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## Osprey Wilds offers free meals to go this Thanksgiving

STAFF REPORT

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Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center is offering free turkey meals to-go again this Thanksgiving.

After serving over 200 meals last year, Osprey Wilds has decided to again offer a meal for community members to pick up on November 25. With a large kitchen, Osprey Wilds is used to preparing meals for visiting schools and large groups at their campus; they are using their resources to safely prepare a large number of meals for the upcoming holiday.

“We had a blast last year, meeting community members and cooking delicious food. This year we are excited to again offer a turkey feast to go. We hope we can reach those that need it as well as anyone that wants to skip the cooking



SUBMITTED

The sign was set up at Osprey Wilds last year for their first take-out Thanksgiving meal as they adapted to the pandemic in 2020.

this year and try our delicious food,” says Jill Rudolph, Operations Director.

Whether you’ve lost a job, are facing financial troubles, are expecting a smaller gathering, or just don’t feel like cooking, Osprey Wilds encourages you to sign up for their turkey feast meal.

The cost of the meal is free, but if you would like to make a payment, Osprey Wilds suggests \$6 per meal. You can also make a donation when you order to help cover the cost of food and staff time.

The meal includes turkey, mashed potatoes, two sides, and a pumpkin dessert. To keep things simple and safe, Osprey Wilds will bring your food directly to your car on November 25. All meals must be ordered beforehand.

Meals include turkey, two sides, and a pumpkin dessert and must be ordered ahead of

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## Sub shortage touches local school



FILE PHOTO

East Central School District is struggling to find subs.

BY JAMIE LUND

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“Where have all of the people gone,” asked Stephanie Youngberg, East Central High School principal.

She told school board members that the high school was short four teachers on Monday, Nov. 8 and could not find substitutes. The elementary was short one sub. She

said several teachers and paraprofessionals were in quarantine and they couldn’t find subs to cover the classes.

“We lost subs due to retirement,” Youngberg said. “But we have some old faithfuls that still come in.”

She said other staff

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## Rebels finish in top eight teams in Minnesota

BY MARY ELLEN DEWEY

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The Moose Lake Willow River Rebels’ football team took on the Knights of West Central Area/Ashby on Thursday night in Brainerd to kick off the Class AA Minnesota State High School Football Tournament. MLWR was ranked fourth in Class AA, having outscored 50-7 per contest.

There were only eight Class AA football teams left in Minnesota that were still playing. Eden Valley-Watkins defeated Barnesville 34-20; Chatfield over Minneapolis North Community 50-20; Maple River over Pipestone Area 39-20; and West Central Area/Ashby defeated Moose Lake Willow River 14-6. The winners of last week’s games will play in the semi-finals on November 18 and 19 in the U.S. Bank Stadium.

To start the quarterfinal game, the Knights won the coin toss and deferred. The Rebels took it down to the Knights 20-yard marker. A false start moved the ball to 25-yard line and a Rebels’ fumble gave the ball to the Knights’ passing attack offense. After several Knights’ and Rebels’ incomplete passes, the first quarter ended without a score.



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Logan Orvedahl (No. 26) takes the ball down field as the hand of a Knights defender attempts to knock the ball out and Ethan Burton (No. 89) clears the path.

In the second quarter, the Knights ran their passing offense, completing a 25-yard pass for a first down. Alex Watrin got to the Knights’ quarterback, Evan Paulson, sacking him for a seven-yard loss. A false start turned the ball over to the Rebels, but after a couple first downs, the Rebels turned it back to them. Knights’ running back Anthony Sykora (No. 11) ran a three-yard play into the end zone for the first score. The kick was no good. Knights led 6-0. The Rebels threatened to score on fourth down and two yards to go on the Knights’ three-yard line but failed to get it in. The Rebels turned it over on downs. Nick Juszczak got the first of his two sacks of the game to end the half.

To start off the second half, the Knights were on offense because they had deferred in the first half. Cole Anderson ran behind the Rebel defense, snatched a pass from Paulson and scored a 24-yard touchdown. Knights led 14-0. After the Rebels turned it over on downs, Duane Broughton got to Paulson for a sack and loss of 4.

In the fourth quarter, with 5:23 remaining in the game, Logan Orvedahl took it in

9-yards for a Rebels’ touchdown. The two-point conversion failed. Knights led 14-6. The Rebels made an attempt at some late game heroics by forcing a fourth quarter turnover, but the Knights’ defense prevailed.

The Knights’ defense, with eight players up in the box, contained the Rebels’ running backs, while getting 243 passing yards and a touchdown pass from their quarterback.

The Rebels’ offensive was led by Jackson Thompson with 112-yards. Orvedahl rushed for over 1300 yards in the eight previous contests, was held to 73 difficult yards by the Knights.

