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## ROAD CONSTRUCTION: PINE COUNTY ROAD WORK \$4 MILLION. P2

# Let there be light

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The average person tries on 12 pairs of frames before deciding which pair of glasses to buy. In ordinary times, having those remaining 11 pairs on the rack would just be ... 11 pairs. Because of the times we live in, those 11 pairs of frames have to be sanitized. How would you do that? Pretty time consuming for the team at the optician's office to perform this task over and over each day.

Enter Norman Kester who is president of Quantum creating solutions whose motto is: We serve. We educate. We create solutions. When the world went into shutdown mode in February, Kester and his wife, who live in Oregon with roots in Pine County, Minnesota, knew they had to do something to make a difference. Along with engineers, doctors, those with PhD's, the McGyver Group was formed, 185 strong with more than 300 individuals sewing masks.

The group worked with hospitals learning more and more what the needs were for staff. Shortages of PPE (personal protective equipment) were everywhere. Non-woven polyester material needed for N95 masks was impossible to obtain.

Kester and his team were determined to make a difference and it all began with taking apart a common, ordinary toaster oven which was their prototype. It was March, and on a Friday they started the process and by Monday they had developed a small, 16 pound unit which is called FUSION UV. It inactivates the virus and does so in a very short period of time.

The unit was sent to Italy to be tested with the actual CoronaVirus during the height of the pandemic there. Later it

was sent to the University of Tennessee to be tested with the virus stateside. Both times it proved a very effective method. It has since been tested on many different bacteria, virus and various other germs.

They started a new company to build the units and named the company BOON which stands for "Born out of necessity." Presently, up to 250 units are shipped worldwide each week; approximately 4,000 are on backorder. Many additional staff have been added to manufacture this unit in Oregon. Any material, i.e., plastic, leather, wood (etc.) can be placed in the unit and in a matter of seconds the virus is inactivated. One UV bulb can be used 8,000 hours before needing to be replaced. Kester's company presently has 50,000 bulbs to fulfill orders when needed. No units have been returned and there have been no complaints.

Kester's company also purchased three shipping containers for hospitals in Oregon so items can be placed into them for processing. Up to 84,000 masks a day can be sanitized. Smaller versions are being developed so that, for example, kiosks in a shopping mall could utilize one to sterilize glasses touched by customers so the coronavirus could be inactivated. A smaller version with a waterproof case could be taken camping to clean, for example, shoes which could have walked through an area where a likelihood of the virus could be lurking. Technically speaking, this is UVC and not UVA or UVB, so thinking a tanning bed will be of benefit, the answer would be no.

Norman Kester moved to Nickerson from the Dallas, Texas area, at the age of 14 and graduated from Sandstone High School in 1988 at the age of 17. He went into the Navy and studied elec-



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**Norman Kester with a FUSION UV unit at former Finlayson firehall August 17. The device is manufactured in Oregon and shipped worldwide to inactivate the virus in a matter of seconds. Kester wanted to make a difference — and he has.**

tronics. His wife is the granddaughter of former Askovite (and centenarian) Millie Sorensen and they met in Duquette as young teens. For many years, the couple and their children spent summers in Minnesota. Kester and his wife, Tammy, have a home on Sand Lake and spend half the year in Minnesota and half the year in Oregon. Kester has purchased the old fire hall in Finlayson where he is working on a

number of projects. My husband and I enjoyed talking with Kester very much. He is very personable and it is obvious he wants to make a difference in the world. His company in Oregon began creating face shields and many other items in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Quantum, was just voted one of the top 100 companies to work for in Oregon for the second time. You can read more about Quantum on qtmi.net.

## BMW 13 win 13-U division Silver Flight Championship

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Pictured L to R: L Mikrot, PJ Frisch, J Steen, E Youngs, O Peterson, E Gilbertson, L Oetterer, R Bode, B Ferguson, E Wasche.

The BMW (Barnum/ MLWR) 13's team went to Duluth recently to play in the Art Von tourney. With 3 consecutive wins on the final day they came out as the Silver Division champions. After a 12-11 loss to Esko and then a 6-4 loss to the Solon Springs area War Eagles on Saturday, multiple hits came out of the whole line up, top to bottom, in the 3 consecutive Sunday victories. Eli Gilbertson pitched 5 innings to get the 14-8 win over Cloquet. PJ Frisch got the start and win while Wasche and Eli Youngs also were solid on the mound in a 16-8 triumph over the Duluth AA squad.

The final game pitted BMW against one of the strongest hitting teams they had seen all season, Zumbrota-Mazeppa. BMW jumped out

to a 10-2 lead early, Z-M's ace flamethrower, knocking him out after 2 1/3 innings work. But Z-M slowly came back to make it 10-8 after 6 innings. After an insurance run in the top of the 7th made it 11-8, Owen Peterson came on in relief to attempt the save following Reese Bode's 6 inning start. Z-M managed 4 hits making the score 11-10 with 2 outs, the tying run at third and the winning run at first. Their next batter hit a hard one-hopper between first and second. First baseman Frisch made a dive to his right coming up with the ball and then after a couple of steps dived back to touch 1st just before the Z-M runner arrived. Three outs and a 12-11 win for BMW. Top hitters for BMW were Eli Gilbertson 3 for 5 with 3 RBI, Bode 2 for 3 with a double, triple and 4 RBI's, Peterson 2 for 2 with 3 runs, Ferguson 2 for 4 with a double and 2 RBI's, and Steen 2 for 4.



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# Burglary suspect starts fire

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A Braham man has been charged with arson and burglary after allegedly trying to burn down a house he had burglarized.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Pine County court, on August 12, officers from the Pine County Sheriff's Office and the Pine City Fire Department were dispatched to a residence on Henriette Road in Grasstons after a house was reported on fire.

A deputy arrived first and could see dark, heavy smoke coming from the southern side of the residence. The homeowner told the deputy that no one was inside, but added that someone had broken into the residence and started it on fire. The deputy could see fresh vehicle tire burn marks in the gravel and an aluminum ladder leaning against the window. Flames were coming out through a broken window on the southwest side of the house.

The owner of the house said that she and another person had been in Mora and were on their way home but when they got close to the residence they saw a vehicle parked near the garage door with the dome light on. No one was supposed to be at the property.

They pulled in next to the vehicle and honked. A white male, approximately six feet tall, came out from the southwest side of the building with a blanket or sheet wrapped around his hand. They said he was holding a window screen, and it looked like he had a cut on his arm. The man told them he was hurt and looking for help, then got into his car and drove off west on Henriette Road. They were able to get a license plate on his vehicle. They then discovered that the house was on fire and called 911.

Once the Pine City Fire Department had extinguished the fire, officers entered the residence. They found a

lighter on the rocking chair in the living room area. The owner said the lighter did not belong to her. Part of the residence was burned extensively and the ceiling had fallen in, but the rest of the house was still intact.

Deputies had prior contact with the vehicle with the license plate identified by the victim related to David Ernest Schaer, 49, of Braham.

On August 12, the Kanabec County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a person who said that Schaer had showed up at their house with a large bleeding cut on his right arm and that he was now collapsed on the floor. A deputy arrived and identified Schaer. The deputy learned that Pine County was looking for Schaer and notified Pine County he had found him. Schaer was taken to the hospital for treatment for his arm.

The person told deputies that Schaer had said he had "gotten desperate" and tried to rob a place but was on a ladder and cut his arm. He said there was blood all over the carpet and he was worried about his DNA. He then found some gas and started a fire. As he was leaving, two women showed up and he told them he was going to get medical attention.

Schaer had surgery on his wrist and was then taken into custody by the Pine County Sheriff's Department on August 13.

Deputies executed a search warrant at Schaer's residence on August 13 and found two loaded shotguns. A record check showed that Schaer is ineligible to possess firearms due to numerous prior convictions.

Schaer has been charged with felony first-degree arson, felony second-degree and third-degree burglary and possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a crime of violence.

Schaer faces a maximum charge of 20 years in prison, a \$30,000 fine or both.

# County road work comes in at \$4 million

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Road construction season is well underway in Pine County, and work will soon begin on nine different projects from Rock Creek to Sturgeon Lake.

Pine County Engineer Mark LeBrun said there was only one bidder for the contract - Knife River Corporation - but they came in with a bid of \$3,933,387, which was 10% under the engineer's estimate for the total.

