contact: Greg Douvier
320-336-8978

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(Youth Group),
Jr & Sr High 6:00 p.m.
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Email: pinecityefree@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

320-629-2935
19390 Ave, Beroun, MN
Monsignor Alek Suchan
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

South Pine Baptist Church

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Elizabeth M. Sobieck-Erickson

Elizabeth "Betty" Mae Sobieck-Erickson was born Dec. 11, 1939, in St. Cloud to Leo and Ann (Schreder) Guck. She grew up in the Sauk Rapids area, attending school and graduating from Cathedral High School.



After high school, Betty moved to the Metro and worked at a number of jobs. She met and married Edward Sobieck in 1962 and the couple made their home in the Coon Rapids area. Betty was employed at Medtronic. In 1979, Betty and Ed moved to Rush City to purchase Bunny's Bakery which they owned and operated until

1982. Ed passed away unexpectedly in 1981 and Betty ran Rush City Bakery for another year before selling it to Darrell Seim.

In 1985, Betty married Ron "Hot Rod" Erickson and they both sold their homes in Rush City and purchased a home on Goose Lake. Hospitality was always very important to Betty and they entertained and enjoyed the company of many at their lake home. Betty and Ron spent 10 years living in St. Petersburg, Florida before returning to Rush City and living in their condo at Rush Landing Court. Betty loved her family and loved cooking and baking and playing 500 with her friends. The last two years, Betty has resided at the Bickford Care Center in North Branch where she passed Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019, at the age of 79.

Betty is survived by her husband Ron Erickson of Rush City; daughter Beth Hein of Rush City; sons Dan Sobieck of Oakdale, David (Ritsu) Sobieck of Japan; grandchildren Brittney (Jeremy) Schwinn of Fargo, North Dakota, Brooke Hein of Oakdale, Blake Hein of Rush City, Brent Hein of Fargo, North Dakota, Tiffany Sobieck of Japan, Adam Sobieck of Oakdale; sister Mary Esselman of Sartell; many nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Leo and Anna Guck; husband Ed Sobieck; sisters Arlene (Ken) Ethen, Kathy (Ted) Ferrinhoff, Jeanette (Ed) Binsfeld; brothers Jerry Guck, Dennis Guck.

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wassinger will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial for Betty at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rush City, with a time of visitation and reviewal one hour prior to the Mass at church and Friday evening from 4-7 p.m. at the Olson Chapel in Rush City.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to: Funeral and Cremation Service of Rush City - Olson Chapel. www.FuneralAndCremationService.com

William 'Bill' Hamlin

Services celebrating the life of William "Bill" Hamlin, age 47 of Cambridge, will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Miller-Carlin Funeral Home Chapel in



St. Cloud. Bill died unexpectedly on Friday, Aug. 2, while camping with his family. Friends and family may gather from 4 p.m. until the time of the service, Thursday at the funeral home in St. Cloud.

Bill was born Sept. 28, 1971, in Robbinsdale to William and Nancy (Anderson) Hamlin. He grew up in Coon Rapids and then made his home in Pine City before moving to Cambridge. Bill married Jean

Kaeter on March 16, 2019, in Minneapolis. He was an owner-operator truck driver and was currently working for Cyndi Ray Transportation. Bill also enjoyed spending time with his family.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jean Hamlin, Cambridge; his children; Nicholas (Tessa Hansen) Engler, Clear Lake; Christopher Hamlin, Waite Park; Hailey Rosenberger, Cambridge; Maci Rosenberger, Cambridge; Parker Hamlin, Cambridge; his mother, Nancy Hamlin, St. Cloud; his brothers and sisters, Charles (Dawn) Marvets, Round Lake, Texas; Anthony (Julie) Marvets, Lakeville; Joel (Randy) Heintz, Afton, Oklahoma; Tammy Storms, Waite Park; and Karla (Bradley) Olson, Milaca.

He is preceded in death by his father, William Hamlin in 1997 and his brother, Terry Anderson.

Judy Anderson

Judy Anderson of Rock Creek died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, at her home at the age of 78.

Funeral services for Judy are at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, 2019, at Journey North Church in Pine City. A time for family and friends to gather is planned from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8 at the Olson Funeral Chapel in Rush City and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the: Funeral and Cremation Service of Rush City - Olson Chapel. For more details visit: www.FuneralAndCremationService.com.