In 2017 the Rebels defeated West Central Area/Ashby in the state quarter-finals in a blizzard in Brainerd.

This last game of the season ended sadly for the nine seniors on the Rebels’ football team (8-1). Graduating seniors are Orvedahl, Broughton, Kurhajetz, Henry Ribich, Watrin, Garrett Peterson, Myca Helfman, Ethan Burton and Brad Thompson.

Rebels’ statistics specialist, Matt Niedzielski, said, “Thank you for the three-month

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**Anita “Sparky” Nelson**

January 31, 1930 - October 9, 2021

Anita “Sparky” (Thomsen) Nelson, age 91, passed away on October 9, 2021, at Sandstone Health Care Center. Thus, fulfilling her wish to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, and reunited with the love of her life Doug.



She was born on January 31, 1930, to Albert and Minnie Thomsen. She graduated from Askov High School in 1948. She met her husband, Douglas Nelson, through his sister and her good friend Georgia. When she saw Doug, she told her friend Georgia, I’m going to marry your brother and sure enough,

she did! Doug and Sparky were united in marriage on January 12, 1951. Sparky declared that day as the happiest day of her life (even years later)! The couple made their home in Gary, New Duluth. After Doug returned from the Korean War, they moved to Bruno and eventually bought the family farm.

Sparky worked many jobs throughout her lifetime. She worked at Peterson’s Grocery Store and Bresson’s Phone Company. It was at Bresson’s Phone Company that earned her nickname “Sparky.” Vern Mickelson said, “look at the sparks fly” while watching her work. She also worked as a teacher’s aide, a cook at the Old Fashioned Inn in Finlayson, a Cook at the Partridge Café in Askov (where she made her famous Ableskievers) and as a substitute mail carrier.

Sparky was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruno, Minn., where she taught Sunday School, VBS and served on the Ladies Aide. She was well known for her work on the loom at Daisy’s Thrift Store and helping at the food shelf, also connected to the thrift store.

Sparky and Doug were both known for their generous hearts and giving spirits. Sparky volunteered in many ways and at many places. She was a foster grandparent at Sandbox Nursery School, Camp Heartland and Harvest Christian School. Many people were blessed by her through Release Time, Senior Dining, Meals on Wheels, the Moose Lake Regional Center, 4-H and as a clerk for the Bruno Township, as well as many other activities. Sparky was named to the East Central, Askov and Sandstone Hall of Fame.

While she was an accomplished woman in many areas of life and enjoyed quilting, sewing, and baking, her true love was for her family. She delighted in visiting her family and having family visiting her. She always had a special treat or story to share and was quick to remind you that she loved you.

Most importantly, Sparky will be remembered by her family and church family for her love for and faith in Jesus. She has left a legacy of faith that will continue to live on in her family and friends. She desired that all of her loved ones would have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ just as she did. She knew, that it was through this relationship alone, that one was able to endure the ups and downs of life.

Anita is preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Nelson; her son, Dale Robert Nelson; her parents, Albert and Minnie Thomsen; her in-laws, John and Esther Nelson; her grandchild, Gretchen Nelson; five brothers, one sister, one sister-in-law and six brothers-in-law. She is survived by sons Everett (Cindy) Nelson, Steve (Deborah) Nelson, Jeff (Carol) Nelson, Larry (Louann) Nelson, John (Colleen) Nelson and Scott Nelson; daughter Beverly (Doug) Koland; twenty-seven grandchildren, forty-four great-grandchildren, one great, great-grandchild, three sisters, one brother, eight sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Although Sparky will be dearly missed, we rejoice greatly in the fact that she is with her Savior whom she loved.

Philippians 1:21, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

The family would like to acknowledge our gratitude to the Ecumen Hospice staff and the Sandstone Health Care staff for their wonderful care of Sparky and their incredible support to the family.

Services for Sparky will be held Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Visitation is planned for Friday, November 19, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church and one hour before the memorial services on Saturday, November 20. Burial service will take place at Vilsted Cemetery directly following the memorial service. A thanksgiving meal, in honor of Sparky and Doug, will follow the burial service at 12:30 p.m. at Memorial Drive Bible Fellowship.

**Shirley M. Lund**

May 14, 1925 - November 12, 2021

Shirley Mae Lund, 96, of Sandstone Minnesota died on November 12, 2021 at the Sandstone Health Care Center.



Shirley was born May 14, 1925 in Askov, Minn., daughter of Chris and Mettie Petersen. She attended the Askov School and graduated with the class of 1943. She was a relief time telephone operator during her last four years of high school. She worked at the Askov Bakery after graduating and later worked in the Co-op Store in St. Paul under her uncle, Lawrence Jensen while Jens was in the army.

