

PLAYOFF TIME: Winter sports Dragons a force to contend with in the postseason. P9



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## They’ve got the music in them

Four Pine City Junior High Band members performed in the 52nd Annual University of Minnesota - Duluth Junior High Honors Band on Feb. 25, in Duluth. From a pool of over 600 students representing 77 participating junior high schools from Minnesota and Wisconsin, the following ninth Graders were chosen as members of the final performing ensembles: (l-r) Madison LeMon, Ashley Peters, Gavin Schueller and Maggie Pulley.

## PINE COUNTY VOTES

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After the last votes were tallied in the Pine County Courthouse on the night of Tuesday, March 3 – 3,422 ballots total – Pine County Democrats swung toward Joe Biden as their candidate, while Pine County Republicans supported President Donald Trump.

Democrats cast 2,146 ballots total in Pine County, with 908 of those going to Biden.

Other top Democrat vote-getters were Bernie Sanders (468) and Michael R. Bloomberg (277).

Despite dropping out of the race on Monday, Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar still received 202 votes in Pine County.

Elizabeth Warren received 178 votes, while Pete Buttigieg received 39 votes and Tulsi Gabbard received 16 votes.

Statewide, Biden was also the winner with 287,380 votes compared to Bernie Sanders’ 222,500 and Warren’s 114,746.

This means that Biden will receive 38 delegates, Sanders will receive 27 and Warren will receive 10.

In the Pine County Republican primary, President Donald J. Trump was unopposed on the ticket. Trump received 1,263 votes with 13 write-in ballots submitted by Republicans.

HOW DID THE  
CANDIDATES FARE  
IN PINE COUNTY VS.  
MINNESOTA AS A  
WHOLE?

BIDEN: 42% PC  
39% MN

SANDERS: 22% PC  
30% MN

WARREN: 8% PC  
15 % MN

BLOOMBERG: 13% PC  
8% MN

KLOBUCHAR: 9% PC  
6% MN

TRUMP: 99% PC  
98 % MN

## Spring ahead: Daylight saving time begins March 8

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Spring ahead and fall back are two common ways of remembering which way the clocks move when daylight saving time (DST) begins and ends.

At the moment, at least seven states have approved legislation to make daylight saving time permanent. There are currently two bills in the legislature — HF 1397 and SF 1416 which if passed, could add Minnesota to the list of states to make DST permanent. If passed by both

the House and Senate, the next stop is Governor Walz.

If he agrees, the bills would then go to Congress who would also have to approve a change in federal law before the proposal could take effect.

Currently, states are permitted, by federal law, to opt out of daylight saving time and remain on standard time year-round. However, states are not currently permitted to permanently stay on daylight saving time, as this potential legislation proposes.

### ORIGINS

Benjamin Franklin first had the idea in 1784 while he was the American delegate in Paris. His thinking was, by moving the clocks forward people could take advantage of the extra daylight in the evening rather than wasting energy on lighting.

However, it wasn’t until over a century later that DST officially began. The United States began using it in 1918, following Germany who implemented it in 1916, during World War I, as a way to conserve fuel. The idea behind the switch was to max-

imize sunlight hours during the longer days of the year by taking an hour of morning sun, when many people are sleeping and adding it to the end of the day.

After WWI ended, so did DST in the United States, that is until we entered WWII. President Roosevelt brought back DST in February of 1942, calling it “War Time.” At the end of the war, states and towns were given the choice of whether or not to observe DST. This led to chaos, so in 1966 Congress enacted the Uniform Time Act. This

meant that any state observing DST had to follow a uniform protocol throughout the state in which daylight saving time would begin on the first Sunday of April and end on the last Sunday of October. Since that time, Congress has expanded the length of daylight saving time three times: once in the 1970s during the country’s energy crisis; once in the 1980s, when April got brought under the daylight saving umbrella; and finally in 2007. Today, day-

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# Yuya Negishi shares art with city

PINE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Pine Center for the Arts welcomes visual artist Yuya Negishi to the gallery this March. Negishi, a Japanese-born artist who currently lives in Minneapolis, will bring a dynamic fusion of classic and modern art to Pine City.

“My sincere wish is to help people experience the beauty of the world through art,” Negishi said. With an extensive background in the classical Japanese techniques of calligraphy and SUMI, Negishi’s art features Japanese pop culture images, exploring new ideas and mediums.

Negishi has earned recognition as a muralist for the 2015 Midway Murals Project in St. Paul. Dozens of his murals can be found throughout the Twin Cities, Washington state and in Japan. He also hosts live painting events and teaches Japanese artistic styles to students of all ages, from elementary school to college.

Negishi’s bold art will be on display at Pine Center for the Arts March 13-April 3, with an opening reception 4-6 p.m. on Friday, March 13 at Pine Center for the Arts. Light appetizers and wine will be served. The reception is free and open to the public.

For more information, please see [www.pinecenter.org](http://www.pinecenter.org).

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK BOYS BASKETBALL



Left to right: Kameron Juscak, Dylan Petersen, Caleb Fromm

These three non-seniors have been great support for our six seniors on varsity. All three have played a big role in our success in practice, games and off the court. Each of these young men are working to purposefully carry themselves in an elite way while executing the philosophies and principles of our program on a daily basis.

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In a rare photo showing each actor from the best possible angle, the poker players rehearse for the debut of “The Odd Couple.”

# ‘Odd Couple’ cast ready for laughs

PINE CITY HERITAGE PLAYERS

The Pine City Heritage Players have been busy preparing for the upcoming opening of The Odd Couple in just two weeks. Cast members have been busy memorizing lines, getting into character and having fun as they prepare for opening night.

The cast of characters includes both veteran actors and faces new to the Pine City stage, a combination that is sure to bring about a memorable production for the community. Dennis Howard and Jon Bigelow will take the stage as Felix Unger and Oscar Madison, respectively. The poker players include Steve Clem-

ens, Elisa Mill, Jay Schueller and Mike Gainor, while the Pigeon Sisters are portrayed by Jennifer Simonson and Meagan Gupatil.

Ticket prices for this production are: Adults are \$15, Seniors are \$12, and students are \$10. Purchase your tickets in advance at these local establishments and receive a \$3 per ticket discount: Cabin Coffees, Three Twenty Brewing, and the Pine City Chamber Office.

The Pine City Heritage Players’ mission is to enrich, educate, and entertain our community by providing a superior theater experience.

# Pine City woman charged with fleeing police

STAFF REPORT

NEWS@PINECITYMN.COM

A 22-year-old Pine City woman, Emma Marie Reiser, is facing two felony drug charges and also felony charges for fleeing a police officer.

According to the complaint:

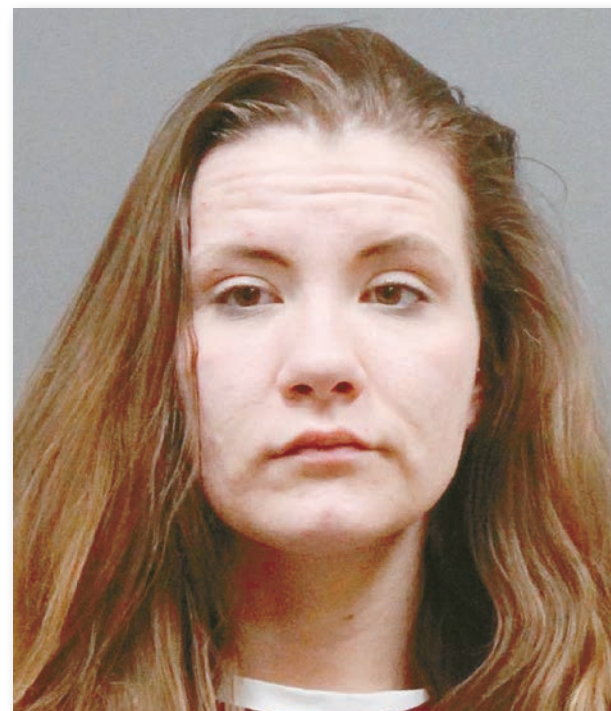
On Feb. 15, an officer with the Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department, on routine patrol noticed two vehicles traveling southbound on Wildlife Road near Hinckley. Once on Highway 48 the F-150 truck slowed down considerably while the Chevrolet Impala continued. The officer pulled around the truck and followed the Impala. They turned south onto Hinckley Road where he noticed it swerving over the center line and into the turn lane into Grand Casino.

The driver, identified as Reiser, was asked to step out of the vehicle after giving the officer an expired insurance card. Reiser then rolled up her window and drove away

at a high rate of speed. The officer followed and was joined by other officers. Reiser was driving at speeds over 100 mph on Hinckley Road. She turned east on Pelkey Creed Road, then onto Cedar Creek Road and finally onto Blueberry Island Road where she came to a stop at the dead end.

One of the officers noticed the vehicle swerve towards the side of the road and it appeared that Resier had thrown something out of the window. A deputy searched the area and located a bag containing a white crystal substance which later NIK-tested positive for methamphetamine. The bag contained an uncertified weight of 107.79 grams.

Reiser was placed under arrest and the vehicle searched. Deputies located a broken pipe that contained what appeared to be methamphetamine residue, three large baggies containing packaging materials for distribution, two cell



Emma Marie Reiser

phones and over \$150 in cash.

If convicted Reiser could face not less than 65 months nor more than 40 years in prison and/or a 1,000,000 fine for the first drug count, a maximum of 30 years and/

or a \$1,000,000 fine for the second drug charge and three years and/or a \$5,000 fine for fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle.

Pine City Elementary School is all geared up for

## KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Where : Pine City Elementary School  
When : Monday, March 16, 2020  
Registration at 6:15 p.m.  
Informational Session at 7:00 p.m.

THIS EVENING IS INTENDED FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS ONLY



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THURSDAY  
MARCH 5

Junior High Concert

The Pine City High School Music Department will be presenting their Mid-Winter Concerts beginning with the Junior High Choir and Band Concert on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend these free concerts.

FRIDAY  
MARCH 6

PTO Carnival

The Pine City Armory will host the annual PTO Winter Carnival on March 6 from 5-8 p.m. for an evening of excitement and adventure with friends and family.

Lighthouse adult drop-in center

On Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lighthouse Child & Family Services will provide an adult drop-in center at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pine City, for individuals 18+ who are living with mental illness. The drop-in center is designed to improve independent living skills, integration into the community and healthy psychological functioning through various activities and classes. For more information call 320-362-4343.

SATURDAY  
MARCH 7

Vintage snowmobile Fundraiser

The Hinckley/Pine City Flames have been busy these past few months putting plans together for a “Winter’s End Vintage Snowmobile Gathering” taking place at Ryder’s Saloon. The Swap Meet & Trail Ride event is coming up on Saturday, March 7.

The event day begins at 9 a.m. with the Vintage collection lined up for guests to enjoy. The trail ride is starting at 11 a.m. leaving Henriette headed to the American Legion in Pine City. The snowmobiles will be on display at the Legion for about 45 minutes before the return ride back to Henriette. Approximate time for the American Legion display is 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

After returning to Ryder’s there will be having a 50/50 Fundraiser - melting down a snowmobile engine, we will run the engine with no oil till it stops.

Teen Movie Night

Teens, come to the Pine City Public Library every Saturday night during the school year to watch movies. All movies are PG-13, and there is a responsible adult (an official library

volunteer who has had a background check) at every movie night. Feel free to bring your snacks and a blanket and settle back to enjoy the silver screen.

FRIDAY  
MARCH 6

K of C Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus are again having their fish fry starting on Friday, March 6 and each Friday through April 3 from 5-7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church.

SUNDAY  
MARCH 8

PFLAG Meeting

The next meeting of the East Central MN Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will be held Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at Common Ground, the Cambridge United Methodist Church, at 404 North Cypress in Cambridge. If you are in need of support, or wish to support or have questions on LGBT issues, we encourage you to attend. Should you have any questions about our organization or meetings call 320-272-0069. You can also check our website [ecmnpflag.org](http://ecmnpflag.org).

