

SPORTS: Spring sports winding down, heading into play-offs. **PGS. 14-15**

Crops on hold as farmers wait for rain to stop

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Farmers across Minnesota have been struggling to get crops planted due to an exceptionally cold and rainy spring. Pine County farmers are feeling the pressure as the planting season is getting shorter, and the rain is still coming. For many farmers in the area, corn and soybeans are the largest producing crops and are a main source of income.

Pine View Farms owners, Jason and Jade Zastera, who are Pine City farmers, grow

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Wayne Bontjes tills a local field last week, during a break in the rain, as part of the Pine View Farms operation, owned by Jason and Jade Zastera.

The heart of Grindstone Lake Bible Camp

Director shares impact on kids, personal struggles

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For many campers, summer camp at Grindstone Lake Bible Camp, located west of Sandstone, has become a lifeline and a place where connections are formed. Despite some challenges in the way of the pandemic and some personal struggles of the camp director, Kevin Burgess, camp planning is well underway and will happen as scheduled.

COMING OUT OF A PANDEMIC

“We were trying to do everything possible so we could run as soon as possible based on guidance on restaurants and schools and businesses,” recalled Burgess of the early stages of the pandemic. He said that the camp determined a plan on how to clean and how to start up during the onset of the pandemic in 2020 with a day camp. “We started with five kids in the day camp and were up to 40 kids per day midsummer.”

The first week of July of 2020, overnight camp would start back up, but camp would look differently. Campers would be placed into cabin pods that would be timed and would travel together, according to the health inspector’s plans. There was a quarantine cabin for campers who had COVID symptoms, and Burgess was required to do contact tracing for anyone who even had a cold. This was all before testing was readily available.

Last year, things relaxed, noted Burgess. “It wasn’t that we didn’t take it seriously or continue cleaning, but it was like some herd immunity had



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Grindstone Lake Bible Camp director, Kevin Burgess, makes preparations for summer camp. Below, campers enjoy fishing the lake.



already come about and things were less scary as the vaccine had been more widely applied,” said Burgess. “We had a better understanding of how to kill it. We kept a drive through check-in, with cabin pods and cabins eating together. There are a lot of things we still do, as a result of the pandemic changes, because it builds community.”

One thing observed was that after campers didn’t have in-person school for almost a year, the interpersonal skills and communication was greatly lacking. “When they came back together, they had to learn to communicate again,” said Burgess. “We go tech-free for the week, and they really start to learn to interact with each other and the bonds come naturally.”

But Burgess noted that it’s not just coming out

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Hitting the finish line

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Since 1969, the Track and Field Day events have been a staple of the Pine City community. Legendary coach Wayne Hansmann noted, “The fact that you get multiple generations out there on the same day and often all three of those generations participated in field day is pretty amazing.”

The excitement for the day, camaraderie, and pure enjoyment are what make the Pine City Field Day a highlight for the community. Coach Hansmann began his education career in Pine City in 1989 and has seen his share of field days. When asked how athletic events like field day have shaped our students at Pine City, Hansmann said, “When you think about athletics and what it takes to be successful,



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The ‘Legends,’ Wayne Hansmann and Brent Weiss finish up their last field day on Friday, May 20.

many of those include hard work, sacrifice and teamwork. These are ideals that are greatly needed in our society

today.”

For such an event like the field day to occur, you need to have a good teammate by your side.

Sidekick, and longtime educator Brent Weiss

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FINISH LINE: Generations of Field Day participants seen through the eyes of two coaches

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started his career at Pine City in 1987. Coach Weiss has contributed to a variety of athletic programs in Pine City.

Coach Weiss noted how the field day has evolved over the years, “We have tried to keep the tradition going, keeping and maintaining records for each grade level, yearly ribbon winner boards, team trophies and awards programs.”

Events that are included in the field day include, softball throw, shot put, long jump, high jump, discuss. The running events include a 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 200- and 400-yard dash and concluding the running events is the 4x100 relay. Each student participates in at least three events.

This year’s event occurred at the high school using the upgraded track and event areas. For the past two years the field day program shifted to the high school. “The high school doesn’t have the same flavor as the traditional elementary site as it’s typically a whole day event, but the kids really like getting on the facilities, which makes them feel like a track star,” shared Coach Weiss.

A few notables in this year’s event include,

second grader Beatrice Palmblade who tied the original record set in 1974 by Karla Nelson at 8.1 seconds in the 50-yard dash. Palmblade would be the third athlete to tie that record along with Janet Roubinek (1975) and Betsy Coury (1976). However, Emma LeMon would later top all four athletes and the record with a 8.08 second run on Friday.

In third grade, Jack Baures set a new 50-yard dash mark at 7.45 seconds beating the old record held by Kevin Hinze in 1970. Baures would also top the 100-yard dash record held by Tom Hatfield in 1977 with a new time of 14.03.

In the sixth grade, a relay team consisting of Tristian Dehkes, Grant Haverahals, Mitchell Norton and Touvis Vang with a 59.59 seconds, set a new 4x100 record. The previous record was 59.71 set by Mike Johnson, Jessie Weiner, Ricky Wasson and David Palmer in 1993.

Both Coach Hansmann and Coach Weiss plan to retire at the end of the school year and completed their final field day event this past week. Each has contributed many hours of coaching and working with our area athletes demonstrating those necessary qualities of teamwork



Pine City Elementary students battle it out for the 50-yard dash, long jump and high jump on Thursday of last week during day one of Field Day held at the Pine City High School. Above right, parents and grandparents eagerly film their runners.

and sacrifice. Coach Weiss is looking forward to escaping during the winter months and spending time with family, especially the grandkids. Coach Hansmann highlighted spending time on his hobbies, spending time with his

amazing wife and chasing the next generation of Hansmanns around as a grandpa.

With both educators retiring, Pine City will look to the next group of educators to take over and move forward with the program.



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FRIDAY MAY 27
Art in the Park
Pine City High School Jazz Band
Pine City Music Department brings Jazz in the Park Friday May 27, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Located at Robinson Park in Pine City.

SUNDAY MAY 29
Royalton Memorial Day Service
The public is invited to the Royalton Memorial Cemetery Association's Annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 29 at 2 p.m. at 2511 Church Road, Braham, MN. Pastor Tim Renstrom of St John & St Stephen's Lutheran Churches in Rush City and Braham and we will have a guest musician. A luncheon will follow service, free will offering accepted. Contact Les Orvis at 320-492-4579 if you have any questions.

MONDAY MAY 30
Memorial Day Services
• Askov American Legion post #243 is having an in-person service Askov Cemetery at 10 a.m.
• Pine City American Legion post #51 is tentatively having a parade and an in-person service at Birchwood Cemetery in Pine City 10 a.m.
• Hinckley American Legion post #388 is having an in-person event at the Lutheran Memorial Cemetery 10 a.m.
• Sandstone American Legion post #151 has three in-person events: 9 a.m. Finlayson Cemetery, 10 a.m. at Dell Grove Cemetery then Spring Park Cemetery at 11 a.m.
• Bruno American Legion post #563 has three in-person events Bruno cemetery 9 a.m., Villstad cemetery 10 a.m., and Danforth cemetery 12 noon
Willow River Post 163 and Denham/Sturgeon Lake Post 361
• St. Isidore Catholic Church 9:00 a.m.
• Blomskog Cemetery 9:20 a.m.
• St. Isidore Catholic Cemetery 9:45 a.m.
• Sturgeon Lake Village Cemetery 10:10 a.m.
• Nordlund Cemetery 10:40 a.m.
• Faith Lutheran Cemetery 11:00 a.m.
• Methodist Cemetery 11:20 a.m.
• Rutledge Cemetery 12:00 p.m.
• Willow River Cemetery 12:30 p.m.

Annual Memorial Day Service
The public is invited to the Royalton Memorial Cemetery Association's Annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 29 at 2 p.m. at 2511 Church Road, Braham, Minn. Pastor Joel Preston of the Pine City Evangelical Free Church will give a devotional, music will be provided by Adrienne Roubinek. A luncheon will follow service, free will offering accepted. Contact Les Orvis at 320-492-4579 if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1
Senior Tractor Ride
The senior tractor ride will meet at the Fair grounds starting at 7 a.m. Donuts and juice will be provided. Departure time will be 7:30 a.m.

FRIDAY JUNE 3
Art in the Park
Rex Cactus Country
Pine City Arts Council hosting Rex Cactus Country 6-8 p.m. Located at Robinson Park in Pine City.

SATURDAY JUNE 4
Pokegama Township Clean-Up Event
Pokegama Township Clean-up Event at Pokegama Town Hall 18336 Town Hall Road from 7-11 a.m. Information will be posted at www.pokegamatownship.com or call 320-629-3719 email at pokegamatownhall@yahoo.com

EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA'S 17th PRIDE SET FOR JUNE 4
East Central Minnesota Pride will present the 17th annual 'Pride in the Park' on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from noon to 5 p.m. The event will again be held in Robinson Park, downtown Pine City, and is a celebration of the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning) community of East Central Minnesota.

SUNDAY JUNE 5
8th Annual 5k Fun Run
The Pine Area Lions will be hosting their 8th Annual 5k Fun Run on Sunday, June 5 at 10 a.m. at Robinson Park in Pine City. Visit the Pine City Area Lions Facebook page for more information.

Beginning of Summer Party
The Pine City Leo Club will be hosting a free beginning of summer party next month for teenagers in the Pine Area. The party will be at Voyageur Park on June 5th, starting at 1 p.m. There will be lots of games and free snacks and drinks.

FRIDAY JUNE 10
Free Youth Clinic
Free youth baseball clinic ages 6 - 12 at the Leroy Samuelson Memorial Park-City Fields 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Preregistration is required.

Golf Tournament
Pine City Are Chamber Golf Tournament Registration 11 a.m. Shotgun start at noon.

SUNDAY JUNE 12
Fly-In/Drive-In
Rush City Regional Airport is hosting the Fly-in/Drive-in event 8 a.m. to noon. Featured airplane A-1 Sky Raider "Naked Fanny".

TUESDAY JUNE 14
Community Blood Drive
Batter up and win! Memorial Blood Centers is recruiting for blood donors to fill the summer roster when blood shortages often occur. That's why your donation is especially needed at this blood drive to help support patients all summer long.
Plus, all presenting donors will have an opportunity to win a pair of tickets to cheer on the Minnesota Twins! Winners are drawn daily. Sign up to give today! Pine City Public Library parking lot 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY JUNE 25
Freedom Fest Returns
The community is excited to bring back a full line-up of fun, family friendly events for this year's Freedom Fest weekend 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. located at Pine City Fairgrounds.

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.

Early Childhood Screening
We want every child to come to school ready to learn. A beginning step is an early childhood screening. The best time to schedule a screening is when your child is three and a half years old. ALL children must be screened before entering Kindergarten. Call 320-629-4030 to schedule today or go to: pcearlychildhood.weebly.com for more information.

Pine City Public Library Book Donations
The Pine City Public Library (300 5th St SE) is seeking donations of gently used books for our library book store. Currently unable to accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or items that have acquired a musty odor from being stored in sheds and garages. Please call Heidi at 320-629-6403 with any questions.

Northern Exposures Photography Club
The Northern Exposures Photography Club will continue to exhibit their work through Saturday, May 28 at Pine Center for the Arts, located at 265 5th St SE. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Sunday. The gallery is free and open to the public.

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.

WEATHER FORECAST

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Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun

With story tips and ideas,
email: editor@pinecitymn.com

MEETINGS
FRIDAY 5/27
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 5/29
AA: 7 p.m. Evangelical Free Church, 625 Golf Avenue SW, Pine City. For information call 320-438-9121.

MONDAY 5/30
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 5/31
Weecovery: 10 a.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

WEDNESDAY 6/1
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 6/2
TOPS: Take off pounds sensible 4 p.m. Pine City Library meeting room, 300 5th Street SE

Day Break Respite: 1 p.m., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 825 Golf Ave SW, Pine City. Call (320) 364-9120 for enrollment.

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

SENIOR DINING
May 30 - June 1
Monday: Memorial Day Close
Wednesday: Tator Tot Hot Dish, Green Beans, Cinnamon Baked Apples, Bread, Dessert.
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Fri., May 27	Tadpole Burger w/ Fries & Pasta Salad	
Sat., May 28	Chicken Quesadilla	
Sun., May 29	Chicken Cordon Bleu Sandwich w/ Fries & Pasta Salad	Happy Hour Every Day from 4-6pm
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THIS IS CLEARLY a wonderful time of year as the weather warms, trees come to life, and the early flowers start blooming. Fishing season is open and all the water sports come alive. Garage sales start showing up, the garage gets cleaned, and winter coats are put away.

It's time for a hike, cycling a path or getting that tennis racket or pickleball paddle out and getting some overdue exercise. It's all part of the enjoyment of living in the Midwest.

It's prom time and graduation time and also a chance to get your fingers in the soil as we begin planting flowers and vegetables. Whether it is a large garden or pots on the porch or veranda, it's clearly a mark of a new season.

It's also a time to review safety protocol, whether you are on a bike, on the water or four-wheeling through the pine forests. It's time to review your ATV or boat registration and increase coverage. How about kayaks and power boats?

Motorists need to take heed as well. "Start seeing motorcycles." I see motorists going through stop signs which can lead to unnecessary neighborhood accidents. It's a good time for a safety review within every family for all age groups.

It's also the time of year when people work hard to clean up their lawns and gardens. Have you heard of "No mow May?" It's when your yard is allowed to bloom to be pollinator friendly. This also the time of year to make home repairs and do painting. It's all part of having pride in a community. I love living here.

IN THE PROCTOR, Minnesota Journal, May 5, 2022 edition, a front page story asked the question, "Is Proctor in the crosshairs of Putin's nukes?"

Proctor turns out to be one of 70 targets listed in a story about Russia's possible missile strikes in the U.S. For perspective, this was carried in the March 21, 2022 edition of the National Enquirer.

These are areas that would be hit in the first, second or third strikes, according to the article.

The strategic value in hitting Proctor, Minnesota could be the Canadian National Railway Depot which deals with shipping of taconite for making steel. There is also the Husky oil refinery in Superior, Wisconsin and the Duluth-Superior Port, along with the 148th Air Force Base, all within a few miles of Proctor.

The U.S., Australia and the U.K. said they will develop a hypersonic missile by next year and sea-based by 2025. I learned this past week the U.S. successfully tested their hypersonic missile.

Through Reuters, we are aware that Russia is developing a hypersonic missile that could hit our country in less than five minutes. Let's hope our leaders can bring this war to an end.

Several years ago I was a guest of the Navy on a "boomer" nuclear submarine, the USS Nebraska, based in Bangor, Washington at sea.

The Navy has 14 of this type of sub. It's the largest and most destructive force in the world.

Today we have more threats from several countries with nuclear capability. As a result, these subs are stationed around the world.