Diane R. Biernat

Diane was born in Minneapolis on Dec. 15, 1941, and joined God's Choir in Portland, Oregon on June 9, 2019.

Diane attended St. Ann's Catholic School through 8th grade then graduated from Minneapolis North High School in 1959. In high school, she excelled in choir and received a trophy for her secretarial skills. Diane worked as a cashier for the Red Owl grocery stores and then as a secretary for the American Automobile Association. In 1962 Diane married John P. Biernat and moved to Coon Rapids. John worked for American Monarch



Company but soon started his own business named Biernat Engineering Company which designed and manufactured circuit boards enabling both to work at home. The family soon grew with the addition of three boys, Joel, Jim and Jason.

In 1972 the family moved to a small farm between Grasston and Henriette and modified the barn to accommodate the business. By 1977, the business ended and Diane started her own business becoming a Tupperware dealer while John worked in Hinckley for Nord Photo Engineering.

In 1979 the family moved to Sherwood, Oregon. John passed away in 1981. Diane found secretarial work with a few smaller companies and eventually with Tektronics, Sprint and Benefit Design Group.

Diane loved her boys and became a grandmother to Garrett in 1995. Diane helped her boys with school, 4-H, Vacation Bible School, hosted Bible studies and was involved with the creation of the Henriette Church Cookbook. Diane's interests included the church, choir, music, band, cooking, sewing, gardening, plants, horses, baseball, collecting many giraffes and angels.

A celebration of life was held at St. Francis Catholic Church in Sherwood, Oregon on Saturday, July 27, 2019.

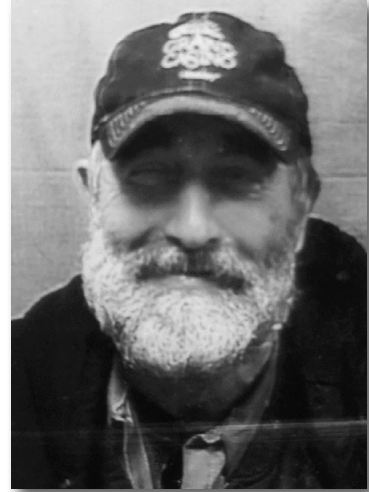
Diane was preceded in death her husband John P. Biernat, sister Dee Dee Butler, nephew Julian Schwartz and parents Raymond and Beatrice (Beauchaine) Prochaska.

Diane is survived by her children: Joel A. (Michele) Biernat, Jim A. Biernat, Jason J. Biernat; grandson Garrett D. Biernat; sister Darlene (Charles) Prochaska; niece Erika (Phillip) Hilgaertner and daughter; nephew Anton (Rachel) Ptak and sons; nephew Andre (Dawn) Ptak and sons; brother and sister-in-law Richard and Patricia Schwartz.

Douglas J. Kubesh

Douglas John Kubesh, age 59, passed away on July 29, 2019, at Sandstone Health Care Center.

Douglas John Kubesh was born on Oct. 16, 1959, to Walter and Joan Kubesh. He grew up on the family farm. Douglas worked at different places but his two favorites were over the road trucking coast to coast and in 2002, he found his dream job at the Grand Casino in Hinckley as a groundskeeper. That is where employees became friends and became his second family. Douglas enjoyed zipping around the grounds, mowing



the lawn and helping out during the events that the casino had during the years. When he was not working, you were sure to see him at any auctions, looking for the treasures or adding to his tool collection. And of course, catching up on the news in the area.

Everything changed on June 2, 2018, when he was diagnosed with gallbladder cancer.

He was preceded by his parents, Walter and Joan, his grandparents and other loved ones.

Douglas is survived by his brothers, Micheal and Bruce (Jennifer) of Hinckley, his nephew Brian, his niece Allison, Uncle Ted and Aunt Gloria of Blaine, Uncle Leonard Sigurdson and family of Grasston, friend Allan Lamberth, many cousins and friends and his casino family. Honorary pallbearers are Chester (Janice) Gustafson, Donald Larson, Al (Mary Jane) Borchard, John Plank and Doug Hagle.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Tattling-Methven Funeral Chapel in Hinckley from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Arrangements by Tattling Methven Funeral and Cremation Services in Hinckley.

Evelyn M. Larter

Evelyn Larter passed away July 24, 2019 at her home in Pine City at the age of 75.