MONDAY  
MARCH 9

Senior High Concert

The Pine City High School Music Department will be continuing their Mid-Winter Concerts with the Senior High Choir and Band Concert on Monday March 9 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend these free concerts.

The Women’s Christian Connection

The Women’s Christian Connection will meet on Monday March 9, 7 p.m., in Tobies’ Restaurant Big kettle Room in Hinckley. The theme for the evening is “Please Pass The Cheese,” featuring The Burnett Dairy of Alpha, Wisconsin. Music Guest will be Dennis Daniels of Askov with vocal and guitar selections. Guest Speaker will be Karen Anderson, whose topic will be “From Darkness to Light.”

All ladies are cordially invited to attend, and reservations may be made by calling Maxine at 384-6413 or Mary at 245-2783. Please do not call Tobies’. Although reservations are preferred, walk ins are also welcome.

TUESDAY  
MARCH 10

The fight of Charles Lindbergh

On May 20-21, 1927, Charles Lindbergh won the admiration and adulation of the world when he earned the Orteig Prize for making the first non-stop, solo flight across the Atlantic from New York to Paris. To commemorate the 93rd anniversary of this historic event, Minnesota historian and living history speaker Arn Kind will deliver a special presentation on Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rush City Public Library, 240 W. 4th St., Rush City. for more information call 320-358-3948.

Free family law clinic

Family Pathways is sponsoring a free Family Law Clinic on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Family Pathways main office in North Branch (6413 Oak Street, North Branch MN 55056.) This event is open to the public. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn the basics on dissolution and custody, receive helpful materials, and have questions answered by an attorney. Time permitting, there may be an opportunity that evening for individuals to meet with the attorney (after the presentation) for an individual consultation. Consultations will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Buds ‘n’ Blooms Garden Club

On Tuesday, March 10, the Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Pine City VFW. There will be a speaker. Everyone welcome. For more info contact Verna at 320-629-2762

Corn & Soybean Crop Update

The University of Minnesota Extension Corn & Soybean Crop Update Workshop for area Crop Producers is on Tuesday, March 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Rock Creek City Center, 7080 State Highway 70, Pine City.

Topics covered by University of Minnesota crop specialists include: Soybean Populations by Dr. Seth Naeve; White Mold in Soybeans and Anthracnose in Corn by Dr. Dean Malvick; Sulfur, Nitrogen and Fallow Syndrome by Dr. Daniel Kaiser; Cover Crops Online Selector by Dr. Ann Cates and Waterhemp and Giant Ragweed Management by Extension Educator Dave Nicolai. What’s New in Minnesota Agriculture will be covered by Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture, Thom Peterson.

A registration fee payable at the door will include lunch and handout materials. Participants are encouraged to pre-register online at [z.umn.edu/](http://z.umn.edu/)

pine-crops-day or by calling the Pine County Extension Office at 800-657-3813 or email: [mnext-pine@umn.edu](mailto:mnext-pine@umn.edu). Lunch partially sponsored by Gold Country Seeds, Pioneer Seeds and Federated Coops Inc.

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 11

ECFE Storytime

Story time for preschoolers takes place every Wednesday from 10-10:30 a.m. at the Pine City Public Library (300 5th St SE, Pine City). Enjoy stories, songs and crafts each week during the school year with Pine City Early Childhood and Family Education. Siblings are always welcome, and no registration necessary.

THURSDAY  
MARCH 12

55+ Driver Discount Program

The Minnesota Highway Safety Center will be offering a 55+ Driver Discount Course – 4 Hour Refresher Course on March 12, (Course #46300) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pine City High School (1400 Main St S ) Board Room.

Magnificent Red Hatters

On March 12, the Magnificent Red Hatters will join together for lunch at the Village Bar & Grill. Time is 11:30 a.m. We will order off the menu. Please RSVP by March 8 to Mary Flesher at 320-438-0797, or Jill Spinler at 763 245-6536. Guests are always welcome.

Pine County Pheasants Forever

Join Pine County Pheasants Forever - East Central Spurs at our monthly meetings, the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at Wings North (19379 Homestead Road, Pine City 55063).

ECFE “Frozen” Event

Early Childhood Family Education invites families of young children to a Frozen themed event at the Elementary School Multi-Purpose room (700 6th Ave SW) on Thursday, March 12 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Parents a must attend with their child. Join us for a fun night of activities, prizes and a snack. Activities are age appropriate for ages 2-7 but all ages are welcome.

Questions? Contact the ECFE Office at 320.629.4030

MEETINGS

SUNDAY 3/8

AA (Big Book-open mtg.):

Evangelical Free Church, 7 p.m., Mary: 320-438-9121

MONDAY 3/9

Celebrate Recovery:

Pine City Journey North Church, 6 p.m. AA: 7:30 p.m., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

WEDNESDAY 3/11

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: 7 p.m., Rock Creek Community Center \*\*\*Note time change\*\*\*

THURSDAY 3/12

Senior Meeting:

Pine City Senior Dining Site, 12:30 p.m. 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. Pine County LGBT: 7 p.m., Hinckley City Hall

MONDAY 3/12

School Board Meeting:

6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board room, Pine City High School, 1400 Main Street South, Pine City, MN 55063.

SENIOR DINING

March 2-6

Monday:

Country steak, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, wheat bread, sliced pears

Tuesday:

Beef chili, fruit sauce, lettuce salad with dressing, bread stick, lemon chiffon

Wednesday:

Country roast pork, whipped potatoes with gravy, California vegetable blend, wheat bread, pie

Thursday:

Turkey burger on bun, oven roasted potatoes, baked beans, pumpkin dessert

Friday:

Cheese sauce, broccoli, baked potato, lettuce with dressing, wheat bread, bread pudding

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

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Sat., March 7	Grilled Turkey Bacon Melt w/ French Fries & Coleslaw
Sun., March 8	Quesadilla Specials
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Tues., March 10	Grilled or Crispy Chicken Salad
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**1. 'Friends of Banning State Park' forms:** A dozen Pine County residents met at the North Pine Government center to discuss forming a Friends of Banning State Park group. Park managers of Banning and St. Croix State Park led a discussion about the process of forming a group and activities.

**2. Pine County Sheriff's Blotter- Feb. 27, 2020**

**3. Suspect nabbed after high-speed chase near Hinckley:** A 100 mph chase outside Hinckley on Jan. 31 has led to criminal drug charges against the alleged driver. A Pine County Sheriff's Office deputy was on routine patrol in Hinckley when his attention was drawn to a white sedan with a male driver. When the driver of the vehicle – later identified as Nahom Tesfalidet, 39, of Minneapolis – began turning, the sedan crossed over into the deputy's turn lane. The deputy followed the sedan as it accelerated to 51 mph in the 30 mph zone and crossed over the center and fog lines.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pine City High School hockey staff for President

#### To the Editor:

As a proud Pine Citian, I felt compelled to write in and say how proud I have been of our hockey program. I have watched as our coaches transformed these boys into young men.

These young men brought close to a thousand fans to Blaine for the section finals last Thursday. They played their hearts out, but came up one goal short. Were they disappointed, it goes without saying, but they lost with class. I have seen them win with class and lose with class and this shows me that they are disciplined and well coached. They never gave up, nor did they become frustrated. They played their game right up to the end.

These coaches need a pat on the back for their dedication and hard work, but it doesn't stop there. The parents and families of these young men that have sacrificed and dedicated most of the last 12 to 13 years to hockey, should also be applauded. I sat in the stands and watched parents, grandparents, other family members, and just devoted fans cheer these young men on. What their coaches have taught them is priceless when it

comes to their future. They should realize that nothing is unattainable when you work hard and set goals. You will take a loss along the way, but losses are temporary and they build character, strength, and determination. I personally think that sometimes in our country today we fear losses, yet I believe one should never fear a loss if you gave 110% effort yet came up short. Losses make us stronger and force us to work harder.

I will finish by saying I am as proud of a fan as I can be of this team. I wish all the seniors the best of luck in the future, you have a great foundation, now build on it. As for the underclassmen, keep working hard and maybe that next level will be yours. I know I will be watching and cheering you on.

As for the Presidency, I think the men on our hockey staff have shown us what it takes to make our country great again; work ethic, goal setting, expectations, and discipline. This is why I am nominating them for President (or at least their philosophy!)

**Dale Dickey**  
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Letters to the Editor will be 500 words or less. All letters are subject to editing for grammar and clarity and must contain the undersigned's full name and their address. As a rule, letter writers should live, work or have another connection to The Pine City Pioneer's coverage area. Due to space limitations, letters that don't address local issues

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The Pioneer welcomes readers' suggestions for news stories as well as their comments on stories that have been printed.

News releases should be typed and include appropriate contact information. They will be printed as space permits in the first issue possible. There are no guarantees that news releases will run.



# Minnesota bracing for coronavirus

BY VICTORIA COONEY  
MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEDIA

Minnesota does not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19, but public health officials are building on their preparedness efforts to keep Minnesotans safe.

“Based upon what we’re seeing, we do believe it’s likely that we will see cases, and potentially in the very near future,” Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said during a press briefing on Monday.

“Preparation is not panic,” Gov. Tim Walz said. “Preparation is the right thing to do ... This will get to Minnesota at some point and preparation is the way that we are able to contain it.”

He and other legislators, including House Speaker Melissa Hortman (DFL-Brooklyn Park), commented on the strength of Minnesota’s public health system, its ability to address the situation, and the government’s dedication to providing a cohesive, cooperative response.

“This is not a partisan issue,” said House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt (R-Crown). “This is one of the things that Minnesota does really well.”

As of Monday morning, the state’s Public Health Laboratory is qualified and ready to test for the disease, which will help quickly detect and manage infections, Malcolm said.

The Department of Health is following Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention guidelines regarding who to test, which are expanding to focus on specific clinical symptoms, even if patients do not have a travel history or a close link to confirmed cases, she said.

So far, there have been five negative tests in Minnesota. These are tracked online.

The state is working to coordinate with school districts and the health care system, as well as the private sector, spreading information and working through possible mitigation strategies, officials said.

Funding for addressing public health crises was authorized by the Legislature in 2017, in anticipation of circumstances like this one.

Introduced Monday, HF3980, sponsored by Rep. Tina Liebling (DFL-Rochester), would authorize additional funds. It is scheduled to be heard Wednesday by the House Health and Human Services Finance Division.

Although a specific appropriation amount is not included, this wouldn’t be a “blank check,” rather the House is awaiting more precise financial estimates from the Department of Health. If federal funding comes through, then it would be used to offset the difference in the General Fund, Walz and Liebling said.

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

For the general public, the risk remains low, and people do not need



House Speaker Melissa Hortman discusses the state’s preparations for the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus to Minnesota. Gov. Tim Walz, state health officials and other legislative leaders spoke at the March 2 news conference.

to change their regular, domestic travel plans at this point, Malcolm said.

“The majority of the cases are mild,” she said. “But we all owe it to the vulnerable to prevent the spread of this disease.”

People can protect themselves and their families, as well as their communities, in the following ways:

- cover coughs with your sleeve if you don’t have a handkerchief;
- wash hands more frequently, and more thoroughly than you might otherwise;
- avoid touching your

face;

- clean surfaces thoroughly;

- think ahead about how to manage illness in your family; and

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# Minnesota FoodShare

## March Campaign

### March Campaign Overview

Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 with a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful and the need was so evident, the March Campaign became a statewide program just one year later.

The largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide.

During the 2019 March Campaign, more than \$8 million and over 5.1 million pounds of food shelf items were raised by Minnesota food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare.

To date, Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$17.8 million to March Campaign participating food shelves via the Minnesota FoodShare FoodFund. 100% of donations received by Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund and are distributed to March Campaign participating food shelves.