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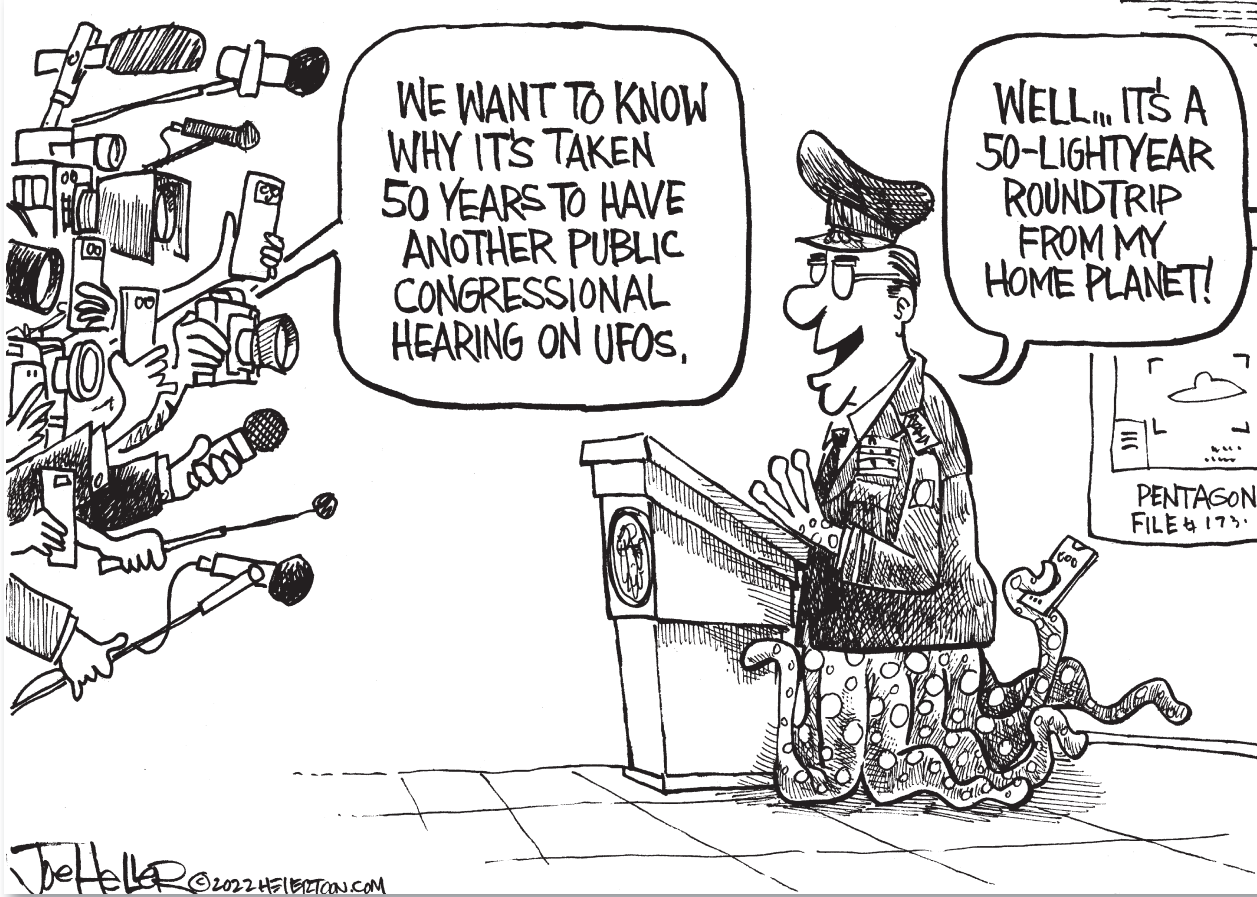
I THINK WE are faced for the next 12 months with gasoline at \$4 plus per gallon. Our country has adequate oil, as well as natural gas, but getting it into the pipeline has been clogged in part due to government regulations and executive leadership. Perhaps it wouldn't make any difference what party was in office with the polarization and politics slowing down the process of what's good for the American people.

We are going to eventually see difficulty with our electric power grids. Some of our leadership has been too anxious to go green, thereby eliminating fossil



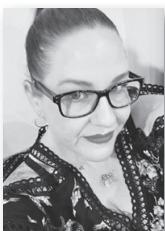
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New reporter joins Pine City, county news teams

Spring is a time of renewal and new beginnings. Nature starts to come alive again, the animals are bringing forth a new generation of cuteness for us to admire



Sara Goldstein

and some of us already have that first batch of produce sprouting before it goes into the garden. After the long and dreary winter, we are all ready to come alive again. For me, this is taking on a very different meaning. Hello Readers! My name is Sara Goldstein, and I am the new reporter and photographer for North Pine County News and the Pine City Pioneer. I have been a freelance writer for many years and have had a passion for writing since I was a young child. I had been on hiatus during the pandemic as the opportunities just weren't there. I was at a crossroads whether to give up writing and focus in other areas or continue and hope something comes along. Little did I know, the opportunity of a lifetime was right around the corner! Along with the dawning of springtime, my career was revived and ready to blossom.

I am so very excited to be a part of a wonderful news team and to be bringing you, the readers, the latest news and top stories in Pine County. If you have a tip or story that you think is newsworthy, send me an email. I would

love to hear what the readers want to see covered.

A little about myself. I grew up in the little town of Amery, Wisc.. where I graduated high school in 1998. My husband, Loren, and I moved to Cambridge in 2011, and in the Fall of 2020, we purchased our dream home.

We have four amazing kids, ages 20, 15, 13, and 2. We also have many "bonus kids" who we have been blessed with mentoring and raising over the years. Our family, by blood and by love, is large, but our home and our hearts have plenty of room.

When I am able to enjoy some free time, I enjoy reading, hiking and foraging, traveling, and working in my yard. I love learning and definitely fall into the category of a forever student. Whether I am taking a class through community education, attending learning opportunities through various seminars or learning something new on Youtube, I am always striving to learn something I didn't know before or honing a skill I already have.

Another passion of mine is sports. I am and always have been a diehard fan of Minnesota sports, NASCAR, boxing/MMA, and wrestling. Hockey and football will always be my top sports, and I have been known to get a little too excited and startle my family members when a major play happens.

Some of my favorite things to write about are true crime, human interest stories, military and other hometown heros, along

with raising awareness for rare diseases. My first article with the paper was before I became a reporter. I wrote an article about an extremely rare disease called Systemic Mastocytosis, a disease that takes control of the mast cells in our bodies and attacks everything from the skin, blood, bones and organs. The entire body becomes under attack and this is an incurable disease and without constant monitoring, treatment and management the disease will continue to progress until it takes over completely. I was diagnosed with it in 2016. I had never heard of it, and it took until I was in my mid-30's to actually get a proper diagnosis to something I have lived with my whole life. Had I been diagnosed as a child, my health would be very different today. However, the bright side to this is that my own children were tested at a young age because of my diagnosis. My two oldest daughters have it as well, but their journey will be much easier because of people like me who are being diagnosed later in life.

I look forward to bringing the news to the citizens of Pine County, meeting many new people and learning more about the area and its history. But most of all, I look forward to a beautiful new career doing what I truly love so much. I would love to hear from you; if you have a story you would like me to hear about, please email at news@pinecountymn.com.

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Heard it on the Streets asks: ‘WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND?’ at the Pine City Township Hall



“Herding kids and spending time with the cattle.”
Scott Hildebrand, Lindstrom, Minn.



“Spending time with the family.”
Brent Jahnz, Pine City



“Spending time up at the cabin.”
Kyle Palmer, Pine City



“I will be speaking on Memorial Day at Birchwood Cemetery.”
Steve Ovick, Pine City



“Spending time around the house with family.”
Gordy Johnson, Pine City

Session ends with no agreement

As most have heard by now, the 2022 Minnesota legislature has adjourned with no agreements on how to use the surplus. The first thing to remember is that this was not a budget year, so there will be no shutdowns. The surplus could have been used for supplemental spending or tax cuts, but that is where the agreement could not be reached.

In our original plan from Senate Republicans, most of the surplus would have been used for tax cuts. The bulk of those cuts would have come by ending the tax on social security and lowering the income tax rate on the lowest tier. We heard from many throughout the state that they wanted us to give the money back. Sending one-time checks back was not the answer, in our opinion, so ongoing tax cuts were where we landed.

You can see the stark difference between the two plans. The Governor and House Democrats’ original plan was to spend the surplus on new programs, supplement current programs, and send out one-time checks. Negotiations were challenging as we tried to figure out how to come to a compromise on these plans.

As we neared the end of the session, a high-level agreement was reached. Use some of the surplus for tax relief, some for spending on programs, and leave some leftover for next year in the bank. Approximately \$4 billion was in each pot. Unfortunately, that is as far as we could get regarding an agreement. The details of how that would be distributed were not agreed to by the end of session.

The Republicans in the Senate proposed that the portion for tax relief be focused on ending the tax on social security and some aid to counties and cities to help keep local property taxes down. Democrats came in with different priorities. An agreement was tentatively reached as we got to the final hours of session, but those agreements were never adopted

in the conference committee because House Democrats would not come in for the final vote.

When it comes to the spending portion of the agreement, most of the money was to be used in education, health and human services, and public safety. The broad agreement allocated \$1 billion for education, \$1 billion for health and human services, and \$450 million for public safety.

Senate Republicans proposed that the \$1 billion for education be used to reduce the special education cross-subsidy. Requirements from the federal government to provide services for special education have never been fully funded by the federal government, so schools must pay for it from their general fund budget. We have heard from every school district around the state that this is the biggest burden on their system. We proposed giving \$860 Million to schools to help lower that burden. We also continued our commitment to funding a program that trains teachers how to teach kids to read. Literacy is critical for learning, so we are committed to giving teachers the tools they need to teach kids.

In the health and human services area, the Senate had a plan to help our nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and the people who work caring for our most vulnerable. Facilities around the state are in danger of having to close their doors because of the lack of workers and the low reimbursement rates. Our plan would have not only raised those rates but would have given long-overdue raises to those who do this selfless and lifesaving work.

We have all seen in the news the stories of rising crime. Law enforcement officers are constantly criticized and questioned, so many are leaving or retiring early. In our proposal, we would have made investments to retain current law enforcement officers and recruit new ones. We also had provisions for holding those who break the law accountable for their actions.

Senate Republicans were committed on these priorities. Democrats were relentless on their priorities. The final details of a compromise could not be reached, we were just too far apart. There are still some talks

going on with the Governor and House to see if it is worth it to call a special session, but the reality is we are still a long way apart, and an agreement is going to be hard to find.

The most disappointing thing about session is that this was supposed to be a policy and bonding year. The large surplus got most of the attention, so policy issues took a back seat, with very few getting done. Bonding also ended with no agreement. With leadership spending so much time trying to compromise on the surplus, not enough time was devoted to get the bonding bill across the finish line either. This is the one thing that could get an agreement on to have a special session. Many good projects could and should be done around the state, so I am hopeful that this at least will be an area of agreement that will happen soon.

Despite the lack of agreement, we accomplished a few essential things in the final days. We secured significant funding to continue improving Minnesota broadband access across the state. We got critical funding done for drought relief grants to help Minnesota farmers. We supported our veterans of all ages by securing money for veterans’ homes, service bonuses, and enlistment bonuses.

Additional good news is that the surplus will be there next year. Most of it will not be a projected surplus but money in the bank. With the pending recession and the war in Ukraine, it is possible it will not be as large as predicted. We will also have a much better idea of where the economy is headed next January and where some new needs may be.

Know that I am committed to continuing the conversations at the Capitol. I will be all around the district and encourage everyone to reach out and share their thoughts and opinions with me so I can represent the views of our area at the Capitol. Although the differences are vast, and the political rhetoric is likely to worsen this summer, I am confident we can come to compromises and good decisions to serve Minnesota well in the future.

JASON RARICK is the senator representing District 11.

Is the justice system broken?

In 2015, I started the Pine County Attorney’s Office Facebook page at a time when very few county attorney’s offices in the nation had a social media profile. I had high hopes for the intersection of social media and government. I viewed it as a forum where elected leaders could engage with citizens without barriers, where the government could increase transparency, and where citizens could receive notice of important issues.

I typically published posts about serious cases that concluded with prison time. The public frequently heard about arrests and charges from many news sources, but there was not a lot of information about what happened at the end of a case, often because cases take over a year to resolve and the facts have faded from the news. In the absence of information, people consistently assumed the worst outcome, so I felt it was important to counter those assumptions with the real story and to let people know that their tax money was being put to good use.

I was also bothered by how my cases were reported in state and national news – I felt that important facts were not mentioned to make a story appear more compelling for wider audience appeal. I felt that social media was a way to ensure those absent facts were added to the narrative.

The feedback I’ve received about the page has been overwhelmingly positive over the years and I’m thankful. The page has grown to over 2,300 followers.

I monitor the comments on the Facebook page, not necessarily for content, but rather I’m interested in general trends. The vast majority are positive and appreciative of the information. I sometimes receive great feedback on how people feel about certain issues. Occasionally, I receive personal attacks, which I typically ignore other than to feel sorry for the person who felt that it was necessary to sink that low.

I often notice a comment or two on most posts containing a general theme. One such comment theme is along the lines of: “The justice system is broken.” For instance, I’ll create a post about a drug dealer receiving 84 months in prison. Someone invariably posts, “That’s not enough time; the justice system is broken!” and someone else will post, “He should be in treatment, not prison; the justice system is broken!” People’s definition of “broken” frequently contrasts.

Is the justice system broken? No. I believe we have the finest justice system in the world, but it is far from perfect. It’s a living, human-based system. It changes and adapts to the agreed-upon rules for society and the resources available to carry out its function. If there is an issue, it gets adjusted and retested to increase its fairness, counter prejudices, incorporate scientific and social advances, and offer leniency where it is needed and appropriately penalize wrongdoers.

It’s an 800-year-old marvel that is honed by another marvel: the three-branch system of democratic government. It’s a product of lawyers, citizens, courts, law enforcement, victims, politicians, experiences, groups, lawbreakers, legislatures, and millions of people who work in the system in countless capacities. There is beauty and logic to the fluidity and continuity of the system.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” I believe the system bends in the same direction.

A related theme that gets thrown around a lot is “criminal justice reform.” I’m not a fan of the term. I consider it a careless phrase often pushed by politicians or others who know very little about the justice system. The term does not acknowledge the hard work by good people who currently work in the justice system, which is where many of the real, impactful changes originate from.

For instance, many professionals within Pine County (probation, courts, attorneys, health and human services, law enforcement, jail staff) have created impactful changes that have incorporated restorative justice into juvenile programs, focused on getting help for justice-involved military veterans, added chemical health programs for jail inmates, increased victim outreach, and have reduced barriers for child victims of sexual abuse. Justice committees are currently tackling important topics such as the mental health needs of the inmate population and reducing disparities in the system.

To counter incorrect or negative beliefs, I believe that those of us who work in the justice system probably need to do a better job at talking about what we do, how the system works and why we do this work. However, I’m going to rely less on social media to do this because I feel that social media, in general, has come to the end of its usefulness. My plan is to rely more on local media sources. I’ve found that publications, such as this one, do a great job of getting out a full story and are much more comprehensive than a Facebook post. Plus, supporting local media supports local jobs and businesses – having a good local economy is a proven way to reduce crime.

REESE FREDERICKSON is the Pine County attorney.

Graduation Season!

We're right in the middle of what I call Graduation Season. Like many other local churches, our congregation dedicated this past Sunday to honoring and celebrating with our graduating senior highers. Next Friday is commencement and, in the meantime, seniors are caught up in the frenzy of finals, scholarships, getting caps and gowns, paying fees, attending and hosting graduation parties, planning for fall, and on and on.

This is the time it really begins to sink in for seniors that "this is it." Things are coming to an end for them as far as high school is concerned. Lots of "lasts" - last games, last classes, last time to see certain people, last school lunch!

I've been involved with students at some level for more than 30 years in my various roles as a youth pastor, volunteer, substitute teacher, assistant cross country coach, and as a parent. I love meeting and spending time with teens, and I have to say that we have some amazing students in Pine City. It's always sad to see them graduate from youth group and school (well... most of the time, anyway!) It's awesome to see how far they've come and where they are heading.

This year's graduates have been through a lot in their high school career and have faced unique challenges associated with the coronavirus and our turbulent culture in general. Additionally, they have had to go through all the usual tribulations faced by all teens.

