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Secrets to Longevity: 'I eat an orange every day'

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Dorothy Ruby

When asked if there was a reason why she felt she lived so long, this was Dorothy Ruby's answer: "I eat an orange every day and have for years." On her next birthday, she will be 101 years old.

Dorothy continues to live in her own home with her dog for company and a daughter close by. Being Norwegian, she loves to bake and is proud of having made 500 rosettes once. This writer tested some of Dorothy's rosettes and can vouch for their excellence!

Dorothy shared this heart-rending story about her early life.

Her dad's first wife died after birthing nine children. Later, Dorothy's dad married her mother, and they had Dorothy. Her mother had been an opera singer. She became unhappy with her life.

"I was only eight months old when my mom left me at that train station when she boarded that train by herself," Dorothy lamented.

"My Pa raised me. We had nothing when I was little. Two of my half-brothers were still at home. I had to make our meals ... lumpy grits and pork, mostly. Pa and my brothers caught Redhorse fish. I couldn't stand that fish ... full of bones! Pa died when I was in my late teens," she recalled.

When Dorothy was in her 20s, she went to see her mother. Tragically, her mother refused to acknowledge her daughter. Since that meeting, she never saw her mother again. Eventually, Dorothy's mom divorced her dad.

One of Dorothy's half-sisters from the Twin Cities located her after finding her birth

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Maple Sap tasting

Mrs. Fauskee's first grade students took a field trip to Steve and Adrienne Roubinek's to check out the sap flowing from one of their large maple trees.

The students took turns tasting the sap in its original form.



Owner of 'The Bookstore,' located in Pine City, Dana Volkers Phillips.

'The Bookstore' opening in Pine City April 5

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The Bookstore will be opening in Pine City on Tuesday, April 5 and celebrating its grand opening week April 5-9.

Owner of The Bookstore, Dana Volkers Phillips, said that all genres of new and used books, homeschool curriculum, educational toys, puzzles, board games, book-themed gifts,

and apparel will be sold. "We will also be offering free programs beginning this summer," she added. She said updates for book clubs, writing groups, and homeschool meet-ups will be posted on Facebook at "The Bookstore Pine City."

"I am thrilled to be finally opening our doors to the community! After

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City kicks off community development plan



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Todd Streeter, of Community Collaboration, addressed those gathered at Pine Technical & Community College who were interested in taking part in community planning sessions.

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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Pine City on March 23 held their first in a series of Community Action Plan meetings which will help determine the path for Pine City.

Several residents and interested parties gathered at Pine Technical & Community College to hear from organizer Todd Streeter of Community Collaboration. Streeter laid the groundwork of what needs to be done to pursue a "bottom up" type approach where citizens are the key driving force in the community plan.

The meeting was opened by Pine City Administrator Scott Hildebrand who welcomed the large group gathered. "The goal is to come up with good ideas and put that into planning for the City," he said.

Streeter opened the main part of the meeting saying, "It's not often the City gives the citizens the keys." He invited participants to shout out some initial ideas they had with one resident saying they would like to see more tourism since Pine City has two lakes connected by a river and is only an hour from the metro, adding that a hotel is needed in the City. Another participant said they would like to see another grocery store option.

Streeter said that the larger group would be formed into smaller "working committees" where those groups would meet weekly, working through ideas and eventually establishing a common vision.

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BOOKSTORE: Grand opening

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announcing plans for The Bookstore in December, I have received an outpouring of support and excitement from so many in and around Pine City," Phillips said. "I have worked very hard to create a charming little bookstore with quality books, toys, puzzles, and games, and I have been eagerly anticipating sharing it with everyone."

The decision to open The Bookstore came about after months of prayer, she said. "With my daughter entering college, my time raising and homeschooling her was at an end," recalled Phillips. "I didn't know where to turn my energies, so I prayed for guidance. I'm very thankful I was led to this new project."

Phillips noted an "amusing coincidence" in that the original owner of her historic Pine City home had a store at the same address where The Bookstore will be located. "Over 100 years have passed, but each morning I'll be traveling in his footsteps as I walk to the store to spend my days talking and selling to the people of Pine City just as he did," said Phillips.

The home Phillips now lives in was built in 1909 by Arnold Cranton. It just so happened that



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Arnold Cranton in front of his confectionery store in downtown Pine City where 'The Bookstore' is now

he also owned a confectionery store at the same location where The Bookstore will now be housed in suite 2 next to Nilsen's Chiropractic on 253 5th St. SE in downtown Pine City. The address was originally one store but is now divided into two suites.

A ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the City of Pine City and the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on April 5 at 9:45 a.m.

The Bookstore will be open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phillips noted that all of the store's used books will be 15% off for the entire grand opening week.



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The historic 1909 Pine City home in which Dana Volkens Phillips now owns, was also owned by the late Arnold Cranton Pine City. Coincidentally, Cranton also owned the store (a confectionery store) where 'The Bookstore' is now located.

Gallery refresh at Pine Center for the Arts

BY ISAAC JOHNSON
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You might notice something new in Downtown Pine City while on 5th Street. The Pine Center for the Arts has some very exciting renovations underway. From the exterior, the most immediate and noticeable change is that the large red awning has been removed. What was once a protection of sorts that shrouded the facade has now uncovered a more open and welcoming feeling to art lovers.

To entice more art appreciators inside, Pine Center for the Arts will also be replacing the front door and windows, restoring them to their original height. This restoration will be a much needed improvement as the old windows were not energy efficient and required constant attention and thawing from volunteers to keep them from icing over in winter. Now more coveted natural light will flood the gallery space, illuminating the works of local artists.

Pine Center for the Arts has served our community since 2009 by providing a space for "artisans and art-lovers alike" to gather and provide access to theater, music, classes, handcrafted gifts, home décor, jewelry, and art created by local artists.



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Pine Center for the Arts in downtown Pine City is renovating its classroom and gallery space and can use the community's help.

In recent years, the need to replace the windows became too great. Additionally, Pine Center for the Arts' President Cathy Clune says, "During the pandemic shutdown we had time to think, to dream and to hope. We came together with our biggest wishes and goals, and the list of renovations went from there."

The interior space is undergoing a transformation of its own, including an expansion of the gift shop and improving storage. Using all local contractors, Pine Center for the Arts is remodeling the gallery space, giving it a fresh coat of paint and installing new flooring. They are removing false dropped ceilings, removing walls, and expanding doorways to make the space more cohesive and accessible. The Center hopes all



of these improvements will help secure Pine Center for the Arts as a premier art destination in the region and as Clune says, "provide more openness and light and inspiration for our gallery artists and classroom artists."

Pine Center for the Arts' mission is that "arts are for everyone," and this renovation will provide an improved "gallery experience and exposure to art that the community wouldn't otherwise get an opportunity to see," says Clune. It's also going to assist in enhancing the promotion of local arts in the new multi-use

space.

Pine Center for the Arts holds gallery openings on the first Friday of each month. These events feature the work of local artists and are free and open to the public. The renovations are on track to be completed in time for the gallery show on Friday, April 1, featuring the art of Mary Bradley and Deb Huberty. They will also hold a grand reopening sometime this summer.

Now is as good a time as any to get involved. Head over to their website to sign up for art classes, apply to showcase your art in the gallery, or sign up to be a volunteer. Pine Center for the Arts is looking for volunteers to help with the demolition, painting, and cleaning to wrap up the renovations. Please email pinecentervolunteer@gmail.com if you're interested in helping out.

The estimated cost of the renovation projects is about \$45,000. Pine City for the Arts has secured funding from a few sources for a little less than half of the total costs and has applied for additional grant funding. They are requesting the community's support as well and are accepting donations on their website at pinecenter.org to help create a brighter future for the arts in Pine City.

Pine City School Board outlines process to fill open seat

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The Pine City School Board has opened the appointment process for the school board seat vacated by Lisa Nos-Tollefson which goes through January 2023.

The school board will take applications for the Board appointment beginning noon on March 24 and ending April 7 at 3 p.m.

The application, which will include an

affidavit and questions, has been posted on the Pine City School District webpage on March 24 and can be found at <https://sites.google.com/isd578.org/pcpsdistrictoffice/school-board>. There is no fee to apply; however, the form must be signed and notarized prior to submitting the application.

The appointed replacement will serve from May 16, 2022 through January 2023, when the person who is elected in

November of 2022 can take this office. The November election will be held as part of the regular election process.

The school board will review applications between April 7 and April 11, 2022, and at the special meeting on April 11 at 5 p.m., the board will focus on the appointment process. If a candidate receives four votes from the school board, the recipient is declared the appointee.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT HIRING PROCESS AND COMMUNITY SURVEY

A community survey to give input on the hiring of a new Pine City School superintendent can be found at <https://sites.google.com/isd578.org/pcpsdistrictoffice/school-board>. A timeline and more information on the hiring process can also be found at the above link.

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FRIDAY APRIL 1

Stand for Ukraine Rally

Join local advocates for Ukraine on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 from noon to 1 p.m. on the corner of 8th Ave. and Main Street for a Stand for Ukraine Rally. Donations will be collected there as well and sent to trusted relief organizations.

SUNDAY APRIL 3

Northern Exposure Photography Club

The northern Exposure Photography club will once again be presenting Pictures in Paradise to the public. Members of the club will share photos from the last 2 years. The free event will take at 12:30 p.m. at the Paradise Theatre (237 S Union St, Mora). Doors will open at noon.

TUESDAY APRIL 5

Speaker at North Chisago Historical Society

The North Chisago Historical Society will be hosting a public educational meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at the Rush City Community Center, 720 West 14th St. Rush City, MN at 7pm.

Jon Ekstrom, well known singer and caterer in Chisago County, will be giving a presentation on the history of his farm, farm house and barn. The farm was purchased by his great grandparents on County Road 72 near Kost in 1885, the lovely home was built in 1893 and the large barn was built in 1914. The barn was the largest barn in the county at that time and was built with a tin roof and siding – not typical at that time either.

Please come and enjoy this historic talk followed with refreshments and social time.

'The Bookstore' grand opening

"The Bookstore" will hold its grand opening week on April 5-9 at 253 5th Street SE in Pine City. Weekday hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

THURSDAY APRIL 7

Join Pine City's Community Action Plan

All who live, work and play in the Pine City area are invited to join this community-driven city planning process. Next meeting will be Thursday, April 7 starting at 6 p.m., location TBD. For more information call 320-315-4885 or email mgainor@pinecitymn.com, or visit the City's webpage at <https://bit.ly/3qE-K4WX>.

SATURDAY APRIL 9

Osprey Wilds Nature Egg Hunt

Join us this spring for our nature egg hunt from 10 a.m. to noon! Go on a short walk around our campus and stop at four different habitats to hunt for the "eggs" of local birds. This event is great for children ages 3-8. Adults must be present. Registration is required. For more information: info@ospreywilds.org.

Gun & Outdoors Show (April 8-9)

A Gun Show will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 10 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Pine Technical and Community College at 900 4th St. SE in Pine City. Buy, sell and trade at the event.

Ham Bingo and Ham Raffle

Ham Bingo and Ham Raffle will take place on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at the VFW Building 600 1st Ave NW, \$1 per card for 3 games.