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#### • Fresh, frozen, or canned fruit

apples, oranges, mixed fruit, pears

#### • Fresh, frozen, or canned vegetables

green beans, corn, mixed vegetables

#### • Bags of potatoes, carrots, or onions

#### • Whole grain pasta, rice

#### • Baking and cooking items

vegetable oil, flour, sugar, spices

#### • Canned meats

tuna, chicken, salmon

#### • Hearty soups

chunky soups, stews, cream of mushroom soup

#### • Peanut Butter

#### • Personal hygiene and household cleaning products



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As the abundance of donations from the holidays dwindle, the need in our community continues. The largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign (Mar 1 thru Apr 12) brings together community organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help restock food shelves statewide. What we raise is matched financially in part by Minnesota FoodShare.

#### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Family Pathways appreciates and needs your food and monetary donations. Your food drive provides a healthy variety of choices while your dollars help fill the gaps on our shelves. Every \$1 from you provides \$7 of buying power through Family Pathways' food bank partners.

- Host a Food & Fund Drive
- Collect much needed items for the local food shelves.
- Hosts are encouraged to register their Food & Fund Drives.
- Or drop your donation off at one of the wonderful, public Food & Fund Drive host locations.
- Visit [familypathways.org](http://familypathways.org) for a list.
- Set up a virtual drive through Facebook to collect monetary donations towards food purchases.
- Make a financial gift by donating today
- Invite Family Pathways to speak at your next staff meeting, team gathering, event, etc. to provide more information and answer questions

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Minnesota's charitable food system (food shelves and food banks, meal programs, etc.) continues to run at capacity. Supporting government programs like SNAP ("food stamps") and creating a more just and equitable food system are necessary to meet the needs of food insecure households and work toward ending hunger in Minnesota communities.



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Feb. 23, 12:15 p.m., report of **burglary**, Highwood Shores, Pine City

Feb. 23, 1:03 p.m., report of **hit and run property**, Evergreen Square SW, Pine City

Feb. 23, 5:41 p.m., report of **vehicle theft**, 10th Street SW, Pine City

Feb. 24, 12:59 p.m., report of **hit and run property**, 8th Street SW, Pine City

Feb. 24, 1:56 p.m., report of **fraud/scam/ID**, 13th Street SW, Pine City

Feb. 26, 12:08 p.m., report of **MVA property damage**, 1st Street, NE, Pine City

Feb. 27, 12.46 p.m., report of **theft**, Henriette Road, Pine City

Feb. 27, 6:12 p.m., report of **MVA property damage**, Main Street S, Pine City

Feb. 27, 2:14 p.m., report of **burglary**, Cross Lake Road, Pine City

Feb. 26, 5:25 p.m., **report of burglary**, Maple Avenue, Pine City

Feb. 27, 6:12 p.m., report of **MVA property damage**, Main Street S, Pine City

Feb. 28, 3:18 p.m., report of **damage to vehicle**, Cross Lake Road, Pine City

Feb. 28, 6:34 p.m., report of **theft**, Fairway Avenue, Pine City

Feb. 29, 1:05 a.m,report of **assault**, Johnson Avenue SE, Pine City

**Miscellaneous**

Feb. 23, 10:04 a.m., report of **informational**, Vintage Road, Pine City

Feb. 23, 1:11 p.m., report of **associated traffic stop**, Main Street, N, Pine City

Feb. 26, report of **attempt pick up**, Main Street S, Pine City

Feb. 26, report of **Extradition Hearing**, Northridge Drive, NW, Pine City

Feb. 27, 5:25 p.m., report of **disturbance**, 3rd Avenue, NW, Pine City

Feb. 27, 12:21 p.m., report of an **non-sufficient check**, Main Street S, Pine City

Feb 27, 2:12 p.m. report of **assist other agency**, Northridge Drive NW. Pine City

Feb. 27, 2:59 p.m., report of **Extradition Hearing**, Northridge Drive NW, Pine City

Feb. 27, 8:32 p.m., report of a **miscellaneous law call**, Downey Road, Pine City.

Feb. 28, 11:51 a.m., report of a **welfare check**, Oak Street NE, Pine City

Feb. 28, 3:50 p.m., report of **child porn**, Downey Road, Pine City

Feb. 28, 5:36 p.m. report of **overdose**, Main Street N, Pine City

Feb. 28, 8:58 p.m., report of a **traffic stop**, 2nd Street SE, Pine City

Feb. 28, 9:20, report of **search warrant**, Northridge Drive, NW, Pine City

Feb. 29, report of **traffic stop**, Henriette Road, Pine City

**Jail Roster February 24**

**Baker, Rebecca Ann**Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted -Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle Check-Forgery- Offer/Possess W/ Intent to Defraud - Obstruct Legal Process-Lawful Execution Legal Process -Arrest of Adult

**Bumann, Shayne Michael** Pine County Warrant: Bench - Gross Misdemeanor warrant - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

**Coston, Ti-Heim Darrien** Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Wrongfully Obtaining Assistance-Theft-By False Stmts,Concealment,Impersonation - Harassment; Restraining Order - Violate w/in 10 yrs of 1st of 2 prev dom violence convictions/adjud - Arrest of Adult

**Holm, Adam Jeremiah** Pine County Warrant - Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling: Confined But Not Convicted

**Johnson, Scott Michael** Hold For Other Agency: Bench - Misdemeanor warrant issued by St. Louis - Nonsupport of Spouse or Child

**Lievsay, Winston Floyd** Summons: Traffic - DWI - Combination Any 2 Alcohol/ Controlled Substance/Intoxicating Substance - Criminal Vehicular Operation - Bodily harm - Gross Negligence - Criminal Vehicular Operation - Bodily Harm - Under Influence Alcohol/Controlled Substance - Traffic - Reckless

driving; Drives Consciously Disregarding a Substantial or Unjustifiable Risk

**Longen, Robert Phillip** Pine County Warrant: Bench Felony warrant - Predatory Offender - Knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement

**Moyer, Brandy Lee**Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear warrant - Trespass-Premises of Another-Refuse to Depart

**Olson, James Dean** Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Gross Misdemeanor warrant - Drugs - 5th Degree -Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Domestic Abuse - Venue Where OFF Violation Prosecuted

**Snyder, Waylon James**Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted Domestic Assault-Felony - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle -Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle Probable Cause - Fugitive from Justice from Other State: Confined But Not Convicted - Arrest of Adult

**Trampe, Cory Alan**Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety

**February 25**

**Fleuriel, Nathan Bradley** Hold For Othe Agency: Bench Felony warrant issued by Dakota

**Hehn, Michael Lee** Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misd - Arrest of Adult

**Kuntz, Victoria Joan** Probable Cause: Traffic Collision - Failure to Notify Owner of Damaged Property - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

**Matheny, Radonna Lynn**Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection-Misdemeanor -Arrest of Adult

**Otis, Dustin Joseph** Under Sentence: Convicted - Commit Crime-While Wear/Possess Bullet Resist Vest

**February 26**

**Bearheart, Brianna Lee** Pine County Warrant: Convicted - Giving Peace Officer False Name-of Another Person -

Arrest of Adult

**Edwards, Charles Karrington** Hold For Other Agency: Failure to Appear warrant - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

**Moose, Gaylyn Raynee** Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Disorderly Conduct -- Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

**Niesen, Justin Lee** Probable Cause: Confined But Not Convicted - Terroristic Threats-Cause or Attempt Cause Terror -- Disorderly Conduct - Arrest of Adult

**Smith, Tiffany Nichole** Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation -Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

**St John, Justin Kane** Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Trespass-Premises of Another-Refuse to Depart - Arrest of Adult

**Weidemann, Nathaniel** Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

**February 27**

**Anderson, Justin Matthew** Writ: Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling - Arrest of Adult

**Baragar, Aaron Mathew** Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Felony warrant - Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation - Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk

**Ledoux, Loren Wade**Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Issue Dishonored Check-Offense - Arrest of Adult

**Peel, Kristi Mccol** Hold For Other Agency:Confined But Not Convicted Probable Cause: Confined But Not Convicted - Fugitive from Justice from Other State

**Stevens, Gary Fredrick** Probable Cause: - Traffic - DWI - Second-Degree Driving While Impaired; 2 or more Aggravating Factors - Traffic - Open bottle law; drinking and consumption; crime described - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

**Wayman, Daniel Ray**Summons: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another - Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection

**February 28**

**Audie, Cayman Bradley** Under Sentence: Convicted - Assault-5thDegree-Misdemeanor -Arrest of Adult

**Blaszczyk, Jacklynn** Hold For Other Agency:Confined But Not Convicted Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana Arrest of Adult

**Bookwalter, Sabreen**Under Sentence: Convicted - Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm - Arrest of Adult - 2 counts

**Gustafson, Arthur** Probable Cause: Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection - Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor - Arrest of Adult

**Costanzo, John Robert** Probable Cause: Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Possession of Burglary or Theft Tools - Arrest of Adult

**Kukuk, Cody Joseph** Hold For Other Agency: Bench - Misdemeanor warrant issued by Anoka

**Rumpza, Haley Ann** Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Drugs - Possess/ Sale Small Amount of Marijuana - No Remuneration

**Stenberg, John Charles** Probable Cause: Confined But Not Convicted - Receiving Stolen Property - Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer Drugs-Possess/Sale Small Amounts of Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

**Thomas, Olaf Wilbert Iii** Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult

**Werner, Daniel Fredrick** Probable Cause: - Traffic - DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; 1 Aggravating Factor

**February 29**

**Baragar, Aaron Mathew** Probable Cause: Confined But

Not Convicted - Disorderly Conduct - Obstruct Legal Process-Force/Violence or Threat of - Arrest of Adult

**Leikam, David Anthony**Hold For Other Agency: Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana -Traffic Regulation - Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance when Operating Vehicle Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

**Martin, Shannon Leigh** Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted -Disorderly Conduct- Financial Transaction Card Fraud-Use-No Consent - Arrest of Adult

**Rupe, Tyler William**Probable Cause: Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor - Obstructing Legal Process, Arrest or Firefighting - Arrest of Adult

**Sam, Keiauna Lou** Hold For Other Agency:Confined But Not Convicted - Assault - 4th Degree - Arrest of Adult

**Sutton, Travis James**Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Giving Peace Officer False Name-of Another Person - Arrest of Adult

**Zachrison, Victoria** Hold For Other Agency:Confined But Not Convicted - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Arrest of Adult

**March 1**

**Haynes, Aaron Michael** Probable Cause: Confined But Not Convicted - Second-degree driving while impaired. - Arrest of Adult

**Mattinas, Thomas Ernest** Pine County Warrant: Confined But Not Convicted - Burglary - 1st

**Roseland, Brian Keith Jr.** Hold For Other Agency: Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Arrest of Adult



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## Dragons play tough, fall to Monticello in championship

After playing the Monticello squad to a 2-2 tie after two periods on Feb. 28 in Blaine, the Dragons skated hard but fell short in the third as Monticello took the lead and eventually earned a 6-4 win and the Section 5A Championship.



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## Dragons make their mark in playoffs

Pine City Peewee A took second place in district 10 play-offs this weekend in Anoka.

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My wife has been expressing her concern for years that every day between 1:47pm and 2pm I get a can of pop. She has tried to get me to substitute a kale smoothie for my pop--it's not going to happen. Or kombucha--probably not. But yesterday I substituted green tea for Mello Yellow--the tea was... pretty good.



# Wilson hits 2000 points as Dragons win in playoffs

BY LANCELOT E FURBER  
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The Pine City Girls Basketball team won the first two rounds of the section 6AA playoffs, as Lily Wilson became the first Dragon in Pine City high school history to reach 2000 career points.

**PINE CITY 70, RUSH CITY 36**

The Dragons met their rivals from Rush City for the third time this season, but this time the stakes were a little higher as it was the first round of the playoffs. In a low scoring first half, the Dragons were gradually able to build the lead and end the first half with a 15 point lead (29-14). In the second half, Pine City outscored the Tigers with 41 points to Rush City’s 22. With this 70-36 victory, Pine City advanced to the second round of section play.

“Give Rush City credit for coming out and getting after it on the defensive end of the floor,” said coach Ted Hasz. “We are very happy to be advancing to the next round. There are always some jitters going into the playoffs and the kids fought through those and found a way to get the job done.”