I am so thankful for the wonderful teachers in Pine City who work so hard to help them navigate these challenges. Our schools have gone through a difficult season, but our amazing teachers have worked diligently to come alongside these students and help them succeed. I've been a substitute at the high school for the past fifteen years and have seen how hard our

teachers and staff work. Jesus once said that "everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher." (Luke 6:40) If that applies to our teachers, then these students couldn't be in better hands.

Every year as I watch the seniors walk across the stage to receive their diploma, I'm reminded of a truism I often share with new parents: "The days are long, but the years are short." It seems like just yesterday that... fill-in-the-blank: that they were born; that they took their first steps; that they started kindergarten; that they were a freshman in high school, that they started their first job. The years seem to pass by so quickly.

Of course, that's true for adults, as well. It seems like just yesterday that we graduated, got married, had kids, and so on. It all seems to go by so fast.

That feeling is nothing new. In fact, thousands of years ago Moses prayed a prayer, recorded for us in Psalm 90, that addresses this very topic. He notes that our days "quickly pass, and we fly away" and so he asks God to "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." In other words, we have a certain amount of time available to us – whether it's in school, in our job, or just in life, so it's important to realize the brevity of our time and consider carefully how we are using it. We need to ask ourselves: Am I making consistent deposits in the things that are important in life? Because my time is limited, and my tendency, if I'm not careful, is to let the days slip by.

How do I get this heart of wisdom he talks about? Scripture says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." (James 1:5)

Graduates will be getting all kinds of advice over the next few weeks, but the best advice I know is to seek God and ask for the kind of wisdom only he can give. Which is probably pretty good advice for all of us.

ROB SPAHR is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

National Strawberry Month

STRAWBERRY COFFEECAKE

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| 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened | 2 c. flour |
| 1/2 c. softened butter | 1 tsp. baking powder |
| 3/4 c. granulated sugar | 1/2 tsp. baking soda |
| 1/4 c. milk | 1/8 tsp. salt |
| 2 eggs | 3 c. sliced strawberries |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | 1/4 c. brown sugar |
| | 1/2 c. chopped pecans, |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine cream cheese, butter and granulated sugar. Beat until light and fluffy. Stir in milk, eggs, and vanilla carefully. In separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to cream cheese mixture and mix until smooth. Carefully fold in strawberries. Try not to break up the berries too much. Spread batter in a greased and floured 9x13-inch baking pan. Mix brown sugar and pecans and sprinkle over cake batter. Bake about 45 minutes.

STRAWBERRY SALAD

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| 1 pkg. ramen noodles, crushed (discard flavor packet) | 1 c. grated Parmesan |
| 1/4 c. sliced almonds | Dressing: |
| 1/4 c. sunflower seeds | 3/4 c. sugar |
| 1/4 c. (1/2 stick) butter, melted | 1/2 c. red wine vinegar |
| 1 head romaine lettuce, washed and dried | 3/4 c. vegetable oil |
| One 5-oz. bag baby spinach | 1/2 tsp. paprika |
| 1-pint strawberries, hulled and thinly sliced | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| | 1 cloves garlic, minced |

Preheat oven 400 degrees. In a small bowl, mix the Ramen noodles, almonds, sunflower seeds and melted butter. Transfer to a baking sheet and toast in the oven, stirring occasionally, until browned, about 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool. Watch it carefully because it burns easily. Tear the lettuce and combine with the spinach, strawberries and cheese in a large salad bowl. For the dressing: Dissolve the sugar in the vinegar. Combine the oil, paprika, salt and garlic, then add to the sugar-vinegar mixture. Mix well and store in the refrigerator until ready to serve. Just before serving, sprinkle the crunchy topping over the salad greens and toss the salad with enough dressing to coat the greens. Makes 6 servings.

Worship guide

Church of Christ

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

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Grace Baptist Church

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

Hands for Pine City
Outreach Church
Library Community Room
300 5th St. SE
Pine City, MN
Wednesday Nights from 6-7 PM
Outside weather permitting
320-496-3009
Hands4PC@gmail.com
Facebook fan page:
Hands for Pine City
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to Pine City

Henriette Community Church (Free Methodist)

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

Hinckley Seventh Day Adventist

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

Hope Lutheran Church Grasston

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

Hustletown Community Church (HCC)

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

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

535 8th St. SW, Pine City
320-629-2935
Monsignor Alek Suchan
www.icchurchpinecitymn.org
office@icchurchpinecitymn.org
Mass: Saturday 5 pm,
Sunday 10 am,
Confessions: Tuesdays from
4:30 - 5:15pm
No Sunday Confessions

Journey North Church

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

Living Water Fellowship

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

Open Arms Church of God

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

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

825 Golf Ave SW Pine City
320-629-2985
9 a.m Sunday Worship Service &
Sunday School
In-person
Live Online (www.orldcpc.com)
Live Radio (WCMP 1350AM or
106.5FM)
Children of Joy Preschool
School Year & Summer sessions

Pine City Evangelical Free Church

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

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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

South Pine Baptist Church

Meeting at Pine City Library
Community Room
300 5th St SE, Pine City, MN
Pastor Dennis Eng
320-336-9292
southpinebaptist@gmail.com
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Midweek Bible Study at 6:30p.m.
(Call for location)
www.southpinebaptist.org

Zion Lutheran Church

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

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25 Years Ago, 1997

Stoffel Museum

Mille Lacs Band rescues seniors: A \$10,000 donation from the Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe Grand casinos in Hinckley and Mille Lacs will enable the Hinckley Senior Center, incorporated, to buy the lot under its building from Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad and ensure the future of the Hinckley Senior Center.

An explosion and fire destroyed the remains of Johnny and Jan's Tavern in Henriette early last Saturday morning.

Lion's president Cliff Darrow presented the keys for the new public restrooms in Wiseman Park to the Village Clerk. This was the Lions number one project of the year.

There will be a meeting of the citizens of Pine City and the surrounding territory at the Pine City High School auditorium



'Dirty Bess' was a hard-working tugboat. Late one Summer Afternoon in 1910 near Pine City, this photo was snapped of 'Dirty Bess,' a hard-working tugboat which was a common sight on the Snake River. Here she's seen towing a huge load of logs behind her.

On Tuesday evening, May 27, the senior class of the Pine City High School will embark on their careers when 49 boys and girls will be presented with diplomas of graduation.

The Pine City Women's Christian Temperance Union is holding their annual Institute at friendship hall, local Methodist Church, on Tuesday May 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rock Creek; the small brook trout fry that were planted in Rock Creek last year are still living and have obtained a length of from

Sandstone Courier; William Percy is back on the job as Marshall since Tuesday. Although still limping from the effects of a gunshot wound by the murderous assault of a "shiner" several weeks ago while searching his premises for "moon."

The park is looking fine, the grass is up and nice and green, and the trees are all leaved out and it is one of the beauty spots on the St Paul and Duluth railroad.

On Monday evening the Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles or other vehicles on the sidewalks of this village.

Now seeing that the cancel has passed such an ordinance, The Village Council should see that the streets are put in decent shape for riding and bicyclists should insist that they do.

Everything passed off pleasantly on decoration day until just as the procession got back from the cemetery, when Marshall Thomas took two boys to the lock up for using profane and obscene language. It is a shame and a disgrace for a village to allow the language that can sometimes be heard on our streets, and also the crowds of men and boys that sit along the edge of the sidewalks so that a lady cannot pass along without running a gauntlet of men's eyes on her.

JOHNSON: A great place to live ...

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too anxious to go green, thereby eliminating fossil fuels prematurely. It's good to have national goals, but we need to be realistic in bringing them on line without putting undue pressure and excessive costs on the consumer.

Government spending and petroleum is probably the biggest cause of the inflation. Production and delivery is centered around petroleum supplies and products. Inflation will need to be controlled and with that we are likely to have some type of recession. I don't think any of this was necessary, at least at the level we are experiencing.

The cost of living is

spiking. Expectation is there for employees to receive higher wages, and rightly so. That adds to the costs of producing all that we consume. Once wages are established, they don't go down.

We have the additional problem of the shortages, let alone laborers. There are far more jobs available than there are people qualified to fill those positions.

When you are purchasing, thank every employee that helps you for coming to work that day. So many stores are short of staff and through it we are learning lessons of patience and priorities.

**THANKS, VETER-
ANS, FOR** all your
sacrifice to preserve our
democracy and freedoms.

Enjoy and reflect on Memorial Day.

GENE JOHNSON is the Publisher Emeritus for Northstar Media.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE - MAY 26

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CLUES ACROSS

1. English river
5. Particular part of something
11. Cool!
14. Welsh for John
15. Given name meaning "great spirit"
16. Wrath
17. Social occasion
19. Mechanical belt
20. ___ de la ___
21. Commands
22. Body part
23. Caught sight of
25. Funeral car
27. Skin infection

31. Sometimes they "burn"
34. Russian river
35. Famed soap opera character Kane
38. Pie ____ mode
39. Endangered
41. Socially inept person
42. Romanian river
44. Swerve
45. Monetary unit of Samoa
46. A type of approach to please
49. Form of Hebrew name for God
51. "Carry On My Wayward Son" rockers
55. A team's best pitcher

56. A woody climbing plant
60. Long, edible marine fish
61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)
62. Data
64. Corporate bigwig
65. Climbs
66. Relating to the ear
67. Commercials
68. You need it to eat
69. Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)
2. Asserts to be the case
3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
4. Foes
5. Rheumatoid arthritis score
6. Ruler of Iran
7. The top of the head
8. Lilly and Manning are two
9. Purchase attire for
10. Glittering with gold or silver
11. The bank of a body of water

12. Regions
13. Makes tractors
18. Adult beverage
24. Force unit
26. Swiss river
28. Cater to
29. Woody climbing plants
30. Seems less impressive
31. Consume
32. Boxing's GOAT
33 Southwestern farmers
36. Beverage holder
37. A way to deteriorate
39. Judge
40. Norse explorer ____
the Red
43. Farm resident
45. One who helps to

- govern
47. Plant-eating ground
bug
48. History Finnish county
49. Conifer native to
Jamaica
50. Longed
52. Small Japanese city
53. Arum family plant
54. Puts together in time
57. From a distance
58. ___ contendere: no
contest plea
59. Region
63. Mountain Standard
Time

SOLUTION

[illegible]



CRYPTO FUN



Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cycling.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 17 = E)

A.

15
9
26
20
8

Clue: Beaten path

B.

11
1
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Clue: Ride a bike

C.

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Clue: Power a bicycle

D.

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Clue: Fitness activity

Answers: A. trail B. cycle C. pedals D. exercise



WILDFIRE PREVENTION

SPRING BURNING RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

The spring burning restrictions that went into effect on April 11 were lifted at midnight on Monday, May 16, and burning is again allowed through the existing permit system. People will once again be able to stop in at the DNR Forestry offices and/or township fire warden residences to pick up a permit. The purpose of the burning restrictions was to reduce the number of wildfires caused by debris burning and to reduce property damage. Our historical data indicated that 43 percent of wildfires originated from yard cleanup and debris burning. We have appreciated everyone’s patience with this process.

When are burning permits required?

Burning permits are required by law for most open burning. They are issued free of charge by local DNR foresters, and for free or for up to one dollar from township fire wardens.

Burning permits allow the DNR to limit burning to those times when there is less chance of a fire getting out of control.

Although no time is totally safe to burn; evening hours are considered much safer than daytime hours because in the evening the winds are normally slower, the humidity is higher and the temperatures are cooler - so fires that do escape control, burn much slower and are easier to put out. Most permits are issued for evening hours of 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.

No burning permit required:

- When the ground has a snow cover of 3 inches or more surrounding the immediate area of the fire sufficient to keep fire from spreading. Burning can be accomplished 24 hours a day under these conditions.
- Campfires in contained rings that are not larger than 3 feet in diameter and have the ground cleared of combustible materials for 5 feet around the base of the fire ring. Campfires have to be for cooking, warming, or for ceremonies, and not for cleaning up yard debris.
- A fire contained in a charcoal grill, camp stove, or other device for the purpose of cooking or heating.
- An authorized burner used between the hours of 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. for vegetative material.

Special Permits:

Permits for daytime burning are issued on a case-by-case basis, and must be issued by a DNR forest officer. Burning permits may be issued to burn vegetative material only, including leaves, grass, brush, twigs, unpainted and untreated lumber.

For more information on open burning, call the Mora DNR Forestry Office at (320) 679-3683, Sandstone DNR Forestry at (320) 216-7560 or 320-216-7551, Little Falls Forestry at (320) 616-2450 x626.

City Burning Regulations:

Beroun, City of (Unincorporated):
Burning permits issued by Township Fire Wardens or the DNR.

Brook Park, City of:

Burning permits issued by Township Fire Wardens or the DNR.

Grasston, City of:

Allows open burning only when the burning permit is approved by their designated township fire warden or the DNR forester.

Henriette, City of:

Burning permits issued by Township Fire Wardens or the DNR.

Hinckley, City of:

Strictly no burning within city limits.

Pine City, City of:

Burning permits issued by Township Fire Wardens or the DNR.

Rock Creek, City of:

Burning permits issued by Township Fire Wardens or the DNR.

Sandstone, City of:

Burning permits issued by Township Fire Wardens or the DNR.

Burning Permit Agreements:

To keep the fire under control and to assume responsibility for all damages and costs that may result from burning done under the permit. To attend the fire until completely extinguished. To have the permit available at the burn site for inspection. Not to burn if there is a practical alternative method for disposal of the material such as chipping, composting, or recycling. To use a clean burning device to start the fire. Not to conduct burning during any air quality alert. Not to burn prohibited materials listed under M.S. 88.171. To extinguish the fire immediately if the permit is revoked. That the permit fire will not be allowed to smolder without flame.

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Make sure that you have a cleared area around the fire (the size of the cleared area would depend on the size of the fire).

Pay special attention to the weather (Is it windy? Has the weather been dry? Is the humidity low?). Many fires escape due to unexpected changes in weather conditions.

And finally, please attend your fire at all times.

BE AWARE. STAY SAFE.

TOWNSHIP FIRE WARDENS

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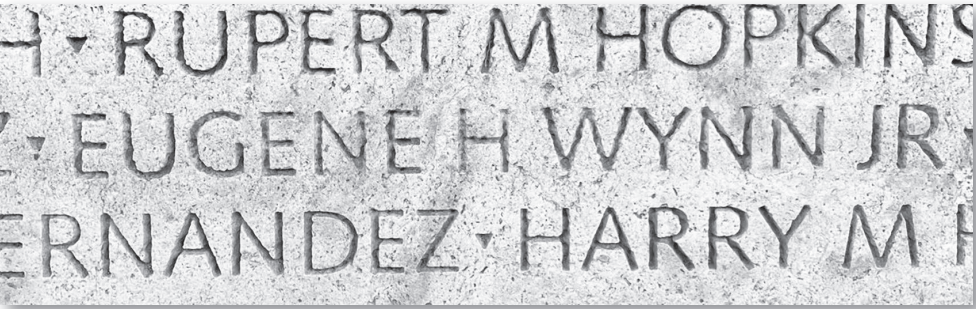
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Memorial to Officer Wynn

The members of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's Honor Guard were in Washington D.C. for Law Enforcement Memorial Day on May 15 to honor Minnesota officers who have died in the line of duty. At the ceremonies, the Honor Guard carried flags for Red Lake Nation officer Ryan Bialke, Itasca County Sheriff Deputy Jamie Williams, Minnesota Conservation officers Eugene Wynn (Pine City, 2019) and Sarah Grell (Grand Rapids, 2021). The names of five Minnesota law enforcement officers were inscribed on the National Peace Officers Memorial this year.



GRINDSTONE: Director shares camp strengths, needs and personal struggles

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of a pandemic which is a challenge for the campers. Some of it has to do with kids' home lives and the area in general, where children may not have opportunities available for positive interactions.

INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

When kids come to the camp, they have their physical, emotional and spiritual needs addressed. For some kids, having three square meals and a safe place to stay meets their physical needs. This allows them to deal with their emotional and spiritual needs.

"I've had some really tough cases from foster homes where they may have been in three foster homes within a six month period," said Burgess. "They come to an understanding where they can really make a decision based on how they want to live and act and how they want people to see them."

Burgess noted that one camper didn't want to continue to be bounced from house to house and wanted to stay with the foster parents he had. "When he made a decision (to accept the Lord), he spoke to his counselor about some of his troubles. We were able to understand what he was going through and speak to his case worker. He really opened up and spoke about wanting to live differently ... he felt his future may either be in jail or dead."

Creating a safe place, where a camper can make a decision based on something they hear in chapel or during devotional time in the cabin, is something that happens regularly at GLBC. "When a kid makes a decision for Christ, it changes their outlook rapidly, and they ask so many questions," noted Burgess. "It gets deep very quickly."

He added that the staff focuses on building intentional relationships. "The kids can see that there is something different about the staff and

that we care about where they're going and what they're doing with their lives," he said.

Forming connections with other campers is also something that happens at camp. "A camper might have a couple kids with them when they come, but they leave with other contacts and social media connections ... and take those connections home with him," said Burgess.

PERSONAL STRUGGLES

Amid the typical pandemic struggles and challenges of gearing up for this year's summer camp, Burgess has been facing his own personal challenges.

This spring, Burgess had a seizure in the middle of gym class, where he is a teacher at East Central Schools. Two and half hours later he came to and realized he was in the hospital and that he had a tumor in his brain. "It made a lot of sense and cleared up a lot of questions because I had the tumor right on the motor cortex part of my brain that controls my right foot, which had been going numb over the past school year once in a while," recalled Burgess.

He was then transferred to the neurosurgery unit at the University of Minnesota for MRIs and to get a plan of treatment. "You don't know what it is until they take it out of you and until there's a biopsy or surgery to remove part or all of it," he said.

He decided, at the advice of his doctors, to do an awake craniotomy, which is a surgery where the patient stays awake to avoid critical damage that may cause paralysis.

"It was crazy. You kind of just have to trust the surgeon," recalled Burgess. "I was thinking about a lot of things during the surgery and responding when they asked me if I could move. He would make his cut and teach about what he was doing and go through each step. I was in really, really good hands." But the surgeon had to stop with about

one-third of the tumor still there because Burgess lost feeling in his foot and couldn't move it the way he wanted to.

Now Burgess is recovering at home and on leave from teaching with regular physical therapy to regain proper use of his foot.

He was diagnosed with Grade 2 Astrocytoma, also known as Diffuse Astrocytoma. This is a slow growing form of brain cancer that has no cure but can be managed with treatment as time goes on. It is also very rare that this tumor would spread.

The treatment plan is to watch and wait and to not go through chemo or radiation at this time. Burgess will undergo regular scans, and if the tumor grows, his medical team will look at options of surgery and/or chemo or radiation, depending on what is seen on the scans.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

His camp family, school family and biological family have taken care of Kevin and his family, Amber and two young sons. "They've been more than accommodating and have stepped up to make my recovery as easy as possible," said Burgess, adding that this has given him time to recover from the brain swelling and that he is unable to stand for long periods of time.

Burgess said the support has come with a lot of cards and people reaching out to let them know they're praying for and thinking of them, and that if they needed anything, they could reach out. People have also helped financially to help cover the numerous trips to the Twin Cities, food and with time off at work.

CAMP NEEDS

"You don't realize how tight knit the community is until you go through something like this," noted Burgess. "A lot of people stepped up and handled the camp start up."

As for camp needs, GLBC is in need of about



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Campers enjoy a game of basketball and swimming in Grindstone.



6-10 people to complete the staff. The requirements are that helpers be at least 14 years old to be in the kitchen and over 16 years to be a counselor or lifeguard.

He added that he is thankful for the many scholarship donors due to the unprecedented number of scholarship applications this season. He said there is still a need for donations toward scholarships (approximately \$10,000), toward the bathroom remodeling project (approximately \$35,000) and benches/picnic table materials (approximately \$3,000). "We are also in the process of looking at building a memorial pavilion which would be a meeting place for churches or groups to have cookouts," he said. He added that there is a search committee look-

ing for an assistant camp director to help operate the camp this summer.

For those wanting to donate, there is a "giving" page on the camp's website which can be found at <http://www.minnesotaministry.org/give.html> or more information can be found by emailing glbcdirector@gmail.com.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Day camp at Grindstone begins on June 20 and runs through August 12, and overnight camp starts June 26 and runs through Aug. 11. Camp director, Kevin Burgess, said that though pre-registration is encouraged, kids can show up the day camp starts and still attend. The camp early bird special ends May 31, which includes a \$10 discount and a free camp

T-shirt.

The camp is located at 13222 Grindstone Lake Road, Sandstone, Minn. The website is <http://www.minnesotaministry.org/>, and more information can be found by emailing Amber Burgess at glbcregistrar@gmail.com or calling (320) 245-2777.

"I think about the investment that people have put into me and I still have time to put into other people," said Burgess. "The investment you put into one person can change not only their life but also many other lives. I'm at the point of knowing that's what I really want to do."

Superintendent search narrows to four candidates

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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The Pine City School Board met on May 19 to discuss eight candidates which were presented to them and narrowed down to four from a pool of 26 candidates by Ray & Associates, the superintendent search firm hired by the school district.

The list, which consisted of applicants from across the country, was narrowed to the four following candidates:

- Joshua T. Anderson, director of communications and technology for North St. Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale School District, Minnesota
- Kenneth G. Gagner, superintendent of Braham Area Schools in Braham, Minn. and former elementary school principal at Morris Schools in Morris, Minn.
- Donita Stepan, superintendent of Thief River Falls, Minn.
- Dr. Cindy Stolp, interim Pine City High School superintendent and Community Ed. director for Pine City Public Schools

All four have been contacted and have accepted interviews which are tentatively scheduled for May 31 and June 1, the Pine City School Board said in a press release.

Stolp was one of two finalists for superintendent when former Pine City Schools Superintendent Curt Tryggstad announced his plans to



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The Pine City School Board meets to discuss eight candidates presented to them by Ray & Associates. At a previous meeting, pictured below is newly sworn in appointed school board member, Billy Head.

resign from that position on June 30, 2021. The most recent superintendent, Paula Foley, whom the school board recently created a separation agreement with, was the other candidate at that time.

When asked what attracted them, numerous applicants cited the Pine City location and size of the school and city. Craig Morris, consultant for Ray & Associates, added, “Any history or controversy did not discourage these individuals from coming forward. They have been versed by the firm or have done their own research.”

Morris said that all candidates have been fully vetted.

He added that time is of the essence as two individuals (of the total



list of eight) are in other searches, and in one case, one asked another district for a few extra days because they’re specifically interested in Pine City.

Director of Teaching and Learning Nichole Laven will be coordinating “meet & greet” activities for the four finalists

plus tours for those less familiar with our school and community. The school board expresses gratitude to students, staff and community for input in this process, they stated in a press release.

Summer camps/league registration, Youth Football registration



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The Pine City Dragons Football program will be hosting a team camp for grades 9-12 for Dragon student athletes interested in Football. The camp will run June 23-25 in the evenings. Athletes can connect with Coach Burger or Coach Fort to get registered at aburger@isd578.org, nfort@isd578.org or in-person.

Following the Dragon camp, Pine City will travel to the University of Minnesota-Duluth to participate in their team camp on June 27-29. Dragon athletes will stay on campus for two nights and get top quality coaching from regional collegiate coaches.

In addition to the summer camps, all athletes will have opportunities to use the new weight room Monday through Thursday

from 8-9 a.m. and evenings from 5-6 p.m. Please connect with a Dragon coach for more information on weight room times.

Pine City basketball and volleyball summer leagues will also continue hosting area schools for high school competitions each week. This is a great opportunity to develop your skills for the upcoming seasons. If you are interested please connect with your head coach for registration details.

Registration for youth football season for grades 4-6, will occur on Thursday, June 2 at the Elementary school media center from 5-6:30 p.m. Cost for registration is \$100 and will cover helmet, shoulder pad, mouth guard and jersey. You will need to purchase your own padded pants, socks and cleats. League start date is Mid-August.

PLANTING: Crop planting delayed, what does it mean for the growing season?

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soybeans, hay and corn, as well as owning a herd of beef cattle. Jason Zastera said, “I farm too many acres on bad years and not enough on good years.” Only time will tell what kind of year the Zastera’s will face.

Although the rain was welcomed at first, Zastera is ready for it to stop. The soil moisture has been restored from last summer’s drought, and the pastures are a lush and beautiful shade of green. The season has had extremely cold temperatures, which has delayed the soil from warming up. Due to this setback, costs of everything besides seed have been inflated, and there have been supply chain issues as well. These are all factors which are complicating the planting season.

Zastera has said he is not overly concerned, as most farmers have planted corn later than this, and crops have turned out. However, proper hybrid selection as well as the growing season will play a factor in crop production. For now, he is hopeful there will be a late first frost come fall.

No one can be truly certain as to when crops will get in, but once it’s time, there are going to be many long days and nights ahead. Pine County’s University of Minnesota Extension educator, Katie Hagen, had some insight for what to expect this season and what that could mean for farmers as they prepare for this late planting season.

Planting this late in the spring can be detrimental for farmers, but there is no other choice, so in order for farmers to optimize corn yields, planting needs to be done ideally between April 20 and May 15, Hagen said. After May 15, yields decrease by 4% every five days.

Minnesota	Optimum Seeding Date	Last Planting Date
South of U.S. Highway 12	First week of April	First week of May
South of Minnesota Highway 210	Second week of April	Second week of May
Second week of May	Third week of April	Third week of May
South of U.S. Highway 2	Fourth week of April	Fourth week of May
South of Canadian border	First week of May	First week of June

The chart above shows the decrease in soybean yields and how rapidly the percentage rises. Below, the table shows location and optimal seeding dates for small grains.

Planting Date	Yield Loss	Yield Potential
May 20	6%	94% of maximum
May 25	9%	91% of maximum
May 30	13%	87% of maximum
June 4	18%	82% of maximum
June 9	24%	76% of maximum
June 14	30%	70% of maximum

Soybeans should ideally be planted the last week of April through May 15. The yield for soybeans decreases more significantly every five days.

SMALL GRAINS

Small grains need cool weather to have a maximum yield each season. Yields decrease an average of 1% per day when planting is delayed past the

ideal planting date. Planting after the last possible date is not recommended as the yield and quality of the test weight is likely to be reduced significantly due to heat stress. The table below shows location and optimal seeding dates for small grains.

What do farmers need to do for optimal yields after these given planting dates? Hagen stated that the good news



is that corn and soybeans have a multitude of varieties and maturities. Farmers who are planting later than the optimal planting dates should plant an early-maturity hybrid. With the shorter growing season, these varieties will have a better yield than the late-maturity hybrids and be less affected by freezing temperatures in the fall.

Overall, late-maturing hybrids will produce a larger yield, but not if they don’t get the proper time for growing. Always plant within the optimal planting days in the spring, but if that’s not possible, then consider switching to a different maturing hybrid.



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Boots & Beauties!

The Pine Area Lions hosted a Daddy - Daughter Dance 'Boots & Beauties' on Saturday, May 21 at the Pine County Fair Event Center.

The event was a success with many girls and their dads dancing and enjoying snacks and beverages.



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Lions donation

The Pine City Lions recently donated \$2,267.60 to the Pine Center for the Arts window restoration project. Pictured, from left, are Pine Center for the Arts vice president, Jack Frechette; Pine Center for the Arts board member, Heidi Gainor; Pine Center for the Arts president, Cathy Clune; and Pine City Lions president, Jim Biernat.



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Patriot award by VFW

The Pine City Pioneer was awarded one of two Patriot awards for their efforts in honoring military veterans. The other award this year was given to the Garage for their display of Pine City veterans on their restaurant wall.

Pictured are Carol Belko (VFW President), Traci LeBrun (Pine City Pioneer editor) and Darlene Smetana (VFW).



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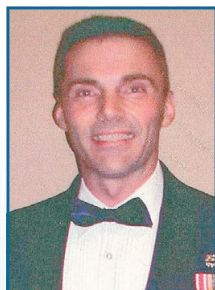


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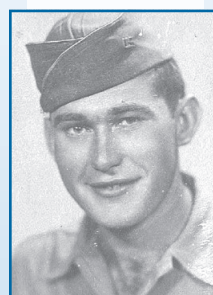
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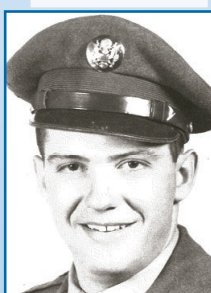
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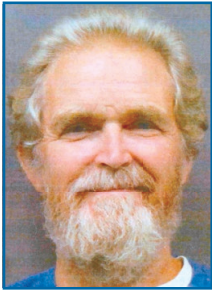
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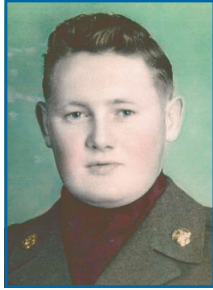
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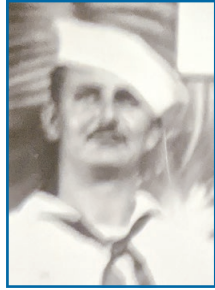
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Local Veteran shares about his time in the military

BY SARA GOLDSTEIN

Memorial day is upon us and many take Memorial Day weekend as a chance to get the boat on the water, grill out with friends, and just enjoy what many see as the beginning of summer. But before heading out to enjoy food, friends and fishing, consider taking a moment to remember what Memorial Day is all about: our fallen military men and women.

Originally known as “Decoration Day,” it originated following the Civil War; however, in 1971, the day became a federal holiday we now know as Memorial Day.

Local Veteran, Kirk Brune, current Commander of the Pine City American Legion, spoke about his life in the service. Brune served in the United States Air Force from 1976-1980, primarily at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Box Elder, South Dakota.

He was young, and it didn’t take long for him to realize that it wasn’t going to be easy. Brune didn’t truly understand or experience leadership until he arrived and soon found that he had to do what he was told no matter what, no questions asked. For being a young man fresh out of school, that was a huge

change for him. But he also is thankful for those tough moments as they changed his mindset and made him a better man in return.

Brune says the best part of serving was the brotherhood he formed with his fellow Air Force members. He is still in touch with four of the men he was stationed with. He said that brotherhood and bond was tight, and he developed a deep sense of pride and loyalty toward our country.

Brune shared a bit about his experience at Ellsworth AFB working with the B52 Squadron as a trained maintenance worker for the B52 planes. Ellsworth had twice as many B52s as any other AFB, and they had a minimum of five loaded with Nuclear weapons at all times. Brune was a member of a nuclear hazard crew that would gear up in extremely heavy suits and clean the planes if they happened to have been exposed, i.e. flying through a nuclear cloud. The suits were so heavy and hot that one could only wear them for a maximum of 40 minutes before getting out of it.

He also had top secret clearance which provided him with some extra opportunities that he enjoyed. Brune was able to access

the bomber alert area which was prepared and ready to go to nuclear war. His favorite experience from his top secret clearance was getting to go into the hangar and look around at the SR71 Blackbird, which as he said “is one incredible bird!”

He was also a part of Operation Readiness Inspection, which he has awards for participating with, and he also got to watch the B52’s practice their touch and go twice a year, all while fully geared and ready for nuclear war. When Brune left the service, he was an E4 Sergeant.

After the military, Brune reentered civilian life and began working for Land O’Lakes, where he remained for 10 years. He then worked for a printing company for 15 years, and scattered among those careers were various jobs until he was injured, and as a result, decided it was time to retire.