Evelyn Mae Jacoway was born April 26, 1944, to Delbert and Rose (Barbs) Jacoway in Rush City.

Evelyn is survived by her sons Michael Larter of Pine City and James (Kim) Larter of Rock Creek; grandchildren Mark Larter of Blaine and Rachel Larter of Coon Rapids; siblings Janette (Ken) Spielman, Carol Kuglin, Dale Jacoway and Doug (Pauline) Jacoway; many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Delbert and Rose Jacoway; brother Wayne Larter and brother-in-law Robert Kuglin.

There will be a private family service for Evelyn at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to: Funeral and Cremation Service of Pine City - Swanson Chapel. www.FuneralAndCremationService.com



Stanley A. Teeman

Stan Teeman passed away Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019, at Ecumen of North Branch at the age of 96.

Stanley Arvid Teeman was born May 20, 1923, to John and Alice (Stark) Teeman in Harris.

Stanley served his country in the United States Army Air Force from March 1944 to November 1945. In 1950-1951 Stan worked civilian construction at the Garrison Dam in North Dakota and built Air Force barracks in Greenland 1951-1953 and again in 1955-1957. He owned and operated the Fish Lake Pavilion in Harris from 1954-1965. He also farmed in Harris during the years of

1958-1986. In December of 1958, he married Lorna and together they had a son, Ronald. Stan married Margaret on July 6, 1979, and along with her children they all became a family. Upon retirement in 1986 they moved to Pine City.

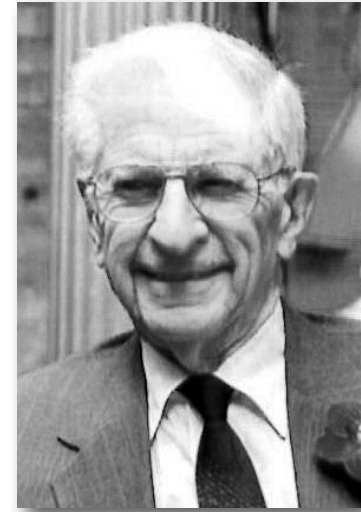
Stan was a faithful member of several organizations: Rock Creek Lions, Heath-Perkins American Legion Post #51 for 75 years, longtime member of the Masonic Lodge and 70 years as an Osman Shriner. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, golfing and spending time with his family and friends.

Stan is survived by his children: Ron Teeman of Pine City, Charles (Diane) Higgins of Sandstone, Michael (Jackie) Higgins of North Branch, Patrick (Mary) Higgins of White Bear Lake, Kathy (Jeff) Nelson of Rush City; 18 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Jackie Anderson and Cindy Demko, both of Minneapolis; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Stan is preceded in death by his parents John and Alice Teeman; wife Margaret Teeman; brothers Russell Teeman and Robert (Dortha) Teeman; sisters Dorothy (Fillmore) Lindberg, Mary Ann (Ernie) Anderson; brother-in-law Richard Amlee; daughter-in-law Cindy Teeman; stepson Alan Higgins.

Pastor Lee Beecher officiated at funeral services for Stan on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019, at the Swanson Funeral Chapel in Pine City. The interment took place at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Beroun.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to: Funeral and Cremation Service of Pine City - Swanson Chapel. www.FuneralAndCremationService.com



COLLEGE

Dean's list

Mason Ferguson of Hinckley has been named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the spring 2019 semester. He is the son of Greg Ferguson and Shawn O'Donovan.

The academic high honor and honor lists (dean's lists) for the past spring semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced. **Natalie Kolling** of Pine City and **Jenna Tekavec** of Hinckley earned honors, and **Ryan Feist** of Finlayson earned high honors.

The following students have been named to the 2019 spring semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities:

Hinckley residents **Brianna K. Barstad** and **Mason R. Currie**; Sturgeon Lake resident **Deanna S. Wallin**; Pine City residents **Maria C. Anderson**, **Jenna Hiljus**, **Savannah L. Larson**, **Cassi J. Miesner**, and **Samuel A. Roberto**.

Local students have earned dean's list honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji at the conclusion of the spring 2019 semester. Included among those honored are **Paige Gobel** of Brook Park, **Nicholas Bridenstine** of Finlayson, **Casey Sura** of Hinckley, **McKenzie Kloeckl** of Pine City, **Ramon Buzo III** of Sandstone and **Morgan Prachar** of Willow River.