Lily Wilson hit a Dragon size milestone by accomplishing something that no other Pine City Girls Basketball player has ever done before, by scoring 2,000 points. Wilson led the Dragons with 20 points, six assists and six steals.

“Lily has had a great career. We are so happy for her and proud of her for all of her accomplishments and records,” said coach Hasz. “Hopefully we have some young Dragons out there that are setting their sights on joining Lily in that club someday.”

Sophie Lahti had an impressive night with 15 points and nine total rebounds. Ellie Hasz had nine points, nine total rebounds and a dominating four blocks. Kloey Lind had eight points. Alaina Steele had six points, five total rebounds and four steals. Ashley Faur had six points and six total rebounds. Meredith Kolling had five points and seven total rebounds, and Ally Chromey had three points.

**PINE CITY 63, MELROSE 47**

Pine City met Melrose at St. Cloud State for the second round of section 6AA playoffs on Saturday, Feb. 29. The Dragons had a sluggish first half offensively but were able to keep the Dutchmen to 24 points as Melrose led Pine City 24-21 at the end of the first half.

Pine City came out in the second half and spiked up their intensity on defense and were able to turn some good defense into offense plays. The Dragons outscored Melrose 42-23 in the second half. Moving the ball and playing as a team, the Dragons had 21 assist on their 24 baskets.

“When you are getting assist numbers like that you know you are playing good team basketball,” said coach Hasz.

Pine City was led in scoring by Ellie Hasz who had 20 points and nine total rebounds and three steals. Sophie Lahti worked hard for her 15 points and seven rebounds. Lily Wilson continues to impress by setting another Pine City girls basketball record with 13 assists to go along with her 14 points. Meredith Kolling had nine points and three blocks. Alaina Steele had three points and three assists.

Kloey Lind had two points and three total rebounds. Ashley Faur was tough under the boards with nine total rebounds and three assists.

“We are excited to be in the semi-finals again this year,” said coach Hasz. “There are a lot of good teams left, so it will be a great final four.”



Lily Wilson continues to set records as she becomes the first Dragon in Pine City Girls Basketball history to score her 2000th point as she did against Rush City this past week.

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# Boys beat Jaguars, go undefeated in conference

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**PINE CITY 77, HINCKLEY-FINLAYSON 67**  
Pine City Boys Basketball ended their regular season in front of a large crowd against conference rival Hinckley-Finlayson, on Friday, Feb. 28. This is the third straight year the Dragons have ended their regular season playing Hinckley-Finlayson. While the conference title was not on the line like the previous two years, Pine City knew Hinckley-Finlayson would come out firing on all cylinders and be ready to play. Pine City came up with the win 77-67.

Pine City had some rough stretches and rotations throughout the night. Give credit to Hinckley-Finlayson, they were ready to play and never backed down.

“The physicality of the game combined with Cedric LaFave’s quickness and ability was a great insight into playoffs for us,” said coach Kyle Allen. “Cedric played great and their team kept coming with physicality and grit. There was no chance for either team to catch their breath during the game.”

Seth Logan led Pine City on the boards with eight total rebounds followed by the Fromm brothers, Caleb and Christian, with five each.

“We did not do a great job on the boards as a team, something that will have to be addressed and corrected as we head towards the playoffs,” said coach Allen. “We had been doing a phenomenal job on the boards as of late, so I know this is something we can do.”

Konnor Juszczak led the Dragon in assists with seven. As a team, Pine City had 17 assists and only five turnovers. This ability to take care of the ball will

be huge for them on the offensive end during the playoffs. While Pine City attempted nine charges, they were unable to get any called their way.

“Our belief is that the opportunity to take a charge is one of the biggest positive factors in the game,” said coach Allen “I was proud of how we continued to attempt charges and get to spots in our system.”

This win completed Pine City’s second year in a row going undefeated in conference and ended their regular season with a record of 24-2.

“Cutting the nets down at the end of the year never gets old; thinking about all the work that got us to this point (both this year and over the last nine years) really brings you down memory lane. This was something that we would visualize while we ran for conditioning in the first few years; visualize cutting down the nets. Putting ourselves in the position to compete for a conference title year in and year out is something we are really proud of. It is hard, because I want there to be a fine line between having this be the expectation and remembering how much work went into getting us to this point,” said coach Allen. “People forget that we won five games my first year and seven games my second. The players, coaches, and families have put in a lot of work to get to this point. There was a lot of groundwork that was put in during those first several years to creating the foundation needed for this success. I am forever grateful to those first couple years of players who were willing to buy in to something bigger than themselves to help create something that they would never fully see the fruits of. They laid the foundation for what drives us today”



Seth Logan shoots over the competition.

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Koleman Lind drives to the hoop against a tough Hinckley-Finlayson defense.

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“Cutting the nets down at the end of the year never gets old,” said coach Kyle Allen.

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## Johnson wrestles at State

Dragon wrestler Tim Johnson qualified for the State Tournament and the opportunity to compete against the best wrestlers in Minnesota. Unfortunately, Johnson was injured in the second period and would not be able to return for his wrestleback match.



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## Volleyball Dragons build skills

Hard work and team play paid off as the the JO 10U's took second place.



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Researchers captured video footage of wolves eating blueberries.

# Wolves chow down on berries

BY TOM GABLE  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Recently published research from the University of Minnesota reveals new details about wolves’ diets, concluding wolves consume large amounts of blueberries in the summer and even provision their pups with blueberries.

Thomas Gable, project lead for the Voyageurs Wolf Project and a Ph.D. student at the U of M, discusses ongoing research about the habits of northern Minnesota’s wolf population.

### Q: What do wolves in Northern Minnesota eat?

In the winter time, wolves in the Greater Voyageurs Ecosystem — where our research occurs — mainly hunt and kill deer, though wolves do kill the occasional snowshoe hare and, rarely, a moose. During the summer, wolf diets are much more varied than in the winter, primarily because there are more food sources available, and wolves are really good at taking advantage of different foods. During the summer, wolves in our area mainly eat beavers, deer fawns and blueberries, with wolves also relying, at times, on fish, bear bait piles, road-killed deer, snowshoe hares and the gut piles of hunt-

er-killed bears. While infrequent, we have also documented wolves killing trumpeter swans, moose, geese, raccoons, painted turtles and muskrats.

Each of the eight packs that we have studied has eaten blueberries when they are abundant in July and August. In fact, blueberries can make up to 83 percent of the weekly diet of our wolf packs in July. Clearly wolves in our area are spending a lot of time eating blueberries when they are available.

In July 2017, Austin Homkes, a field biologist with the Voyageurs Wolf Project, fortuitously observed an adult wolf regurgitate blueberries to five wolf pups. This really surprised us because it showed that adult wolves will actually provision their pups with blueberries, which suggests that wolves view blueberries as a valuable food source for rearing pups. This also surprised us because it is the first documented observation of a wolf feeding wolf pups berries or fruits of any kind.

We are going to continue studying this behavior, and we hope to determine how valuable a food source berries actually are. In particular, we want to know if blueberries impact the number of prey — mainly, deer fawns and beavers — wolves kill during July and August.

# Bite into pie in honor of Pi Day — March 14

Each year on March 14, math aficionados around the world celebrate the mathematical constant known as pi, which is represented by the Greek letter “ $\pi$ .” Pi relates to the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, which comes to approximately 3.14159, but goes on infinitely. The celebration date is significant because it corresponds to the first three digits of pi, or 3.14.

While discussions about math and ponderings on pi in particular can fill the day, this calendar event also marks the opportunity to dig into pi’s homonym ... pie. Calculating circumferences and diameters may be even more intriguing when using an actual pie. Any pie can fit the bill, but why not feast on this recipe for “Rhubarb Hand Pies” from “Simply Scratch” (Avery) by Laurie McNamara.

## RHUBARB HAND PIES

Makes 6 pies

### All-Purpose Pie Crust

Makes two 9-inch pie crusts

- 2 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup ice-cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 6 to 8 tablespoons ice water

In the bowl of a food processor, combine the flour, salt and butter and pulse until the pieces of butter are the size of peas and the mixture is crumbly; do not overmix.

Add the ice water 1 tablespoon at a time, pulsing after each addition, until the dough comes together in large clumps and resembles coarse, wet sand. Divide the dough in half, form into round discs, and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

### Hand Pies

- 3/4 pound fresh rhubarb, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest

- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 pie crust (2 discs), homemade (see below) or store-bought
- 1 large egg, beaten

Combine the rhubarb, brown sugar, lemon zest and juice, ginger, salt, and 1/4 cup water in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the rhubarb mixture is thick. Remove from the heat, stir in the vanilla, then pour into a heat-safe bowl to cool completely. Preheat the oven to 400 F. In a small bowl, combine the beaten egg with 1 tablespoon water to make an egg wash.

Roll out one disc of dough to 1/8 inch thick. Use a 6-inch biscuit cutter to stamp out 3 circles. Brush the outer edges with a little egg wash before spooning 2 tablespoons of the cooled rhubarb mixture onto one half of each circle. Fold the



unfilled side over the filling and crimp the edges with a fork. Brush the tops of each pie with more of the egg wash. With a sharp knife, make slits in the center for ventilation and sprinkle each pie with 1/2 teaspoon of turbinado sugar. Refrigerate. Repeat with the second disc of pie dough and remaining filling.

Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until the crust is golden and the filling bubbling. Let the pies cool on the baking sheet for 10 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack.



# Take steps to save a life during an opioid overdose

BY ALANEA WHITE  
PINE COUNTY COURIER

It can take as many as four doses of Narcan or the generic Naloxone to revive someone experiencing an opioid overdose.

An opioid overdose has one symptom that is important for first responders to be aware of and know how to treat, respiratory distress. Opioids attach to receptors in the brain and stop the signals the brain sends to the lungs to breathe. Narcan knocks these opioids off the brain receptors and fills them, locking out the signal stopping opioids

while Narcan is in the person's system.

Rescue breaths are something that bystanders and helpers can do with or without Narcan. Until Emergency Services arrive making sure that someone experiencing an opioid overdose has access to oxygen is the best thing to do. If Narcan is not available rescue breathing is the next best thing until help arrives.

#### TYPES OF NARCAN

Narcan comes in two main forms: intramuscular and nasal. There are several different types of each form. Intramuscular Narcan is injected and is

absorbed into the bloodstream either in the thigh or shoulder. Nasal Narcan is sprayed into the nostril and absorbed into the bloodstream.

Costs vary between the forms and types of Narcan. The most costly being the Intramuscular version of the drug that walks you through the process of administering it much like automated Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) do. Using voice commands to tell users how and where to inject the drug in an emergency, this version of Narcan costs around \$5,000. Vials of Narcan and sealed syringes are the least costly version of Narcan.

Firmly in the middle cost wise are the nasal spray versions. There are two types of nasal Narcan. One, which is less costly, but is more complicated and needs an atomizer for use.

The version used by Pine County Sheriff's Department is the nasal spray version. This version is a simple nasal spray. With a vial attached to an included atomizer, the device looks like any other nasal spray on a pharmacy shelf. When used, the spray is pointed up the overdosing person's nose and the tank is pushed upward, spraying Narcan into their nostril.

# \$15k in arts grants awarded locally

#### EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

On Feb. 18, 2020, the East Central Regional Arts Council Board of Directors, at their meeting in Hinckley, allocated almost \$15,000 in grants to artists, an art organization, and schools. These grants are for the creation and production of arts activities that will benefit residents in the five-county region, the Minnesota Counties of Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs. Next grant deadlines are on April 1 for late summer or fall projects.