The nine projects include:

- 0.702 miles on CSAH 61 in Pine City, from CSAH 7 to the Snake River Bridge.
- 0.7 miles on 2nd Street in Sturgeon Lake from Lake Ave. to CSAH 61.
- 0.268 miles on Cemetery Rd in Sturgeon Lake from CR 161 to 0.268 miles south.
- 0.979 miles on CR 157 in Denham, from CSAH 41 to CSAH 52.
- 0.982 miles on CR 109 from CSAH 61 to Fairfield Ave. in Rock Creek.
- 0.5 miles on CR 108 from CR 109 to TH 70.
- 0.46 miles on CSAH 70, from CSAH 61 to TH 70.
- 5.4 miles on CSAH 52, from C.R. 157 to CASH 61.
- 1 mile on CSAH 52 from CR 157 to 1.0 mile north.

LeBrun said work is scheduled to begin in August.

"I would expect they will be working a lot in September and October," LeBrun said. "Hopefully, we get a nice, dry fall."

He said he believes that they will first work on the project on Main Street in Pine City. He noted that the Pine City phase will require a subcontractor for pieces of the project like ADA ramps and manhole repair work. The workers will then likely move down to Rock

Creek before continuing with work in northern Pine County.

"We're not going to be getting a whole lot of bidders"

Commissioners asked why there was only one bid for the Pine County road project. LeBrun said that the county usually receives multiple bids for projects, but stated that there is less local competition since two road construction companies consolidated and another was purchased by a new owner focused on Twin Cities projects.

"The way things are looking, we're not going to be getting a whole lot of bidders in our area paving in the future, unless someone else comes along here," LeBrun said. "But we did get a good bid, so that's good news for this year."

Pine County Commissioner Josh Mohr asked LeBrun if he sees the trend for road construction costs going down.

"Last year, everything was high," Mohr said. "I know it cycles."

LeBrun said the county's strategy has been to go out for bids early in the season and late in the season.

"It depends on how much work they have, that's probably the biggest thing," LeBrun responded. "We've been able to hit them at the right time. This time of year, some contractors are looking to fill their schedule out."

He noted that MnDOT has had a lot of construction in this area over the past several years, which has kept area contractors busy. However, he said that those jobs are being wrapped up - and he expects the companies currently working on those projects will be interested in future Pine County road projects.

"Word will get out," LeBrun said. "If there's money to be made, somebody is going to give us a bid."



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# Storm leaves thousands without power

Damaging winds and torrential rain knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses across East Central Energy's (ECE's) service territory on August 14. Toppled trees and downed power lines left around 6,700 members without power, stretching from the St. Cloud area northeast toward Superior, Wisconsin, with the hardest-hit areas near Isle and Sandstone.

"We understand the frustration that outages can bring for our members," said President/CEO Justin Jahnz. "I'm proud of the work employees do every day and during storms."

A massive weather system spawned tornado warnings across the central section of Minnesota on Friday evening. Outages began appearing on ECE's system around 6:30 p.m. Crews worked through the night to restore power, but progress was slow due to the number of individual outage incidents. By 10 a.m. Saturday, outages had been reduced to 700. All but a handful of outages were restored by 9 p.m. Saturday evening.

"Our crews were supported by neighboring utilities and contractors," shared Phil Beaupre, system control manager. "Thankfully, our members know to stay away from downed power lines and to call them in immediately."

ECE members can report outages by calling 1-800-254-7944, or by logging into their SmartHub account. Crews use an off-road machine to repair a section of line east of Askov.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### ACROSS

- \*Egg-like curve in math class
- a.k.a. stand-up paddleboard
- Not in good health
- Flick part
- \*Roll \_\_\_\_\_
- Aerosol can emanation
- On the mountain peak, e.g.
- Arm bone
- Grind down
- \*Proud jacket owner
- Trident part
- "Walking \_\_\_\_\_"
- Blazer or Explorer
- Unit of money in Norway, pl.
- Semiconductor additives
- Farm layer
- Agave alcoholic drink
- Amos or Spelling
- Analyze
- Geisha's sash
- South Korean metropolis
- Capital of Ukraine
- T.S. Eliot's "Old \_\_\_\_\_'s Book of Practical Cats"
- Get firm
- Temporary
- Table linens
- Where bugs are snug?
- Nostradamus and such
- Type of rich soil
- \*Where one graduated
- Boatload
- \*Chemistry classrooms
- Lake in Scotland
- Arabian chieftain
- Corset rod
- Encore!
- Former Chinese leader
- "\_\_\_\_\_ the ramparts..."
- Arctic jaeger

### DOWN

- \*Type of spoken test
- \*Class president candidate wants it
- Loads, two words
- Greek money
- Game ragout
- Of #16 Across
- Architect's drawing
- Used to eliminate wrinkles
- Serve soup, e.g.
- Sodium solution
- Arrow poison
- Establish, two words
- \*As opposed to public
- Hostile force

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**Answers on page 12.**

## LaHoma L. Eppenberger

LaHoma Lea (Treffrey) Eppenberger, 77, passed away peacefully at her niece's home on August 13, 2020. She was born to Robert and Mollie Treffrey in New Rockford, North Dakota, on February 5, 1943. She lived with her grandparents, North Dakota State Representative Walter and Mae Treffrey. She graduated from Fremont High School in California in 1960.

LaHoma worked at Western Union Communicator and for 20 years at Noller Control Electronics in California.

She married Ernest Eppenberger on August 14, 1965, in Oakland, California. After Ernest's retirement from the Piedmont Police Department, they moved to Finlayson, Minnesota, in 1982. They enjoyed their country life and started flea marketing from 1982-1998 in Hinckley.



LaHoma worked as an environmental engineer at the casino from 2001-08 and also enjoyed wreath making and a dice game. She was a very gifted lady, enjoying any kind of crafting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband of 33 years.

LaHoma is survived by friend, Howie Kniffen; her caregiver nieces, Sandra Schoenrock and Beverly Mensing; numerous nieces and nephews; her cat, Squeakers. As a great-great-great-aunt, LaHoma will be missed by all four generations of her nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for LaHoma was held at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson Tuesday, August 18, with Pastor Hoppe officiating. Visitation was held prior to the service. Burial was at the Peace Lutheran Cemetery following the meal served.

Memorials are preferred to Peace Lutheran Church, 2177 State Highway 18, Finlayson, MN 55735 in memory of LaHoma.

Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Sandstone, MN.

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## Sandstone Area Golf Tuesday Night Womens League Second Half, Week 5

**Individual Low Gross Score:**

Mindy Sandell (42)

**Individual Low Net Score (w/HDCP):**

Jennifer Worlickey (31)

**Standings: (Top 3)**

Deb Murphy & Mindy Sandell (59.5)

Diane Seymour & Rose Spencer (59)

Jodi Irlbeck & Katie Seymour (53.0)

Ashley Brant & Paula Diaz (53.0)

# Massive marijuana grow operation busted

STAFF REPORT

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A repeat offender has been arrested again after nearly 475 marijuana plants were found in a pole barn on a property in rural Chisago County.

The Pine County Sheriff's Office reports that on Tuesday, August 4 the East Central Drug and Violent Offenders Task Force agents and Chisago County Sheriff Office deputies executed a search warrant at 49562 Azara Ave. W in rural Chisago County. Agents arrested 46-year-old Elvis Eugene Hanes and seized 475 live marijuana plants, as well as finished product and suspected illicit proceeds.

This is the third time in less than a year and a half that Hanes has been arrested for operation a large scale marijuana grow operation. In December 2019, Hanes and Marjorie Katherine Kammeyer, 47 – the owner of the Azara Ave. property – were both arrested and charged with second degree possession of a controlled substance.

On Aug. 4 agents discovered another hydroponic grow setup in the pole barn on the property. They seized approximately 475 live marijuana plants,

some finished product and a large amount of clippings. Agents estimate that the operation prevented over a million dollars in potential future illegal drug sales.

Hanes was arrested and charged with second degree possession of a controlled substance.

**East Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force**

The East Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force was established in 2012 and is a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of criminal investigators from Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, and Pine Counties, serving approximately 141,578 residents across 2,781 square miles.

The purpose of the task force is to improve the health, safety, and security of area communities through targeted enforcement of dangerous criminal activity. Task Force efforts focus primarily on drug trafficking, smuggling and distribution networks, interdiction of illicit drugs and contraband, criminal gang activity and other violent crime.

Anyone with information about illegal narcotics, gang, or other violent offender activity, is urged to contact the task force at 320-566-4153.

# OUT & ABOUT

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Feed My Sheep** resumes first Saturday of each month, at Memorial Drive Bible Fellowship, 67331 State Hwy. 23. Registration 6:30 a.m., distribution approx. 8:30 a.m.