Retirement has been good to him and his family. Brune has been married for 42 years, has three grown children and seven grandchildren. He said being a grandparent has been his biggest joy. Brune lives on a lake and loves to spend as much time as he can relaxing on the pontoon, fishing and spending

time with his family.

Brune also loves a nice ride on his motorcycle when he gets the chance.

The Pine City American Legion has a special place in his heart, and that takes a lot of his free time – but his dedication is strong. He began serving as the finance officer, then was elected Commander for a year and as of last month, was elected Commander for the second time. Brune has a passion for our country and for the American Legion. He had two uncles who were military, Army and Marines respectively, and has a nephew who retired after 20 years with the Air Force.

Brune left with this food for thought. When you meet a veteran and they don’t talk about their experience, it isn’t personal. Veterans often are more comfortable talking to other veterans because there is a bond – a brotherhood there that comes with a level of understanding that just isn’t the same with civilians.

Respect these men and women and please don’t pressure them; please just thank them and talk to them like you would anyone else.



Kirk Brune, Commander of the Pine City American Legion



Military veteran, Kirk Brune, pictured during his time in the service.

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Dragons baseball has strong week, takes first loss of season

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The Pine City Dragons baseball team had a strong week of play, with two and one for wins to losses.

PINE CITY 3, BRAHAM 2

The Dragons defeated the Braham Bombers on Tuesday evening, thanks to a walk-off single. The game was tied at two with the Dragons batting when Isaiah Hasz singled on a 2-2 count, scoring the winning run. Both teams were strong on the mound. The Dragon pitchers combined to strike out eight batters. Braham got the lead early, when Connor Johnson drove in the first run in the first inning, the bombers added their second run in the fourth.

The Dragons never led in the game until Hasz cleared the benches with his game-winning hit. Ryan Plasek led the defense with eight put-outs, and the Dragons didn't commit a single error. Hasz led the Dragons at the plate going 2-3 to lead the team in the hits category. The Dragons scored all three runs in the bottom of the seventh to win this one.

PINE CITY 1, HINCKLEY-FINLAYSON 3

The Dragons experienced their first defeat of the season. On Thursday evening, May 19, the Dragons hosted the Jaguars; however, the bats forgot to come to the party. Both teams were extremely strong on the hill, but Hinckley-Finlayson was just a bit stronger at the plate. Nick Plasek started the game for the Dragons; he went seven innings allowing six hits and three runs. Jordan Masterson was on the hill for the Jaguars and lasted all seven innings scattering five hits. The Dragons threatened to take the lead in the last inning. With runners at first and second and no outs, the Dragons were only able to manage one run. Cole Waxberg went 2-3 at the plate to lead the Dragons.

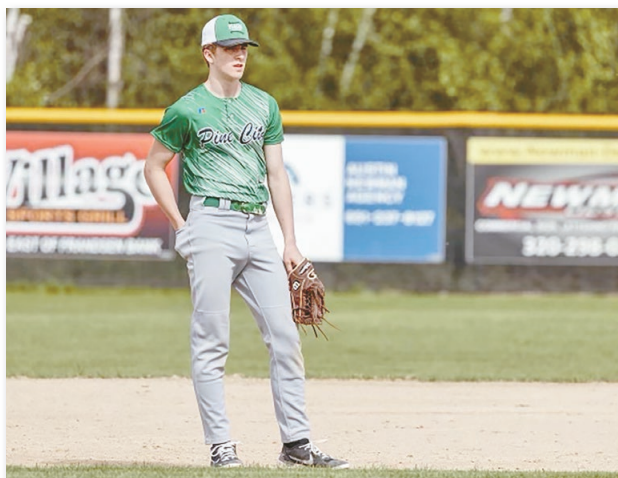
PINE CITY 10, MOOSE LAKE/WILLOW RIVER 0

The Dragons defeated the visiting Rebels on Friday, as two pitchers combined to throw the



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Above, Ryan Plasek clears the bases. Below, Nick Plasek gives the fans his best version of the worm during a rain break. At bottom, Luke Wilson has been a steady defensive player for the Dragons.



shutout. Dylan Petersen induced a groundout to finish off the game. The Dragon offense would awaken from their slumber.

Senior slugger Ryan Plasek would go 3 for 4 at the plate to lead the Dragons. Plasek, slighted from his "Grand Slam" omission last week, would drive in multiple runners with three doubles in the game.

"You left my grand slam out of the newsreel; I needed to get your attention," quipped Ryan Plasek when asked about his breakout game. The Dragons racked up eleven hits on the day. Along with R. Plasek, Cole Waxberg, Riley

Cummings and Nick Plasek collected multiple hits. Isaiah Hasz with another strong performance surrendered zero runs on two hits, striking out sixteen batters. Dylan Peterson would finish off the Rebels with the last out of the game.

PINE CITY 5, ROCKFORD 14

The Dragons could not keep up with the visiting Rockford Rockets on Saturday, May 21. Rockford unleashed a potent offensive attack, with 15 hits. The Dragons would only manage 5 hits in the game but did leave the bases loaded multiple times.

Dragons Track and Field perform well at True Team meet

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On Tuesday, May 10, the Dragons Track and Field team traveled to Cloquet to perform in the True Team meet. True Team is a very competitive meet in which only the top two athletes in each event can go. It was a warm, sunny, 80 degree day for the participants.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

The Girls team placed sixth out of twelve teams. Maggie Smetana won the discus by over 7.5 feet with a throw of 110 feet 2 inches. Lena Roubinek won the shot put by 1 foot 9 inches with a throw of 34 feet 11 inches. This is her personal best throw and now moves her to number five on the top ten list. Eva Johnson earned a third place in the 3200m running a time of 12:52.17. Johnson also placed eighth in the 1600m run with a time of 5:49.41. Senior Dorothy Miller placed fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 31 feet 11 inches. Eighth grader Teresa Root placed sixth in the high jump with a jump of 4 feet 8 inches. Rachel Brown placed seventh in the 3200m run and tenth in the 1600m run with time of 5:54.36, this a her personal best.

The girls 4x800m relay placed fourth with their best time yet this year of 10:30.28. The team consisted of Allison Unverzagt, Arissa Rydberg, Emma Belsheim, and Ella Sell. This earns them the tenth on the top ten list. The girls 4x400m relay of Summer Thieman, Arissa Rydberg, Vivian Lahti, and Allison Unverzagt placed fourth with their season's best time of 4:28.35.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

The boys team placed ninth out of eleven teams. Charlie Ausmus placed fourth in both the 1600m (4:47.70) and 3200m (11:00.37) runs. Ryan Prihoda placed fourth in the triple jump (38 feet 1 inch) and eighth in the long jump (18 feet 1.5 inches). Prihoda placed fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 38 feet 1 inch, and he also placed eighth in the long jump with a 18 feet 1.5 inches jump. Senior Jason Thieman placed fifth in the 400m dash with a time of 53.70, his personal best. Thieman also placed sixth in the long jump with a jump of 18 feet 5 inches. Eli Fromm earned seventh in the 3200m run at 11:15.11 and



PHOTO BY KRIS CLEMENTSON

Freshman Charlie Ausums was victorious in both the 1600m and the 3200m at the Great River Conference meet.



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Arissa Rydberg handing off in the lead to Vivian Lahti in the 4x400m relay at the Great River Conference meet held last week.

ninth in the 1600m at 4:55.86, both times were his personal best so far. Senior Micah Overtoom placed eighth in the shot put with a personal best toss of 43 feet 7.5 inches. He is now fifth on the top 10 list. Weston Clementson placed tenth in the 800m run with a time of 2:15.35.

The 4x800m boys relay placed fifth and ran it in 9:12.29. The team consisted of Weston Clementson, Braxton Peetz, Drake Willert, and Roman McKinney.

Coach Jared Clementson said of the events, "All of the teams that were at this meet are also in our section

(except Esko). Overall, our athletes did well and many improved on their best performances. This meet is just what we needed and will help prepare us for the upcoming Great River Conference Championship meet where the girls are looking to extend their winning streak to eight in a row. The boys are motivated to regain the top spot in the GRC after losing to a senior heavy Rush City team last year by only eight points."

Dragon Softball finishes up regular season

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The Pine City Dragons varsity softball team had a busy end to their season as they took on Braham, Ogilvie, Moose Lake/Willow River, Crosby-Ironton, and Foley.

PINE CITY 3, BRAHAM 8

The Pine City Dragons watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 8-3 loss. Braham would get on the board in the first and second innings. The Bombers further expanded the lead in the fifth with three more runs. Sam Schneider would strike out eight batters. Sam Schneider, Isabelle Jarvin and Robin Odegard each collected hits for the Dragons.

PINE CITY 20, OGILVIE 4

The Dragons bounced back with a big win against the visiting lions. The Dragons took the lead late in the game, down 3-2 in the top of the third inning when Elivia Montbriand singled on a 1-1 count scoring two runs. Sam Schneider collected four hits in four at bats to lead the Dragons. Schneider singled in the first and third, along with a double and single in the third. The Dragons totaled 15 hits in the game. Schneider,



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At left, senior Brynna Reiser is a steady defender for the Dragons. Below, senior Elivia Montbriand had a big week at the plate.

Dannie Maish, Kadence Wallenberg, Lydia Blatz, and Montbriand each had multiple hits.

PINE CITY 2, ML/WR 17

Moose Lake/Willow River got on the board in the first inning after a triple scored one run. In the bottom of the inning, the Dragons would tie things up when Brynna Reiser singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run. The Rebels pulled away for good with three runs in the second and five runs in the fifth. Lydia Blatz and Brynna Reiser each collected hits to lead the Dragons.

PINE CITY 6, CROSBY-IRONTON 10

The Dragons would take the lead early in the bottom of the first inning scoring five runs. The Rangers would chip away



at the lead and score four runs in the top of four to take the lead. The Dragons could not answer with multiple runners in scoring position but could not come up with the big hit. The Dragons were led by Kadence Wallenberg, and Elivia Montbriand each of whom had three hits.

PINE CITY 1, FOLEY 3

The Dragons concluded their regular season

against Foley. The Dragons would gain the lead early and hold on. The Falcons would tally three runs in the bottom of five and hold on to the win. Elivia Montbriand, Lily Struss, Samantha Schneider, and Dannie Maish led the offense for the Dragons.

Dragon Tennis prepping for Sections

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It was once again a busy week for the Dragon Boys tennis team. On Monday, May 16, the boys tennis team hosted Hermantown. Hermantown is a strong section 7A team and had lost only one match in the season thus far. Coach Jeff Adams said there were many close matches, but the Dragons ended up dropping the match 2-5. Third singles sophomore Greyson Johnson won his match 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Second doubles Brady Berglund and Spencer Wicktor also won their match 6-2, 6-3. On Tuesday, the boys



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Brady Berglund (eighth grade) takes a backhand shot from the baseline. Below, Bryer Berube (ninth grade) makes a ground-stroke from the baseline during a recent doubles match.

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Junior Track athletes invited to Elite Meet

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On Friday, May 20, seven select junior high athletes attended the Elite track and field meet in Kasson. Coach Jared Clementson said of the meet, "This meet is special, because you have to be selected out of the best junior high kids in the state to be able to compete in it. It is pretty awesome that we had seven kids selected and most competed in multiple events!"

Eighth grader Weston Clementson was the only boy to compete, and he excelled. Clementson ran the 1600m and took third in a time of 5:01.89. He then ran the 800m, in which he placed second with a time of 2:11.10, his personal best. Weston's 800m time currently ranks him as the third fastest eighth grader in the state (all classes).

The Dragons had six girls compete in the Elite meet: Seventh graders Katey Thieman and Kady Hermason; and eighth graders Gracie Larson, Mallory Clepper, Vivian Lahti, and



PHOTO LEFT BY KRIS CLEMENTSON
PHOTO RIGHT BY MIKE DRAHOSH

At left, Weston Clementson at the Elite meet currently ranks the third fastest eighth grader in the state.

At right, Teresa Root (eighth grade) runs the 100m hurdles. Root later placed second in the high jump with a height of 4 feet 8 inches.

sixth in the 100m dash with a time of 13.75.

Thieman ran the 100m prelims and came in 14th in a time of 14.13. Lahti ran in the 400m dash and placed seventh with a time of 69.79. Larson and Thieman also both competed in the pole vault and both jumped their personal bests. Larson cleared 8 feet 0 inches to place fifth while Thieman cleared 7 feet 0 inches to place seventh.

Coach Clementson reflected, "It was an exciting event to be a part



of and what an opportunity for these kids to experience. The future of Dragon Track & Field is

looking good."



PHOTOS BY BERNADINE DAMANN

May Baskets & plants

Grasston Royal Neighbors Chapter 5146 decorated, filled and delivered 40 May Baskets to Elmhurst Senior Apartments. Baskets were decorated with butterflies and flowers, filled with a variety of candy, and topped with a mandarin orange and a colorful bow on the handle. Thirty six were given to Elmhurst and the rest to other senior citizens. Pictured above from left are Marlene Erdhal, Bernadine Damann and Teresa Kukowski.

The Royal Neighbors also purchased and delivered 12 packs vegetable bedding plants, 15 packs flowers, onion sets, and several packages of vegetable seeds. They will be planted, taken care of and harvested and enjoyed by Women’s Refuge staff and residents.



What is a Blue Zone and how can it affect Pine County?

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How many of us have heard of the proverbial Fountain of Youth and imagined what it would be like to discover such a wonder? About 20 years ago, a man had gone in search of discovering what secrets it would hold if it existed. What he found were answers in an unexpected place ... five places to be exact. Sardinia, Italy; The Nicoya Peninsula of Costa Rica; Okinawa, Japan; Loma Linda, California; and Ikaria, Greece – These are five very different places around the world that have something nowhere else does, the longest living people and the secrets that have gotten them to a ripe old age. These have been penned, the Blue Zones.

THE EVENT

On Thursday, May 12, a Blue Zone Kickoff event was held at the Hinckley Casino event center. The purpose of the event was to explore how Pine County residents could improve their health and lead healthier lives. Pine County Public Health is banding together with Blue Zones to try to bring change to Pine County. Blue Zones expert, Dan Buettner Jr., son of Blue Zones author and founder Dan Buettner, is the spokesperson and Vice President of Business Development for Blue Zones Projects. Buettner Jr. presented the Blue Zones Project



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Steve Hallan, Pine County Commissioner, introduces the Blue Zones Project at the Hinckley Grand Casino ballroom. Below, Dan Buettner Jr. presents to a crowd of over 130 interested Pine County residents.



to over 130 people from Pine County who wanted to know more about how Blue Zones can bring life-changing benefits to the community. Each attendee went home with a copy of Dan Buettner’s latest book, “The Blue Zones Challenge” prior to its release. The book provides a four-week plan for a longer and better life through this unique lifestyle design that has been inspired by the world’s longest living people. Before the presentation started, Pine County Public Health employees

enthusiastically greeted guests as they checked in and directed guests to the ballroom for dinner. The dinner consisted of a beautiful spread of a wide variety of food, and every dish, including beverages, were made from the Blue Zones recipes. The favorite among guests at one table was the chicken tamale with a tropical fruit salsa. As dinner wrapped up, Steve Hallan, Pine County commissioner, took the stage and briefly spoke about what brought this new health mission to Pine County. Every five years the county conducts a community health assessment, and the results are used to create a community health action plan. The assessment was completed and then COVID-19 happened. The results showed that social connection, mental health and health economic security were top concerns, so when the pandemic occurred, it was more important than ever to find a way to address these concerns. The question presented was, “What will be our recovery story post-COVID?” Blue Zones was the answer. Twelve years ago, Albert Lea, Minnesota, was the first location for Blue Zones, and since then, life span and community physical activity rocketed up and have been maintained for a full decade. The first change made in Albert Lea was to reduce the speed limit on main street. This one little change created a safer environment for more foot traffic, bikes, handicap mobility, and families with strollers. Soon walking paths developed and main street storefronts started filling up again. Today Albert Lea is thriving and has

become one of the happiest and healthiest places in Minnesota. Research has found nine common denominators among all Blue Zones, which they call “The Power 9” and include the following:

- Move Naturally (take the stairs, be active 60 minutes a day or more)
- Purpose (having a purpose in life, a reason to get up and go)
- Downshift (stress reduction)
- 80 Percent Rule (stop eating when 80% full)
- Plant Slant (More plant based eating and less meat, smaller portions of meat)
- Wine at 5 (have a glass of wine at 5pm)
- Belong (Faith-based or spiritual involvement with others)
- Loved Ones First (family first always)
- Right Tribe (find five friends you see or talk to regularly and can count on)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

As Pine County prepares to bring the Blue Zones into action, there are plenty of ways to get involved and begin living better and longer. To learn more about Blue Zones and how you can start leading a healthier life go to www.bluezones.com where you will find an abundance of resources from recipes to online tests to help you know what to focus on first. You can find Blue Zones on social media platforms at: www.facebook.com/bluezones; Twitter @BlueZones; and Instagram @DanBuettner. Blue Zone books are available wherever books are sold. More information can be found at www.natgeo.com/info. Finally, enjoy the recipe below for a refreshing and delicious beverage just in time for summer. Even the most simple changes can make a big difference. In the words of Mr. Spock (played by Leonard Nimoy, a Minnesota native) of Star Trek, “Live long and prosper.”