#### MID-CAREER ARTIST GRANT PROGRAM

This grant is generously supported by The McKnight Foundation. The funding provides financial support to artists committed to personal artistic growth. Applications are encouraged from artists in all artistic disciplines. Mid-career artists are recognized by their peers and arts professionals, have produced an independent body of work and have a record of commissions, projects, or exhibitions. The next grant deadline will be April 1, 2020. For details on this grant go to: <https://www.ecrac.org/grants/individual/ecrac-mid-career-artist-grant>

- Cindy Fuerstenberg of Pine City received a grant of \$2,500. During this project, she will work with her mentor Deborah Foutch, a Minneapolis based fiber artist, to continue her study of mixed media and fiber arts. The mentorship will allow the artist to develop a body of work integrating weaving and fiber techniques with those of mixed media onto canvas using natural materials and processes focusing on fiber to create texture. The project will culminate in the creation of three to four larger art pieces.
- Robert DesJarlait of Onamia received a grant of \$1,254. During this project, the artist will focus on the creation of new work as well as the matting and framing of his art to complete a series of work that will be on exhibition at the American Indian Community Housing Organization Galleries in Duluth from June 1 to August 28, 2020. The artist will complete eight additional paintings for the exhibition as well as mat and frame the completed series of art depicting scenes that provide a glimpse into the life of the Ojibwe people. This exhibition will inform and educate

observers about an indigenous population that lives among them.

#### SMALL/ART PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM

This grant category provides support to organizations for a wide variety of arts projects involving the creation, sponsorship, publication, performance, and/or exhibition of art. Arts producing activities or services for artists or arts organizations should result from the project. ECRAC funds requests from \$500 to \$5,000 in this category. These funds are made possible by an appropriation of the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund. There are two more application deadlines this year for the program, April 1 and Oct. 1, 2020. For grant details go to: <https://www.ecrac.org/grants/organization/small-art-project-grant>

- Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for Film @ Franconia. During this project, the Park will launch a summer film series featuring free, outdoor films on Saturday evenings highlighting the best in art cinema. This series will provide an opportunity for audiences to expand their knowledge and understanding of diverse global perspectives and new ideas that visitors might not otherwise have access to. Films will begin at 9pm at the Franconia Amphitheatre located at 29836 St. Croix Trail in Shafer, MN. The series will include a June 6, 2020, showing of The Holy Mountain; July 18 will feature Kusama, Infinity and Post-Infinity; August 1 featuring Fantastic Fungi and Fly Amanita by David Fenster; and finally, September 5 featuring Liquid Sky.
- Braham Area Schools received a grant of \$3,259 to host a residency with instrumentalist Todd Green from October 6th through the 10th, 2020. During this residency Todd Green will provide two 50-minute lecture demonstrations to elementary students as well as residents of the Elmhurst Commons Assisted Living facility in Braham. He will then provide a more advanced lecture demonstration to the High School students. This residency will also include time for the artist to work with the Senior High band students to provide them with a master class of hands-on demonstrations, as well as the opportunity to perform im-

provisations together. This residency concludes with a public concert on Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. featuring original music. Admission prices are aimed at making attendance to the concert affordable for all community members and will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors.

#### ART IN OUR SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of this grant is to enhance the existing arts curriculum in educational facilities throughout the region. The standard for the program is artistic excellence for students. This program supplements the existing school arts curriculum with such programs as artistic residencies, arts related field trips, or special arts events or projects. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available. This program is made possible with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund. There are two more application deadlines this year for the program, April 1 and Oct. 1. To learn more about this grant program go to: <https://www.ecrac.org/grants/organization/art-our-schools-grant>

# Fish house removal time is here

#### MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Anglers in the southern two-thirds of the state had until the end of the day on Monday, March 2, to remove their fish houses from Minnesota lakes. The removal deadline for those in the northern one-third of the state is Monday, March 16.

The northern and southern parts of the state are split by a line that runs west-east along U.S. Highway 10, east along Highway 34 to Minnesota Highway 200, east along Highway 200 to U.S. Highway 2, and east along Highway 2 to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border.

"Anglers are responsible for removing their shelters by the deadline, so they need to plan ahead," said DNR conservation officer Garrett Thomas, who is stationed in Eagan. "And just as importantly, they have to ensure the area around their fish house is free of trash. There's no excuse for fish house owners to leave anything but an impression in the snow or ice."

If shelters aren't removed by the deadline, owners will be cited and structures may be confiscated and removed, or destroyed by a conservation officer. After the deadline, shelters may be on the ice between midnight and one hour before sunrise only when occupied. They may not be left or stored at public accesses.

As anglers venture out, they should keep in mind that ice conditions may vary widely and that ice is never 100 percent safe.

Exceptions to the removal deadlines are Minnesota-Canada border waters (March 31), Minnesota-South Dakota and North Dakota border waters (March 5), Minnesota-Wisconsin border waters (March 1) and Minnesota-Iowa border waters (Feb. 20).

More information about ice fishing shelter deadlines is available at [mndnr.gov/iceshelter](http://mndnr.gov/iceshelter).



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# 2019-20 First semester Dragon academic awards

Pine City Elementary recently awarded the Dragon Academic Awards to 136 students in grades five and six for their high achievement during the first half of the school year. Awards were presented to students for maintaining an A average during first and/or second quarter, most overall academic improvement during the first half of the school year, citizenship, most effort, high creative abilities in written expression, and/or outstanding music skills.

**FIFTH GRADE**  
Altman, Aiden  
Anderson, Carson  
Anderson, Kailyne  
Benson, Reed  
Berg, Blake  
Berglund, Kaleah  
Blaisdell, Preslie  
Blake, Andrew  
Cady, Eisaac  
Cunnien, Caitlynn  
Fix, Tanner  
Ganote, Rhetta

Hallan, Jennavieve  
Hanson, Graden  
Harron, Gunner  
Hermanson, Kady  
Hughes, Layney  
Jahnz, Elijah  
Jahnz, Logan  
Johnson, Roman  
Koffler, Shelby  
Kurth, Jerald  
Laird, Josh  
Larson, Grant  
Larson, Madison  
Laster, Camarianna  
Maxhimer, Evan  
McKellar, Kadence  
McLain, Karlee  
McQuade, Skyler  
Mohr, Colten  
Nicoll, Brecklyn  
Olson, Ava  
Olson, Parker  
Orand, Jayden  
Osterdyk, Braden  
Peetz, Zoey  
Perreault, Madison  
Peterson, Avery  
Peterson, Kinsey  
Peterson, Lillian  
Pickett, Tycen

Reeves, Mason  
Rehn, Ella  
Reichstadt, Alexis  
Rydberg, Oskar  
Sanders, Gracelyn  
Schlichting, Ella  
Schneider, Isabella  
Severin-Hartman, Grace  
Severson, Owen  
Skluzacek, Grant  
Stewart, Emily  
Tayerle, Logan  
Thieman, Katey  
Viney, Kaydence  
Walter, Davin  
Zemek, Zoe

**SIXTH GRADE**  
Aagaard, Ethan  
Allen, Peyton  
Babolik, Milo  
Barton, Mylee  
Berglund, Brady  
Blaiser, Addison  
Blatz, Eli  
Brady, Emily  
Boldt, Nick  
Clark, Madison  
Clementson, Weston  
Clepper, Mallory

Cole, Aaron  
Danielson, Cooper  
Diem, Jaidyn  
Dixon, Cheyenne  
Elton, Krystal  
Fauskee, Alayna  
Feela, Andrea  
Furey, Gavin  
Garoutte, Jady  
Gray, Paige  
Hall, Allyson  
Hanson, Allie  
Hazelton, Bryana  
Heinl, Emilee  
Hejny, Taylar  
Hirsch, Allison  
Hogberg, Caleb  
Hudlow, Leah  
Humeniuk, Madelon  
Johnsen, Tucker  
Johnson, Olivia  
Johnson, Shayla  
Kallberg, Eli  
Karas, Jaxon  
Kenowski-Frisch, Brynn  
Kubesh, Avere  
Lahti, Vivian  
Larsen, Ralph  
Lavenduskey, Veronica  
Larson, Gracie

Leger, McCall  
Linnell, Alana  
Mancia, Celeste  
McDaniel, Noah  
McKenzie, Kennedy  
Moore, Ashton  
Moore, Cameron  
Rarick, Rikkayla  
Rasinski, Teagan  
Reed, Emily  
Roberts, Adyson  
Root, Janeysa  
Root, Teresa  
Rydberg, Milo  
Sammis, Olivia  
Sanchez, Michaela  
Sandell, Cheyenne  
Segarra, Caylee  
Staber, Jacob  
Steele, Kendall  
Tollefson, Taylor  
Troiber, Gracelyn  
Valvoda, Bohdan  
Wasson, Breckin  
Welch, Finnegan  
Wynn, Sophie  
Zemek, Blake

## DAYLIGHT: Clocks spring forward March 8

FROM PAGE 1

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday of March and ends at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November.

### IMPACTS OF DST

According to timeanddate.com, fewer than 40 percent of the world’s countries observe daylight saving time. However, those who do observe DST take advantage of the natural daylight in the evenings. That’s because the days start to get longer as Earth moves from the winter season to spring and summer, with the longest day of the year on the summer solstice.

During the summer, Earth, which revolves around its axis at an angle, is tilted directly toward the sun (at least its top half). Regions farthest away from the equator and closer to the poles get the most benefit from the DST clock change, because there is a more dramatic change in sunlight throughout the seasons.

Research has also suggested that with more daylight in the evenings, there are fewer traffic accidents, as there are fewer cars on the road when it’s dark outside.

### DST AND HEALTH

Studies have shown the one hour time change can disrupt a person’s circadian rhythm (our body’s internal clock). For some people the loss of an hour of sleep in the spring is just a minor annoyance, but for some it can be much more. A Swedish study found that the risk of having a heart attack increases in the first three weekdays after springing ahead. Traffic and work place accidents also increase after DST begins, some believe this is due to losing an hour of sleep.

When switching back to standard time in the fall, studies have shown an increase in depression, bipolar and seasonal affective disorder cases.

## Fish house owners: Please don’t leave trash behind

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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Cigarette butts. Propane canisters. Cans, bags and bottles – some full of human waste. Blocking materials. Fish carcasses. Those are just a few of the items that make up the long list of litter conservation officers have found out on the ice.

Litter is an issue throughout the ice fishing season, but it tends to be particularly problematic as the deadlines for removing fish houses from lakes loom. Shelters must be removed from inland waters in the southern two-thirds of the state by midnight on Monday, March 2, and from inland waters in the northern one-third by midnight on Monday, March 16. Different dates apply to border waters.

Trash left on the ice is not only an eyesore, but it also has the potential to negatively affect water quality, especially if the litter remains when the ice melts.

“People need to clean up after themselves when they head home. The only thing they should leave is an imprint

in the snow or ice,” said Rodmen Smith, director of the Department of Natural Resources Enforcement Division. “The majority of people do things right, but unfortunately there’s a subset of people who leave a mess on the ice and count on someone else to clean up after them.”

Conservation officers spend the winter monitoring anglers and documenting areas where they believe litter might be a problem. While these officers can’t watch every single fish house as it leaves the lake, every year people who leave their trash on the ice – and hope nobody notices – receive litter citations. Sometimes, it’s simply a matter of officers checking spots they suspect will be a problem. It’s also common for officers to hear from anglers upset about the trash left behind by the people they’ve fished near during the winter.

“Leaving trash on the ice isn’t a mistake or an oversight – the people who litter make a conscious decision to do it,” Smith said. “They take advantage of the fact that the majority of people care about our lakes and will clean up trash, even if it isn’t theirs.”



SUBMITTED

Trash left on the ice after a fish house was removed.

## Draper named Ojibwe DNR commissioner

MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE  
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The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe announced today that Katie Draper will serve as the next commissioner of the Band’s Department of Natural Resources. She was sworn into office on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Chiminising Community Center in Isle.

“For as far back as I can remember, I have loved the outdoors,” Draper said. “It’s how I was raised. Appreciation for what nature shares with us is deeply rooted in me, personally, and in our culture as Anishinaabe. I am greatly honored to now serve in this role to conserve our natural resources and protect treaty rights for future generations.”