SUNDAY APRIL 10

Pancake Breakfast

The Pine City and Pine Area Lions Clubs will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 10 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pine City Armory. There will be a free will offering at the door with proceeds going to the Pine Center for the Arts window restoration project.

FRIDAY APRIL 22

Pine County Coalition of Lake Associations Spring Meeting

Friday, April 22, 2022 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Event is hosted by Pine County Planning & Zoning Department. North Pine Government Center 1610 Hwy 23 N, Sandstone, MN 55072

SATURDAY APRIL 16

Community Easter Celebration

The Community Easter Celebration has been set for Saturday, April 16th from 11 a.m - Noon in Robinson Park.

Attendees will gather to hear the Easter Story before heading out for the Egg Hunt, and Fun Activities in Downtown Pine City! Preschool through 6th Grade Students are invited to participate! Complete a registration form upon arrival and be entered to win one of the many door prizes including a wagon or a new bike!

The event is sponsored by Hands for Pine City Outreach Church, Jeff's Outdoor Service, and the Pine City Chamber.

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

'Dragons Forever' Reunion

The 13th Pine City High School "Dragons Forever" Reunion will be August 13, 2022 at Grand Casino Hinckley. This year's reunion includes the classes of 1935-1982. The reunion is held every other year with two classes added for each reunion, although we canceled the reunion for 2021 due to COVID. Attendance at recent reunions has been around 400. The volunteer committee planning the reunion decided to move forward with this year's reunion. Invitations for the reunion are being "stuffed" and mailed on Thursday, March 31 at the Community Room in the Pine City Library. There are about 2,700 PCHS alumni in the database back to 1935, but are very light on alumni data for classes of 1979-1982.

TUESDAY APRIL 19

Pine City Community Blood Drive

A Pine City Community Blood Drive sponsored by Pizza Pub and Frandsen Bank & Trust will take place Tuesday, April 19 from 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Memorial Blood Centers is partnering with Dunkin' to offer all presenting donors in April a voucher for a medium Dunkin' coffee for giving blood! Plus, one lucky donor will win free coffee for a year! Visit mbc.org/dunkin for details.

ACTIVE EVENTS

Bless the City Prayer Meetings

Hands for Pine City Outreach Church and Journey North would like to extend an invitation to community members to join with others in a weekly Blessing of Pine City prayer meeting. Come anytime.

If you'd like more information, contact Julie Samuelson at 320-496-3009.

NAMI Minnesota Offers Free Online Mental Health Classes

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) has set up a wide variety of free online mental health classes for January and February 2022.

Find a complete listing of these classes and how to join in by going to namimn.org and clicking on "Classes" or go straight to <https://namimn.org/education-public-awareness/classes/scheduled/>.

The Pine City Pioneer does not guarantee publication of community events. Space limits the size and number of articles. Out & About deadline is 3 p.m. Monday. If your information must be published, consider placing an ad.

FRIDAY 4/1

AA: 10 a.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

AA: 7 p.m., Rush City Lutheran Church, 980 W 4th Street. Call David 612-387-6094

Weecovery: 7:30 p.m., Empower Recovery Services, Second building, 509 3rd Avenue SE, Pine City

SUNDAY 4/3

AA: 7 p.m. Evangelical Free Church, 625 Golf Avenue SW, Pine City. For information call 320-438-9121.

MONDAY 04/4

Celebrate Recovery: 6 p.m., Journey North Church, 840 Main St S, Pine City

AA: 7:30 p.m., Our Redeemer Church, 825 Golf Avenue SW, Pine City

TUESDAY 4/5

Weecovery: 10 a.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

WEDNESDAY 4/6

Rock Creek AA: 7 p.m., Rock Creek City Center, 7080 MN-70, Pine City

Living Sober AA: 7 p.m., Henriette Free Methodist Church, 21004 MN-107, Grasston. Contact Willie 320-629-3745

Women only AA: 7 p.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

THURSDAY 4/7

TOPS: Take off pounds sensible 4 p.m. Pine City Library meeting room, 300 5th Street SE

Please contact the *Pine City Pioneer* with questions, or to make other changes to the meeting schedule. Contact 320-629-6771 or publicnotices@pinecitymn.com

SENIOR DINING

April 4 - April 6

Monday: Chopped steak & onions, whipped potatoes w/gravy, baked beans, bread and dessert

Wednesday: Oven roasted chicken, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, dinner roll, and dessert

Call the Pine City Senior Center at 320-629-3024 between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with any questions.

WEATHER FORECAST

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33° 22°	40° 22°	43° 23°	44° 24°

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information. She spoke fondly about this sister who came for visits on Sundays occasionally. "She always brought goodies, and then my Monday lunches at school would be wonderful. Sometimes she would bring pink peppermint. I love pink peppermint," Dorothy recalled wistfully.

During the early 40s, Dorothy married Harley Ruby. They had two daughters Hjordis and Dzidra. They lived on a farm near Pine City and later operated a café famous in the area for great chili.

Harley was an electrician. He took on short term jobs and moved the family to South Dakota then to Forest Lake.

During the late 60s, Harley and Dorothy purchased a cabin on the Snake River

near Shuey Hill. The family spent many pleasant vacations there. Eventually, they built a house next to the cabin, and that is where Dorothy still lives today.

After retiring, Harley struggled with Parkinson's disease and died in 1992.

"One of my grandkids asked me if I'm afraid to live out here all by myself," Dorothy explained, adding, "No, I have good neighbors close by."

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Tues., April 5	Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread & Salad
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Being sick on a plane ... not recommended

It seems like this winter it's been nothing but virus after COVID after flu after another virus. But the recent bout came at a most inopportune time.

We're not big travelers, other than the yearly trip somewhere warm, but this year, it's been a bit more frequent.



From the Editor
Traci LeBrun

We had the annual trip to Florida last month to visit my father-in-law and spent time with our oldest and his girlfriend who joined us in Tampa. And in November, being empty nesters now, we decided to be adventurous and fly to Vegas for a long weekend. It was fun, but it was Vegas and good to visit just once we decided.

Last weekend though, we traveled to North Carolina for a long weekend to pick up my mother-in-law who stayed with her other son and family for a couple weeks. We brought her home since she can't travel by herself and also got to hang out with family for a couple days.

We enjoyed flying first class for the first time thanks to my mother-in-law. Instead of the usual peanuts and pretzels that we're typically offered in coach for a fee, we were given a four course meal with two linen napkins and real silverware. It was nice.

But on the way back, in addition to bringing home my mother-in-law, we brought home a bug. Not the boxelder type that are crawling all over our living room at the moment but a nasty one that made us cough — a lot.

Coughing on a plane is never recommended. I mean that should go without saying, right? Especially at the tail end of a pandemic?

I was actually thankful we were still required to wear a mask on the plane because when my coughing got to be too much, enough for the flight attendant to look at me in an alarming way and the kid next to me to uncomfortably lean in the other direction, I headed to the bathroom where no one would hear me.

I made three trips there. I'm sure I was overreacting, but the movie "Snakes on a Plane" came to mind — it felt like my cough was something like a snake on a plane.

People in the front seated near the bathroom were likely wondering what my problem was. My mother-in-law even said later that she wondered why I got up so many times and laughed when I told her why.

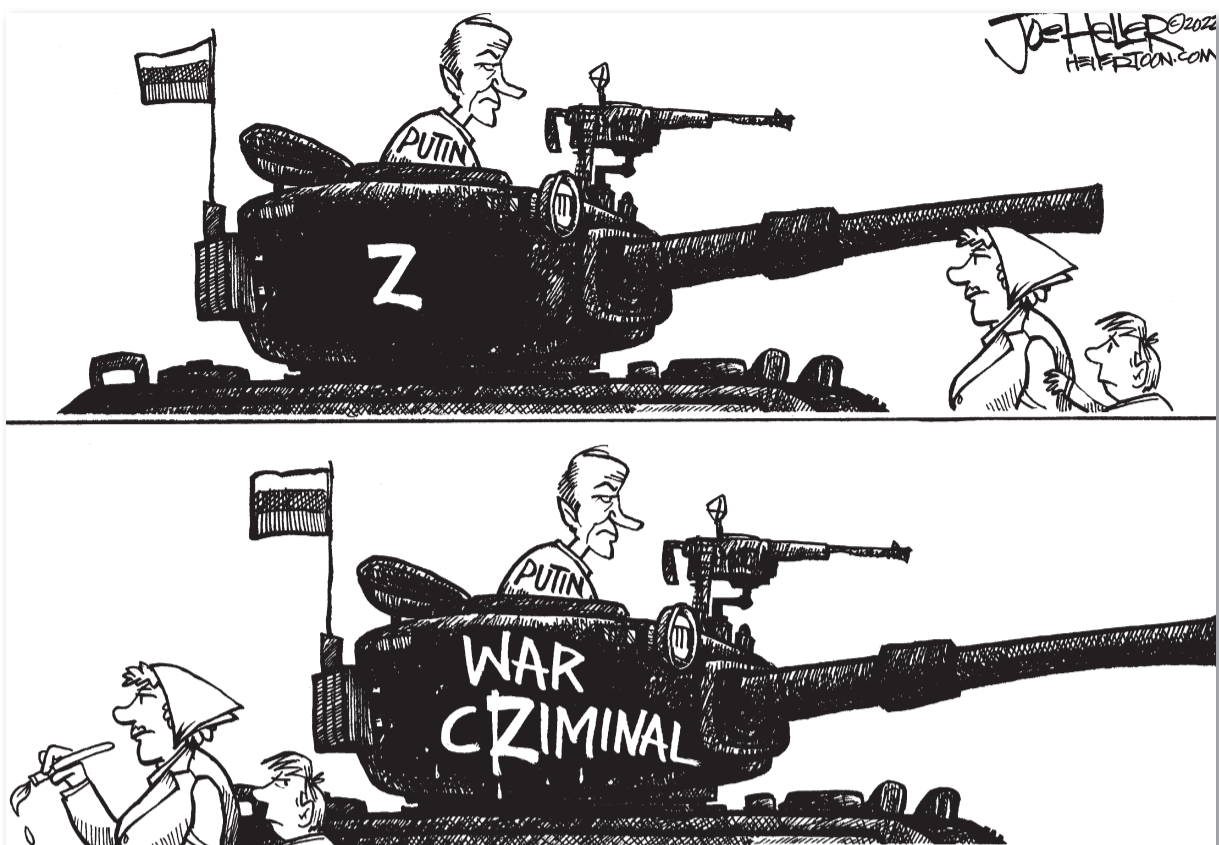
I tested negative for COVID before going on the plane and for good measure took another test when arriving at home which also gave a negative result. Plus, we recently had COVID roll through the home ... there's immunity, right?

Even after returning home, we were still sick and needed a visit to the doctor. The physician's assistant told us that viruses are going around like crazy, and when people used to get sick 3-5 days from something, they were seeing people get sick closer to 14 days now. She said our immunity has "been on vacation" for the last couple years due to all the social distancing, masks and hand sanitizer, and now it doesn't know how to handle all the viruses out there. So this made sense why it seemed like we have been much sicker than normal.