**Farmers Market:** Saturdays, 9:30-noon (or sold out), Oak Lake Church parking lot. Social distancing being practiced.

**Farmers Market:** Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Pine County Fairgrounds.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**NAMI Minnesota** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers free support groups for all ages. For more information and to sign up, go to [namimn.org](http://namimn.org), click on support groups.

**American Legion Askov 243**, 2nd Saturday of month, 10 a.m. at the Mermaid, Askov.

## COMMUNITY

**Oak Lake church** continues with audio podcast each Sunday.

**Askov Rutabaga Festival and Fair** has been canceled for 2020.

## GOOD TO KNOW

**AdultMentalHealth.org**, Free confidential, anonymous mental health support, 7 days/week, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., 833-HERE4MN (833-437-3466).

**Beekeeping** - Online workshop, University of Minnesota Extension, Sat., Sept. 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Register by Sept. 10 at <https://z.umn.edu/KanabecBee2020> or for those with no internet, call 320-679-6440 by Sept. 1.

**Deputy Registrar/DMV Office in Sandstone:** The office is open.

**Askov City Hall:** Is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Finlayson City Hall:** Call at 320-233-6472 or email at [finlayson@scicable.com](mailto:finlayson@scicable.com). Payments online or via mail for utilities are still accepted.

**Hinckley City Hall:** Call at 320-384-7491, email at [cityadmin@cityofhinckley.com](mailto:cityadmin@cityofhinckley.com).

**Sandstone City Hall:** Call 320-245-5241 or contact them through their webpage [sandstone.govoffice.com](http://sandstone.govoffice.com).

**Pine County License Center** (Pine City) is open. **Pine County Courthouse** is open to public. Call 320-591-1500 for information or 320-591-1400 for general information.

**Adult Mental Health** support line: 651-288-0400, 877-404-3190 or text "support" to 85511.

**Minnesota Historical Society:** Sites and museums starting to open.

**Free Online Mental Health Peer Support Groups** for individuals and families. Go to [namimn.org](http://namimn.org) and click on "Support Groups" or go straight to <https://namimn.org/support/nami-minnesota-support-groups/> to find the correct online group for your situation.

**North American Bear Center** ([bear.org](http://bear.org) or 218-365-7879), Dorothy Molter Museum ([rootbeerlady.com](http://rootbeerlady.com) or (218) 365-4451) and International Wolf Center ([wolf.org](http://wolf.org) or 218-365-4695) are now open – with changes.

**Primary election:** August 11, 2020.

**Minnesota Zoo** open; indoors and outdoor trails – must call for reservations.

**Lions Family Health Fair** canceled for 2020. Hopefully will be continued in 2021.

# DO YOU REMEMBER?

## LINEMAN SCHEEL SUSTAINS BURNS FROM ELECTRICAL SHOCK OF 7,200 WATTS

BY SYLVIA SCHWEIGER

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

AUGUST 26, 1920

Conrad Christensen has been engaged as a manager of the new D.B.S. hall and he will also occupy part of the basement of the building for a bakery.

The building of the new potato warehouse in Duquette was interrupted for a few days on account of a crease appearing on the official "red tape" that had to be ironed out first.

The last open air band concert for the season will be given at the local park Saturday evening. The program will include a slide trombone solo by Carl Sorensen, a coronet solo by John Sorensen and a piccolo obligato by Albert Sorensen.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

AUGUST 23, 1945

Finlayson man has a close call — REA lineman Henry Scheeler was quite badly burned in the arms and legs from an electrical shock (about 7,200 watts) while working on a high line near Friesland.

Klein's Department Store in Sandstone has a ration free mens and womens work and dress shoes sale. Prices range from \$2.23 to \$3.49.

The Minnesota Highway Department has reported that there were 48 deaths in July from auto accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dronen are happy over the arrival of a son, Jerry Duane, born August 16th at their home north of Finlayson.

Miss Jean Beavens, clerk at the Askov Co-op store, is vacationing this week at the home of her parents near Bruno.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

AUGUST 27, 1970

Joyce Meier was crowned 1970 Danish Day queen at the ceremonies Friday night. Terry Kroon, last year's queen, presented her with a bouquet of roses.

Mrs. Hans Bagge, a pioneer of the Askov community, celebrated her 92nd birthday at a family party at the Rudy Bagge home east of town.

Wedding vows were exchanged August 22 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cloverdale by Brian Leach son of Jim and Betty Leach of Askov and Ginger Kendall daughter of Arley and Loretta Kendall of Hinckley.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

AUGUST 24, 1995

The Lund family descendants of K.L. and Clara Lund held a family reunion on August 19th at the Askov pavillion.

Bruno youth Jessica Firkus attends deer camp at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve near Hackensack.

Brian Heck has been named new County Coordinator and will start his new position September 18th.

Marvin Koecher, 71, of Duquette passed away on August 14th. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bruno on Saturday August 19th.

TEN YEARS AGO

AUGUST 19, 2010

East Central School approves early release day; it will be every Wednesday at 1:55 p.m.

An abandoned manufactured house west of Finlayson burns on the evening of August 16th.

George and Dorothy Jamison celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Saturday, August 28th.

Elmer Stepan will be celebrating his 90th birthday in Willow River on September 11th.

Sisters Katie and Erica Blatz (daughters of Jake Blatz) of Willow River have donated their hair to Locks of Love. Their hair will help provide hair pieces for children who suffer from long-term medical hair loss.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Job losses will cause ripple effect

To the editor,

As we all have become aware of, the Minnesota Department of Corrections plans on closing its Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP) facilities in Togo and Willow River. I would like to share my perspective on the impact that failure to pass additional funding for these facilities will have on the citizens that I have the honor to represent.

Many of our neighbors are experiencing the hardships caused by COVID-19. The economic pain that northern Pine County is experiencing from COVID-19 would be compounded by the loss of 51 good paying, full-time positions due to the closure of the Willow River CIP Facility. The effects of these job losses would ripple far beyond those employed by the facility to the businesses that they would have otherwise patronized in our county. This will make what is already a bad economy due to the pandemic even worse.

During the 2012 flood, I lived in Moose Lake and filled sandbags in Moose Lake alongside offenders from the CIP facility. They were critical in responding to the flood and to the cleanup afterwards. Moose Lake was so thankful for their efforts, they were invited to march in our 4th of July parade that year. While we hope another flood or natural disaster won't happen, our future response will be hampered without the disciplined force that CIP would have provided. This could cost our communities dearly in property damage that could have been otherwise prevented.

Currently, the city of Sturgeon Lake treats the wastewater from the CIP facility in Willow River. For our 2021 city budget, our city was expecting \$66,000 in revenues from the state for providing this service. The city relies on this income to service the debt issued to fund our sewer system. While the city has no plans to increase our sewer rates to make up for the loss of this revenue, we will likely have to put on hold some improvements to our sewer system until additional funding can be obtained.

Earlier this year, our neighbors working at the Willow River facility did an excellent job dealing with COVID-19 in their facility. They risked their health and well-being to contain the virus to keep the rest of us safe. We should all endeavor to make sure the reward for their hard work and sacrifice will not be a pink slip.

**Adam Langhorst**  
Sturgeon Lake City Council

## Woman injured in Banning area crash

STAFF REPORT

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A Sandstone woman has been hospitalized after a crash at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Highway 23 on the afternoon of Thursday, August 13.