Draper has been an employee of the Mille Lacs Band since 2010. Draper previously served as the commissioner of community development for the Band, and for the last three years she has been the director of government affairs – a

position that oversees the Band’s lobbying, public relations and community relations activities and contributes to the tribe’s government-to-government consultation.

Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin nominated Draper, who was unanimously confirmed by band assembly.

“Katie is a reliable, strong administrator,” Benjamin said. “Her in-depth knowledge of natural resources will serve the Band well. She will do a great job providing the Band stewardship so that resources ranging from the ogaa (walleye) to manoomin (wild rice) are protected for generations to come.”

In addition to environment-focused duties, the Band’s DNR commissioner also oversees historical preservation, food sovereignty initiatives and tribal enrollment, among other responsibilities.

“As commissioner, my primary role is to manage natural resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, but I am also deeply committed to creating a greater

cross-cultural understanding in the region,” Draper said. “The DNR will operate with a blend of cultural wisdom and scientific knowledge – doing what we know is right from our teachings and listening to what nature is telling us through scientific data and research of our tribal biologists and other experts. I am looking forward to working with the well-oiled team of dedicated DNR staff, protecting our treaty rights, environment and enrollment, developing new initiatives related to agriculture, food sovereignty, forestry, land management and fisheries.”

The Mille Lacs Reservation in east central Minnesota is the perpetual home of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. The Band supports its members with a variety of services for economic, social and cultural advancement, including health services, early childhood and youth centers, and economic development.



INSPIRATIONS

# More Than Sprouts: Pine City’s other little grocery store

For years I would stop in at More Than Sprouts and have a quick sandwich or salad. My guilty pleasure was always the yogurt covered raisins as a treat. Heidi Carlson, the owner, also makes a few dessert items as well that I cannot resist. It didn’t occur to me that this local store was filled with a wealth of life promoting, healthy and affordable foods and other items.

Are health food stores a fad or a gimmick? In an age when we are realizing that highly processed sugar and fl our are part of the cause for obesity and numerous other diseases and illnesses, places like More Than Sprouts provide a healthy, tasty alternative. I believe they are here to stay.

My family and I maintain a pretty active lifestyle. Good nutrition makes all the difference when you want to work hard and play hard. I know more than a few friends and family who have special diets. Finding food to accommodate someone who can’t eat gluten is not always easy. More Than Sprouts makes shopping for special dietary needs much easier.

More Than Sprouts specializes in helping people with specific diets. If you are Gluten Free, Dairy Free, follow Keto or Paleo diet, Vegetarian, or Vegan they can help. If you are combating

cancer, pain, inflammation or even Lymes Disease then this grocery store can provide options. Even if you are 100% healthy and don’t have a single dietary concern, this is still a great grocery store for everyone.

Why should you stop in? More Than Sprouts carries 6,000 grocery, supplement, and household items that accommodate everyone’s needs. More Than Sprouts has a nice area for people to sit down for lunch and enjoy a variety of healthy, tasty items made fresh on site. Besides sandwiches and salads year-round, they also offer various soups during the winter months. As the name would indicate, More Than Sprouts has excellent fruits, vegetables and greens of all types. If you like to cook, they have a host of fresh herbs, spices and other items for cooking. If you like coffee, tea, kombucha, or dozens of other fruit and vegetable juices, you can find them all here. My personal favorite is beet juice.

More Than Sprouts supports the community in a variety of ways. They support local businesses, individuals and charities. You will notice some great local art work displayed on the store walls as well. The store sells as many locally sourced products as possible. Tamarack lamb and Eichten’s bison, Thousand Hills and Freedom Range Farms beef, Rocky Hill Honey, and many Minnesota or regionally close sources of meat, dairy, produce and other foods are sold here. I found some organic bison burgers along with chicken, turkey, eggs and more all grown locally. Heidi has a long list of

local farmers and growers that provide fresh food for the store.

Besides a variety of quality food items, you can also find items such as soaps, lotions and other health care products made from natural healthy sources. If you have something they don’t carry, simply ask. I wanted to try some coffee with a mushroom supplement and Heidi was able to provide that right away. In the winter, Elderberry products have been popular to boost the immune system. Fish oil has been a big item, as well as CBD oil.

What I appreciate most about More Than Sprouts is the personal attention. They understand how important good food and natural products are for your health. If you are dealing with cancer, pre-diabetes, pain, anxiety or any number of issues, they can direct you toward items that will help combat those things naturally. In a world full of nutritionally poor foods, More Than Sprouts is a welcome relief. When you shop at More Than Sprouts, you will leave with natural and wholesome items and a discount coupon for your next purchase.

Established in July of 2014, Heidi Carlson took the plunge with the help from Northwoods Bank in taking over this health food store. Heidi has lived in the area since 2000. In addition to More Than Sprouts, Heidi opened Sprouted Branch in North Branch since 2016 and would like to possibly open a third store one day. Three local stores would allow her some advantages for purchasing a greater variety of products for all three stores. Besides Heidi, the store has one

part-time employee and some volunteers that help out.

The clientele has grown steadily through the years. Summers and holidays seem to be peak times since Pine City is a destination spot and a nice place to visit while driving up north. Activities at the park help as well. More Than Sprouts has thrived because it has become a destination for local residents and visitors as well. People coming from the cities or elsewhere are familiar with Whole Foods, Food Coops and health food stores. When they find More Than Sprouts, they come back again and again.

More Than Sprouts can provide catering and are involved in the community. They enjoy competing with their own alternative chili for the Annual Holiday Madness Chili Cook-off. More Than Sprouts contributes to the School Carnival and a host of causes for individual families and organizations. They are active on Facebook so you can ask questions and learn more by reaching out there or you can call them at 320-629-3969. Their website address is morethansprouts.com. More Than Sprouts is located at 245 5th St SE, Pine City. They are open weekdays from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9-2 p.m. and are closed on most Sundays. They are responsive to community events so they may be open more than that for special occasions.

I encourage everyone to stop in and support this local business. They are a benefit to the community and you might just find some things that help you feel better and live longer.

# Worship guide

## Church of Christ

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

## Dale Evangelical Free Church

45268 Brunswick Rd, Harris, MN  
763-689-5817  
Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin  
Sunday School, all ages 9:00 am  
Sunday Service 10:25 am  
www.daleefc.com  
Awana, Wed. 6:30-8:00pm  
Youth, Wed. 6:30-8:00pm

## First Presbyterian Church

405 Main St. S., Pine City  
320-629-3592  
Pastor Rob Spahr  
www.firstprespinecity.org  
Sunday Worship Celebration  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, Preschool-Gr 6  
10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Group 6:15 PM

## Grace Baptist Church

1 mile Southwest of Pine City  
on Fairway Road (next to I-35)  
320-629-1374  
Pastor Tim W. Stratton  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
for all ages. 11:00 a.m. Preaching  
Service, 6:00 p.m. Evening Service.  
7:30 p.m. Wed. Bible study,  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Master Clubs for  
children ages 4 to 6th grade.

## Grasston Baptist Church

402 N. Oak St.  
Grasston, MN 55030  
www.grasstonbaptist.org  
info@grasstonbaptisit.org  
320.396.2645  
Worship Service 9:30am  
Sunday School 10:45am

## Hands for Pine City

Outreach Church  
Meeting in Pine City Library  
Community Room  
Wednesday Nights from 6-7 p.m.  
Pastors Julie & Brad Samuelson  
P.O. Box 164 PC  
320-496-3009  
Hands4PC@gmail.com  
Facebook fan page:  
Hands for Pine City  
Existing to be the hands of Jesus to  
Pine City

## Henriette Community Church (Free Methodist)

One mile North of Henriette on  
HWY 107 • 320-679-4875  
Pastor Jack Droste  
Sunday School, 9:15 am.;  
Sunday morning Worship,  
10:15 a.m.

## Hinckley Seventh Day Adventist

550 1st St. NE, Hinckley  
320-384-6167  
Pastor: Carlos Rodriguez  
Services, Saturday, 11 a.m.  
Fellowship lunch 1st and 3rd  
Saturday following services.

## Hope Lutheran Church Grasston

Dean Oelfke, Pastor  
320-396-3925  
hopelutherangrasston.org  
Sunday Worship Service 11am  
Holy Communion first and third  
Sundays and festival days.

## Hustletown Community Church (HCC)

Hustletown Non-Denominational  
17945 Blue Jay Ln  
Pastor Bruce Thompson  
651-983-8130  
Mail: 1010 3rd Ave SW  
Pine City  
Sunday School 10:15 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am

## Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

535 8th St. SW, Pine City  
320-629-2935  
Monsignor Alek Suchan  
www.icchurchpinecitymn.org  
office@icchurchpinecitymn.org  
Mass: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 10  
am, Confession: Saturday  
4-4:30p.m., Sunday 9:15-9:45a.m.

## Journey North Church

Current location:  
840 Main St S, behind A&W.  
Pastor Tim Adams  
320-629-6111  
Sunday Services: 9 & 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery, toddlers and KidVenture  
programs during both services.  
www.JourneyNorthChurch.com

## Living Water Fellowship

915 W. 8th St. Rush City, MN  
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
Call 320-358-3818 for weekly Bible  
studies and youth activities.

## Open Arms Church of God

406 Pine St., Grasston, MN  
320-396-3373  
Pastor Gene Sherrod  
Spirit Filled Worship  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Children's ministry

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

825 Golf Ave SW Pine City  
320-629-2985  
Sunday Services @8 and 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.  
Ash Wed Feb 26 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Soup and Sandwich suppers during  
Lent, serving 5-6:30  
Lent Services @ 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday w/First  
Communion 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday 6:30 p.m.  
Easter Services @ 8:00 a.m. and  
9:30 a.m.  
Pastor Alvin Luedke

## Pine City Evangelical Free Church

625 Golf Ave SW  
Pastor Joel Preston  
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery (infant-3yrs)  
Wednesdays: AWANA (Sept-Apr) 6  
p.m.; Joe Gatzke, Student Pastor  
(Youth Group),  
Jr & Sr High 6:00 p.m.  
Phone: 320-629-2584  
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

Meeting at Pine City Library  
Community Room  
300 5th St SE, Pine City, MN  
Pastor Dennis Eng  
320-336-9292  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible study at 7p.m.  
(Call for location)  
www.southpinebaptist.org

## Zion Lutheran Church

410 Main St. S, Pine City  
Worship 9 a.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Growing in Grace Preschool  
Mon-Wed- Fri a.m.  
Pastor Glen Kleppe  
320-629-3683

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## OBITUARIES

### John Edwin Nordstrom

February 28, 2020 marks one year since John Edwin Nordstrom passed away from a sudden illness. He is survived by his sisters Dorothy Torgersen, Dolores Hacker and Margi Porter, in addition to brother's-in-law Richard Hacker and Al Porter. He also leaves many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews, including two great-great nephews and one great-great niece. John was a gentle and kind soul who selflessly took care of his parents on the family farm until their deaths. He was the last of the Nordstrom family to live on the “Pioneer Farm” east of Pine City on the St. Croix road. The farm was homesteaded by John’s great-grandparents, Frederick and Maria Nordstrom who immigrated from Sweden along with

their young son John Carl Nordstrom and Frederick’s brother, August. They lived in Wisconsin for some time and then homesteaded the farm in 1895. John Carl Nordstrom married Jennie Anderson in 1909 and they raised 10 children on the farm. One of their sons, Edwin G. Nordstrom married Verna Kelsey in 1939 and eventually took over the family farm, raising 4 children there including John E. Nordstrom born in 1944. John graduated from Pine City High School and went on to training at Dunwoody School in Minneapolis in mechanics. He served his country in the Army from 1965 - 1967, including 3 months in Vietnam. After his tour of duty, he lived and worked in California and Colorado until returning home to help care for his father and mother in the 1980’s. His time in Vietnam affected him but he was able to hold many interesting jobs during his lifetime. He was very intelligent and was able to get his private pilot’s license and commercial pilot’s license. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, going to air shows and even parachuted from an airplane once for his 40th birthday!