RECIPE TO TRY

Ginger Lemonade
Ingredients:
½ inch fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
Juice from 3 fresh lemons
3 tablespoons of sugar
¼ cup honey, dissolved in 2 tablespoons warm water
6 cups of water
Lemon zest and sliced lemons for garnish
Directions:
Combine ginger and lemon juice in a blender. Add all other ingredients except for lemon garnish. In a pitcher, pour out liquid and strain out ginger pieces. Serve over ice with lemon zest and slices for garnish. Note: you can substitute lime for lemon for a ginger



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Trap preps for State Tournament

In the last week of competitive shooting for the Pine City High School trap team, Gianni Johnson (above left) scored a perfect 25. Johnson is a senior and is headed to the State Tournament on a hot streak. Senior Terry Drevecky, above right, finished the year in the top six shooters for the Dragons.

Security cameras and additional lighting to be added at Pine City Beach

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Between 2019 and now, the beach has often been the site of vandalism, said Pine City Parks & Recreation Director Stacy O’Rourke as she addressed the city council at the May 19 regular council meeting. She said that the skate park has suffered five graffiti incidents, with one person even taking up residency under the ramp. The pavilions and grounds have also been vandalized countless times, she added.

“Docks, playground equipment, and benches have been broken,” stated O’Rourke in her report. “The Lifeguard house has been broken into twice resulting in the loss of a stand-up paddleboard and other equipment.”

In the last week alone, vandalism at the beach resulted in \$2,972.35 worth of damages. The majority of the vandalism of the beach takes



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Damage was caused to the shed at the Pine City Beach by vandals recently. Improved lighting and camera system will be added for extra security.



place at night which is why O’Rourke suggested adding cameras and additional lighting.

“Research states that having lighting in the area [where vandalism occurs] will help prevent crime,” said O’Rourke.

Council member Gina Pettie added, “I’m happy to know we have security cameras and lighting because this happens every year.” O’Rourke said that the security cameras will cover the skate park as well.

A low quote from Pine Electric for \$3,324 was obtained. The horse-shoe league stated they will contribute \$300 for lighting, and O’Rourke said that the project would be covered by the remaining funds from the electric project at Robinson Park.

All council members present voted in favor of the project.

Hinckley man charged with attempted murder

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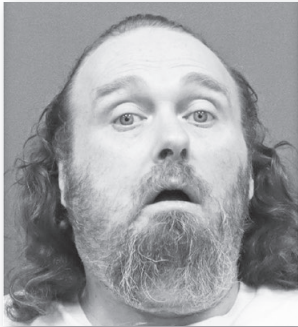
Attempted murder charges have been filed against Timothy Joseph Foster, Jr., 48, of Hinckley, after an incident that occurred on April 17 in Hinckley.

According to the criminal complaint:

Deputies from the Pine County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to a residence on Cedar Creek Road in Hinckley on a report of two people shooting at each other. The report stated that one had a shotgun and the other a pistol. When the first deputy arrived on scene, he located Robin Gilliland on the ground; he had been shot multiple times and was bleeding from his lower abdomen. Gilliland was moved to a safe location to meet the ambulance.

Deputies heard screaming coming from a trailer house on the property. The deputy approached cautiously and could see several holes around the door frame that appeared to be bullet holes. Foster was located on the ground with his hand on a shotgun that was lying next to him. He told deputies that he had been shot and needed help, according to the complaint. First aid was rendered, and Foster was then taken to the hospital for treatment.

Deputies analyzed the scene and found numerous shotgun shells consistent with the shotgun found near Foster. They also located two pistols near where Gilliland



had been located. The witness who reported the incident to 911 told the deputies that “if it matters, the shotgun did the shooting first.” The witness told them that Foster was upset over a property dispute, and Foster had stated on a previous occasion that he would shoot Gilliland.

The witness said he heard a shotgun being fired, looked outside and saw Gilliland shooting his pistol towards the trailer house. After more shots were fired, the witness said he heard Gilliland saying he needed medical help and that is when he called 911.

After deputies spoke with family members, it was learned that Foster struggles with mental illness and was not taking his medication.

Foster is being charged with two counts of attempted murder in the second degree and one count of second degree assault with a dangerous weapon. If convicted, Foster faces 20 years in prison for each attempted murder charge and 10 years and/or a \$20,000 fine for the assault charge.

Pine Technical & Community College secures accreditation

PRESS RELEASE
PTCC

Pine Technical and Community College (PTCC) has been granted accreditation through the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) Accreditation Commission!

NACEP is an accrediting body that works closely with 500 institutions around the country providing best practices, research and advocacy for quality Concurrent Enrollment programming. To earn NACEP accreditation, Concurrent Enrollment programs must conduct a self-study, document how their programs adhere to NACEP’s sixteen standards, and undergo a rigorous peer-review process conducted by a professional team of representatives on the NACEP Accreditation Commission.

Concurrent Enrollment partnerships provide high school students the opportunity to take college credit courses. Concurrent enrollment is a low-cost, scalable model for bringing college courses to students in urban, suburban, and rural high schools. Students gain exposure to the academic challenges of college while in their supportive high school environment, earning college credit at the time they successfully pass the course. Concurrent enrollment also facilitates close collaboration between high school teachers and college



faculty that fosters alignment of secondary and postsecondary curriculum.

PTCC NACEP accredited Concurrent Enrollment high school partners include: Chisago Lakes High School, East Central High School, Elk River High School, Fridley High School, Forest Lake High School, Hinckley-Finlayson High School, Mora High School, North Branch High School, Ogilvie High School, Pine City High School, Rush City High School, Rogers High School, Spectrum High School, Willow River High School, and Zimmerman High School.

1,257 Concurrent Enrollment students from these high schools saved nearly \$1 million dollars through PTCC’s

Concurrent Enrollment Program, earning them a total of 5,690 college credits.

“Providing students with access to post-secondary education during high school has incredible impacts for students, schools, and the community. Not only are students able to earn college credit at no cost to them, they are able to explore future career options and have tools to make important decisions about their future before graduating high school. Students who enroll in concurrent enrollment courses are substantially more likely to graduate high school, go to college, and stay in college through degree completion, often in less time than their non-participating peers,” said Kierstan Peck, Director of Stu-

dent Affairs and K-12 Partnerships at PTCC. “Schools are able to offer rigorous college coursework, taught by qualified high school teachers onsite without needing to leave high school to seek out college courses on campus. The community benefits by having a more educated workforce, and in some cases, students who have earned industry recognized credentials and are ready to enter the workforce in high school or right out of high school.”

To learn more about Concurrent Enrollment at PTCC, visit www.pine.edu/future-students/college-credit-in-high-school/concurrent/.

Local conservation officer reports

PRESS RELEASE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CO Ben Karon (Pine City) spent time this week checking anglers. Boaters were checked for registration and safety equipment. Patrol for ATV activity was conducted and miscellaneous wildlife-related calls were taken.

CO Bret Grundmeier (Hinckley) checked fishing activity, investigated complaints of wolf depredation of cattle and took reports of missing docks and boats that floated away from shore due to high water levels. Water levels finally started to go down by the end of the week. Fishing violations found included fishing without a license and not having proper life-saving devices in the boat.

CO Mike Krauel (Mora) spent the week checking anglers and patrolling for ATV activity. He also spent time working on equipment maintenance. Krauel also spent time patrolling state land for state land violations.

CO Victoria Griffith (Isle) checked anglers on Mille Lacs Lake throughout the week. Time was also spent on the Soo Line Trail in the Red Top and Solana Loop areas. Wetland issues were followed up on. Griffith and other officers attended the Aitkin fourth-grade environment day. Enforcement action was taken on multiple boating and ATV violations.

TENNIS: prepping for sections

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then hosted St. Cloud Cathedral and won 6-1. This was the final conference and section match of the regular season. Coach Adams reported, “Our guys were ready to play and came out strong right from the start. The doubles teams dominated their opponents. Ashton Moore stepped in to play with Julian Kozisek, and they both played well at third doubles, attacking the net and putting balls away to win points quickly. Greyson’s patience and ability to disguise his shots continues to frustrate his opponents. Greyson plays smart tennis. He always figures out what he needs to adjust or change to be successful on the court. Hunter has had many marathon matches this season, going to a third set. He always keeps up a fight when on the court, and never gives up.”

First singles senior Hunter Danielson won 6-1, 5-7, 10-7. Third

singles Greyson Johnson won 6-0, 6-0. Fourth singles Billy Brown won 6-3, 6-1. First doubles seniors Seth Linell and Mason Mikyska won 6-2, 6-1. Second doubles Berglund and Wicktor won 6-0, 6-0. Third doubles Kozisek and Moore won 6-0, 6-4.

Friday, May 20, the Pine City Dragons hosted the Section 6A Team Tournament, quarterfinals against Mora. The Dragons defeated Mora 5-2. It was a blustery day, making it difficult for both teams to play their game. Fourth singles junior Billy Brown won his match 6-1, 6-2, which brought the Dragons to an early lead. Third singles Johnson won 6-3, 6-2. First doubles Linell and Mikyska won 6-2, 6-2. Second doubles Berglund and Wicktor won 6-2, 6-0. Third doubles Kozisek and Moore won 4-6, 6-4, 10-3.

It was a good day for the Dragons. Coach Adams proudly reported, “Bryer played very well and continues to be a positive team leader

for the Dragons. He has played some tough opponents in the last week and is always willing to work on new skills to improve his game. Seth and Mason played one of their best matches of the season. They placed the ball well and used their power at the right time to defeat the Mustang first doubles team. Brady and Spencer avenged their loss to Mora a couple of weeks ago by coming out swinging and hitting great volleys and overheads. Our doubles teams are fun to watch. They are quick, have great reflexes and run down so many balls to stay in points.”

Upcoming matches are Tuesday section 6A semifinals in Pine City 9 a.m. and finals at 1 p.m. with #4 PC v. #1 Foley, #2 Totino Grace v. #3 Fridley. Friday, May 27, will be the section 6A individuals’ tournament in Pine City.

Keep your creative kids busy this summer with the arts

PRESS RELEASE
PINE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Summer Arts for Kids returns to Pine Center for the Arts this June with new projects. Kids can look forward to painting, paper mache and loads more fun.

Children who have completed kindergarten-6th grade are invited to participate for one, two or all three weeks. Classes are free.

“This year we will be working with recycled items to create various forms of art,” said Rosalie Spahr, Summer Arts coordinator. “We’re also excited to add an art show at the end of the month to give the kids a chance to show off their artwork.”

Summer Arts classes will be held 9-11 am, Monday-Thursday, June 13-30.

- June 13-16 Paper Mache Masks, Hanging Lanterns, and Paper Clay Pots
- June 20-23 Bead Suncatchers, Handmade Paper, and Bead Pictures



PHOTO PROVIDED

Students from last year’s Summer Arts Program show off their handiwork. This year, the young artists will be able to feature their artwork in a gallery show, following the completion of Summer Arts.

- June 27-30 Painted Rocks, Tin Can People, Howlers, and a surprise project
 - Summer Arts Show will be held 4-7 pm, Thursday, June 30
- Parents can register their children in Pine Center for the Arts’ Summer Arts for Kids at pinecenter.org/summer-arts.
- Program sponsors include City of Pine City, Community Education, Pokegama Township and Pine Center for the Arts.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through an operating grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to legislative appropriations from the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Located in Pine City, the Pine City Center for the Arts has been serving the Great Pine City area since 2009. With a variety of programming opportunities, the non-profit, volunteer-led facility is a gathering place for artisans and art lovers alike. Artists interested in displaying their work or teaching others their skills are welcome to contact the Pine Center for the Arts. For more information, please see www.pinecenter.org.

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Poppy time!

Post 51 Auxiliary, along with the American Legion post 51 Honor Guard gave out poppies at Walmart. Pictured is Scott Jeanson getting a donation from Kaiya and Ryker.



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TWO EARLY DEADLINE NOTICES

June 2 Issue of the Pine City Pioneer DEADLINE is NOON Friday, May 27

June 9 Issue of the Pine City Pioneer DEADLINE is NOON Friday, June 3

Our offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

OBITUARIES

Gary Charles Adolph Miller

Gary Charles Adolph Miller passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at his home in Rush City, Minn. Gary Charles Adolph Miller was born May 24, 1940 in Rush City, Minnesota to Adolph and Aldred (Bergendahl) Miller. He helped his father with farming while attending a “one room” country school. He graduated from Rush City High School in 1957.



Gary loved farming and driving his H Farmall that he kept after the farm was sold. His work career started at the Rush City feed mill, the Rush City Co-op followed by Plastech Research in Rush City where he worked for 38 years. He married Beryl Bliss. Children: Robbyn born in 1963 and Ryan born in 1965. After being alone for a time, (we all know Gary loved to be with people) he met Sharon Berglund at Moulton’s Roller-drome in Rush City. They were married December 30, 1972; in a ice/snowstorm. Children: Chad born in 1974 and Jody born in 1976.

Gary was certainly a “people person” and thrived on being with them. If there was someone he didn’t know, he would quickly find out who they were, where they were from, and make them feel welcome. It was a gift from God that he used very well in church. He also used this gift of making people welcome at Timberline Campground in Sturgeon Lake where Sharon and he camped for 40 plus years. In their later years they lived and worked at Timberline all summer, loving the outdoors and the people, plus staying physically active. His pride and joy was his family. There are so many fishing, camping, hunting, stories and tractor rides that all include his family. He loved talking about his kids, grandkids, and his great grandson, Walker. He had one sister, Fern, who along with their parents, preceded him in death. Gary is survived by his wife Sharon; children Robbyn (Michael) Haley, Ryan (Stephanie) Miller, Chad (Jen) Miller and Jody (Tim) Reynolds; 11 grandchildren Ashley (Tanner Hardy) Miller, Hannah (Colin Fritze) Miller, Abbey (Corey) Holthaus, Isaac Haley, Micah Reynolds, Kelsey Reynolds, Joren Miller, Sadie Miller, Carter Miller, Brooks Miller, and Teyah Miller; Great Grandchild Walker Holthaus; Adopted family Kerry, Kim, Kole, Konnor, Kameron, and Karly Juszczak. Many other family and countless friends. Pastor Tim Adams will officiate at services for Gary Miller; 11 a.m. Friday May 27, 2022 at the Journey North Church in Pine City. A time of visitation/gathering is planned; Thursday evening from 4-7 p.m. at the Olson Funeral Chapel in Rush City and one hour prior at the church Friday. Gary will be interned in the Free Mission Cemetery, northwest of Rush City at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to Journey North Church or the Free Mission Cemetery. Gary will be buried at the Free Mission Cemetery in a private family burial. The land for the cemetery was donated by Gary’s grandfather. Gary and Sharon have been care-taking this country cemetery for years. Funeral arrangements for Gary Miller are entrusted to: Funeral And Cremation Service of Rush City~Olson Chapel. www.FuneralAndCremation-Service.com.