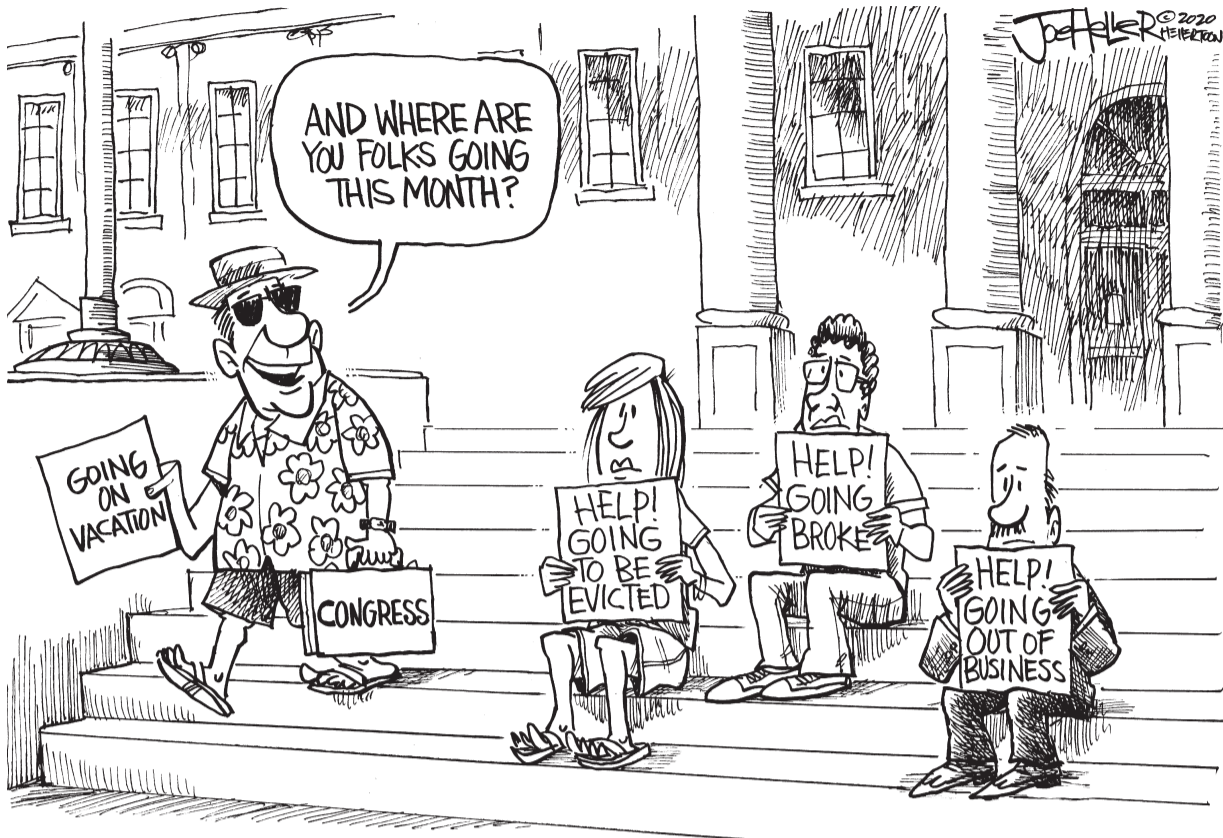
According to the incident report from the Minnesota State Patrol, on August 13, at approximately 4:46 p.m., a 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Michael Lawrence Smith, 61, of Sandstone was at the intersection of I-35 and Highway 23 and was inching forward to get a better visual of the intersection.

The state patrol reports

that an approaching 1997 Saturn Sedan driven by Breawna Renee Hemm, 20, of Idabel, Oklahoma, didn't have time to stop and collided with the Pontiac.

Both drivers were uninjured. However, the passenger of the Pontiac Grand Prix, Theresa Rose Grygelko, 57, of Sandstone — was hospitalized after the incident with injuries described as non-life threatening.

All parties involved in the crash were wearing seat belts, and alcohol was not involved, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.



## Help save Willow River CIP

Last Thursday afternoon I attended the Stand Up for CIP Rally in Moose Lake. The event had an amazing turnout and featured many speakers.

The Willow River Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP) is a government program that works ... and it's being cut. The MN Department of Corrections, (DOC), blaming the Coronavirus for its \$14,000,000 budget deficit, is cutting two of its best programs. Willow River and Togo CIP (it's counterpart) account for less than 1.8 percent of the DOC's \$611,119,000 budget. Many great jobs will be lost in the Pine County community. This is one of those rare government programs that generates a substantial monetary and social return on taxpayer money (I'll explain below).



**Reese Frederickson**  
Pine County Attorney

In short, CIP is designed for repeat non-violent offenders (i.e drug and property felonies) who have ended up in prison, either because of a long criminal history or because probation did not work for them. It's an intensive and highly structured program for 270 (180 at WR, 90 at Togo) qualifying male offenders. Phase I is six months with an emphasis on education, critical thinking, chemical treatment, rigorous exercise and boot camp.

They must also work, much of it benefiting the community or non-profits. For instance, participants build houses for Habitat for Humanity, provide over 50 hours a week in staff time to Camp Heartland, unload trucks for Disabled American Veterans, participate in community improvement projects, and provide help during emergencies (the Willow River and Moose Lake floods are a great example). They participate in restorative justice measures. There are also vocational opportunities, and other college and career prep guidance.

Upon completing Phase I, there is another six months of Phase II and III (mostly served in the community). In other words, they are getting an

early release from prison, saving the taxpayer money in further incarceration costs.

CIP works: it decreased the chances of reoffending with a new felony by 32 percent, and decreased the chances of reincarceration by 35 percent. There are many success stories from graduates, including one who became a dentist and many who obtained jobs in corporate America. Graduates go on to become productive, taxpaying members of our communities, support their families, and become better parents and community members. When you consider the reduction in crime, the reduction in current and future incarceration, the reduction of law enforcement and court expenses, the reduction in child welfare cases, the end of generational poverty, the reduction in social support needs, the addition to the tax base, the addition of productive employees and community members, the program more than pays for itself. A conservative estimate is that the program has returned \$47,000,000 to the economy.

The CIP staff work hard. When they had a Coronavirus outbreak among the offenders, it was contained and their efforts kept Pine County numbers down. The staff has done everything right; they don't deserve to lose their jobs and have the facilities shut down.

The program will also not be effective if it is moved to a prison. For it to work, it has to be in a camp setting away from the prison. It's been tried in prisons, and it's not nearly as effective.

Our local legislators are working hard on this and are aware of it. A separate supplemental budget is needed to continue the program, and it sounds like support from the Legislature. Please reach out to the governor's office and legislative leaders and ask to put the cuts on hold and to push for a separate supplement. It often feels like we're the forgotten area of the state — if you value this program and the jobs that it provides, make your voices heard.

People often complain to me about the revolving door of the criminal court system. This is one program that stops that revolving door.

This one is worth saving.

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## Hummingbirds keep us entertained

Greetings all.

This past week Gary Meyer returned home from a week-long stay at the University of Minnesota Hospital. He is still in recovery mode so not too energetic yet at this stage. After six days home he did, however, get his rider lawn mower out and managed to mow our grass which was beginning to look mighty tempting to the horses. It looks

great now though, I guess "recovery" is going well.

The nice rains this past week weren't much in volume at our house, but did a nice job watering the lawn and gardens. Friday night's storm had strong winds when it came through, taking down branches and several trees in the area. Power was lost in Finlayson for around four hours. I heard chain saws running quite a bit the next day.

Well, since I'm on the storm subject, I'm just not sure our hummingbird population survived that storm all that well. Our unofficial count here went from 30 to around 10 birds at the feeders after the

storm. We hang the feeders in our pine trees near the house. We know their nests are there, it's shaded and somewhat protected from rains. But those winds were fierce. I have no idea how those little birds survive something like that.

We expanded our hummingbird feeders from three to six this year and that resulted in a lot less fighting. We noticed there is always one bird who appoints himself as the constable. From what I have read, the male aggressively protects his area, so I guess that is our constable. They protect their territory, which can be a quarter of an acre. Our constable sits in nearby trees outside of the feeding area and swoops in to push off one attempting to feed, a chase ensues and a light fight. Then, the constable will go back to a branch overseeing the feeding area, and continue to watch. (It always seems to me that one who was banished returns though, go figure.)

The oldest hummingbird feeder we have is still their favorite. The glass container of nectar stands about 6" tall, has a slanted base with white fake daisy-like flowers and a perch. Our daughter bought one with yellow flowers for her backyard, but they wouldn't use it. Her thoughts were that the birds didn't like the yellow color. I brought it home and tied on a perch from a broken feeder, hung it up

and they loved it. The string I used to tie it together didn't even bother them, they just wanted to sit.

As small as those birds are, they do have some sense of where that nectar is coming from. Here, when they run out of nectar, a couple hummingbirds will greet me at the door as I walk out. And, you might be wondering just how much nectar they have gone through this year. Thus far, this year it has been 25 pound of sugar, refilling six feeders every other day. Since that storm, I am guessing the nectar won't be going as fast now.

Every year we worry if any hummingbirds will return, then slowly they appear around Mother's Day. It is typically Labor Day when the entire flock leaves us up here outside of Finlayson. So it won't be long before they depart. Meanwhile, their spit fire speed, their challenging peers at the feeders, the constable, their clever way of fanning a bee trying to get at the nectar, gives us hours of entertainment as we sit outside on a nice day.

The pandemic rages on. Try to make your summer a good one — but keep you, your family and your community safe from COVID-19. Any news can be mailed to the newspaper, called in to Maxine, 612-590-6907, or emailed to mnmaxigram@yahoo.com.