The farm had been continually in the Nordstrom family since it was homesteaded in 1895. John’s death and the sale of the farm in 2019 sadly ends the Nordstrom family farm legacy but hopefully the red barn with the words “Pioneer Farm” will continue to remind others of a bygone era for a humble, hard-working Swedish American family.

### Joy Wanless

Joy passed away Friday, February 28, 2020 at Garden View Care Center in Watkins at the age of 89. Joy was born November 6, 1930 to Reuben & Alice (Denson) Miller in Maple Lake, Minnesota.

She married Ronald Wanless in 1950. They lived in Mora, Minnesota while he was in the military and later moved to Pine City in 1954. They had three children: Bonnie, Ron Jr., and Vicki. She worked at the Pine County Recorder’s Office and then Pine City Abstract until she retired.

Joy enjoyed bowling, golfing, her bridge clubs, playing 500, traveling, and craft shows. Joy was a member of the Lions Club and a 60-year member of the VFW Auxilary. Most of all, she loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren.

A special thank you to the staff at St. Croix Hospice and Hilltop Garden View Care Center for all the loving care given to Joy.

Joy is survived by her daughter Bonnie Wilcox of Sauk Rapids, grandchildren: Tim (Brenda) Wilcox of Sauk Rapids, Megan (Ryan) Ludwig of Richmond, Carissa Wilcox of Sauk Rapids, Ryan (Jen) Wanless of North Branch, Morgan (Joe) Lopez of Yorba Linda, CA, Hannah (Matt) Bales of Tustin, CA, McKenna (Jordan) Pomodoro of Reno, NV; 11 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; son-in-law Chris Pomodoro; sisters Sharon (Larry) Stingley, and Linda (David) Umeda; brothers Daryl (Linda) Miller, Dale (Diane) Miller, and David Miller.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Ron; son Ron Jr.; daughter Vicki; grandson Jason; son-in-law Curt; sisters Doris, Ina, Sandra, Marlys, and Darlene; brothers Harvey and Bill.

Rev. Dr. Vicki VanderVegt will officiate funeral services for Joy at 11 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2020 at Swanson Funeral Chapel with a time of visitation and reviewal one hour prior. Interment will be in Birchwood Cemetery of Pine City.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to: Funeral and Cremation Service of Pine City, Swanson Chapel.

### Phillip Swanson

Phillip Swanson, a life-long resident of Pine City, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Elderwood of Hinckley the age of 92.

Phillip Charles Swanson was born at home on Jan 15, 1928 to Fritz and Ethel (Lindstrom) Swanson in West Rock Creek, Minnesota. He was the fourth oldest of 10 children.



Phil graduated from Pine City High School and after working in the area for several years, he was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean conflict in the early 1950’s. After the war, Phil began a 30-year career as a driver for American Linen servicing customers throughout the Twin Cities area. In 1954, Phil married his sweetheart Patricia “Patty” Basta also from Pine City.

Phil was the quintessential outdoorsman and spent countless hours over his lifetime fishing and hunting game of all sizes in every season. He was very enthusiastic each year to participate in the state lottery system for moose and bear and really enjoyed the camaraderie of friends in fishing huts on frozen lakes. Phil was also a talented gardener and used much of that expertise to feed his young family. He was a devoted sports fan and loved cheering on the Gophers, Twins and Vikings. Phil was also a loyal and frequent patron of the local Heath-Perkins American Legion Post #51.

Phil lived for many years at the Westchester Village Apartments in Pine City and most recently at the Elderwood of Hinckley. As a kind and gentleman, he will be missed.

Phil is survived by his daughters Linda (David) Hicks of Winter Garden, Florida, Bonnie Swanson and Brenda (Tim) Dotte all of Hugo; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; siblings Lois Ellsworth, Rodney (Carole) Swanson, Chuck (Carol) Swanson all of Rush City; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Fritz and Ethel Swanson; wife Patty Swanson; son Steve Swanson; siblings Rodney Swanson, Bonnie (Harold) Bengtson, Willard Swanson, Harlan Swanson, Lowell Swanson and Darrell Swanson.

Pastor Rob Spahr will officiate at funeral services for Phil: 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Swanson Funeral Chapel in Pine City. A time of visitation and reviewal is planned for Tuesday (3/3/2020) from 5-7 p.m. and also a half hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel. The interment with military honors will take place in Birchwood Cemetery in Pine City.

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



## THANK YOU

A special thank you goes out to the staff at Northern Pines and Fairview hospice for your exceptional care and support. Nancy and her family were blessed to have all of you in our lives during this difficult time. Thank you to Swanson Funeral Services for your support to our family. Thanks to everyone who kept us in prayer and for those that sent cards that provided warm words of comfort.

Nancy Sindelar family

The family of Doris Weis would like to say thank you to Pine County Officer Gavzey, Officer Nygaard, Swanson Funeral Home, Karen’s Hair Care, The Flower Box and 320 Brewery for their kindness and compassion at the time of her passing. A huge thank you to Pine County Health and Human Service employees for all their support, friendship, generosity and extended help with the luncheon. Thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers shown to our families during this time.

Gerald “Jerry” Weis Sr.  
Gerald Jr. & Yvette Weis & Families  
Laurie & Jerome Plessel & Families  
Bryan & Denise Weis & Families

## BIRTHS

### Schmitz

**Hendrik Thomas Schmitz was born on October 5, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 21-1/5 inches long. His parents are Zach and Vanessa Schmitz of Braham. Hendrik is welcomed home by sister Madelyn Schmitz. His grandparents are Gary and Deb Reilly and Tom and Kirstin Schmitz.**

### Hardy

**Bentley James Hardy was born on Oct. 10, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed seven pounds, zero ounces and was 19.25 inches long. His parents are Mackenzie Geist and Dylan Hardy of Mora. Bentley is welcomed home by grandparents, Andy and Natalie Geist of Mora and Matt Hardy of Isle and Jozie Osborne of McGregor.**

### Dickinson

**Finn Barrett Dickinson was born on Oct. 9, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Tiffany and Kyle Dickinson of Mora. Finn is welcomed home by grandparents, Randy and Linda Strelow of Cape Coral, Florida. and Collette Dickinson of Mora.**

### Oslin

**Adam John Oslin was born on Oct. 11, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. His parents are Danielle and Brent Oslin of Mora. Adam is welcomed home by brother Jack Oslin. His grandparents are Chad and Peggy Swenson and Craig and Beth Oslin.**

### Pitman

**Sophie Joyce Pitman was born on Oct. 20, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. She weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Jill Peterson and Jeremiah Pitman of Mora. Sophie is welcomed home by brothers Jace and Nolan Pitman, and sister Haley Pitman. Her grandparents are Joel and Julene Peterson of Isle and Carl and Mary Nordquist of Mora.**

### Lee

**Koda Michael Lee was born on Oct. 21, 2019, at FirstLight Health System. He weighed five pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. His parents are Felicia and Chad Lee of Mora. Koda is welcomed home by siblings Tabytha, Chad Jr., Matilyn and Delaney. His grandparents are Steve and Steph Harron of Brook Park and Cat and Joe Leavy of Minneapolis.**



# PUBLIC NOTICES

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE  
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.  
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse  
Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee, John Mikrot, Jr., and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.  
Chair Hallan welcomed law enforcement personnel in attendance.  
Chair Hallan called for public comment. There was no public comment.  
Commissioner Ludwig moved to adopt the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 5-0.  
Commissioner Mohr moved to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 county board meeting and Summary for publication, with correction. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.  
Commissioner Mikrot moved to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2020 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole (Local Government Officials). Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.  
Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence  
Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – January 2020  
Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.  
Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 5-0.  
Approve amendment to Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Region Joint Powers Agreement.  
Approve the hiring of Simcha Gavzy, fulltime Deputy Sheriff, effective February 10, 2020, grade 10, step 1, \$25.44 per hour.  
Approve the hiring of Nicholas Solomon, fulltime Deputy Sheriff, effective February 10, 2020, grade 10, step 1, \$25.44 per hour.  
Approve the hiring of Amanda Manley, Social Worker, effective February 10, 2020, grade 10, step 1, \$24.70 per hour.  
Approve Community Health Services Administrator Samantha Lo and Public Health Supervisor Jessica Fehlen to attend required public health emergency preparedness ICS-400 (complex incidence command) training. Total cost: \$342.  
Sheriff Nelson announced the retirement of K9 Chewy and presented the dog with the Neel family.  
Motion by Commissioner Chaffee to approve the K9 and training donation from McDonough K9. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 5-0.  
Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve Resolution 2020-07 renaming the Pine County gun range to the “Benjamin Neel Gun Range” in honor and memory of Deputy Benjamin Neel. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 5-0.  
Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the 3-year contract between Microsoft and Pine County for the Office 365 infrastructure, for a total cost of \$326,664. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried.  
Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve Resolution 2020-08, authorizing Kelly Schroeder to submit a proposal with MPCA for a subsurface sewage treatment systems upgrade project and act on the board’s behalf on matters not requiring board action. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 5-0.  
With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota.

Stephen M. Hallan, Chair  
Board of Commissioners  
David J. Minke, Administrator  
Clerk to County Board of Commissioners

The full text of the board’s Minutes are available at the County Administrator’s Office and the county’s website (www.co.pine.mn.us). Copies may also be requested from the administrator’s office.

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MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
Special Meeting – Strategic Planning  
Thursday, January 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
Pine County Courthouse, Pine City Minnesota

Commissioner Hallan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee, John Mikrot, Jr., and Matt Ludwig. Also present was County Administrator David Minke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.  
Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Review Progress on 2019 Goals  
Commissioners reviewed 2019 goals.

- Fund agricultural educator through U of M Extension
- Marketing the county/economic development “sell the county” as a great place to live, work, and play
- Consider the establishment of a wetland bank
- Recognize achievements of Pine County/Pine County employees
- Improve recycling
- Improve communication to the public
- Continue to develop the relationship with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Housing—work with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to increase the role of the HRA
- John Wright Building—phase out county use
- Levy 3 percent or less
- Outdoor recreation

2. Brainstorm Strategic Issues for 2020  
The commissioners identified the following issues for consideration:

- Marketing the county/economic development
- Wetland bank
- Recognizing the achievement of employees
- Recycling
- Outdoor recreation
- Housing/HRA/Lakes and Pines
- Communication with the public
- Space planning and facilities
- Sales tax for transportation
- Assessing
- East Central Regional Juvenile Center (JPA)
- SWCD levy
- Legislative issues
- Out-of-home placements/Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- Labor relations/health insurance
- Merit System/HR management
- CIP budget/planning
- Increased civic engagement/board and committee appointments

Chair Hallan called a recess for lunch at 12:15 p.m.  
The board reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

3. Rank Strategic Issues/Develop Goal Statements  
The following items were identified as priorities/goals for 2020:

- Assessing
  - Gather information and analyze data
  - Public outreach
  - Establish direction by December 2020
- Wetland Bank

- Continue to explore options with Army Corp of Engineers
- Identify/consider alternate sites if necessary

• Outdoor Recreation

- Identify recreation opportunities on existing land
- Complete the Oberstar segment of the Munger Trail
- County park
- Land sale proceeds up to 20% for parks and trails [MS 282.08 (4) (ii)]

• Space Planning and Facilities

- Develop a long-term plan for office space in Pine City/courthouse for county board review

• Sales tax for Transportation

- Develop long-term road plan with sales tax for transportation to present to Transportation Committee

• Legislative Issues

- Funding for out-of-home placements under ICWA
- State bond funding for Oberstar segment of Munger Trail
- SWCD levy
- County share of casino sales tax
- Probation funding
- County Program Aid (CPA)

• Merit System/HR management

- Consider option to leave the merit system and provide in-house Human Resources (HR) services

Commissioners will continue to identify and refine priorities and goals throughout the year.