BIRTHS

Moulton

Elijah Kristofor Moulton was born on July 2, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. His parents are Kris and Megan Moulton of Pine City. Eli is welcomed by grandparents Randy and Betty Herges of Ogilvie, Ron and Ellen Lauer of Rock Creek, Bob and Brenda Moulton of Cambridge.

Bare

Castiel James Alexander Bare was born on July 7, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed eight pounds, six-and-a-half ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. His parents are Kaila Nicole Moritz and Justice David Madison Bare of Hinckley and Salisbury, North Carolina. Castiel is welcomed home by siblings Jaider, 5, and Brynleigh, 1. His grandparents are Lynn Lindl, Richard Moritz, Kelley Bare and David Bare.

Brockner

Chase Dale Brockner was born on July 8, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 19-3/4 inches long. His parents are Danielle Dalglisn and Chad Brockner of Mora. Chase is welcomed home by sibling Kadian Brockner, 5. His grandparents are April Hurst, Jenny Brockner and Joey Brockner.

Villarreal

Destin Diesel Villarreal was born on July 10, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed eight pounds and was 20 inches long. His mother is Daisha Honsey of Hinckley. Destin is welcomed by grandparents Melissa LaFave and George LaFave.

Marohn

Tarin Grace Marohn was born on July 12, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. She weighed nine pounds, three ounces and was 21-3/4 inches long. Her parents are Colton and Cassie Marohn of Braham. Tarin is welcomed home by sibling Easton, 1. Her grandparents are Brian and Callie Marohn of Braham, Melissa Anderson of Mora and Jeremiah Anderson of Minneapolis.

WEATHER			
Date	High	Low	Precipitation
7/29	74°	56°	0
7/30	72°	49°	0
7/31	76°	48°	0
8/1	82°	55°	0
8/2	82°	62°	0
8/3	84°	63°	.04"
8/4	83°	60°	0

PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

July 28 - Aug. 4 Theft, burglary, vandalism

July 28, 3:51 p.m., report of **MVA property damage**, Hillside Ave. SE, Pine City.
 July 29, 4:39 p.m., report of **damage to property**, State Hwy. 70, Pine City.
 July 30, 8:22 a.m., report of **vehicle theft**, Co. Hwy. 61, Pine City.
 July 30, 4:11 p.m., report of **theft**, Main St. S, Pine City.
 Aug. 1, 8:12 a.m., report of **theft**, 9th St. SW, Pine City.
 Aug. 1, 12:30 p.m., report of **theft**, 7th Ave. SW, Pine City.
 Aug. 2, 12:09 a.m., report of **burglary**, Westchester Dr., Pine City.
 Aug. 2, 6:09 p.m., report of **property lost/found**, 1st Ave. NW, Pine City.
 Aug. 3, 12:57 p.m., report of **property lost/found**, Northridge Dr. NW, Pine City.
 Aug. 3, 11:07 p.m., report of **theft**, 1st Ave. NW, Pine City.

Miscellaneous

July 28, 8:59 a.m., report of **traffic pursuit**, Edgewater Rd., Pine City.
 July 29, 9:47 a.m., report of **incident with squad**, Northridge Dr. NW, Pine City.
 July 30, 6:23 p.m., report of **domestic disturbance**, 8th St. SW, Pine City.
 July 30, 8:53 p.m., report of **threats**, State Hwy. 70, Pine City.
 July 31, 10:00 a.m., report of **child protection/neglect**, Airport Rd. NE, Pine City.
 July 31, 10:09 a.m., report of **psychological problem**, 3rd Ave. NE, Pine City.
 Aug. 1, 9:15 p.m., report of **disturbance**, 1st Ave. NW, Pine City.

Aug. 2, 4:21 p.m., report of **personal injury**, 1st Ave. NW, Pine City.
 Aug. 2, 11:50 p.m., report of **assault**, 1st Ave. NW, Pine City.
 Aug. 3, 12:10 a.m., report of **fight**, 1st Ave. NW, Pine City.
 Aug. 3, 1:05 p.m., report of **assault**, Lakeview Shore Dr., Pine City.
 Aug. 3, 11:05 p.m., report of **assault**, 1st Ave. NW, Pine City.