And thankfully, people are now more forgiving when someone appears slightly sick on a plane as COVID has hit almost everyone by now it seems — but I still wouldn't recommend coughing on a plane if you can avoid it.

TRACI LEBRUN is the editor at the Pine City Pioneer.

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Busy week for committee hearings

This week was a busy one for committee hearings. In addition to serving as Chair of the Labor and Industry Policy Committee and Vice-Chair of the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, I also serve on the



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Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy and the Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy Committees. I have the honor of also serving on the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement and the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council, and the State Correctional Facilities Security Audit Group.

Along with my fellow Senators, we have heard bills on a broad range of items that are being examined and voted on as possible changes to Minnesota law.

TAX CUTS HELP FAMILIES LONG TERM
Minnesotans are overtaxed. Even the national rankings say so. Yet despite a record surplus, Governor Walz is only willing to give you one-time checks. Why can't we give Minnesotans ongoing relief and actually change our tax climate instead? I support not taxing Social Security

and lowering the amount all taxpayers pay on their first tier of earnings.

The Senate passed an important bill that establishes juvenile court guardianship for at-risk youth in Minnesota. The legislation ensures that at-risk juveniles, many of whom have been victims of trafficking, have access to guidance, financial assistance, emotional support, and other resources. This bill passed on a unanimous vote with broad bipartisan support.

The bill aligns federal law and Minnesota law for certain at-risk juveniles that have been victims of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or have been brought into this country against their will for purposes of sex and/or labor trafficking. When dealing with these cases, federal law recognizes those 21 and under as juveniles, whereas Minnesota has previously only recognized those 18 and under. This assures that any at-risk youth -that would otherwise qualify for protections, are not left out due to a technicality in state law.

The bill now awaits a vote in the House before heading to the Governor's desk for a final signature.

LOAD CONTROL RECEIVERS
I introduced S.F. 181 to support local non-profit cooperatives like the one represented by Justin Jahnz, CEO of East Central Energy. This bill addresses the replacement of load control receivers, like the one you may have installed on your air conditioner. These devices allow the utility to better manage the load on the system and optimize power usage for the benefit of the consumer.

As we switch over to more renewables on the electrical system, it is essential to keep load control devices in good service and work to keep down the costs of electricity and increase reliability.

IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING MANUFACTURING

This week, I presented legislation (S.F. 2117) to fund the growth acceleration program (GAP) offered by Enterprise Minnesota. The funding will support our smaller manufacturing businesses across the state, allowing them to improve business services and products.

Manufacturing provides quality jobs that pay well and support our communities. In the world we live in, we must continue to support our manufacturing industry and investigate all possible avenues to bring jobs to Minnesota. We must foster as many opportunities as possible to create more manufacturing jobs and decrease our reliance on other nations for the goods we need.

The Minnesota Legislature first created GAP in 2008 to help

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Heard it on the Streets asks: ‘WHAT ARE THE THREE THINGS YOU REFUSE TO EAT?’ at Pine Technical & Community College and in town



“Steak, peeps and pickled eggs.”
Almon Rydberg,
Pine City



“Beets, mushrooms and meatloaf.”
Elizabeth Fauskee,
Pine City



“Mushrooms, calamari and cooked spinach.”
Gina Petrie,
Pine City



“Green olives, oysters and spinach.”
Loren Schluzacek,
Pine City



“Liver, brussels sprouts and papaya.”
Hope Moulton,
Pine City

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerning the Pine City Hilltop Recreational Area

We purchased a home on what is now known as Golf Ave. SW in Pine City over 27 years ago. The owner of this property since the 1940's was Walt and Joyce Blanchard and they lived in a large home just east of our place when we purchased our home on the street then known as South Ave in 1994.

We visited with Walt and Joyce often over the years as they continued to live in their home. They told us that they had made the donation of land that joined our property, about 20 acres, to the City many years prior to us becoming their neighbors. We were told several acres were to be used for the new cemetery, Hilltop Cemetery, and the balance was to remain natural. They hoped that the City would cut some walking trails through it but said they did not want it sold for development.

Within three years of buying our home, there was activity on the property, a strip of land, just west of us and east of Hilltop Cemetery. We were told that the city had sold that property so a new home could be constructed. We were unaware of this until the deal was done.

About four years later, we received a notice about the purposed sale of land, bordering our south property line. The city planned to sell a large piece of this “gifted” land for what would become Golden Horizons assisted living facility. We went to the City with the information that Walt and Joyce had given to us concerning their land donation and the intent of use.

I and my husband told the City that there was an agreement that was documented at the time Blanchard's gifted this land to the City, but the City said they were not aware of this.

They claimed that no document was found concerning the gift. Was the city council made aware of this? I feel the Blanchard's gift and their plan for the future of this land was thrown away.

Now, years later, recreational property, land for walking trails and dog walking parks is coveted by many cities.

Julie Werner
Pine City

Easter message

Do You See?
Thank you Lord for trees that share the message
The way of life for ALL who care to see
How in the fall the colors glow
The red is like the crimson flow
The blood of sacrifice for us to see
The skeleton left when trees are bare
It gives a message
Can you see? I REALLY care!
I know you've sinned,
I'll take your place,
I have a plan,
Within the tree new life begins,
As spring arrives the buds all swell,
The blossoms thrive,
New seeds are born!
It gives a message,
I am alive!
Can you see?
Our Lord has planned it very well.
The leaves are telling us the story.
They have to die to bring forth glory!
Thank you Lord! I See!

Joyce C. Rypkema
Pine City

RARICK: Let's change the tax climate in Minnesota

FROM PAGE 4

bring business improvement services to manufacturers with 250 or fewer full-time employees. Since it was first implemented, GAP has helped 427 Minnesota companies achieve substantial results, generating an average \$30-to-\$1 return-on-investment and creating or retaining 10,040 jobs in Minnesota.

This past summer, I was able to tour two manufac-

turing businesses in Pine City that had used this program. When I visited, I was told multiple times how important the program was and how it had helped them innovate, reorganize, and compete in the industry.

When I presented the bill, I was honored to have John Norris, the Owner of Atscott Manufacturing, join me in support of the legislation. He spoke directly to the committee

on how support services like this were critical to his business alive.

It is incredible to see what Minnesota manufacturers are doing across the state. Supporting initiatives like this will allow us to create more businesses and jobs and opportunities for Minnesotans allowing workers to be successful and independent with fulfilling careers.

STAY IN TOUCH

I am always available to answer your questions or concerns. Please email me anytime at sen.jason.rarick@senate.mn or call my office in St. Paul at 651-296-1508.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you in the Minnesota Senate!

JASON RARICK is a the senator for Senate District 11.

Get back to nature with our Adventure Backpacks

I am writing this article on what would have been my dad's 101st birthday. I adore my dad, who shared his wit, wisdom and love of music and reading with me from the day I was born. The love of the great outdoors took a bit longer. I had to wait until I was three months old for my first camping trip on the Circle Route that



Pine City Librarian
Heidi Anderson-Ferdinand

follows the shores of Lake Superior! I was the afterthought in my family and had three much older siblings who were able to help my mom care for me as we trekked the parks with our station wagon and huge army surplus tent.

Every summer we explored the U.S. and Canada, stopping to read every historical marker, taking in the wonders of the natural world, and spending our nights in state and national parks.

In Yellowstone, I was about two years old when I sauntered around the tent with my souvenir black bear with the red collar swinging from my hand. The next thing I knew my mum cried, “Bear!” She swept me up in her arms (along with a bag of marshmallows – she doesn't know why) and leapt into the tent with me crying out “yipzer it up mommy, yipzer it up!”

A very real bear was following along after me, but my dad was unfazed; he'd been an Army infantry medic in WWII and had seen it all. He casually reached for the wood axe and watched the bear to see what it had in mind. The bear gave the tent entrance a couple of sniffs and strolled on its way, having unknowingly provided us with yet another story to stitch together with all of our other camping expedition memories.

Because I grew up with a deep love and appreciation for our parks, when I heard the news that the Minnesota State Parks would be providing free, entrance passes over the summer last year, it seemed like a great opportunity to bring an idea I had had in mind for several years to life. I was able to write a grant, later approved, that allowed the East Central Regional Library to create nature and birding backpacks, which we call Adventure Backpacks, for all of our fourteen Branches.

The backpacks provide items that will help the user interact with their natural environment and, hopefully, return to that environment again and again. The birding pack contains items like adult and children's binoculars, bird identification guides, and a bird matching game. The nature pack includes child-friendly tweezers and a screen bug house that will allow up-close observation and release, nature guides, information about animal tracks, a pond net and activity guides. Both of the packs are suitable for all ages and can be checked out by adults and/or children.

Through experiencing nature we can develop a deep connection to the natural world around us and become personally invested in protecting and preserving that world. Our world. I hope you will check out an Adventure Backpack and create some memorable experiences of your own in the great outdoors!

The Adventure Backpack project was made possible in part by funding from the Minnesota Department of Education through a Library Services and Technology Act (LS-00-21-0-24-21) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

HEIDI ANDERSON-FERDINAND is the Pine City Public Library branch librarian.

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Ask a Trooper: What to do when coming across water on road

Question: With spring being here and the melting snow, can you talk about what a person should do when coming across water on roads?

Answer: Flooding can occur when streams and rivers flow over their

banks, when dams or levees break, when there is run-off from deep snow or any time there is heavy rainfall. Floodwaters can be found on roads, bridges and low areas. Flash floods can come rapidly and unex-

pectedly. They can occur within a few minutes or hours of excessive rainfall.

- Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded roadway ahead, turn around and find another route to get to

your destination.

- Be cautious, especially at night, when the visibility is limited.

- Remember, 6 inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control or possible stalling.

- Two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks.

- Even if the water appears shallow enough to cross, do not attempt to cross a flooded road.

Water can hide dips, or worse, floodwaters can damage roadways by washing away the underlying road surface.

- If there is no other route, proceed to higher ground and wait for the waters to subside.

There are always opportunities to bless the community

I've been given some space in the paper this week, and I wanted to take the opportunity to pay off an old and large debt of gratitude I have to our community. Over four years ago our family was featured in the paper here when our fifth child, Alice, was diagnosed with a brain stem tumor just short of her fourth birthday.

The thing about showing up in the paper is that suddenly, lots of people know your face and your story, and they react to it. And I suppose there's something about a cute little girl facing a death sentence that instinctively draws forth a fairly strong reaction. When you met us in the paper that week, you reacted – in a wonderful, powerful way.

We're not the 'pillar of the community' type of family, either. We've lived in the area for fifteen years now, but we're kind of outsiders. That's entirely our fault. I've always worked outside the community, and we homeschool our kids. Our largest community involvement is probably getting groceries at Wal-Mart. But that didn't seem to matter to you.

Some of you gave us money, either through your church or a fundraiser some friends put together. Many of you prayed. When we went out to restaurants, you quietly paid for our meal. You cared for us like we were one of you. It did not go unnoticed.

If you followed Alice's story, you know how it ended. One Friday night in June of '18, as my wife held Alice in her arms, I put my ear to her chest and listened to her final, fading heartbeats. That sucked something terrible,

as many of you know from your own experience, and all of you can imagine.