## Hit hard by storm



**Bruno/  
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Monday evening, Derrell and Jean Jensen enjoyed dinner at Stan and Rita Jensen's home in Sandstone. Loren and Arlene Rabe, Mary Peterson and Bill Gabrelcik were also invited to help celebrate Stan's birthday.

A windy rain storm hit the area Friday night leaving downed trees and power lines ... some people were without power from Friday night until some time on Saturday afternoon/evening.

If you have any news, please feel free to contact me by either emailing at storeb01@frontier.com or calling at 320-838-3554.

Have a nice week!

## Upgrade your burgers

What would summer be without burgers cooked on the grill? Burgers make a great meal anytime because they are convenient, hearty, and appetizing to even the pickiest palette. If you're getting a little bored with plain burgers, try one of these combinations.



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### Tasty Turkey Burgers

1-1/2 pounds ground turkey  
2 tablespoons seasoned breadcrumbs  
2 tablespoons finely diced onion  
1 egg white, lightly beaten  
1/2 clove garlic, peeled and minced  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, optional

In a large bowl, mix ground turkey, seasoned breadcrumbs, onion, egg white, garlic, salt and pepper. Add parsley if using. Form meat mixture into 6 patties.

To grill burgers, place in prepared grill over medium heat and cover; cook until center is no longer pink. To cook in skillet, coat a nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Add burgers and cook over medium heat, turning once, until center is no longer pink. For best results with either method, cook until a meat thermometer reads 165 degrees. Serve on buns. Makes 6 servings.

### Chili Burgers

1 pound ground beef  
1-1/2 teaspoons chili powder  
1 15-ounce can chili with beans  
4 hamburger buns, split and toasted  
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 2.8-ounce can French-fried onions

In a large bowl, combine beef and chili powder. Shape into 4 patties. Grill patties over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, about 5 minutes on each side. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, bring chili to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer for 5 minutes or until heated through. Place burgers on bun bottoms; top with chili, cheese and onions. Replace bun tops. Makes 4 servings.

### Pantry Pointers

Dress up plain burgers with a tasty sauce. Combine 1 cup mayonnaise with 2 tablespoons of dry dill and 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce and mix well.



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## County, schools work together

Hello all,

The weather has been great this week and the garden produce is abundant. So far, it is a great year for tomatoes and cucumbers. We had a batch of really great sweet corn to eat thanks to mom. It's really the small things in life that I am grateful for. There are so many negative things on the national news that I don't watch it any-

more. My outlook on the world is much better. I still watch the local news, but mostly focus on the weather and am getting used to hitting the mute button for any "news" that just brings fear and negative emotions. I've been reading more about history and biographies of world leaders and find that more interesting. Also, you know what they say ... "Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it." The quote is most likely due to writer and philosopher George Santayana, and in its original form it read, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Feel free to read about Mr. Santayana if you have a few moments ... he was an interesting character.

At the school: September 8 is scheduled for the first day of school, and there will also be a PTO meeting September 8 starting at 5:30 p.m. During Distance Learning, email will be the number one form of commu-

nication to both students and parents. Please be checking your email often for school updates. Also, now would be a great time to make sure your students are regularly accessing their school email. Possibly teach them how to clean out their inbox and set up folders to help them stay organized. For some students, checking their email on a daily basis is a new concept.

Pine County Public Health announced a collaborative response team for school districts. Pine City, Hinckley-Finlayson, East Central, and Willow River will all work in collaboration with Pine County Public Health to plan and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. "We plan to meet weekly to ensure consistent communication and analyzing the most up to date case data," Community Health Services Administrator Samantha Lo said. "Understanding and responding to COVID-19 is not something any one organization should handle alone. We know this disease ignores school district lines, and information is constantly changing. By working together, we can bring the public health experts together with school leaders to see the big picture and then respond accordingly." Since March, Pine County Public Health has been active in monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Pine County COVID-19 Hotline is still available, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 320-591-1690, if you have questions or need help accessing resources.

Church news: Thank you to Maxine Kiminski, Annabelle Genereau and Nancy Klejeski

for the commitment of time they have given to disinfect the churches after all of the Masses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The churches of St. Mary's, St. Isidore's and Holy Angels will be working on an informational letter regarding the religious education program for 2020-21. All families of the parishes who have students previously involved in catechism will be receiving one. If you did not attend last year and would like to get on the mailing list, contact your parish secretary. Legion of Mary meets at the St. Mary's Center every Monday at 6:30 p.m. This is a new time change. The Knights of Columbus meeting is to be held on August 23rd at St. Isidore's Church with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7 p.m. For additional information, contact Dale Riihiluoma at 218-389-6418. Also, Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled for 1-6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

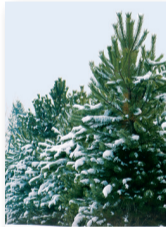
The food pantry in front of the Presbyterian Church is open to everyone. People bring stuff and people take stuff, and that's what it's all about. People helping people. We go through the pantry every once in a while and take out what doesn't seem to be used and put other items in there. We take excess items to either the Sandstone, Family Pathways Food Shelf or the Moose Lake Food Shelf. Everything gets used. Thank you to everyone who has brought food. It is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to submit some news please email me at kbennethaus@gmail.com or call 218-372-3562. Please no solicitations.

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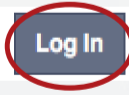

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# Falling back into old habits can be deadly

**Question:** It seems like I am still seeing drivers holding their phone. Has law enforcement seen any progress with the hands free law?



**Ask a Trooper**  
Sgt. Neil Dickenson

**Answer:** This is a great topic. Here is some information that was shared on the Department of Public Safety's blog: "Complacency is a dangerous thing, and old habits are hard to break. Often, once the novelty wears off a new idea or program, we go back to our old ways. Sometimes that's not a big deal — at worst, you might gain some weight back or see some flowers wither in your garden. But sometimes falling back into old habits can be deadly.

Minnesota's hands-free cell phone law just turned one year old on August 1, and it's safe to say the novelty has worn off and people may be getting complacent. Drivers may be slipping back into old habits, risking their own lives and those of their fellow motorists.

Granted, law enforcement officers throughout Minnesota have seen more drivers using hands-free options like mounts and holders for their phones. But they've also seen drivers who have these options but are holding their phones anyway. Some of those cited for breaking the hands-free law say they're having a hard time breaking the habit, or they think law enforcement isn't conducting traffic stops during the pandemic. But the fact remains that 40 people die every year on average because someone chose to drive distracted. And although the numbers of hands-free citations went down during the pandemic, they popped right back up again after the reopening: June 2020 saw 1,656 citations — five more than October's 1,651 citations.

If you're already on the hands-free bandwagon, thank you for being here. If you aren't, we'd like to invite you along. Speak up and talk to your friends and family about using voice commands on your phone. Tell your neighbors and coworkers about the cell phone holder that clips to your dashboard so that you won't be tempted to hold your phone. Mention to your parents or children (or both) that they can get

answers to all their questions about the new hands-free law on HandsFreeMN.org. And while you're at it, tell everyone that the penalty for not being hands-free while driving can be more than \$120 for a first offense (including the fine and court fees), which can climb to more than \$300 after that (fine and court fees).

Even though the law is only one year old, our work to ensure our roads are free from distracted drivers will keep going. If we all work together, we can ensure that no one has to get the devastating news that their loved one died because a driver was posting on Snapchat or live-streaming videos. It will take some long-term changes. You will have to break some old habits — for good. But it'll be worth it."

For more information go to: [dps.mn.gov/Pages/default.aspx](https://dps.mn.gov/Pages/default.aspx)

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws in Minnesota, send your questions to: Sgt. Neil Dickenson — Minnesota State Patrol at 1131 Mesaba Ave Duluth, MN 55811, or at [Neil.dickenson@state.mn.us](mailto:Neil.dickenson@state.mn.us)

## Some of America's problems can be fixed

BY DR. GLENN MOLLETTE  
GLENNMOLLETTE.COM

Some of America's problems can be fixed. Voting in the November election should not be a problem for Americans. Open the polls for at least two days. Every state should open their polls from 6 AM until 8 PM. Some states already have later evening hours like Californians who may vote until 8 PM and New Yorkers who may vote as late as 9 PM.

Some states allow you to show up at the courthouse and vote early. You vote on one of the voting machines like always if you aren't available to vote on November third. Indiana will allow voters to come in as early as October sixth to cast their ballot. It's called "Absentee

in-person voting." This would be a good idea for every state. You will never have more than one or two people in front of you when you vote early. Social distancing occurs, you pick the day and you know for sure your vote has been cast.