BIRTHS

Budke

Teagan Elizabeth Budke was born on April 15, 2022 at Welia Health. She weighed seven pounds, four point four ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Robert and Rachel Budke of Mora. Teagan is welcomed home by siblings Aria (seven years old), Raiden (four years old), and Anora (three years old). Grandparents are Mary Budke of Mora, MN, Rebecca Howard of Minneapolis and Leon Budke of Fergus Falls, and Edward Washington of Minneapolis.

Bugar

Burke Bence Bugar was born on March 25, 2022 at Welia Health. He weighed seven pounds, fourteen ounces and was 20 and 3/4 inches long. His parents are Seth and Kalli Bugar of Mora. Burke is welcomed home by sibling Winsome (three years old). Grandparents are Petey and Kim Gilbertson of Mora, Karen and Scott Bugar of River Falls, Wisc.

Melvin Walter Besser

Melvin “Mel” Walter Besser passed away on Monday, May 16, 2022 at his home in Brook Park, holding the hands of his wife and daughter; with his son Dan at his side. He was 85 years old. Melvin was born October 9, 1936, at home in Ogilvie, Minn. to Walter and Elvera (Lundberg) Besser. The family lived on several different farms in the Ogilvie area before settling on a farm in rural Brook Park when Melvin was six and where they remained until Melvin graduated from Pine City in 1954.



In 1958, he was married to Bobbie Kurzahls, who he met through his sister, Marlys. They made their home in the cities until they saved enough money to fulfill Melvin’s dream of owning his own farm. Their first farm was in the Mora area, but their final move was in 1968 to their present farm in the Brook Park area. They remained there until the time of Melvin’s passing. Melvin and

Bobbie were blessed with four wonderful children and five beautiful grandchildren, all of whom made many wonderful memories on the farm. In his lifetime, Melvin wore several hats during his working years. He worked 10 years in a barrel factory before farming. When he began milking cows he also began hauling canned milk. For a time he worked some road construction with two of his brothers-in-law and he also did farm inspections for an insurance company and traveled many miles in the rural areas. Melvin was a Whited Township board member, a Brook Park Lions member and served on the Federated Co-Op board. He was an active member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Brook Park where he was baptized and confirmed, and also in Zion Lutheran of Mora in later years. Melvin also took time to enjoy life. He loved horseback riding and his pack trips out west. He liked to fish and snowmobile and was overjoyed when he could skunk someone in a game of cribbage. And let us not forget his dancing prowess. A good polka was his favorite and the ladies honestly lined up to dance with him. Melvin is probably still smiling about that. In his last months, Melvin was confined to home because of his pulmonary fibrosis. We will be forever grateful to St. Croix Hospice for the loving and compassionate care that they gave to Melvin over the last 7 months. They became our wonderful friends.

Melvin was so grateful to all of his good friends, who, through phone calls and visits, kept him in touch with the outside world. Three of those wonderful friends borrowed a handicapped van and took him on a last ride outside his home. Melvin was an interesting kind of guy, loved and respected by his family and friends. We will miss him terribly. Melvin is preceded in death by his parents, grandson Joshua, son-in-law Jay Bohlen, brothers-in-law Adrian Athey and Arden Hippen. He is survived by his wife Bobbie; children, Mark, Jodie Bohlen, Greg (Amy), Dan; grandchildren, Nick, Jen, Ben, and Alexis (Jayke); siblings, Carol Athey, Joyce Hippen, Marlys (LeRoy) Hippen, Sharon (Ron) La Casse, Sandra (Leslie) Johnson, and Joan (John) Hischer; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Mora. Pastor Anthony Cloose will officiate. Memorial Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Inurnment will be in the Brook Park Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Akerman Ingebrand Funeral Home of Mora. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.

BIRTHS

Dooley

Madelyn Ann Dooley was born on March 7, 2022 at Welia Health. She weighed six pounds, six ounces and was 19 and 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Kelly and Adam Dooley of Milaca. Madelyn is welcomed home by sibling Bentley (four years old). Grandparents are Curtis Dahlberg and Denice LaPlant, and Mark Dooley.

Jeremy J. Matson

Jeremy James Matson, 35, formerly of Sandstone passed peacefully on May 10 at his home in Dayton, Ohio after an over two year battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Jeremy was born on June 18, 1986 in Cambridge, Minn. The only child of Rick and Jean Matson.



Jeremy was a long time employee of Happy Land Tree Farm in Sandstone and loved his job because he could spend his days outside. He had a huge love for nature. When he wasn’t at work he was usually going on adventures with his wife, Samantha. He loved to hike, travel, kayak, canoe, fish, camp and snowshoe. He loved spending time exploring the North Shore and being by Lake Superior.

His pride and joy were his sons, Aiden and Hunter. He loved being a dad. In February 2020, Jeremy was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. He fought hard and bravely and tried every treatment available to him. Even through the bad times and the tough days, he always stayed positive. Jeremy is preceded in death by his dad, Rick Matson. His grandparents Wally and Millie Matson and Al and Betty Hendrickson. His aunt Yvonne Beltram, his uncle Ken Matson and his uncle Gary Hendrickson. He is survived by his wife, Samantha (Dayton, Ohio). His sons Aiden (Chetek, Wisconsin) and Hunter (Dayton, Ohio). His mother Jean Matson of Pine City, two sister in laws, Christina Fultz (Travis) of Tipp City, Ohio and Natalie Grube (Tim) of Tipp City, Ohio and many other loved family and friends. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday June 25 at the Matson family cabin located across the street from 20481 Miller Road in Sandstone. Please bring your own chair if able. Also please consider. if your able, making an appointment to donate blood in Jeremy’s honor. There are so many people still fighting blood cancer and blood is so vital for their fight.

Donna Heidelberg

Donna Heidelberg, 66, of Pine City, MN passed away on May 14th, 2022. Donna was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Born to Wallace and Jean Lind, July 1955 in Duluth, MN. Raised in Anoka, MN where she developed a strong faith that guided her throughout her life.



She married Dale Heidelberg in October 1977. They were blessed with four children: Rachel, Rebecca, Daniel, and Katie. Life on the farm in Stanchfield, MN provided her the perfect opportunity to pass on her faith, love for animal, strong work ethic and passionate can-do attitude to her children and all whom she met. After many years of work at East Central Electric, she made a career change to auctions and helping plan the Pine City Rodeo. Allowing her to return to her love of animals and working in the family business.

Donna is survived by her children Rachel Heidelberg (Mark), Becky Heidelberg (Dan), Dan Heidelberg (Kyra) and Katie Evenson (Jesse); six grandchildren, Mikal & Lucas Lewandowsk, Lincoln and Sawyer Heidelberg and Jayden & Kenley Evenson. Brothers Steve Lind (Bev), Kenny Lind (Yoon Hee), Sisters Susan Holmquist & Nancy Lind; many nieces and nephew and friends. Donna will be remembered for her strong faith, unconditional love, and a desire to serve and help others. Celebration of Life June 14th at 2 pm at the Braham Event Center.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
2021 Street Improvements
City of Pine City, Minnesota
SEH No. PINE0 160461

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2022, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of the 2021 Street Improvement Project.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://bit.ly/3vOxN5h>

Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 639 491 813#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.

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700	LF	8-Inch PVC
Sanitary Sewer		
2,400	LF	6-Inch to
8-Inch PVC Water Main		
2,600	Ton	Bituminous
Pavement		
5,100	LF	Concrete
Curb		
16,000	SF	Concrete
Walk		
1,900	LF	15" – 24"
RCP Storm Sewer		

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

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 8202370 from the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

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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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
Court File No. 58-CV-22-211
CIVIL SUMMONS

ANITA L. HEFFERNAN,
PLAINTIFF VS
BERNICE C. WITTMAN, DOROTHY L. WITTMAN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RUTH HEFFERNAN, ALSO KNOWN AS RUTH CARLSON, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE W. HEFFERNAN, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, INTEREST, OR LIEN IN THE

REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN
THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,
DEFENDANTS.

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no Court file number on this Summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at Sjöberg & Tebelius, P.A., 2145 Woodlane Drive, Suite 101, Woodbury, MN 55125.

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. **YOU MAY LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not Answer within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A Default Judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** situated in the County of Pine, State of Minnesota described as follows: Lot Three (3), SUNNY BEACH, according to the recorded plat thereof, Pine County, Minnesota.

8. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the object of this action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of the property described above, subject only to the interest of Moose Lake - Windemere Sanitary Sewer District pursuant to that certain Right-of-Way Easement dated February 5, 1979, recorded in the Office of the Pine County Recorder on August 21, 1979 as Document No. 261068, and that the Defendants, and each of them, have no right, title, estate, interest or lien in or upon the said real estate.

9. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that no personal claim is made by Plaintiff against any of the Defendants.

Dated: May 2, 2022

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BIDS CLOSE JUNE 6, 2022
PINE COUNTY, MN

Sealed proposals will be RECEIVED until 10:00 a.m. Monday June 6, 2022, by David Minke, Pine County Administrator at 635 Northridge Drive NW Pine City, MN on behalf of the Pine County Board of Commissioners for construction of the county projects listed below. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Administrator Conference Room by the County Engineer or his representative at the Pine County Courthouse in Pine City, MN at 10:00 a.m.

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

Contract #2202
• SAP 058-603-011

On CSAH 3, from CSAH 2 to CSAH 8; 4.5 miles

• SAP 058-628-014

On CSAH 28, from CSAH 61 to the West County Line; 9.5 miles

• SAP 058-632-019

On CSAH 32 from CSAH 33 to CSAH 22; 7.0 miles

• SAP 058-635-009

On CSAH 35 from CSAH 28 to TH 18; 3.5 miles

CP 058-022-003 Windemere Township project: Warbler Lane; 430 FT

Major quantities of work (combined): 17,432 TONS CLASS 5 AGG. BASE; 460,781 SY FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION; 99,385 SY PERMEABLE CEMENT STABILIZED BASE; 348,467 SY MILL BITUMINOUS 2.0"; 37,383 TONS BITUMINOUS SURFACING TYPE ½" (2,B); 49,766 TONS BITUMINOUS SURFACING TYPE ¾" (2,B); 331,502 LF 4" SOLID LINE AND 22,450 BROKEN LINE MULTI-COMP. GR-IN (WR) PAVEMENT MARKING.

Plans are available on EGram. For a user ID contact Sherri at (320) 216-4200 or sherri.anderson@co.pine.mn.us

Hard copies of plans and specifications may be examined and secured for \$100 at the Pine County Public Works Department, 405 Airport Road NE, Pine City MN 55063.

Bids must be accompanied by a Corporate Surety Bond in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total bid price. The County Board of Pine County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities. By order of the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

/s/ Mark A. LeBrun

Mark A. LeBrun, County Engineer
Pine County, Minnesota

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NOTICE

Pine County, Minnesota is requesting proposals for their self-insured Medical Insurance Plans. The RFP (with submission instructions, general information and all pertinent underwriting details) can be obtained by contacting Paul Schrupp at Gallagher Benefit Services -- Phone: 952.918.3947 Email: Paul.Schrupp@ajg.com - 3600 American Blvd W – Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55441. All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Paul Schrupp at Gallagher. Quoting carriers must provide a proposal via email, following the instructions outlined in the RFP no later than 2:00 pm on June 16, 2022. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible for consideration.

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES
OF THE PINE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Pine County Board Room, 635
Northridge Drive NW
Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Terry Lovgren, J.J. Waldhalm and Matt Ludwig. Also present was County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. Commissioner Josh Mohr was absent (excused).

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to adopt the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2022 County Board Meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence
Pine County Surveyor's Monthly Report – April, 2022

Insurance Committee Minutes of April 18, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve the following applications:

A. Exempt Permit

Authorize Auditor-Treasurer to send a letter of approval to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board

for the following:

i. Roxie's Hope to conduct Minnesota lawful gambling on December 31, 2022 at Maverick's Saloon, 29410 Beroun Crossing Rd, Pine City, Minnesota

B. 3.2 On/Off Sale and Wine License with Strong Beer Endorsement Authorize Board Chair and County Auditor-Treasurer to sign wine license with strong beer endorsement for the following:

i. Aufderhar & Aufderhar, LLC (Ray & Marge's Resort), 36700 Lakeland Rd, Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota

C. 3.2 Office Sale License

i. Duquette General Store, 88235 State Hwy. 23 No., Duquette, Minnesota

D. Abatement

i. Jimmie & Becky Guligowski, Parcel 25.0292.001, exclusion was incorrectly removed for taxes payable in 2022, but should have been removed for taxes payable 2023 and forward.

ii. Ferrel & Kara Nelson, Parcel 18.0042.000, property should have been linked to owner's main parcels for homestead purposes for taxes payable in 2022 (this will also increase the agricultural credits on Parcels 35.0009.000 & 35.0002.000).

iii. Mark & Laura Ferdelman, Parcel 28.0290.000, homestead should have been removed for taxes payable in 2022 and property should have been classified as seasonal.

iv. Glenn Sobert, Parcel 42.0086.000, homestead was incorrectly removed for taxes payable in 2022 due to post office notification of change of address, but owner did not move.

v. Daniel Rodecap, Parcel 42.5670.000, exclusion was incorrectly input and did not calculate for taxes payable in 2022.

Accept the following donations:

A. \$1,000 donation from the Pokegama Lake Association designated to the Pine County Sheriff's Office K-9 Program.

B. \$5,000 donation from the East Central Energy Operation Round Up designated to the Pine County Sheriff's Office Drone Program.

Award the 2022 Equipment Rental Bids. Bids were opened April 28, 2022.

Approve the Cooperative Agreement between Pine County and the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, for Waste Pesticide Collection, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

Ratify the reassignment of Sergeant James Reiser to Jail Programs Coordinator effective May 2, 2022. This position will be a Grade 9. Employee will be moving from a current Grade 10 position to new position/Grade 9; pay will remain frozen at \$33.69 per hour until the new Grade 9/Year 10 scale becomes greater than his current wage.

Authorize the hiring of Amanda Torgerson, Daren Brackenbury, Adam McClure, Kay Wimmer, Missy Quisberg, and Hunter Kelash as part-time corrections officers, effective May 9, 2022, Grade 7, Step 1, \$21.77 per hour.

Approve Social Workers Nicole Vork and Angela Ripley to attend the MN Child Welfare Training Academy in Duluth. Total cost: Approx. \$3,005.

Public Hearing: Ordinance 2022-26 On Behalf of Arlone Township Regulating Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (to commence at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable)

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson stated Arlone Township has elected to defer regulation of subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS) to Pine County.