And then what do you do?

You go home, and move on. There's really nothing else to do. I remember gassing up at Casey's in Pine City the day after Alice died, and it annoyed me to see so many people doing such normal things when the world as I knew it had just come to an end. You just want everyone else's world to stop also. But in retrospect, this too was a great service you did for us. Because life does continue on. It has to, and we all know it. The living must keep on living.

But how do you keep on living in a world that is so obviously dying? Christians keep on living because they know that the dead also keep on living, and will one day live again. If that sounds a little complicated, it is. Still, my favorite story in the Gospels is Jesus showing up at the bedside of a dead little girl, taking her hand, and saying, "Talitha come" – "Little girl, get up!" And wouldn't you know, that's exactly what she did! So I'm excited about that same Jesus saying those same words to Alice, and to so many children like her. She's alive – and will live again.

So, my family and I keep on living, with hope in Christ and encouragement from our community. And though we're still kind of invisible, we're so happy to keep on living with all of you, who, in our most difficult days, loved on us and cared for us, and considered us part of the family. Know that your kindness to us was profoundly meaningful, and ministered to us in a wonderful way. For better or worse, until Jesus comes back, you'll have more opportunities to do it again to other families like mine. Keep up the good work.

JOE REED is the associate pastor at Lewis Lake Covenant Church



Lewis Lake Covenant Church
Assoc. Pastor
Joe Reed



Food 'N Friends
Mary Ellen Dewey

National Frozen Food Month

SLUSH FRUIT TREAT

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| 1 sm. can frozen lemonade | ries or 2 containers of strawberries, cut up |
| 1 sm. can frozen orange juice | 1 large can crushed pineapple, with juice |
| 1 c. sugar | 3 bananas, cut up |
| 2 pkg. frozen strawberries | 1 qt. 7-up |

In blender, blend juices and fruit. Add 7-up. Freeze in 5-quart ice cream pail. Thaw 5 to 10 minutes before serving in small glasses (with spoons). Yield: 20 servings.

SLOW COOKER CREAMED CORN WITH BACON

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| 10 c. frozen corn (about 50 oz.), thawed | 1/2 c. butter, melted |
| 3 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, cubed | 1/4 c. sugar |
| 1/2 c. milk | 2 tsp. salt |
| 1/2 c. heavy whipping cream | 1/4 tsp. pepper |
| | 4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled |
| | Chopped green onions |

In a 5-qt. slow cooker, combine the first eight ingredients. Cook, covered, on low 4-5 hours or until heated through. Stir just before serving. Sprinkle with crumbled cooked bacon and chopped green onions. Make 20 servings.

CRUSTLESS SPINACH QUICHE

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| 1 c. chopped onion | ham |
| 1 c. sliced fresh mushrooms | 5 large eggs |
| 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil | 3 c. shredded Muenster or Monterey Jack cheese |
| 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained (squeeze out the moisture with paper towel) | 1/8 tsp. pepper |
| 2/3 c. finely chopped fully cooked | |

In a large skillet. Sauté onion and mushrooms in oil until tender. Add spinach and ham; cook and stir mixture until the excess mixture is evaporated. Cool slightly. Beat eggs; add cheese and mix well. Stir in spinach mixture and pepper; blend well. Spread evenly into a greased 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Worship guide

W O R S H I P G U I D E

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, 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible study
6 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Master Clubs for children ages 4 to 6th grade.

Hands for Pine City

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Outreach Church
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Pine City, MN
Wednesday Nights from 6-7 PM
Outside weather permitting
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Hands4PC@gmail.com
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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.
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www.JourneyNorthChurch.com

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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
southpinebaptist@gmail.com
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Midweek Bible Study at 6:30p.m.
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www.southpinebaptist.org

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What's with all the Boxelder

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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If you've noticed an increase of insect infestation, particularly of the Boxelder bug variety, you're not alone.

Todd Leyse, owner of Adams Pest Control and East Central Exterminators, said that it's pretty bad this year. Normally there are just a few in the house, but now people are reporting dozens or hundreds inside the house, he said.

"Our phones are very busy and people are talking about it on social media, complaining that this is the worst year they've ever seen," said Leyse. He noted that this is one of the worst years he's seen as well, other than in 1998 when El Nino caused a widespread drought.

He said the excessive creepy crawlies are caused by the hot, dry summer last year and having an extra generation or two of reproduction during the summer and fall.

"The ones that we see this time of year have overwintered in peoples' homes and have entered last fall," said Leyse. "Just like in nature, they will look for a place to overwinter under mulch or tree bark, so houses make a good place to stay warm in the winter." He added that the good news is they don't reproduce over the winter.

Leyse said that when

temperatures reach about 50 degrees, they will go outside and stay outside; they don't come and go from the house. He suggests vacuuming them up, and if it's real bad, an exterminator can be called.

"If people can hold on a while longer, they might not have to do anything because they'll leave," he said. "If the temps stay in the 40s, it could linger on for weeks."

The best preventative is a well-timed application by a professional in the fall, noted Leyse. "This will prevent them from getting into the house and being a problem in the spring," he said. "Some people will say just spray soap and water on them. It will kill them and will break down the waxy exoskeleton, but it's pretty much a contact application and you'll kill what you hit but not the others. And it can harm walls and such."

He added that some people cut down Boxelder trees with the false notion that only Boxelder trees host Boxelder bugs. He said that other trees such as silver maples and ash trees do as well, so he doesn't recommend cutting trees down.

For more information on extermination, visit <https://www.eastcentralexterminating.net/>.



Municipalities meet about next step in fire contract

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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Several townships and cities who contract fire services with the Pine City Fire Department met on Wednesday, March 23 at the Pine City Township building to discuss whether or not they will move forward with creating a new fire district. The meeting was hosted by Pine City Township.

Their concerns, they said, are not with the quality of service they are getting from the fire department but the increased cost to the municipalities and the lack of input they're able to give in making financial decisions.

Pine City Township Board Supervisor Shawn Linnell said he believes if the contracts had been calculated differently to reflect all properties, both taxable and non-taxable, it would drastically change how much is charged to the City of Pine City.

Pokegama Township Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson expressed concerns about money going to the City of Pine City's general fund when there is an excess in fire call money, and the municipalities who contract with the fire department not seeing where the money goes or how it's spent.

The City of Pine City currently pays less than townships such as Pokegama and Pine City Township, and according to Johnson has approximately \$75 million in



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Townships and cities meet at the Pine City Town Hall to discuss the future of their contracts with the Pine City Fire Department.

non-taxable properties that could be factored into how much the City pays for their fire contract. According to the City's formula, the City of Pine City has a 2020 net tax capacity of \$2,586,832 and Pokegama has a net tax capacity of \$3,575,847. Chengwatana Township is at approximately \$1.1 million, Mission Creek at \$497,369, Munch Township at \$317,901, Royalton at \$995,473, the City of Henriette at \$27,587, and the City of Rock Creek at approximately \$1.48 million. Not all of Mission Creek Township, Munch Township, Royalton Township, and the City of Rock Creek are covered by the Pine City Fire Department.

Pine City Township board Chairman Bradly buys brought up the option of forming a new fire district and asked how the various municipalities felt about it.

Pokegama Township board Chair Dave Deutschlander said, "They're (fire department) buying stuff we're never going to see. We're

paying for a truck we won't see in five years. A lot of us are worried about the math ... The township would like to have some say over how the money is spent."

Buy said, "Over the last year, there is a middle man and it's the City of Pine City. They put our money in the general fund and there's no accountability. We can take out the middle man, build a new district, create a board, and let the board manage what happens."

Terry Peterson, Pokegama Township supervisor, said, "We've had no say on anything, and



Pokegama Township Board Chair Dave Deutschlander

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Boys Hockey Awards

All Conference earners for Dragons Boys Hockey included seniors Aidan Welch (above left with assistant coach Kip Rydberg, JV and assistant coach TJ Gross and head coach Seth Sauter) and Mason Rydberg (pictured above right with coaches). Aidan Welch was also awarded team MVP and Mason Rydberg was awarded the Blueline Award.

Boys Hockey wraps up with awards

BY ANDREW BURGER
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The Pine City Dragon Boys Hockey team wrapped up their season with an awards dinner.

Coach Sauter summed up the season, "Overall, it was a fun group to be a part of. This team had a great work ethic and never gave up. We have a difficult schedule year in, year out. The boys had a lot of adversity

this year and did a great job persevering through it. There were not many stretches where we had a full roster, and our young players did a great job filling in and gaining valuable experience for the future."

Sauter noted that the team had a great and close-knit group of seniors who led the way on the ice. "It's always bittersweet to see the seniors move on," said

Sauter. "It's tough to see them go, but at the same time, you are excited for their future. We wish them all the best moving forward."

He said he is looking forward to working with next year's group starting in the offseason. "We have a solid core coming back and have a lot of new players coming

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Girls Hockey awards



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Girls Hockey Awards

Girls hockey All Conference earners included Emma Kirby, Erin Radeke, Emma Hermanson, pictured above. Honorable Mention earners are Rhiannon Ashworth, Lexi Valvoda, Jennae Szucs, and Sophia Olson, pictured below.



BY ANDREW BURGER
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The Pine City Dragon Girls Hockey team recently held their awards ceremony.

Head Coach Bill Agaard said on the evening, "The end of the year wrap up was a great success at the Pizza Pub. Thank you to all the players for a fun season. Thanks to our families for their unwavering support. It was a night for some individual recognition

for participation in a Team sport. Abandon self. Embrace team"

The BB32 Beau Berglund Award is a Character Award given to senior Emma Kirby with the Berglund family's permission to the player that displays integrity, commitment and effort and reflects honorably on the Dragon Community.

Coach Agaard explained further, "This is our first year awarding this, and the plaque will stay at the Pine City

Civic Center with each athlete's name displayed annually. We wanted it to be comparable to the Patty Kazmaier Award, the Hobey Baker and the Herb Brooks Awards but with a local touch."

Mississippi 8 All Conference awards were given to Emma Kirby - Conference Defensive POY (Sr. Rush City), Erin Radeke (Sr. Mora) and Emma Hermanson (Soph. Pine City).

Mississippi 8 Conference Honorable Mention awards were given to Rhiannon Ashworth (Fr. Mora), Lexa Valvoda (Soph. Pine City), Jennae Szucs, (Fr. Mora), and Sophia Olson (Soph. PC).

Individual awards included the following: Emma Kirby (BB32 Character Award), Arissa Rydberg (Ms. Hustle), Solei Olson (Team Spirit), and Brylee Johnson (Most Improved).

The girls as a team were awarded the Section 5A Team Academic Champion.

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Band receives superior ratings

The Pine City Concert Band recently performed in Rush City at the Minnesota State High School League Large group contest. They received superior ratings from all three judges again this year.



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6th Grade Science Fair winners!

Pictured above is Mr. Joel Lorsung (Pine City elementary science teacher) along with Science Fair winners Paige Wiener, Jocelyn Lorsung, Grant Haverhals, Gage Borgstrom, and Micah Hogberg. Not pictured is Braeden Fort.