The stage for a fiasco is set for any kind of mail-in ballots this year. It's a big issue. Some people want it and others don't. This is not the year to try it out. People are hollering social distancing and Covid-19. Yet, these same people are walking through Walmart.

One idea for handling the election day voting is to let Chick-fil-a handle the process. I've never seen anyone take the orders of fifty cars and have all their food to them in ten minutes like they do at our local Chick-fil-a. Every time I go there, I think, "Wow, this

being closed on Sunday is just killing them." I say that as a joke of course as their business is better and greater than ever.

The United States post office has timed their demands for money at the right time. They've declared they can't guarantee delivery of mail-in ballots on time because of lack of funds. Can they ever really guarantee delivery? I mail stuff out priority mail occasionally and sometimes it shows up ten days down the road. The promised delivery time is sometimes much shorter than actual delivery. I would never depend on my vote making it to the courthouse via mail. Oregon uses mail entirely for voting. Washington state has a lot of mail-in votes.

I'm sympathetic with the needs of the post office. Eliminate Saturday mail delivery and close the post offices on Saturday. This should save some money. Go ahead and raise all the postage costs five percent. Many Americans pay their bills online. Christmas cards are going out online for many. Plus, someone needs to make sure Amazon is paying a fair price for delivery of their goods. Free delivery of Amazon products is not really free. Someone is paying the cost. For seniors over 70 on minimal incomes, give them some free stamps very month to mail their bills. They're already hurting enough.

Some of America's problems can be fixed. Our greatest problem is fixing Congress. They are the greatest obstacle in solving most of our problems.

## A 'smorgasbord' of stars to view in August

Summer may fade in August, but that brings darker skies and longer hours to watch stars and planets.



**Minnesota Starwatch**  
Deane Morrison

The month starts out with a nearly full moon rising the evening of the 2nd. That night it follows Saturn and brilliant Jupiter across the sky, becoming full at 10:59 a.m. on the 3rd. However, by that time, the moon will have set. To see it at its roundest, check your local time of moonset and go outside early enough to catch it before it sinks in the southwest.

The waning moon proceeds to sail through the fall constellations Capricornus and Aquarius. On the night of the 6th-7th it appears below the ring-shaped Cirlet of Pisces, a somewhat dim figure below the brighter Great Square of Pegasus. On the 8th-9th, a still hefty moon travels the night sky with Mars.

With Earth closing in on it, in the orbital race, Mars looks much bigger and brighter than usual. It's up in the east by midnight and, surrounded by only dim stars, unmistakable. In the predawn sky, Mars is high in the southeast to south while Venus, also unmistakable, blazes away low in the east. On the 15th, Venus and a crescent moon appear next to the feet of the Gemini twin Castor.

The Perseid meteor shower is predicted to peak between late night and dawn on the 11th-12th, but the nights before and after could also be good. Typically fast and bright, Perseids stream from the

northeast, and many leave persistent trails. A bright waning moon may interfere, though, depending on which day and time you go out.

When no meddlesome moon is up at nightfall, don't miss the smorgasbord of stars. High in the west, brilliant Arcturus anchors kite-shaped Bootes, the herdsman. Immediately east hangs the semicircular Corona Borealis, or northern crown; its jewel is called Gemma or Alphecca. Next comes the hourglass of stars on the torso of upside-down Hercules.

Beside Hercules shines Vega, the peer of Arcturus and beacon of Lyra, the lyre. Below Vega, a small parallelogram of stars outlines the lyre. Moving east again, somewhat dimmer Deneb marks the tail of Cygnus, the swan, and the head of the Northern Cross. To the south, Altair, in Aquila, the eagle, forms the sharp point in the summer Triangle of stars, which includes Vega and Deneb. And slightly above and east of Altair, diminutive Delphinus, the dolphin, leaps into a dark sea.

The University of Minnesota's public viewings of the night sky at its Duluth and Twin Cities campuses have been curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, see:

Duluth, Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium: [d.umn.edu/planet](http://d.umn.edu/planet)

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## August weed of the month — Palmer amaranth

SHANE BLAIR  
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

An Update on Palmer Amaranth after years of treatment in Minnesota.

Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) was first found in Minnesota in 2016. Since then, small infestations have been documented along with identified pathways.

Palmer amaranth was originally brought into the state via a contaminated conservation seed mix and was planted in 34 plantings across Lyon and Yellow Medicine counties. Those plantings were surveyed and plants were identified. Walking through each individual planting helped the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) understand the plantings and helped determine the best action needed. Late in 2016, some plantings were propane weed torched to prevent seed production.

A Palmer amaranth plant in a conservation planting.

In 2017, plantings that had Palmer amaranth growing were managed with prescribed fire, propane weed torching, and hand pulling. Some plantings, but not all, also received an herbicide treatment to help slow the spread of Palmer. Management activities and surveys were completed multiple times throughout the growing season to ensure that Palmer amaranth did not establish itself. Plantings that had Palmer amaranth in 2016 and 2017 had no reemergence of Palmer in 2018 and 2019.

Some of those plantings continue to be surveyed, and, so far, no Palmer amaranth has been found. Surveys

will continue until all known plantings where Palmer amaranth was planted are deemed eradicated. As each season passes, these conservation plantings are becoming very vibrant with multiple types of forbes and grasses. This is creating a lot of competition where Palmer amaranth and other unwanted weeds cannot compete.

Through stringent management activities and surveys, Palmer amaranth has not been able to produce seed and establish itself. More importantly, Palmer amaranth has not spread into neighboring fields where corn, soybean, and other row crops resided. The longer that we can protect Minnesota from Palmer amaranth and other aggressive weeds, the better we can protect the health of our agricultural economy.

Each season brings new Palmer amaranth findings and new pathways. However, more and more farmers and land managers are becoming aware of the weed and are notifying the proper authorities to help them manage the infestation. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota Extension, county agricultural inspectors, the Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa, and landowners/managers continue to work together to manage the spread and detection of this plant. As each season progresses, lessons learned from scouting and managing this aggressive weed helps us to establish and improve best practices for limiting the spread.

# These times getting the best of us

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

A good friend of mine moved to the cities a few years ago, but I stay in touch with her because I've known her since she was born. She wondered yesterday if this pandemic was causing people with mental illness to have their symptoms worsen. She told me her sister has a young woman with multiple personality disorder who she hires to care for her dogs whenever she needs to be away for the day. Her sister copes very well with the dog sitter, because even though she never knows which personality will show up for doggy duty, they all love dogs. But, last week, the young woman thought she should charge more for her service since so many personalities were involved. She wanted to raise her rates a few dollars and my sister agreed to the change, but only because the rates hadn't gone up in years and it was quite fair.

She also related an episode about her nephew who lives in Wisconsin. He was diagnosed in his early 20s as being schizophrenic. Last week, he showed up at his father's house shirtless and brandishing a very large sword. He was lunging and swinging while advancing and retreating so her brother grabbed a garbage can lid and approached him to chat. Her brother thought maybe a voice told the young man to hone his skills and join a band of Cossacks in preparation for the revolution. Fortunately, a court order prohibits the son from owning weapons and the sword he had was definitely a weapon. When he got in his car and left, his dad notified the authorities and they confiscated the swords. He had several around his apartment.

Later in the week, my friend encountered a neighbor who was talking to herself. Sometimes people wear ear-

buds so they can use their cell phones while walking. But it turned out that the neighbor was talking to herself so that for once she could have an intelligent conversation.

Do you think this pandemic is making people with mental illnesses to get sicker? I'm hearing many reports of bizarre behavior.

Signed, Rowena on Rutabaga Ave.  
*Tante Ingeborg says,*  
Dear Rowena,

Most mental illnesses today are regarded as having spectrums. Basically, that means that there are degrees to which people are afflicted. Reportedly there have been examples of folks throughout history who have been schizophrenics who were very famous. Van Gogh was a gifted painter who had this illness. There's also a famous mathematician who won a Nobel Peace prize and about whom a movie was made. I even suspect St. Joan of Arc may have suffered from schizophrenia.

We don't have really good medications to control all forms of mental illnesses but caregivers should try to make sure they are using the best pharmaceuticals available.

The pandemic is causing a lot of stress, and stress worsens all illnesses. By lessening stress, we are better able to cope.

Extra attention to diet and exercise make good sense now, so encourage friends and neighbors to be conscientious about this. Anyone outside trotting along at a good clip might not be able to outrun the voices in their head, but just trying to breathe may keep a person distracted.

I wish your friend in the cities and everywhere else good luck and good health. And remember, Tante Ingeborg cares ... but not so much.