Jail roster

July 29, **Zachary Tyler Smith**, traffic- DWI-operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration .08 within 2 hours.
 July 29, **Kristopher Lee Almsted**, Pine County warrant: probation violation- FE warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana. Released July 31.
 July 29, **Bryan Alan Bemboom**, probable cause, traffic- driver's license- driving after cancellation- inimical to public safety. Released July 31.
 July 29, **Gregory Richard Fisher**, Pine County warrant: failure to appear warrant; financial transaction card fraud- use- no consent; traffic- drivers license- driving after cancellation- inimical to public safety; drugs- 5th degree. Released July 31.
 July 29, **Ashley Elizabeth Gald**, writ, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana. Released July 31.
 July 29, **Andrew Clifford Ruse**, probable cause, drugs- 5th degree; trespass. Released July 31.
 July 29, **Daniel Joseph Lenahan**, Pine County warrant: bench felony warrant, drugs- 1st degree- sale- 17 grams or

more- cocaine or meth w/ in 90-day period; drugs- 1st degree- possess 50 grams or more- cocaine or methamphetamine. Released July 30.
 July 29, **Christina Rae Aaseng**, summons, theft- theft of property. Released July 29.
 July 30, **Jonathan Paul Bjur**, probable cause, traffic- driver's license- driving after cancellation- inimical to public safety, theft.
 July 30, **John Shabaiash**, probable cause, domestic abuse no contact orders.
 July 30, **Bryce Thomas Valvoda**, under sentence, traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol.
 July 30, **Kelly Todd King**, probable cause, domestic assault- misdemeanor- commits act to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death. Released Aug. 1.
 July 30, **Danielle Brooke Conrad**, probable cause, traffic- DWI- 3rd degree driving while impaired, refuse to submit to chemical test; fleeing a peace officer by a means other than a motor vehicle. Released July 31.
 July 30, **David Anthony Leikam**, Pine County warrant: bench- gross misdemeanor warrant; drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; traffic regulation- driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Released July 31.
 July 30, **Michael Mark Miller II**, summons, disorderly conduct; assault- 5th degree- fear of bodily harm or death. Released July 30.
 July 30, **Alisha Marie Severin**, summons, financial transaction card fraud. Released July 30.
 July 31, **Andrew Michael**

Scott, Pine County warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; hold for other agency, giving peace officer false name- of another person.
 July 31, **Ronald Stilday**, probable cause, drugs- 5th degree controlled substance- possession; theft- take/drive motor vehicle- no owner consent.
 July 31, **Christopher Allen Karloske**, probable cause, terroristic threats- reckless disregard risk; traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, DWI- refuse to submit to chemical test, breath or test refusal or failure. Released Aug. 2.
 July 31, **Regena Christine Campbell**, Pine County warrant, counterfeiting of currency- uttering or possessing, fleeing a peace officer by a means other than a motor vehicle. Released Aug. 1.
 July 31, **Angelique Elizabeth White**, Pine County warrant, theft- take/use/ transfer movable property- no consent; burglary- 3rd degree- steal/commit felony or gross misd.; giving peace officer false name- of another person; drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana. Released Aug. 1.
 Aug. 1, **Joshua Robin Smith**, Pine County warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; hold for other agency, aggravated robbery- 1st degree.
 Aug. 1, **Patricia Ann Smith**, hold for other agency, drugs- 5th degree controlled substance- possession.
 Aug. 1, **Buster Brown Dunkley**, Pine County warrant, obstruct

legal process- interfere w/ peace officer.
 Aug. 1, **Ashley Marie Jenkins**, under sentence, disorderly conduct.
 Aug. 1, **Thor Ronald Robinson**, under sentence, dangerous weapons- drive by shooting toward person, occupied motor vehicle or occupied building.
 Aug. 1, **Dominick Skye Mains**, probable cause, disorderly conduct. Released Aug. 2.
 Aug. 1, **Jordan Matthew Rarick**, Pine County warrant, receiving stolen property; burglary- 1st degree- dwelling- occupied-non-accomplice present, 2nd degree- dwelling; theft- take/use/ transfer movable property- no consent; receiving stolen property; financial transaction card fraud- use- no consent; domestic assault- misdemeanor- intentionally inflicts/attempts to inflict bodily harm on another. Released Aug. 2.
 Aug. 1, **Phillip Steven Nichele**, hold for other agency: unspecified warrant... Released Aug. 1.
 Aug. 2, **Michael Peterson**, Pine County warrant, traffic- driver's license- driving after cancellation- inimical to public safety; hold for other agency, 3rd degree driving while impaired.
 Aug. 2, **Sheldon Jay Gallmeier**, probable cause, criminal vehicular operation- great bodily harm- under influence alcohol.
 Aug. 2, **Laura Lee Hendrickson**, hold for other agency, drugs- 5th degree controlled substance- sale or possession.
 Aug. 2, **Jacob Alexander David**, under sentence, traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle

under influence of alcohol.
 Aug. 2, **Dennis Wayne Benjamin**, probable cause, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; Pine County warrant, traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, driver's license- driving after cancellation- inimical to public safety, traffic- DWI- refuse to submit to chemical test, breath or test refusal or failure.
 Aug. 2, **Keith Mitch Kinanaway Mattinas**, probable cause, drivers license- driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type; traffic- underage drinking and driving. Released Aug. 3.
 Aug. 3, **Oleia Rae St John**, Pine County warrant, drugs- 3rd degree- sale or possession- penalty- 20 years/\$250,000.
 Aug. 3, **Scott Mceachern**, Pine County warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; trespass- return to property within one year.
 Aug. 3, **Blair Robert Peterson**, Pine County warrant, issue dishonored check- offense; hold for other agency, receiving stolen property.
 Aug. 3, **Andis Arvid Semelis**, probable cause, traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration .08 within 2 hours, traffic- open bottle law, liability of non-present owner, crime described.
 Aug. 4, **Bobbie Anne St John**, Pine County warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; introduce contraband- drug/liquor into jail/lockup/prison.

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401 AUCTION CALENDAR

Saturday, August 17 10 a.m. Loie (Dennis) Long, owner. Location: I-35 Rock Creek Mn exit 165, go east on Hwy 70 2.5 miles, north 1 mile on Hwy 61, east on 570th street over railroad tracks to Hwy 70 about 1 mile total to Glendale Ave. go north about 1/2 mile to sale. Actual address: 57265 Glendale Ave, Pine City, MN 55063. Machinist tools, wood-working tools, shop tools, household/lawn and garden, antiques and collectibles, farm machinery, Onan 2cyl engine and separate Onan generator, gun reloading equipment, Ford fiberglass topper with interior lighting and lock-6.5 ft fits 2013 style truck. Auctioneer Doug Maser, lic. #33-24 (320) 630-6651 www.amazingauctions.com/www.mindwestauctions.com

404 GARAGE SALES

Estate Sale Aug 21-24 10am-4pm Furn, Kitch, Jewelry, Misc. 100 2nd St. NE Pine City

404 GARAGE SALES

ESTATE SALE: August 8-10, 9am-6pm. Rough Out Western Saddle + Bridle & Breast Collar, 2003 Chevrolet 3/4 ton Pickup 4w drive 115,000 mi, 1948 Ford Tractor restored like new, Cub Cadet Zero Turn Riding Lawnmower, American Classic Gun Safe-28 guns, Whirlpool Washer & Dryer 3 yrs old, Frigidaire Upright Freezer 1 yr old, Mini Keystone Refrigerator 1 yr old, 5x10 Utility Trailer, Air Compressor, Coleman Wet/Dry Vac 6 hp-16 gal, John Deere & Horse Collectibles, Huge Christmas Village collection, other items to numerous to list. 28975 Holly St NW, Isanti.

Multi-family Girls Sale- Girls size M&L, Junior's & Women's small & medium. Name brand clothes. Lots of kitchen & household items. Wednesday, Aug. 14, 3-7. 8734 Meadow Lane SE, Pine City.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ROYALTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Royalton Township Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at the Royalton Town Hall, 6052 Royalton Road, Braham, MN. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit testimony on amending the Royalton Township Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems ordinance as follows:
 • Section 4.02.04: mitigation requirements of systems determined to be imminent threats to public health and safety.
 • Section 5.02.04: compliance criteria for holding tanks.
 • Sections 6.01 and 6.02: descriptions of when permits are required and not required.
 A draft copy of the ordinance amendments is available at the town office. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard on the proposed amendments. Written testimony will be received at the town hall until the time of the meeting.
 Duane P. Swanson, Royalton

Township Clerk
 6052 Royalton Road
 Braham, MN 55006
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POKEGAMA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ON PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A "Used Car Lot Dealership"

Notice is hereby given that the Pokegama Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 19th, 2019 at 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall, 18336 Town Hall Rd. Pine City. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain comments and suggestions from the public on a proposed Used Car Dealership. The proposed project will consist of the sale vehicles located at the gas/sales property located off County Road 11. The project application is submitted by "Okani Corporation", Ali Anisi and located at 11746 Henriette Rd. Pine City. The Township of Pokegama encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed.