STAFF REPORT

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The annual 6th Grade Science Fair took place last week. Winners of the fair include the following: Micah Hogberg (Student Choice Award with 'Focusing Signals for Better Wifi'), Grant Haverhals (1st Place with 'Is Gatorade Better?'), Gage Borgstrom (2nd Place with 'Super Shots'), Paige Wiener (3rd Place with 'Liquid to Energy'),

Jocelyn Lorsung (4th Place: with 'Transpiring Flower Magic'), and Braeden Fort (5th Place with 'Super Slapshots').

This year, there were 35 projects entered and over 40 students participating. The students started the process of the scientific method the last week in January and finalized their projects leading to the science fair held on March 23 at Pine City Elementary School.

Mr. Lorsung said of the event,

"The kids did a fantastic job in the 2022 6th Grade Science Fair. I'm very proud of their ideas and the effort these students put forth with their project ideas. Using science experimentation to solve questions is such an important skill to have. All of the projects entered into the science fair were voluntary. I think our future with kids like these looks bright ... Great job 6th grade Dragon students!"



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Students and judges alike enjoy the numerous projects at the Annual 6th Grade Science Fair held at the Pine City Elementary on March 23.

HOCKEY: End of year awards

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into the program next year. We're excited to see what the next group will bring to the program."

This year's Mississippi 8 All-Conference earners are seniors Aidan Welch and Mason Rydberg. Honorable Mention earners are Ryder Youngbauer, Mason Mikyska, Jimmy Lindblom, Seth Linnell, and McCoy Leger.

Individual award earners include the following: Cody Klein (JV player of the year),

McCall Leger (Varsity Rookie of the Year), Noah Root (Most Improved), Seth Linnell (Hardest Worker), Mason Rydberg (Blue-line Award), Mason Olson (Goaltender of the Year), Aidan Welch (Team MVP), Jimmy Lindblom (Character Award), and Timmy Faulkner (Fan of the Year).

Varsity stat leaders include Aidan Welch (33 Points and 18 goals), McCoy Leger (17 Assists), Mason Rydberg (Plus/Minus +15), Mason Mikyska (Power play points - 12), and Mason Olson (7 wins and 2 shutouts).

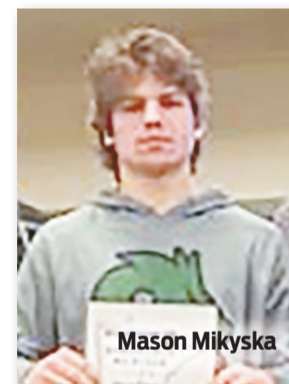


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Dragon Boys Hockey All-Conference Honorable mention award winners included Jimmy Lindblom (above), Ryder Youngbauer (below), Seth Linnell, McCoy Leger, and Mason Mikyska.



Seth Linnell



Mason Mikyska



McCoy Leger



Years Ago: Bridge gives way, truck plunges into river

BY DONNA SANDBERG
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and Valerie Raivo, Brook Park, have been selected to display their large wooden baskets at the 11th annual American Craft Council Craft Fair.

The three-day affair, will be held April 11 to 13 at the Saint Paul Civic Center.

Raivos are among 250 national and local artists whose works will be featured at the 1997 ACC craft fair, considered to be the Upper Midwest largest indoor display of arts and crafts and one of only nine juried shows sponsored nationally by the New York-based ACC. They were selected from a pool of several thousand artists who applied to be in the show. Artist at the three-day event will sell their works.

50 Years Ago, 1972

200 persons attended the annual Easter party last Saturday sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary and the Modern Woodmen of America. The live Easter Bunny, Mark Purdy, hopped around and visited with the little ones. A story about Robin's was read by Lynda Bible.

A couple of memory



PHOTO BY MIKE GAINOR

Turkeys trot

A rafter of wild turkeys make their way across a Pokegama Township field on March 21. Enjoying the warm temperatures and the budding greens rising up from the ground. For most of the week, temperatures in the Pine City area covered a good 20 degrees above the average of 41 degrees for March in Minnesota.

10 Years Ago, 2012

Pine City Mites have Mighty season: The very first Mite "A" team in Pine City, made up of third graders from Pine City and Rush City, had an outstanding season record of 14 wins, 7 losses and one tie.

Pine County remained within the 8th congressional district after the 2012 redistricting process and the candidates in both parties are moving forward in the 2012 race to see who will represent the area in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Under some redistricting plans, the eighth District would have taken a significantly different shape, and possibly not even included Pine County. Instead, it retained basically the same geographic area it has had for the past decade, with the addition of several rural townships in Beltrami County.

25 Years Ago, 1997

Brook Park artists participate in Show: Keith

lane readers remembered visits to Doctor Nethercott: Leonard Pavcek recalled seeing the doctor for stitches. Leonard was about 9 years old at the time and cut his right hand when he fell near an ash pile while playing "anti-over" the school woodshed.

The second time I had the privilege of having this doctor's acquaintance again was when I was about 11 years old. For some particular reason I was prone to have sore throats a lot. My parents decided maybe it was being caused by having bad tonsils so to the doctor we went to check them out.

When our turn came to go in, my parents talked to the doctor who was

seated in a swivel chair at his desk. I noticed that hanging over his desk on the wall was a wooden airplane propeller. As the doctor stood up, he looks like a big fellow to me with a partly bald head. He told me to sit in a white steel high-backed chair, which had a moveable light above it. He inspected my throat and said, yes sir, they need to be taken out.

I remember him putting some Novocaine in my throat or wherever he put it as it hurt pretty good at first. After a while my throat felt funny and it was hard to swallow, the doctor then handed me a curved kidney-shaped stainless steel dish and told me to hold it. Next he proceeded to get some instruments out. One look like a table for work only with shorter times on and with the times bent and resembled a small claw.

I don't remember much more except I could feel the tearing as he removed the tonsil which he placed in that stainless steel dish that I was still holding.

75 Years Ago, 1947

As Dominick Fornengo of Cloverton was driving his truck over the Tamarack river near

Markville, the bridge suddenly gave way plunging the truck into the river below. No one was injured in the accident, but it took several hours work to raise the truck from the riverbed.

Gamble's opens in Pine City. The Pioneer announced the grand opening of Gamble's. Bert Gamble and Phil Skogmo opened their first store in 1925 and now had a substantial interest in nearly 4,000 retail outlets located in every state of the union and four provinces of Canada.

Lilia Pharmacy was advertising Velvet Ice Cream, the finest ice cream you've ever tasted, from the Bridgeman Russell company.

100 Years Ago, 1922

People living within the village limits, who raised chickens and other fowl, must observe the village ordinance which provides that fowls are not permitted to run loose.

John Biedermann's application for Marshall of Pine City Village was accepted. He was awarded the salary of \$100 a month.

Armed with nine search warrants issued

at the instigation of County attorney Roberts, Sheriff Hawley made another visit to the Moonshiners at Kingsdale last Friday Night when he headed a raid that landed five men in the toils of the law.

125 Years Ago, 1897

Every morning and evening, parties can be seen with guns going duck hunting. They have not commenced to fly yet in great numbers, but the hunters make out to bag one once in awhile.

George Goodwin reports as to the condition of the Chengwatana Dam as follows: The head raised from 2 ft. up to 8 ft. and 10 in, with all the gates up. It then fell to 8 ft. and 8 in., and the ice from the channel commenced running through at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and ran all night. It came in such large cakes that he was compelled to shut down three of the gates in order to save the dam, and kept them down while ice was running. He considered the dam out of danger for the present.

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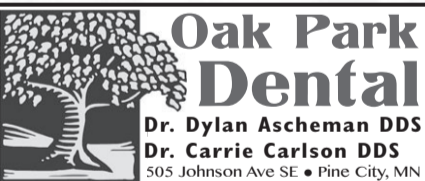
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CITY: City kicks off series of community planning meetings

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“Over time, you start getting community buy-in, but that can only happen if you do the work,” he said. “Having community ownership of those ideas is what makes everything happen and move forward. People will ask how they can support it, may give resources and build long-term collaboration.”

The City of Pine City said in a press release that the committee will be accepting new participants throughout the duration of the project in the following areas: Community Connectivity (Transportation & Infrastructure); Community Pride (Public Facilities, Safety & Services); Creating Community (Land Use & Housing); Downtown Revitalization (Economic Development); Economic

Prosperity (Economic Development); and Quality of Life (Parks, Trails and Recreation).

Streeter gave the disclaimers that nobody knows what ideas will come from the group and that if someone had a personal agenda, this probably wasn't the group for them.

“We want you to look for great examples from other communities,” he said, “and there won't be anyone from the City saying ‘no, that isn't going to happen.’ You guys are going to figure it out, and don't be afraid to pick up the phone and call about something you want to know more about. Do the research.”

He expects the process to wrap up mid-July. “We're asking you to hang in there through the end,” he added. “Once you start seeing your work develop, you'll start



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Forging a path for the City

Pine City Administrator Scott Hildebrand addresses the crowd gathered on March 23 at Pine Technical & Community College there to hear about a new initiative for community planning.

getting excited and want to get together to work with your committee.”

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 6 p.m. The location is yet to be determined. For more information call (320) 315-4885, email mgainor@

pinecitymn.com, or visit the City's webpage at <https://bit.ly/3qEK4WX>. Visit www.pinecity.gov-office.com to learn more about the project and to sign-up online for any of the following subcommittees.

FIRE: Municipalities weigh options for fire service

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could get some sort of agreement to have input ... they don't ask us what we think.”

Linnell noted that state statute gives them the authority to form a fire district. “The biggest thing about a district is every jurisdiction involved has a vote. One member from each board sends a rep to the district board,” said Linnell. “The second caveat I've

heard years ago is that the City was not against forming another district. Will it give us less tax burden? I doubt it, but it will give us more say ... it would probably be run more like a township where we're accountable to the taxpayers.”

Chengwatana Township Board Chair Les Bloom said, “Something isn't right there. It's not the fire department ... As a district, you do have a vote. I think a fire dis-

trict is the way to go.”

Deutschlander suggested forming a committee and going to the Pine City Council. Buys asked by a show of hands who was interested in forming a new fire district. Many in the room raised their hands.

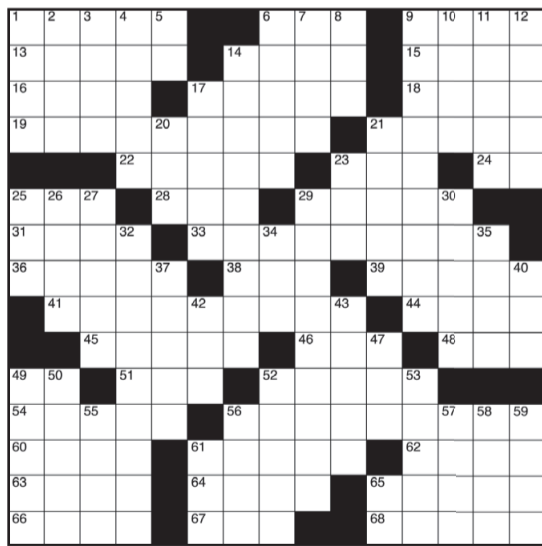
Deutschlander asked some of the firemen present how they felt. Pete Liebel responded, “We're kind of stuck in the middle. There are always two sides to the story.”