**IN LINE WITH ITS SCANDINAVIAN heritage,** the Askov American has given a couple of locals the opportunity of authoring an advice column. Management reserves the right to cancel this column at a moment's notice, should it become filled with lunacy. Remember, this is a family newspaper. If you have a problem for which you need questionable advice, contact Ask Tante Ingeborg, care of the Askov American.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## COUNTY MINUTES

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.**  
**North Pine Government Center, Sandstone, Minnesota**

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Hallan stated the Governor of the State of Minnesota has issued Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19. On March 24, 2020, the Pine County Board of Commissioners declared a local emergency for Pine County.

Based on these conditions, the Chair of the Pine County Board of Commissioners has determined that the requirements of Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subd. (1) have been met and it is not practical or prudent for all members of the county board to meet in person. Members of the county board will join the meeting remotely.

The public was invited to join the meeting remotely by phone, WebEx or watch via live stream on YouTube.

Commissioner John Mikrot and Commissioner Matt Ludwig were present in the meeting room. Members present via electronic means were Chair Hallan, Commissioner Josh Mohr and Commissioner Steve Chaffee. Also present in the meeting room was County Administrator David Minke and present via electronic means was County Attorney Reese Frederickson.

Chair Hallan turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Josh Mohr for the remainder of the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Vice Chair Mohr called for public comment. Ailene Croup stated she is aware the county 2021 preliminary budget discussions will begin soon. She requested the county be mindful and take into consideration the additional financial stressors upon businesses and individuals in the county this year when considering the proposed tax levy for 2021. There was no additional public comment.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to adopt the amended Agenda. Second by Chair Hallan. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Mikrot to approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2020 county board meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

Pine County Zoning Board Minutes - May 28, 2020

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) Habitat Conservation Projects

Pine County Chemical Health Coalition Minutes - July 13, 2020

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Chair Hallan to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

**Fund - June 30, 2019-June 30, 2020 - Increase/Decrease**

General Fund - \$5,516,800 - \$5,542,757 - \$25,957.

Health and Human Services Fund - \$1,490,610 - \$1,868,057 - \$377,447.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$4,207,368 - \$4,346,288 - \$138,921.

Land Management Fund - \$2,002,082 - \$1,323,230 - \$(678,852).

TOTAL (incl non-major funds) - \$15,389,309 - \$15,843,003 - \$453,694.

Approve June 2020 disbursements and claims over \$2,000.

Approve the following applications:  
**Application to Repurchase**  
- Resolution 2020-46 authorizing Holly A. Holmes, former owner, to repurchase the property described as Lot 1, Block 1, Pathfinder Village, 4th Addn Replat 1 in full.  
- Resolution 2020-47 authorizing Jeffrey & Laurie Plzak,

former owners, to repurchase the property at 51991 Stark Rd, Bruno in full.

- Resolution 2020-48 authorizing Darla Quinn, former owner, to repurchase the property at 87190 Woodstock Rd, Sturgeon Lake in full.

- Resolution 2020-49 authorizing Mira Investments, former owner, to repurchase the property at 15881 Cross Lake Rd, Pine City in full.

**Temporary On Sale Liquor License**

Temporary on sale liquor license for the Rock Creek Lions for an event to be held September 4-7, 2020 pending approval from the State of Minnesota.

Approve Resolution 2020-44 extending special assessments to the property taxes of:

- Evergreen Park, LLC, PID 15.0113.000, \$94,350,

- Terry & Cordilla Clark, PID 15.0277.000, \$14,550,

- Chad & Erin Mans, PID 15.0370.000, \$19,200,

- John Casterton & Caitlin Westman, PID 27.0175.002, \$18,400,

- Michael & Barbara Clafin, PID 33.5788.000, \$6,975,

- David Pursi, PID 41.0035.000, \$15,985,

- Renee Walker, PID 47.0114.004, \$10,300

as a septic fix-up special assessment.

Approve regular employment status to Social Worker Amanda Manley effective August 11, 2020.

Approve the hiring of Environmental Technician, Jeremy Williamson, effective July 27, 2020, \$21.98 per hour, Grade 8; Zoning & Solid Waste Support Specialist, Jessica Sonstebly, effective August 3, 2020, \$17.41 per hour, Grade 4; part-time Dispatcher Tiphonie Sanda, effective July 28, 2020, \$20.74 per hour, grade 7, step 1; and the re-hire of part-time Dispatcher Jodie Benson, effective July 28, 2020, \$21.63 per hour, grade 7, step 2.

Commissioner Ludwig stated the Personnel Committee met July 14, 2020 and made the following recommendations:

**Health & Human Services**  
- Acknowledge the retirement of Child Support Officer Claire Nelson, effective August 28, 2020 and to authorize backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

- Approve the recruitment for the open Adult Protection Social Worker position that was vacated in March 2020 and held open due to the unknown impact on caseload and budget related to the pandemic, and allow backfill of any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

**Sheriff's Office - Dispatcher**  
- Acknowledge the retirement of Lead Dispatcher Marcella Danielson, effective June 30, 2020, and authorize backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

**Informational Technology (IT)**  
- Approve the recruitment of a new IT Support Specialist position, grade 7, non-union, non-exempt with a minimum starting wage of \$21.36/hour and authorize backfill of any subsequent vacancies due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Mohr to reappoint Lorri Houtsma as the county assessor for the term January 1, 2021-December 31, 2024. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hallan to award the bid for Contract #2002 to Knife River Corp. in the amount of \$3,933,387.09. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Chair Hallan to authorize distribution of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds as follows:

**Proposed Use of Funds**  
**Total**  
Contingency 356,478  
Pine County 900,000  
Reserved for Twps/  
Cities <200 54,116  
Lakes & Pines Housing Support 50,000  
Family Pathways

Food Support 30,000  
Business Assistance 1,800,000  
Nonprofit Assistance 400,000  
HHS Directed Assistance 40,000

The designated allocations may be reconsidered and adjusted based on actual demands and needs. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Pine County CARES Act Business Assistance Grant general parameters. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Mikrot to authorize County Administrator David Minke to enter into agreements for the purpose of distributing CARES Act funds with Family Pathways (food support), Lakes and Pines Community Action Council (housing support), and Initiative Foundation (business assistance). Second by Commissioner Chaffee. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

County Administrator David Minke provided an update of the budget through June 30, 2020 by reviewing the expenditure and revenue of the major funds. The county made business decisions to balance needs and exercise prudence with regards to spending during the uncertainty of the pandemic. At the end of the second quarter, the budget reflects these choices and the county is reasonably well positioned to move forward through continued uncertainty.

**Closed Meeting - Labor Negotiation and County Administrator Annual Performance Review**

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to close the meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.03 to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies and development, discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals and to go into closed session as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 for the purpose of evaluating the performance of the county administrator. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr: District 2-Vice Chair Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Chaffee/was unavailable due to leaving the meeting to enter into the closed virtual meeting; District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/was unavailable due to leaving the open meeting to enter into the closed virtual meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was closed at 12:07 p.m.

The closed session for labor negotiations convened at 12:13 p.m. Present were Commissioners Hallan, Chaffee, Ludwig, Mohr, and Mikrot. Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson, County HHS Director Becky Foss, County Auditor/Treasurer Kelly Schroeder, County HR Manager Jackie Koivisto, and County Administrator David Minke. Ludwig, Mikrot, and Minke were present in the meeting room. All others joined via electronic means.

The closed session for the annual performance review of Administrator Minke convened at 12:59 p.m. Present were Commissioners Hallan, Chaffee, Ludwig, Mohr, and Mikrot. Also present was County Administrator David Minke. Present in the meeting room were Ludwig, Mikrot, and Minke. All others joined via electronic means.

The open session reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

With no further business, Vice Chair Mohr adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy 23, No., Sandstone, Minnesota.

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

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

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**OFFICE HOURS: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**  
**Friday: Closed**  
*New hours will stay in effect permanently.*

**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**  
**Corrections Officer Positions**

Position: Corrections Officers  
Location: Pine City  
Union: AFSCME Corrections Officer/ Dispatcher Unit  
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**  
Corrections Officer: This position performs tasks related to care, custody, discipline and occupations of inmates ensuring a healthy, safe and secure environment. Correctional Officers process all adult and juvenile arrests by conducting searches and medical screenings, attempt inmate grievance resolution, transport and escort inmates to various locations and generate and maintain required documentation and reports. Assigned duties are performed in a supervised environment. Applicants must be available to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Applicant must be 18 years of age and have a High School diploma or equivalent Minnesota Drivers License required. No felony convictions.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Degree in law enforcement, criminal justice or a related field and/or one (1) year of experience as a Corrections Officer in a correctional facility or similar setting

Applicants wishing to be considered for these vacancies must submit a completed application to Pine County Human Resources no later than 4:00 PM on August 28, 2020. See website for detailed specifics regarding job responsibilities and requirements. Contact the Pine County Administrator's Office for application or download the application on the website at www.co.pine.mn.us.