4. Parks, Trails, and Outdoor Recreation  
Commissioners discussed the desire to continue to develop the Oberstar segment of the Munger Trail. Because it is a state trail, the consensus was to continue to work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to get DNR support for the trail. Potentially a bonding request for the remainder of the trail could be made in the 2022 legislative session.

5. Minnesota Merit System  
Pine County is a part of the Minnesota Merit System. The merit system is established by Minnesota Statute 256.012 and covers most employees working in county health and human services. The purpose of the merit system is to ensure that each county is using a personnel management system that conforms to federal merit standards for hiring, promotion, etc.

Counties have the option of participating in the state merit system or administering their own personnel management system that complies with federal merit system requirements.

The merit system budget is about \$800,000 per year and the costs are split among the participating agencies using a formula. There are 59 agencies (counties or county joint powers associations) participating in the merit system. This number is a decrease from 64 agencies in 2015. Six agencies have applied to exit the merit system at the end of 2020. These six agencies include over 1,000 employees which will reduce the number of participating employees by 25%--from approximately 4,000 to approximately 3,000. Since costs are shared among the counties, this decrease in members will result in a cost shift to the remaining counties.

The consensus of the commissioners was to explore the option of exiting the merit system and consider adding a human resources staff person to assist with existing workload and the transition.

6. Identify 2020 Special Meeting/COW Meeting Topics, Dates and Locations

A. Possible Topics

- Highway Plan with renewed sales tax
- Presentations by partner organizations
  - East Central Regional Juvenile Center
  - Initiative Foundation
  - Agricultural Society (fair board)
  - PHASE
  - Lakes and Pines (Nicole Klosner)
- Sturgeon Lake water level
- One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

B. Possible Locations

- Nemadji Research
- Windemere Township

Commissioners will continue to consider possible topics and locations throughout the year.

7. Adjourn  
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Stephen M. Hallan, Chair  
Pine County Board of Commissioners  
David J. Minke, County Administrator  
Clerk to the Pine County Board of Commissioners

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Pine County

DISTRICT COURT  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
CASE NO. 58-JV-20-14  
CASE TYPE: Juvenile

SUMMONS and Notice  
Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody of Child(ren) to a Relative.

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:  
Bobbi Anne St. John  
-Parent  
Kevin Roy Petite  
-Parent

NOTICE TO: Bobbi Anne St. John and Kevin Roy Petite, above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative as been filed with Juvenile couroy of Pine County located at 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota. The Petition requests that legal and physical custody of the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) be permanently transferred to the relative named in the Petition.

2. Notice is hereby given that the matter of the Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody to a Relative will be called for hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota, on April 10, 2020 at 1 p.m. or as soon after as the matter can be heard.

3. YOU ARE SUMMONED AND ORDERED to personally appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled date and time.

4. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING, the Court may still conduct the hearing and may enter an order granting the relief requested in the Petition, including permanently transferring the legal and physical custody of the child(ren) to a relative.

5. You have a right to be represented by an attorney. The Court may appoint an attorney to represent you, if you qualify for a court-appointed an attorney.

WITNESS, the Honorable Kirsta K. Martin  
Judge of District Court  
BY:  
Abigail Meemken, Deputy Court Administrator.  
March 2, 2020 10:14 a.m.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF PINE

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No. 58-PR-20-12

Estate of  
Marie Claire Orvis, also known as Marie C. Orvis, also known as Marie Orvis  
Decedent.  
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTERSTATE)  
Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.  
Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Donna Hamepy, whose address is 18540 Grantit Dr. Pine City. 55063, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.  
Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.  
Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: February 27, 2020

Mychael Walter  
Registrar  
Feb 27 2020 1:13 PM

Amy Isaacson  
Court Administrator

Dated: February 27, 2020

Attorney for Personal Representative  
Chelsie Troth  
Ledin, Hofstad & Troth LTD  
539 Main Street S.  
Pine City, MN, 55063  
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MUNCH TOWNSHIP REMINDER OF LOCAL ELECTIONS &  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Local Elections for Supervisor and Clerk will be held at the Munch Town Hall located at 32837 Cedar Creek Rd on Tuesday, March 10 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. If bad weather the election will be March 17. Town Hall will also be open from 10 am to noon on Saturday, March 7th for absentee voting. The Annual Town Meeting will be held at Munch Town Hall following elections at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.

Published in the Pine City Pioneer March 5, 2020

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2020 Street Improvements  
City of Pine City, Minnesota  
SEH No. PINEO 153468

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the City of Pine City until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the Pine City, City Hall located at 315 Main St. S., Suite 100, Pine City, MN 55063, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2019 Street Improvements. Major quantities for the Work include:

Est. Qty	Unit	Item
8,300	SY	Reclaim Bituminous Pavement
700	LF	8-Inch PVC Sanitary Sewer
2,400	LF	6-Inch to 8-Inch PVC Water Main
2,600	Ton	Bituminous Pavement
5,100	LF	Concrete Curb
16,000	SF	Concrete Walk
1,900	LF	15” – 24” RCP Storm Sewer

Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) dated February 20, 2020.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. located at 3535 Vadnais Center Drive, St. Paul, MN 55110-5196, Greg Anderson - 651.490.2000.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at http://www.sehinc.com by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page. Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at http://www.sehinc.com for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the PROJECT BID INFORMATION link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 6845533 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

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Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids shall be directed to the City Administrator, securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, “BID FOR 2020 STREET IMPROVEMENTS.”

The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City.  
Matthew Van Steenwyk  
City Administrator  
City of Pine City, Minnesota  
Published in the Pine City Pioneer on Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 2020

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Supervisor  
Brook Park Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Brook Park Township, County of Pine, State of Minnesota, that the Election of officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020, at the Brook Park Town Hall, (formerly Lions Den), Brook Park, MN. Polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:

(1) Supervisor – Three Year Term

The Town Board will meet as a Board of Canvass immediately following the closing of the polls to declare the official results of the Election. The Annual Meeting will follow the Board of Canvass.

Please note: At the annual meeting township residents will be voting on building a new town hall and determining a dollar amount to be spent on this project. The March monthly meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.

In case of inclement weather, the Election, Board of Canvass and Annual Meeting will be rescheduled to March 17th, 2020.

Kelly Johnson – Clerk  
Brook Park Township  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF PINE

DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 58-PR-20-1

Estate of  
Lorraine Edna Odden  
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF  
WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's will dated April 7, 1980, and codicil(s) to the will dated (n/a), and separate writing(s) under Minn Stat. 524.2-513 dated (n/a) ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.  
Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Patricia Ann Savage, whose address is: 10964 Xylon Court, Champlin, MN 55316, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.  
Any objections to the probate of the will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of the appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.  
Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

January 27, 2020  
Peggy Zdon  
Registrar  
January 27, 2020  
Amy Isaacson  
Court Administrator

Attorney for Applicant:  
Patricia A. Savage  
10964 Xylon Ct.  
Champlin, MN 55316  
763-300-9797

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MISSION CREEK TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Mission Creek Township, County of Pine, State of MN that the annual election of Township officers and the Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Mission Creek Town Hall, Beroun, MN.  
The election poll hours will be from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. At which time voters will elect: One (1) supervisor for a three (3) year term. The township annual meeting will commence at approximately 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law. In the case of bad weather the date will be moved to the following Tuesday March 17, 2020.

BOARD OF CANVASS & NOTICE OF REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Board of Canvass will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday March 11, 2020 to canvass the results of the March 10th 2020 election. The annual Reorganizational meeting will immediately follow the Board of Canvass meeting. The regular scheduled board meeting will follow at 8:00p.m. All meetings will be held at the Mission Creek Town Hall in Beroun, Minnesota.  
Stacy Hancock, clerk  
Mission Creek Township  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF PINE

TENTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE  
DIVISION  
Court File No.  
58-PR-20-16

Estate of  
Connie Wright, also known  
as Connie J. Wright,  
Decedent

AMENDED NOTICE AND  
ORDER FOR HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR DESCENT  
OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on March 30, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., but this Court at Pine County Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Minnesota 55063

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to hearing date.

BY THE COURT  
Dated: Feb. 18, 2020  
Judge Krista Martin  
Judge of District Court  
Dated: Feb. 18, 2020  
Lori O'Brien  
Court Administrator  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Chelsie Troth  
Ledín, Hofstad & Troth, Ltd.  
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TALKING WITH THE EXPERTS

Most cases of back pain manageable

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Back pain is the leading cause of disability worldwide and an estimated 80% of the population will experience back pain at some time in their lives, according to the American Chiropractic Association.

Roni Evans and Gert Bronfort with the University of Minnesota talk about the causes, symptoms and preventive measures people can take to reduce back pain.

Q:What causes back pain?

The cause of back pain can be due to injury to one or more vertebrae, discs, ligaments, muscles or nerves in the spine and triggered by an aggravating incident (e.g., shoveling the snow) or physical changes that happen over time (e.g., arthritis). Stress, inactivity or some body positions may also aggravate back pain and contribute to it becoming a more long-term problem.

In many cases, it is difficult for clinicians to find the exact cause of back problems. The reason can only be found in about 15% of cases. The good news is that few people with back pain turn out to have a serious problem and can manage well without medications, injections or surgery.

Q:What are the symptoms of back pain and when should someone see a doctor?

Some people will experi-

ence a dull ache in their back muscles. Others might have a shooting or stabbing pain, or what feels like a 'catch' in their back. Back pain can be experienced on one or both sides of the body and may even go down the legs. It can slowly creep up over time, or it can happen all of a sudden.

Most back pain will gradually get better and isn't a sign of something serious (although it might not feel that way). The best thing to do when you experience back pain is to keep moving. Many tests currently used for low back pain, like MRIs, are not needed for most cases.

There are times, however, when you should see a health care provider. This includes if your back pain doesn't get better within a few weeks; if it was caused by a serious accident or fall; wakes you up at night or is associated with weakness, numbness or tingling in one or both legs; or occurs with other symptoms.

Q: What are some risk factors for back pain?

Low back pain is what is known as a 'biopsychosocial' condition, that is there are several interrelated factors that can put someone at risk for getting back pain that becomes long-standing or chronic. These include physical factors (e.g., poor spinal strength and mobility); psychological factors (e.g., being depressed or feeling unable to cope with low back pain on one's own); and social factors (e.g., heavy physical work load or having fewer social support systems).

Q:What can people do to prevent back pain?

You can help prevent back pain by:

Keeping the muscles that protect your spine strong and flexible through strengthening and mobility exercises (i.e., muscles in the back, abdomen and legs).

Moving frequently. This means not sitting or standing in a single position for long periods of time. If you have a desk job, set a timer to stand and stretch every hour.

Keeping computer monitors at eye level, if you sit at a desk at work, while having your feet flat on the floor. Sit up. Think of keeping your ears over your shoulders and your shoulders over your hip bones. This will help accentuate the natural curves of your spine.

Squatting down when lifting heavy things by bending your knees, keeping the item close to your body and lifting with your legs and not your back.

Trying different sleeping positions to find one that is most comfortable. Try using a pillow in different ways (e.g., sleeping on your back with a pillow under your knees).

Q:What are you doing to advance back pain research?

We are currently performing one of the largest randomized clinical trials ever conducted on acute back pain, the most common reason for opioid prescriptions in the U.S. Funded by the National Center for Complementary & Integrative Health, the goal of

the Spinal Manipulation and Patient Self-Management for Preventing Acute to Chronic Back Pain study is to prevent pain chronicity and empower patients to better care for themselves.

This study is examining the effectiveness of spinal manipulation therapy and supported self-management versus medical care for preventing acute low back pain from turning into a chronic pain condition. SMT is a non-drug approach used by chiropractors, physical therapists, and osteopaths to help patients manage symptoms and restore movement and functional ability. SSM is an educational program that provides patients the tools to help manage their pain themselves from a whole person perspective (e.g., physically, psychologically and socially).

Dr. Roni Evans is an associate professor and the director of the Integrative Health & Wellbeing Research Program at the Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Gert Bronfort is a professor in the Integrative Health & Wellbeing Research Program at the Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing.



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