Brian Gray, another fire department member, said, “There aren't people knocking on the door to join the fire department. My concern is man power. We have a hard time getting volunteers.”

Discussion continued reaching consensus to meet as a fire committee and then be placed on the Pine City Council agenda for early May to present the City with their concerns.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE - MARCH 31



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hillsides
- 6. A way to ingest
- 9. Large number
- 13. Southeastern Minnesota city
- 14. Cronies
- 15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- 16. Supplements with difficulty
- 17. Former VP nominee Palin
- 18. Cambodian monetary unit
- 19. Where coaches work
- 21. Secret political clique
- 22. A type of lute
- 23. Tan
- 24. Empire State

- 25. Where golfers begin (abbr.)
- 28. For each
- 29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
- 31. Bird genus
- 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Domesticates
- 38. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
- 39. Asian antelope
- 41. One who takes apart
- 44. Kin
- 45. Dresses
- 46. Says something about you (abbr.)
- 48. Doctor of Education
- 49. One quintillion bytes
- 51. Overcharge
- 52. Sailboats
- 54. Indian musical patterns
- 56. Predisposition to a condition
- 60. Share a common boundary with
- 61. Wide
- 62. Skin disease
- 63. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 64. Source of the Blue Nile
- 65. Instrument
- 66. Red deer
- 67. Unidentified flying object
- 68. Bar or preclude

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flying insects
- 2. Strong alcoholic spirit
- 3. Old
- 4. Moves in slowly
- 5. Symbol for tin
- 6. Having certain appendages
- 7. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 8. Type of hormone (abbr.)
- 9. One with an unjustified mistrust
- 10. Hebrew calendar month
- 11. Pure
- 12. LSU football coach
- 14. Unbroken views
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Part of a race
- 21. Hairstyle
- 23. Fifth note of a major scale
- 25. Body art
- 26. Amounts of time
- 27. Designed chairs
- 29. Sensational dramatic piece
- 30. Arrangement of steps
- 32. Classifies
- 34. Young child
- 35. Oh, no!
- 37. Astronomical period of about 18 years
- 40. Not or
- 42. Poke fun at
- 43. Consisting of roots
- 47. “___ Humbug!”
- 49. A way to remove
- 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
- 52. Keyed instrument
- 53. Varnishes
- 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
- 56. Unable to hear
- 57. A short erect tail
- 58. Indicates interest
- 59. Flow or leak through
- 61. British thermal unit
- 65. Iron

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Solve the code to discover words related to agriculture. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 19 = S)

- A. 24 8 14 9**
Clue: Rural area
- B. 15 12 8 21 7 19**
Clue: Trees, shrubs and more
- C. 3 8 14 10 6 19 7**
Clue: Gathering crops
- D. 12 26 10 6 19 7 17 4 16**
Clue: Farm animals

Answers: A. farm B. plants C. harvest D. livestock

Carl Heinrich

Carl Heinrich was born June 16, 1930, at his parents' farm along the St. Croix River. He lived all of his 91 years in Rushseba Township, moving to his current home location at less than a year of age. He passed away suddenly Sunday, March 20, 2022, at M Health Fairview Lakes Hospital in Wyoming.



He had many interests, including fishing, agate picking, camping, and his favorite game of cribbage. As a young man he was an accomplished roller skater, and loved to drive around Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was always interested in science and the natural world, and he could identify all of the plants, animals and birds that lived on the farm. For many years he reported

the daily weather for a radio station, and even published a book, "Record of Daily Weather 1988-2014." He wrote articles that were published in magazines and newsletters on historical topics. His amazing memory allowed him to become an author at a late age, publishing his memoir "Life on Honeysuckle Farm" in 2017.

He met his wife, Beverley, at a roller rink, and they married in 1955. They reached their 66th wedding anniversary on July 23, 2021. Life as a dairy farmer became busier as he added cabinetmaking in 1965, first for his own house and then for others. Crafting wooden items was very enjoyable, and he often gave them as gifts for family members. He added Honeysuckle Farm Vacations from 1965 to 1985. Carl was active in church activities, serving for many years on committees and as elder, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church and then St. John's Lutheran Church. He was very interested in history, and belonged to the Chisago County Historical Society and the North Chapter Historical Society, serving as president and in other offices. He was often quoted in newspaper articles and contacted for local historical information.

His large family is very close, with annual camping trips, large projects such as building a granary, and holiday events. There were always a lot of stories and laughs when Carl was around. We will all miss him greatly.

Carl is survived by his wife Bev; children Diana (Bob) Sandberg of North Branch, Nathan (Mandy) Heinrich of Idaho, Tim (Connie) Heinrich of Rush City, Janet Swanson of Milaca, and Rachel Heinrich of Ely; grandchildren Mike Sandberg (fiancee Amanda Johnson) of Oregon, Chris Sandberg of St. Paul, Justin Heinrich of Virginia, Ciera Heinrich of Idaho, Orion Heinrich of Baxter, Stephen Eisenmenger of Brook Park, Troy Mikrot of Cambridge, Dan Swanson of St. Cloud, Jason (Michelle) Swanson of Burnsville, Jenni Swanson (fiancee Hodge Cherry) of Florida; and great-grandchildren Cedric Swanson, Evelyn Swanson, Ellianna Swanson, Brecken Cherry, Calix Cherry, and Lorelei Heinrich. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Sarah Marie Swanson; parents Otto and Emma; brother James Heinrich; and sister Margaret (Wendell) Johnson.

The Rev. Tim Renstrom officiated at funeral services for Carl at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rush City. A time of visitation and reviewal was held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, at the Olson Funeral Chapel in Rush City and also one hour prior to the funeral at church. The interment took place in First Lutheran Cemetery, Rush City.

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

Kenneth E. Peil

Ken Peil passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at his daughter's home in Grasston at the age of 93.

Kenneth Earl Peil was born Jan. 31, 1929, to John and Ruth (Reppert) Peil in Pine City.

Ken is survived by his daughters Doreen Nowling (Jack) Grave of Pine City, Roxane Stone (Kevin Stone) of St. Paul, and Rhonda (Gonzalo) Meza of Oakdale; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; siblings Larry Peil of Pine City, Lois O'Neil of White Bear Lake, Gene Peil of Danbury, Shirley Kirshberg of Rock Creek, and Milo (Linda) Behrendt; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents John and Ruth Peil; wife Delores Peil; sons Randy Peil and Doug Peil; son-in-law Carl Nowling; great-grandson Chaz Peil; brother-in-law Alvis Ovik; and friend Lois Youngbauer.

A gathering of Ken's family and friends was held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday March 28, 2022, at the Swanson Funeral Chapel in Pine City. The interment took place in Birchwood Cemetery, Pine City, with military honors provided by the Heath Perkins American Legion post 51, Novak Milliren VFW post 4258 and the Minnesota Army National Guard.

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



Ralph I. Rimer

Ralph Ivan Rimer, age 85, of Finlayson passed away at his home on March 28, 2020.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Helen Rimer; and his siblings, Charles Rimer, Ruth Karras, Lois Henshaw, and Jim Rimer.



Ralph is survived by his loving wife, Lorraine; his daughters, Denise (Ted) Cabak of White Bear Lake, and Jacqui (Al) Broin of Cannon Falls; grandchildren Jordan (Kristin) Cabak of Roseville, and Jacob (Hannah) Cabak, White Bear Lake; great-granddaughters Finley Cabak and Addison Cabak; great-grandson Emmett Cabak; many nieces and nephews; sister, Joyce Dahlberg of St. Croix,

Wisc.; and brother, Ronald Rimer of Hudson, Wisc. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Hinckley, with Pastor Dan Brendsel and Pastor Kevin Carr officiating. There will be a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements by Tatting-Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Hinckley.

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Pine County Offering backyard compost bins and rain barrels

PRESS RELEASE

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Orders are due by 4:30pm on Friday, April 15th, 2022, with estimated pick-up dates from May 3-May 6 (email confirmation will be sent via email in mid-April).

Orders can be picked up at either the Pine County Zoning Office, (1610 Highway 23 N, Sandstone) or the Pine



County Courthouse (635 Northridge Drive Ste 250, Pine City). Further details are available at the RAM website listed above.

Why Compost? Backyard composting serves as a cost-effective means to save landfill space. Landfills are expensive to operate, create environmental challenges, and are generally

undesirable land use in our communities. A 2013 study by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency indicated that approximately 30% of Minnesota's garbage arriving at landfills consists of organic waste (food scraps, plant material, etc.). This constitutes a tremendous waste of energy, financial resources, and landfill space that could be

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It was a time of learning about maple syrup and singing for Pine City Elementary first graders at Steve and Adrienne Roubinek's last week. Above Adrienne led Mrs. Fauskee's class in a farewell song. The youngsters had a chance to test out sap right from the tree.

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For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$30 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through Quest CDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated June 1, 2021.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$70.

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

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

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.

Scott Hildebrand
City Administrator
City of Pine City, Minnesota

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE FOR MUNCH TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Town of Munch in Pine County, Minnesota, will meet at the Munch Town Hall, 32837 Cedar Creek Road, Hinckley, MN, at 3:00 PM, on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessments in the Town of Munch for the year 2023.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing

with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Charm Dreier,
Clerk of Munch
Published in the Pine City Pioneer
March 24, 31, 2022

NOTICE OF TAKING AND SALE

East Central Towing LLC
320-358-4869
220 W 5th St (PoBox 634)
Rush City, MN 55069

Make: Polaris Model: Explorer
Date and Place of taking:
Date: 03/17/2022

Location: 570 Main St S City: Pine City
State: MN Zip: 55063

Notice of Rights: You have the right to reclaim the vehicle under Minnesota Statute 168B.07. Failure to exercise your right to reclaim the vehicle within the appropriate time allowed under section 168B.051, subdivision 1, 1a, or 2, and under the conditions set forth in section 168B.07, subdivision 1, constitutes a waiver by you of all right, title, and interest in the vehicle and a consent to the transfer of title to and disposal or sale of the vehicle pursuant to section 168B.08; or failure to exercise your right to reclaim the contents of the vehicle within the appropriate time allowed and under the conditions set forth in section 168B.07, subdivision 3, constitutes a waiver by you of all right, title, and interest in the contents and consent to sell or dispose of the contents under section 168B.08. A vehicle owner who provides to the impound lot operator documentation from a government or nonprofit agency or legal aid office that the owner is homeless, receives relief based on need, or is eligible for legal aid services, has the unencumbered right to retrieve any and all contents without charge.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT This may affect your 2023 property taxes.

The Board of Equalization for Pokegama Township will meet on April 19, 2022, at 9 a.m. at Pokegama Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 18th day of March, 2022.

/s/ Christy Belsheim
Clerk of Pokegama Township
Published in the Pine City Pioneer
March 31, 2022

INFORMATION REGARDING ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS AND 2023 PROPERTY TAXES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of Royalton Township will meet on April 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at Royalton Town Hall, 6052 Royalton Road, Braham, MN (tel: 320-396-2982). The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of March 2022.