Chair Hallan opened the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. and called for public comment. Arlone township resident Terry Croup, inquired if existing septic systems would be grandfathered in or if inspections would be necessary. Mr. Croup stated he felt if there was a need for new systems with this change, it would be a financial burden to the residents. Anderson explained that typically an inspection is only required at the time of sale or if an addition is constructed. Arlone township resident, Ailene Croup, inquired as to mound system requirements. Anderson reviewed the process for determination of septic system requirements. There being no additional public comment, Chair Hallan closed the public hearing at 10:18 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Pine County Ordinance 2022-26 on behalf of Arlone Township, rescinding all prior ordinances and amendments to ordinances regulating subsurface sewage treatment systems within these townships. Second by

Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to authorize County Administrator David Minke to enter into an Agreement with the University of Minnesota-Extension to provide up to \$160,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the youth engagement project. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Voting Equipment Grant Account Grant Agreement. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Order Form with Pictometry International Corp. for aerial photos to be flown in the Spring 2023 under the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative purchasing agreement. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Broadband Grant Program and timeline which includes an allocation of \$250,000 for the first round, opening on May 3, 2022 and closing June 17, 2022. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 4-0.

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022 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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MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Highway and Road Tour
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Board Room
Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren, JJ Waldhalm, and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Engineer Mark LeBrun, Assistant County Engineer Aaron Gunderson, and County Administrator David Minke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

1. **2022-2023 Construction**
County Engineer Mark LeBrun provided an overview of the 2022 construction projects and funding. Approximately 24.5 miles of road resurfacing, two culvert replacements and two bridge replacements are planned at a cost of \$11.5 million.

2023 constructions projects include 12.89 miles of overlay/paving and resurfacing, one bridge replacement, trail construction on CSAH 9, and culvert replacements, at an estimated cost of \$8.325 million. The board discussed the CSAH 9 road project/bridge replacement/trail project; a public open house is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at the Courthouse.

2. **Road Tour**

At 10:36 a.m. the commissioners, County Engineer LeBrun, Assistant County Engineer Gunderson and County Administrator Minke boarded a bus for the road tour. The tour included roads east of Pine City, Hinckley, north to Sandstone and Askov. The bus returned to the courthouse at 1:35 p.m.

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-22-47

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

The Estate of
Thomas George Theisen a/k/a
Thomas G. Theisena a/k/a
Thomas Theisen a/k/a Tom Theisen,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given on the 11th day of July, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. o'clock, a hearing will be held **BY ZOOM** in the above named Court at the Pine County Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the above named decedent, dated 12-19-2018, and for the appointment of Donna May Theisen whose address is 505 - 7th Avenue NE, Pine City MN 55063, as co-personal representatives of the estate of the above named decedent in an unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and so all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: May 18, 2022
BY THE COURT
/s/ Heather M. Wynn
Judge of District Court
Amy Willert
Court Administrator
Attorney for Petitioner
Scott C. Neff
Trentli Law Firm
225 North 1st Street
P. O. Box 958
Virginia, MN 55792
Attorney Reg. No: 77367
Telephone: (218) 749-1962

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 58-PR-22-46

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of
Bonnie Marie Thayer
a/k/a Bonnie M. Thayer,
Decedent.

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Philip Russell Stariha, whose address is 8052 Jewel Avenue South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

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: May 19, 2022
Pamela Kreier Registrar
Amy Willert

Court Administrator
SPEAR & SWANSON LAW OFFICE
Rhonda Swanson

MN# 178512
615 – 3rd Avenue Southwest
Pine City, MN 55063

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
Court File No. 58-CV-22-241
AMENDED SUMMONS

Brandi L. Bennett, individually and as Trustee of the Brandi Bennett Trust Agreement, dated November 11, 2015,
PLAINTIFFS
v.
Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety, CTW Group, Incorporated, a Minnesota Corporation, William Wesley, Kathleen Wesley, Craig Peltier, Patti Peltier, Gregory Anderson, and Kim M. Anderson,
AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST OR LIEN IN THE REAL PROPERTY OR MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED HEREIN
DEFENDANT.
THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at:
John M. Cabak
CABAK LAW, LLC
243 Main Street S
Pine City, MN 55063

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the court

may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. REAL PROPERTY. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in PINE County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:
Lot 1, Block 2, Norway Point 5th Addition, Pine County, Minnesota, AND an undivided 5/6th interest in Outlot A, Norway Point 5th Addition, Pine County, Minnesota.
Said property is also identified by its Property Tax ID Number of 085189000 and is located at 22906 Norway Circle, Pine City, Minnesota, 55063. It is hereinafter known as the "Subject Property."

The object of this action is to award judgment establishing title to the manufactured home located on the above property in name of the Plaintiff Brandi L. Bennett Trust Agreement, and ordering that the manufactured home is to be deemed a fixture on the real estate and no Certificate of Title is necessary.

8. NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §557.03, the Plaintiff hereby gives notice that no personal claim is being made against the Defendants.

However, if Defendant unreasonably defends the action, Plaintiff are requesting an order of the court directing that the Defendant shall pay costs and attorney fees to Plaintiff.

CABAK LAW, LLC
Dated: May 19, 2022
/s/ John M. Cabak
John M. Cabak
Atty. Reg. No. 0388929
Attorney for Plaintiffs
243 Main Street South
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 629-2529

GATEWAY LAW, LLC
Dated: May 19, 2022
/s/ Brock P. Alton
Brock P. Alton
Attny Lic. No. 0388335
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PO Box 370
Stillwater, MN 55082
(612) 209-5478
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Pine County Township
Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit
Notice is Hereby Given, in accordance with the Township Zoning Ordinance, that the Planning Commission of Pine City Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pine City Town Hall, 21977 St. Croix Rd, Pine City, MN 55063. This hearing is for an application for a Conditional use permit from Mike and Erin Anderson located at: 14309 Government Rd, Pine City, MN to allow for the placement of a 100 foot by 17-inch-wide guide-wire tower to accommodate satellite internet access for private use
The Township of Pine City encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on issues being discussed. If you wish to provide comments and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to or delivered to, The Township Clerk prior to the time of the Hearing. These written comments will be made a part of the official record.
Questions regarding this matter can be directed to the Township Planning and Zoning Administrator, Roger Else at 612-219-7104.
Tammy Carlson,
Clerk, Pine City Township
Published in the Pine City Pioneer, May 26, 2022

STATE OF MINNESOTA
PINE COUNTY
CHENGWATANA TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE
NO. 2022-05-17-2
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
The Township Board for the Township of Chengwatana hereby ordains:
Section 1. Establishment of Planning Commission.
A Township Planning Commission is hereby established under the authority of Minnesota Statutes 462.354 through 462.358 for the purpose authorized by such statutes consistent with the terms of this Ordinance. Other powers and duties may be delegated to the Planning Commission by the Township Board, consistent with Minnesota Statutes. All decisions of the Commission are subject to approval by the Township Board.
Section 2. Composition and Terms of Office of the Planning Commission.
The Planning Commission shall consist of those persons lawfully occupying the office of Town Board Supervisor. Said persons shall remain on the Planning Commission only so long as they hold the office of Township Board member, and as new persons are elected or appointed to the positions of Township Board members, such new persons shall become Planning Commission members under the authority of this Ordinance.
Section 3. Organization and Record Keeping.
The Planning Commission shall create and fill the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from its own membership. Unless the Planning Commission appoints a chair and vice-chair, the Town Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall fill those offices. The Township's Zoning Administrator or Planning Consultant, if any, shall act as advisor to the Planning Commission. Unless the Township Board appoints a Secretary, the Township Clerk shall act as Secretary to the Planning Commission and shall prepare or supervise the preparation of the minutes of the Planning Commission and be responsible for record keeping. The Planning Commission may adopt rules for the conduct of hearings and the transaction of business as necessary.
Section 4. Planning Agency.
The Planning Commission shall be the planning agency and shall have the powers and duties given such agencies generally by Minnesota Statutes 462.651 through 462.365 only with regard to recommending adoption and amendment of the Township's Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance unless other powers and duties are specifically delegated to the Planning Commission by the Township Board, consistent with Minnesota Statutes.
Section 5. Public Hearings.
No Land Use Plan shall be adopted by the Township Board until a public hearing has been held thereon by the Planning Commission.
Section 6. Establishment of a Board of Adjustments and Appeals.
The Township Board shall serve as the "governing body" and "board of appeals and adjustments" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes Sections 462.357 and 462.358. The

Board shall have all of the powers contained in Minnesota Statutes Sections 462.351 to 462.364.
Section 7. Repealer.
All prior ordinances to the extent that they are inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed repealed after the effective date of this ordinance with regard to those inconsistent terms and provisions.
Section 8. Effective Date.
This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication in the official Township newspaper.
Passed by the Township Board for the Township of Chengwatana this 17th day of May 2022.
Les Bloom, Chairperson
ATTEST:
Katy Overtoom, Clerk
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Chengwatana Township
Meeting Notice
The Planning Commission of Chengwatana Township has scheduled meetings for the first Tuesday of every month at 8 pm starting with June 7, 2022. The meetings will be held in the board room on the east end of the community center located at 27136 Forest Road.
Katy Overtoom, Clerk
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PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

Sheriff Report
Sunday, May 15, 2022
9:48 p.m., **Order Violation**, Klondike Loop, Grasston
11:03 p.m., **Medical**, 7th St SW, Pine City
Monday, May 16, 2022
1:10 a.m., **Lift Assist**, Johnson Ave SE, Pine City
2:09 a.m., **Personal Injury Accident**, Henriette Rd, Pine City
12:20 p.m., **Suspicious Activity**, Everready Rd, Pine City
3:46 p.m., **Crim Sex Conduct**, Birchview Rd, Grasston
3:59 p.m., **Damage to Vehicle**, Evergreen Sq SW, Pine City
7:32 p.m., **Juvenile Trouble**, Woodland Rd, Pine City
7:55 p.m., **Disturbance, Wilderness Retr**, Pine City
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
7:16 p.m., **Civil Matter**, State Hwy 107, Grasston
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
6:53 a.m., **Incident with Squad**, Northridge Dr NW, Pine City
2:16 p.m., **Vehicle Theft**, Blackberry Ln, Pine City
Thursday, May 19, 2022
11:55 a.m., **Shoplifting**, Evergreen Sq SW, Pine City
12:40 p.m., **Shoplifting**, Evergreen Sq SW, Pine City
Friday May 20, 2022
9:57 a.m., **Medical**, Wilderness Retr, Pine City
7:04 p.m., **Disturbance**, Silver Maple St, Pine City
10:04 p.m., **Order Violation**, Mallard Creek Trl, Pine City
Saturday May 21, 2022
3:02 a.m., **Suspicious Activi-**

HODAPP, BRYAN JOSEPH
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 1st Degree - Manufacture Methamphetamine - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted-Arrest of Adult
JENSURD, LEONARD DALE
Probable Cause - Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection
ROACH, PAULA MARIE
Probable Cause - Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Throws/Transfers Bodily Fluids or Feces at or Onto Officer - Emergency Telephone Calls/Communications - Interrupt, Interfere, Impede, Disrupt 911 Call - Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation - Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Demonstrable Bodily Harm
SEEBOLD, RONALD ALLAN
Under Sentence Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
May 18
EYLANDT, JESSE QUINN
Pine County Warrant: Bench - Gross Misdemeanor Warrant - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation - Traffic - DWI - Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test; Blood or Urine as Required by Search

Warrant
NELSON, MESAI MATTHEW
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection - Arrest of Adult
ADEN, MOHAMED BASHIR
Hold For Other Agency: Bench - Misdemeanor Warrant - Damage to Property - 3rd Degree - Reduce Value \$501-\$1000
May 19
MORRELL, TIFFANI RUTH
Hold For Other Agency: Bench - Felony Warrant Issued - Give Peace Officer False Name/Birthdate/ID Card - Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer
NELSON, DOUGLAS MARK
Hold For Other Agency: Arrest-Felony Warrant Issued
WHALEY, JOSHUA ALLEN
Probable Cause - Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer
May 20
BLANK, BARRETT ROBERT
Under Sentence Confined But Not Convicted - Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon - Arrest of Adult
DAWSON, DAKOTA RAY
Hold For Other Agency: Arrest - Felony Warrant - Fugitive From Justice From Other State
ENGLUND, SCOTT ALLEN
Under Sentence: Serving 0 days - Concurrent
NELSON, MESAI MATTHEW
Pine County Warrant

Confined But Not Convicted - Receiving Stolen Property
YANG, TOUA FUE
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
May 21
BETTS, ARNOLD EUGENE
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 25 Grams or More Cocaine or Methamphetamine - Traffic-DL-Driving After Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult
MEDVED, NIKITA JADE
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic Regulation - Following Vehicle More Closely Than Reasonable and Prudent - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol - Arrest of Adult
WAGNER, CODY JAMES
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic
WALKER, MIRANDA
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Introduce Contraband-Drug/Liquor into Jail/Lockup/Prison - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 Grams or More a Narcotic Drug Other Than

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Heroin - Arrest of Adult
May 22
MULLIGAN, RYAN ALLEN
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Use or Possession Prohibited - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance - Drugs - Possess/Sale Small Amount of Marijuana - No Remuneration - DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described - Arrest of Adult
TACHENY, WILLIAM ARTHUR
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic
May23
MENDOZA, LUIS DANIEL
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic -DWI - Second-Degree Driving While Impaired; Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test - Traffic - DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; 1 Aggravating Factor -Arrest of Adult

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358 FIREWOOD

Free: Dead Red Pine logs. Warman area, easy access. 320-679-3694

361 LAWN & GARDEN

Brush mowing, dirt work, tilling, food plots. 763-232-7196

369 WANTED

Wanted: Ford truck 1997-2003 parts or repair truck, F-150F-250. 612-845-0289

401 AUCTION CALENDAR

Thur. - Fri., June 16-17 Auction. North Franklin, CT. Huge 2-day construction equipment, trucks. Carlson Auction Company. Auctioneer, John R. Carlson, Lic. # 30-33. 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com

Sat., June 4 Property and Real Estate Auction. Rock Creek, MN. Tractors, machinery, tools, 40 acres & buildings. John Carlson Auction Company. Actioneer, John R. Carlson, Lic. # 30-33. 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com

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Thur., May 26 11:00 a.m. Personal Property Auction. George & Dorothy Bergstrom, owners. Princeton, MN. Auction will be held indoors at the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds. Wood-working equipment, shop items, yard and garden tools and supplies, antiques, household items. For complete list and pictures go to: www.midwest-auctions.com/siemers. Siemers Auctioneers. Mitchell Siemers, auctioneer, Lic. No. 48-16-016, 320-267-1799

Sat., May 28 9:00 a.m. 5% Buyer's Premium Auction. Janzen Auction Building, 1-mile west of the stoplights in Aitkin. Collector cars & related, boating & related, tractor & farm machinery, ATV's and related, trailers, firearms & related, garage tools & related, lawn & garden, antiques & collectibles, furniture & related, items of interest- horse related. Janzen Auction Services, Auctioneers: Bob Janzen, Lic. No. 01-14; Jeremy Janzen, Lic. No. 01-10. 218-927-4488, www.janzenauctions.com.

Online Auction: Closing 1st week of August. 2-day online, farm equipment, tools. John Carlson Auction Company. Auctioneer: John R. Carlson, Lic. # 30-33. 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com

Thur., June 2 10:00 a.m. Milaca, MN Area Machinery, Vehicle & Antique Auction. 14382 130th Ave., Milaca, MN 56353. Directions: From the stoplight in Milaca go west 1.2 miles on Hwy 23 to County Rd. 112, north to 113th Ave., continue north ½ mile to auction site. Visit www.midwestauctions.com/siemers for more info and schedule. Trucks & vehicles, snowplow, trailers, farm machinery, tractors, shop & farm related, electrical components & supplies, antiques, collectibles, advertising items. Siemers Auctions. Auctioneer: Mitchell Siemers, Lic. No. 48-20-016, 320-267-1799.

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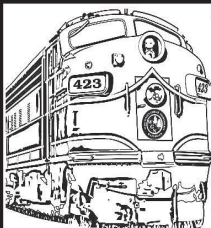
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