If you wish to provide comments and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to or delivered to, the Township Zoning Department prior to the time of the hearing. These written comments will be made a part of the official record.

Questions regarding this matter can be directed to the Township Planning and Zoning Department at (320) 438-9465 or (320) 629-2877.

Date: August 5, 2019
 Gordon Johnson,
 Township Planning & Zoning Administrator

Published in the Pine City Pioneer on Aug. 8, 2019

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Existence and Registration

I, Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The entity listed below was filed under the chapter of Minnesota Statutes listed below with the Office of the Secretary of State on the date listed below and that this entity or filing is registered at the time this certificate

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 Name: Step In and Smile Photobooth Rental
 Date Filed: 06/28/2019
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 Minnesota Statutes, Chapter: 333
 Home Jurisdiction: Minnesota
 This certificate has been issued on: 07/02/2019 (State Seal)
 /S/ STEVE SIMON
 Steve Simon
 Secretary of State
 State of Minnesota
Published in the Pine City Pioneer on Aug. 1 and 8, 2019

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE ASSUMED NAME AMENDMENT TO ASSUMED NAME MINNESOTA STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name

under which the business is or will be conducted: **Wild Country Construction**

2. Principal place of business (A PO Box by itself is not acceptable): **16863 Town Hall Rd, Pine City, MN 55063**

3. List a Mailing Address if you cannot receive mail at the principal place of business address: If you're removing the Mailing Address, you must list "NONE".:

4. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address. (Required) Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary: **David L. Perreault**

5. This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: **1087943900029**

Originally filed on: **06/06/2019**
 Under the name (list the previous name only if you are amending that name): **Wild Country Country Construction**

6. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the

person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Date: **06/06/2019**
 /s/ **David L. Perreault**
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August Weed of the Month: Black swallow-wort

BY EMILIE JUSTEN
 MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Black swallow-wort is a milkweed vine with tiny dark purple flowers.

A member of the milkweed family is August's Weed of the Month. Black swallow-wort (*Cynanchum louiseae*), also called dog-strangling vine, is a perennial, herbaceous vine that can form large patches and crowd out native vegetation. It was introduced to North America from southern Europe in the 1800s as an ornamental plant, and in 1864 was recorded escaping from a botanic garden in Massachusetts. Since its introduction to North America, it has been found invading abandoned farm fields, pastures, and prairies throughout the Eastern and Midwestern United States.

Black swallow-wort has twining stems up to six feet long. It has dark green, glossy foliage and star-shaped, dark purple flowers with a yellow center. The flowers are only 1/8 inch in size and develop into a milkweed pod to disperse its seed by the wind.

The plant poses many ecological threats to the Midwest. It out-competes native plants by forming a large root system that exudes chemicals to prevent other plants, such as the native butterfly milkweed, from growing. Black swallow-wort also threatens monarch butterflies by crowding out native milkweed host plants. In addition, female monarchs will lay their eggs on black swallow-wort but the plant is lethally toxic to the caterpillars after they hatch and begin feeding. It can also thrive in wooded areas to form a monoculture

in the forest understory. In Minnesota, black swallow-wort has been found growing in Carver, Chisago, Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

Black swallow-wort's characteristics make it a challenge to control. It grows over other vegetation to block light and create tangled masses. As a target weed on Minnesota's Noxious Weed Eradicate List, it is required by law that all above- and below-ground plant parts be destroyed. Recommended management practices for black swallow-wort include the following:

Small infestations can be hand pulled or dug to remove the root crowns.

Foliar and cut stem herbicide applications can be effective. For specific herbicide recommendations, contact your University of Minnesota Regional Extension Educator.



All management practices for black swallow-wort should include yearly monitoring to ensure the depletion of the seedbank.

To report infestations of black swallow-wort or any other noxious weeds on the eradicate list, please notify the MDA by email at arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us or voicemail at 1-888-545-6684 (toll-free).

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