/s/ Duane P. Swanson, Royalton Township
Clerk

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PINE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 58-PR-22-28
**AMENDED NOTICE OF AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY,
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

Estate of
Richard Ellis Johnson
Richard E. Johnson,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 635 Northridge Drive Northwest, Pine City, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Personal Representative Natalie Bailey whose address is 16 Hillcrest Avenue, Randolph, Maine 04346, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must

be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated 03/21/2022

BY THE COURT
Krista K. Martin
District Court Judge
Amy Willert
Court Administrator

SPEAR & SWANSON LAW OFFICE
David Spear

MN# 103834
615 - 3rd Avenue Southwest
Pine City, MN 55063
Telephone: 320-629-7586
Facsimile: 320-629-1065

e-mail: dspear@spearswanson.com
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

TO: Green Mountain Properties, LLC
2777 2nd St North
N. St. Paul, MN 55109
YOU ARE NOTICED:

Default has occurred in the Certificate of Purchase of Tax-Forfeited Lands, dated September 20, 2019, to Green Mountain Properties, LLC, and filed for record October 14, 2019, as Document #549260 in the office of the County Recorder of Pine County, Minnesota, in which Kelly M Schroeder, Pine County Auditor, acting on behalf of the State of Minnesota, sold the real property in Pine County, Minnesota, described as follows:

East 1/2 of West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 (E1/2 of W1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4) Section Twenty - Eight (28), Township Forty-Two (42), Range Sixteen (16), subject to an existing highway easement for Pine County State Aid Highway 25 recorded as document 411305 in the office of the Pine County Recorder.

PIO #02.0292.003
Excepting and reserving to the State of Minnesota all mineral and mineral rights in and to said land, having been duly offered for sale as tax forfeited land under Minnesota Statutes annotated, chapter 282, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto (the Property).

The property was purchased on September 20, 2019, under the terms of contract sales approved by resolution of the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

The default is as follows: The 2021 Annual Payment and 2021 Taxes have not been paid.

The Auditor's Office has received authorization from the Pine County Board of Commissioners to cancel defaulted tax-forfeited land contracts as listed by Resolution adopted February 15, 2022.

The County Auditor has begun proceedings under M.S. 559.21 to cancel your contract for deed for the reason or reasons specified above. **The contract will be cancelled JUNE 18, 2022**, unless, before that date, you pay the total amount due or you secure from a county or district court an order that cancellation of the contract be suspended until all your claims or defenses are finally disposed of by trial, hearing, or settlement. Your action must specifically state those facts and grounds that demonstrate your claims or defenses.

If you do not pay the total amount due or secure a court order before **June 17, 2022**, you will lose all the money paid under the contract, lose your right to possess the property, you may lose your right to assert any claims and defenses, and you will be evicted. If you have any questions about this notice, contact an attorney immediately.

A breakdown of the total amount due if paid by **March 31, 2022**, is listed below:

a) 2021 Annual Payment \$2,924.15
b) 2021 Taxes \$ 238.39
b) 2% of Amount in Default \$ 63.25
TOTAL DUE: \$3,225.79

The name, address and telephone number of the County Auditor who is authorized to accept payment is listed below. **The amounts stated above are subject to increase and will also include fees**, please contact the County Auditor's office at (320) 591-1666 for the exact amount required to redeem your contract and any further information concerning the impending cancellation of your contract.

Kelly M Schroeder,
Pine County Auditor-Treasurer
Pine County Courthouse
635 Northridge Dr NW #240
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 591-1666
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

TO: Jeffrey Oswald
466 Perro Creek Dr
Bayport, MN 55003
YOU ARE NOTICED:

Default has occurred in the Certificate of Purchase of Tax-Forfeited Lands, dated December 23, 2020, to Jeffrey Oswald,

and filed for record December 23, 2020, as Document #558075 in the office of the County Recorder of Pine County, Minnesota, in which Kelly M. Schroeder, Pine County Auditor, acting on behalf of the State of Minnesota, sold the real property in Pine County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Northeast Quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 of NE1/4 of NE1/4), Section Four (4), Township Forty-four (44), Range Eighteen (18). Subject to: Road Drainage and utility easements running along the North 33 feet thereof and the East 33 feet thereof.

Subject to: An easement to North Pine Electric Cooperative Inc. running along the South 12 feet of the North 45 feet thereof.
PID #07.0051.000

Excepting and reserving to the State of Minnesota all mineral and mineral rights in and to said land, having been duly offered for sale as tax forfeited land under Minnesota Statutes annotated, chapter 282, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto (the Property).

The property was purchased on December 23, 2020, under the terms of contract sales approved by resolution of the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

The default is as follows: The 2021 Annual Payment and 2021 Taxes have not been paid.

The Auditor's Office has received authorization from the Pine County Board of Commissioners to cancel defaulted tax-forfeited land contracts as listed by Resolution adopted February 15, 2022.

The County Auditor has begun proceedings under M.S. 559.21 to cancel your contract for deed for the reason or reasons specified above. **The contract will be cancelled JUNE 18, 2022**, unless, before that date, you pay the total amount due or you secure from a county or district court an order that cancellation of the contract be suspended until all your claims or defenses are finally disposed of by trial, hearing, or settlement. Your action must specifically state those facts and grounds that demonstrate your claims or defenses.

If you do not pay the total amount due or secure a court order before **June 17, 2022**, you will lose all the money paid under the contract, lose your right to possess the property, you may lose your right to assert any claims and defenses, and you will be evicted. If you have any questions about this notice, contact an attorney immediately.

A breakdown of the total amount due if paid by **March 31, 2022**, is listed below:

a) 2021 Annual Payment \$3,304.60
b) 2021 Taxes \$112.18
b) 2% of Amount in Default \$68.34
TOTAL DUE: \$ 3,485.12

The name, address and telephone number of the County Auditor who is authorized to accept payment is listed below. **The amounts stated above are subject to increase and will also include fees**. Please contact the County Auditor's office at (320) 591-1666 for the exact amount required to redeem your contract and any further information concerning the impending cancellation of your contract.

Kelly M Schroeder,
Pine County Auditor-Treasurer
Pine County Courthouse
635 Northridge Dr NW #240
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 591-1666
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

TO: Jeffrey Oswald
466 Perro Creek Dr
Bayport, MN 55003
YOU ARE NOTICED:

Default has occurred in the Certificate of Purchase of Tax-Forfeited Lands, dated September 25, 2018, to Jeffrey Oswald, and filed for record September 25, 2018, as Document #542403 in the office of the County Recorder of Pine County, Minnesota, in which Kelly M. Schroeder, Pine County Auditor, acting on behalf of the State of Minnesota, sold the real property in Pine County, Minnesota, described as follows:

South Half of Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter (S1/2 of NE1/4 of NE1/4) Section Sixteen (16), Township Thirty-Nine (39), Range Twenty (20); reserving a public easement of existing State Grant-In-Aid snowmobile trail pursuant to State of Minnesota regulations; AND reserving for Pine County, its successors and assigns, a highway easement over, under, and across the East 50 feet thereof.

PIO# 08.0152.000
Excepting and reserving to the State of Minnesota all mineral and mineral rights in and to said land, having been duly offered for sale as tax forfeited land under Minnesota Statutes annotated, chapter 282, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto (the Property).

The property was purchased on December 21, 2018 under the terms of contract sales approved by resolution of the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

The default is as follows: The 2021 Annual Payment and 2021 Taxes have not been paid.

The Auditor's Office has received authorization from the Pine County Board of Commissioners to cancel defaulted tax-forfeited land contracts as listed by Resolution adopted February 15, 2022.

The County Auditor has begun proceedings under M.S. 559.21 to cancel your contract for deed for the reason or reasons specified above. **The contract will be cancelled JUNE 18, 2022**, unless, before that date, you pay the total amount due or you secure from a county or district court an order that cancellation of the contract be suspended until all your

claims or defenses are finally disposed of by trial, hearing, or settlement. Your action must specifically state those facts and grounds that demonstrate your claims or defenses.

If you do not pay the total amount due or secure a court order before **June 17, 2022**, you will lose all the money paid under the contract, lose your right to possess the property, you may lose your right to assert any claims and defenses, and you will be evicted. If you have any questions about this notice, contact an attorney immediately.

A breakdown of the total amount due if paid by **March 31, 2022**, is listed below:

a) 2021 Annual Payment \$6,820.75
b) 2021 Taxes \$447.41
b) 2% of Amount in Default \$145.36
TOTAL DUE: \$7,413.52

The name, address and telephone number of the County Auditor who is authorized to accept payment is listed below. **The amounts stated above are subject to increase and will also include fees**. Please contact the County Auditor's office at (320) 591-1666 for the exact amount required to redeem your contract and any further information concerning the impending cancellation of your contract.

Kelly M Schroeder,
Pine County Auditor-Treasurer
Pine County Courthouse
635 Northridge Dr NW #240
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 591-1666
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

TO: Jeffrey Oswald
466 Perro Creek Dr
Bayport, MN 55003
YOU ARE NOTICED:

Default has occurred in the Certificate of Purchase of Tax-Forfeited Lands, dated December 23, 2020, to Jeffrey Oswald, and filed for record December 23, 2020, as Document #558074 in the office of the County Recorder of Pine County, Minnesota, in which Kelly M. Schroeder, Pine County Auditor, acting on behalf of the State of Minnesota, sold the real property in Pine County, Minnesota, described as follows:

South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2 of SW1/4 of NW1/4), and commencing at the SE corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 of NW1/4); thence North along the East boundary of said Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 of NW1/4) a distance of 1083.06 feet to the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence South on the East boundary of said Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 of NW1/4) a distance of 423.06 feet; thence West at right angles with said East boundary of said Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 of NW1/4) a distance of 739.20 feet; thence in a Northeasterly direction to the point of beginning all in Section Twenty-two (22), Township Forty (4), Range Twenty-one (21).

PIO# 18.0195.000
Excepting and reserving to the State of Minnesota all mineral and mineral rights in and to said land, having been duly offered for sale as tax forfeited land under Minnesota Statutes annotated, chapter 282, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto (the Property).

The property was purchased on December 23, 2020, under the terms of contract sales approved by resolution of the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

The default is as follows: The 2021 Annual Payment and 2021 Taxes have not been paid.

The Auditor's Office has received authorization from the Pine County Board of Commissioners to cancel defaulted tax-forfeited land contracts as listed by Resolution adopted February 15, 2022.

The County Auditor has begun proceedings under M.S. 559.21 to cancel your contract for deed for the reason or reasons specified above. **The contract will be cancelled JUNE 18, 2022**, unless, before that date, you pay the total amount due or you secure from a county or district court an order that cancellation of the contract be suspended until all your claims or defenses are finally disposed of by trial, hearing, or settlement. Your action must specifically state those facts and grounds that demonstrate your claims or defenses.

If you do not pay the total amount due or secure a court order before **June 17, 2022**, you will lose all the money paid under the contract, lose your right to possess the property, you may lose your right to assert any claims and defenses, and you will be evicted. If you have any questions about this notice, contact an attorney immediately.