**PINE COUNTY PERSONNEL SYSTEM**

**CLASSIFICATION:** Corrections Officer  
**PAY GRADE:** \$20.74 - \$26.96 (2020 Salary Schedule, based on experience)  
**RATING METHOD:** The selection process may include formal interview, testing or other methods of selection.  
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## CARES Act Grants Available to Help Small Businesses

BY DAVID MINKE  
PINE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Pine County small businesses impacted by COVID-19 can apply to receive financial assistance to help with expenses incurred during the pandemic.

Grants will be provided to businesses financially impacted by the pandemic and reimburse direct costs up to \$10,000 per business.

Businesses, including non-profit organizations which operate business-type enterprises located within Pine County with 50 or fewer employees, are eligible to apply.

The application period will be open starting at 8 a.m. August 10 and close at 4 p.m. August 20. The application will be available on Pine County's web page www.co.pine.mn.us.

The program is being administered by Pine County with assistance from the Initiative Foundation. Applications will be reviewed starting August 21 with approved grants paid in early September.

Questions on the grants should be directed to David Minke, county administrator at 320-591-1620 or CaresAct@co.pine.mn.us.

Small business assistance comes from funds available to Pine County through the federal CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act). A portion of the CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion federal economic stimulus bill, is specifically allocated to assist small businesses.

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### PINE COUNTY EVENING REPORTING CENTER Youth Counselor Position

Pine County is seeking a Youth Counselor for the Pine County Evening Reporting Center (PCERC). This is a two-year, grant-funded contract position for both openings with mostly evening, part-time hours. If you're passionate about helping at-risk youth in our community, this is an exciting opportunity to help create and sustain a new program.

**Program Description**

**MISSION:** The Pine County Evening Reporting Center (PCERC) will be a place for juveniles to develop socially, emotionally, and educationally while remaining in their community and supported by responsible service providers that can assist in such growth. The overarching goal is to reduce repeat offending behavior and promote juveniles' behavioral health in their own community while protecting the public.

**VISION:** To work with at-risk youth in their community versus in detention or residential treatment. This will include pre-trial and post adjudication youth who may cross-over systems with Health & Human Services. The PCERC will look to provide wraparound services and programs that include, but are not limited to: mental health, medical/physical health, chemical dependency, targeted case management, behavior management, education (tutoring/literacy), family engagement, restorative justice, recreational and pro-social activities, cultural guidance/ spirituality, as well as nutrition (meals will be provided).

**PROJECT R.I.S.E.:** The Evening Reporting Center will report to the Project R.I.S.E. (Restorative Investment for Student Empowerment) Executive Team, which was created in 2017 to overhaul the Juvenile Justice system in Pine County, and work more effectively and efficiently within the schools and community specifically, the contractors report to the Pine County Probation Director and East Central Schools Superintendent.

**Location & Hours of Operation**

East Central Alternative Learning Center  
61085 State Hwy 23, Finlayson, MN 55735  
Hours: 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays (Programming will be opposite Treehouse)  
\*Occasional Saturdays will be scheduled  
\*\*The ERC will offer transportation and a meal for each group session.

**Group Programming:** Structured group programming will be an open group with a maximum group size of 10. Groups occur Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 4:30-7:30 p.m. and occasional Saturdays. Group topics include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership and Positive Male Identity
- Conflict Resolution (Problem Solving)
- Communication & Relationships
- (Chemical) Health & Wellness
- Education & Economic Security
- Forward Thinking
- Emotional Health & Wellbeing

**Individualized Support:** Individualized support component of the program will take place one-on-one between the Program Director/Youth Counselor and the youth and will occur mostly in the youth's community. The Program Director/Youth Counselor will have a caseload of approximately seven youth or fewer which will allow for visits every other week, or more if necessary. Case management services will consist of:

- Intake and assessment
- Creation of youth driven case plans
- Mentoring and relationship building
- Identifying barriers and working to alleviate those barriers
- Connection to resources (employment and education resources; physical health, emotional health, and chemical health resources; housing support)
- School attendance monitoring
- Assistance with completion of court orders, transportation, and advocacy in court as needed
- Family and parent/parenting support.
- Program Director/Youth Counselor will also provide referring probation officer and/or social worker weekly progress and exit reports.

**Authorized Representative:** The Authorized Representative for the contract is Probation Director Terry Fawcett or his designee.

**Contract Description**

**PCERC Youth Counselor:** The contractor will take direction from the PCERC Director. The primary role of the contractor is to facilitate case management of youth attending the PCERC by conducting intake meetings and carrying out the daily schedule at the PCERC. The contractor will identify the needs of youth and connect them to services as defined in case plans.

- Case management services will consist of:
  - Intake and assessment
  - Creation of youth driven case plans
  - Mentoring and relationship building
  - Identifying barriers and working to alleviate those barriers
  - Connection to resources (employment and education resources; physical health, emotional health, and chemical health resources; housing support)
  - School attendance monitoring
  - Assistance with completion of court orders, transportation, and advocacy in court as needed
  - Family and parent/parenting support.

**The Youth Counselor is considered an independent contractor. It is not considered an employee of Pine County or East Central Schools.**

**Contract Amount**  
Youth Counselor - \$25,000 (1,300 hours X \$19.23 per hour)

**Contact:**  
Terry Fawcett  
Pine County Probation Director  
(320)591-0535  
Andrew Almos  
Superintendent  
East Central Public Schools  
(320)245-6000

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NORTH PINE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The North Pine Area Hospital District will have a regular board meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Askov Community Center with a option to join the meeting via conference call starting at 6:30. Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID:810 0752 5484  
Passcode: 601436

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**District Court**

**10th Judicial District**

**State of Minnesota**

**Pine County**

**Probate Court Division**

**Court File Number:**

**58-PR-20-60**

In Re: Estate of Gary J. Burkhardt, Decedent

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

It is ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of October, 2020, at 3:45 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at the Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota, on the Petition of Eric Burkhardt, for summary assignment or distribution; any objections thereto must be filed with the Court.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to the Clerk of the Court within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: August 13, 2020  
Heather M. Wynn,  
Pine County Judge

John M. Warp, P.A. #114674, of John M. Warp, ID.

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**MEETING NOTICE**

**City of Askov**

The City of Askov Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 3, 2020, at 6 p.m. at the Askov Community Center meeting room. This meeting is to review the application for an interim use permit for the property located at 3531 State Hwy 23, Askov, MN. The regularly scheduled planning and zoning meeting will take place immediately after the public hearing.

Kathy Morris, Clerk  
City of Askov  
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# Teachers' unions push for SRO removal

BY CATRIN WIGFALL, DIRECTOR  
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The leaders of Minnesota's teachers' union, Education Minnesota, are standing with groups who want to make schools less safe by defunding the police and taking away School Resource Officers (SROs).

Recent polling in Minnesota shows a large majority, 87 percent, of union households support their local police departments. Eighty-four percent of union households say they feel safe around their local police. And most teachers say they want to keep School Resource Officers in their schools.

According to a survey by the EdWeek Research Center, only 23 percent of educators support removing police officers from schools. Thirty percent say officers are needed in their schools because "too many students are out of control." Nearly three out of four teachers, principals, and district leaders say the officers are needed for protection against outsider's intent on doing harm to students and staff.

The push by Education Minnesota's national affiliate, the National Education Association (NEA), to remove officers from schools is dramatically different from its previous sentiments, which referred to SROs as "role models for students and staff" who are "taught to be accessible and familiar to students so when an emergency occurs, a bond has been set."

When President Obama proposed legislation in 2013 that included appropriating \$150 million to hire SROs, both the NEA and the American Federation of Teachers supported the bill.

Why is Education Minnesota ignoring its members and what is most important to teachers — safe, healthy classrooms where they can teach — and using union dues to support groups that are politicizing school safety? Given the rising discipline issues that threaten school safety, students feeling less safe at school, and the rise of school violence, SROs are critical to protecting both students and teachers.

You do not have to financially support a union that ignores your concerns and supports groups that want to make classrooms less safe. Let Education Minnesota know its priorities are out of touch by opting out of union membership during the annual September Window (September 1-30). If you create your letter here in advance, Educated Teachers MN will remind you by email to send your resignation letter in during the window.

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