A breakdown of the total amount due if paid by **March 31, 2022**, is listed below:

a) 2021 Annual Payment \$1,585.83
b) 2021 Taxes \$56.09
b) 2% of Amount in Default \$32.84
TOTAL DUE: \$1,674.76

The name, address and telephone number of the County Auditor who is authorized to accept payment is listed below. **The amounts stated above are subject to increase and will also include fees**. Please contact the County Auditor's office at (320) 591-1666 for the exact amount required to redeem your contract and any further information concerning the impending cancellation of your contract.

Kelly M Schroeder,
Pine County Auditor-Treasurer
Pine County Courthouse
635 Northridge Dr NW #240
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 591-1666
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

TO: Eric L Pederson & Jessica E & Hiedi E Philstrom
P.O. Box 312
Pine City, MN 55063
YOU ARE NOTICED:

Default has occurred in the Certificate of Purchase of Tax-Forfeited Lands, dated March 12, 2019, to Eric L Pederson & Jessica E & Hiedi E Philstrom, and filed for record March 13, 2019, as Document #545300 in the office of the County Recorder of Pine County, Minnesota, in which Kelly M. Schroeder, Pine County Auditor, acting on behalf of the State of Minnesota, sold the real property in Pine County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Lot 5, Block 1, Rock Creek Estates, A Division of Gallagher Farm
PIO #43.5090.000

Excepting and reserving to the State of Minnesota all mineral and mineral rights in and to said land, having been duly offered for sale as tax forfeited land under Minnesota Statutes annotated, chapter 282, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto (the Property).

The property was purchased on March 12, 2019, under the terms of contract sales approved by resolution of the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

The default is as follows: The 2021 Annual Payment and 2021 Taxes have not been paid.

The Auditor's Office has received authorization from the Pine County Board of Commissioners to cancel defaulted tax-forfeited land contracts as listed by Resolution adopted February 15, 2022.

The County Auditor has begun proceedings under M.S. 559.21 to cancel your contract for deed for the reason or reasons specified above.

The contract will be cancelled JUNE 18, 2022, unless, before that date, you pay the total amount due or

you secure from a county or district court an order that cancellation of the contract be suspended until all your claims or defenses are finally disposed of by trial, hearing, or settlement. Your action must specifically state those facts and grounds that demonstrate your claims or defenses.

If you do not pay the total amount due or secure a court order before **JUNE 17, 2022**, you will lose all the money paid under the contract, lose your right to possess the property, you may lose your right to assert any claims and defenses, and you will be evicted. If you have any questions about this notice, contact an attorney immediately.

A breakdown of the total amount due if paid by **March 31, 2022**, is listed below:

a) 2021 Annual Payment \$4,208.85
b) 2021 Taxes \$208.21
c) 2% of Amount in Default \$88.34
TOTAL DUE: \$4,505.40

The name, address and telephone number of the County Auditor who is authorized to accept payment is listed below. **The amounts stated above are subject to increase and will also include fees.** Please contact the County Auditor's office at (320) 591-1666 for the exact amount required to redeem your contract and any further information concerning the impending cancellation of your contract.

Kelly M Schroeder,
Pine County Auditor-Treasurer
Pine County Courthouse
635 Northridge Dr NW #240
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 591-1666

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

TO: Dwayne Sanders
2716 Ballindam Rd
Chester, SC 29706
YOU ARE NOTICED:

Default has occurred in the Certificate of Purchase of Tax-Forfeited Lands, dated September 30, 2019, to Dwayne Sanders, and filed for record September 30, 2019, as Document #548903 in the office of the County Recorder of Pine County, Minnesota, in which Kelly M. Schroeder, Pine County Auditor, acting on behalf of the State of Minnesota, sold the real property in Pine County, Minnesota, described as follows:

West Half of East Half of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter (W1/2 of E1/2 of SW1/4 of SW1/4) Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty (40), Range Twenty-two (22). Subject to Pine County Highway No 14 over and across the South 50 feet thereof.

PIO #06.0338.004
Excepting and reserving to the State of Minnesota all mineral and mineral rights in and to said land, having been duly offered for sale as tax forfeited land under Minnesota Statutes annotated, chapter 282, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto (the Property).

The property was purchased on September 30, 2019, under the terms of contract sales approved by resolution of the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

The default is as follows: The 2021 Annual Payment.

The Auditor's Office has received authorization from the Pine County Board of Commissioners to cancel defaulted tax-forfeited land contracts as listed by Resolution adopted February 15, 2022.

The County Auditor has begun proceedings under M.S. 559.21 to cancel your contract for deed for the reason or reasons specified above. **The contract will be cancelled JUNE 18, 2022**, unless, before that date, you pay the total amount due or you secure from a county or district court an order

that cancellation of the contract be suspended until all your claims or defenses are finally disposed of by trial, hearing, or settlement. Your action must specifically state those facts and grounds that demonstrate your claims or defenses.

If you do not pay the total amount due or secure a court order before **JUNE 17, 2022**, you will lose all the money paid under the contract, lose your right to possess the property, you may lose your right to assert any claims and defenses, and you will be evicted. If you have any questions about this notice, contact an attorney immediately.

A breakdown of the total amount due if paid by **March 31, 2022**, is listed below:

a) 2021 Annual Payment \$3,906.68
b) 2% of Amount in Default \$78.13
TOTAL DUE: \$3,984.81

The name, address and telephone number of the County Auditor who is authorized to accept payment is listed below. **The amounts stated above are subject to increase and will also include fees.** Please contact the County Auditor's office at (320) 591-1666 for the exact amount required to redeem your contract and any further information concerning the impending cancellation of your contract.

Kelly M Schroeder,
Pine County Auditor-Treasurer
Pine County Courthouse
635 Northridge Dr NW #240
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 591-1666

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BROOK PARK TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Brook Park Township will be holding their Organizational Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at the Brook Park Town Hall, Brook Park, MN. The regular meeting

of the township will immediately follow the Organizational Meeting.

Kelly Johnson,
Clerk of Brook Park Township
Published in the Pine City Pioneer March 31, 2022

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PINE

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-22-36
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Estate of Jeremy Clark Thoennes aka Jeremy C. Thoennes, Decedent

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 Richard Thoennes, whose address is 318 Jefferson St., Sandstone, Minnesota, 55072, 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: March 25, 2022

BY THE COURT

/s/ Pamela Kreier

Pamela Kreier

Registrar

Amy Willert

Court Administrator

Attorney for the Personal

Representative

Chelsie Troth

Troth Law, LLC

210 Main Street South

Pine City, MN, 55063

Attorney License No: 0395709

Telephone: (320) 629-2727

FAX: (320) 629-0009

Email: chelsie@trothlaw.com

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Pioneer March 31, April 7, 2022

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION

The 86th Annual Meeting of East Central Energy (ECE) will be held 6 p.m., April 21, 2022, online at east-centralenergy.com or live broadcast in Milaca (500 MN-23, Milaca, MN 56353), Hinkley (201 Main St E, Hinkley, MN 55037), or Superior (3617 E Baumgartner Rd, Superior, WI, 54880). The purpose of the annual meeting is to review the 2021 activities of the cooperative and to announce results of director elections. ECE is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

East Central Energy

Board of Directors

Secretary-Treasurer Joe Morley

Published in the Pine City

Pioneer March 31, 2022

PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER**March 20 - March 26 Theft, burglary, vandalism**

March 21, 3:42 p.m. **Burglary**, Brook Park Rd, Brook Park
March 23, 2:08 a.m. **Shoplifting**, 13th St SW, Pine City
March 23, 5:56 p.m. **Burglary**, 8th St SW, PINE CITY
March 24, 1:51 p.m. **Theft**, Evergreen Sq SW, Pine City

Miscellaneous

March 20, 3:59 p.m. **MVA Property Damage**, Evergreen Sq SW, Pine City
March 21, 5:11 p.m. **Disturbance**, Deer Valley Rd, Pine City
March 21, 18:19 p.m. **Call Back**, Woodland Rd, Pine City
March 22, 1:11 p.m. **Call Back**, Northridge Dr NW, Pine City
March 23, 7:02 p.m. **Customer Trouble**, Homestead Rd, Pine City
March 23, 7:33 p.m. **Drug Incident**, Northridge Dr NW, Pine City
March 24, 2:13 p.m. **Miscellaneous Fire Call**, State Hwy 70, Pine City
March 25, 9:54 a.m. **Fraud/Scam/ID**, Northridge Dr NW, Pine City
March 25, 10:44 p.m. **Disturbance**, 1st Ave NW, Pine City
March 26, 9:53 a.m. **Counterfeit**, Northridge Dr NW, Pine

City.

Jail Roster

March 21 BOLSTAD, VIRGIL HAROLD JR
Probable Cause - Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death
GUSTAFSON, GAIL MARIE
Probable Cause - Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another
NELSON, MESAI MATTHEW
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - **Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Receiving Stolen Property - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount**
OPPERUD, RODNEY ALLEN
Parole/Probation Violation - Traffic Regulation-Uninsured Vehicle-Driver Violation - Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misd - Motor Vehicle Registration - Display Cancelled/Stolen/Revoked Plates - Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling

- Traffic Regulation - Seat Belt Required - Driver and Passengers Must Use - Traffic Regulation - Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance when Operating Vehicle - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation
RITCHIE, DONETTA RAQUEL
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Introduce Contraband-Drug/Liquor into Jail/Lockup/Prison - Arrest of Adult
SKIBA, STEVEN JOHN
Pine County Warrant: Bench - Misdemeanor warrant issued - Harassment; Restraining Order - Violate and knows of temporary or restraining order
STEINER, JUSTIN ROY
Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation - GM warrant issued - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety
March 22 FRANCIS, BRANDON DAVID
Hold For Other Agency: Arrest - Gross Misdemeanor warrant - Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another - Domestic Assault - By Strangulation
LINDNER, KYLE MATHEW

Probable Cause - DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described - Traffic - DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Blood or urine as required by search warrant
RAMOS, JESSICA MARIE
Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation - GM warrant Issued - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
THOMAS, DENNIS DUANE
Parole/Probation Violation: Domestic Assault-Felony - Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - within 10 years of previous conviction
TRAMPE, CORY ALAN
Probable Cause - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
March 23 HECKER, JASON EDWIN
Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Misdemeanor warrant - Trespass-Occupy/Enter Dwelling/Locked/Posted Build
MACIEWSKI, KELSA RAE
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Wrongfully Obtaining Assistance-Theft
NGUYEN, LISA ANN-THU

Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
OPSAHL, RYAN DAVID
Probable Cause - Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection
PINC SHAW, JINA MAY
Probable Cause - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
SCHLAEGER, COLIN ELLIS
Under Sentence Convicted - Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor - Arrest of Adult
SUTHERLAND, ABRAHAM
Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic
March 24 GARBOW, JESSICA LYNN
Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear warrant issued - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent
LINDELL, BRANDY RAE
Hold For Other Agency: Unspecified warrant issued by Hennepin, MN; Pine - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small

Amount Marijuana
MISHLER, DANE LEWIS
Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol
MORDAL, MARK MELVIN
Summons Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol
PUTBRESE, NATHANAEL
Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent
SMITH, JOSEPH DANIEL
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 6 grams or more heroin - Arrest of Adult - Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule

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