On June 9, 1946 she married Jens L. Lund at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Askov where Shirley had been baptized, confirmed and was a lifetime member. She worked at Dick’s Store and later at the Co-op Mercantile until they moved to Florida. The couple had three children and resided in Askov until 1980 when they moved to Naples, Florida. In 1986, they moved back to Askov. She then did part time custodial work at the Askov Post Office. After Jens’ passing, she and her sister Josephine moved to Sandstone and shared an apartment at the Wild River Senior Apartments in June 2004.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Virginia Lee and Cheryl (Lowell) Larson, eight grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jens, daughter Claudia (Bruce) Nedegaard, parents Chris and Mettie Petersen, and siblings Josephine (Clarence) Jessen and Duane (Darlene) Petersen.

A memorial service will be held for Shirley on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Askov, Minn., with Claire Edin, S.A.M. officiating. Visitation will take place at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Sandstone, MN. [www.methvenfuneral-home.com](http://www.methvenfuneral-home.com)

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**Kester receives 2021 Outstanding Service Award**

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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Jeannette Kester has served on the Resource Board of Directors since July 1, 1990! Yes, that is 31 years! She has also dedicated 32 years of service to the East Central School District School Board. Jeannette’s outstanding service and dedication to the service cooperative cannot be understated or over appreciated.

She is always someone you can count on for keen insight and sound judgment on any topic. Her knowledge and commitment has been and continues to be a steward and beacon for quality education.

In her time on the school board she has served on nearly every committee, held nearly every executive role, led the hiring of many superintendents, actively led the district through the construction of a new PreK-12th grade facility, led the district out of financial peril, and advocated for public education on many boards and advocacy groups.

In 2012, she was inducted as a member of the Minnesota School Boards Association All State School Board. In 2017, Jeannette was awarded the MSBA’s Arlene Bush Distinguished Board Member Award (the association’s highest award for board members) for achieving over 1,000 hours of MSBA training. She is only the fourth person ever to receive this award.

Jeannette continues to serve as an outstanding board member for Resource and East Central Schools but also serves as an ECMECC board member and represents Pine County on the East Central Regional Development Commission.

Jeannette possesses an excellent sense of humor, which served her well as a board member all these years. She has four adult children, 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.



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## Veterans appreciate surge in appreciation in recent years

The firearm deer hunt goes through November 21st so if you didn't get your deer yet, there is time. I think many of our neighbors got their deer during opener. And as always, Thanksgiving Thursday follows on November 24. Hope you got your venison all tucked into the freezer and a turkey ready to pull out. Is it just me or has this



**Finlayson News**  
Maxine Meyer

year flown by like crazy. Last week Gary and Maxine Meyer traveled to Duluth. It was time for the Nephrologist to review Gary's kidney progress since taking him off dialysis. Three days earlier was the blood draw and a couple numbers showed changes.

Having no real training in reading those values, it was scary waiting to hear the doctor's interpretation.

Once the doctor arrived to the exam room, there were a couple dozen questions, and then he said Gary looked even better than the last time he saw him. That sure sounded positive. No swelling, no weight gain, but the numbers were odd. After an examination and another review of numbers, he thought there was a medication at too high a dosage. The kidneys are working just fine. So it was a good news appointment, dosages were dropped and Gary couldn't be happier.

As the years tic away, I can't help think how things have improved for celebrating Veteran's Day. I wonder what took so long. During the previous week I heard stores, restaurants, casino's and coffee shops that were on board to treat veterans both current and retired. I

can't say I remember anything in years past other than a free cone at a fast food place. Our veterans who gave so much deserve this special day. Celebrations were held all over and the treats from the many establishments were awesome. One day, just isn't enough, but it's appreciated, I think.

The morning of Veteran's Day I saw a report where a grocery store made room for a huge dining area to serve a free breakfast to the vet's who came. The noteworthy part was the grocer recruited the local high school football team to be servers. The students were encouraged to freely chat with the vet's and talk with them about their military experiences. What a great idea, a learning experience for the teens, and a chance for the veterans to talk about their experiences. I hope that catches on and here's why: I know several Vietnam veterans still hold their stories back, they have

many reasons, but to have young people asking just might be a good thing for both.

We are still fighting with our dog Brewster and his cone. I ordered a sock to cover his paw wound, and I ordered another cone. But that dog outsmarts them all. When he thinks I'm not watching him outside, I've seen him walk right out of a harness that holds a sock on his leg. So we continue trying to get his paw healed, but it's not an easy chore. The horses are in physically great shape right now. I can tell they have sensed the time of year means winter is coming. That means it's time for their winter pasture confinement, something they are not crazy about. Such spoiled boys. I'm glad they can't talk, simple "yes" and "no" conversations are enough.

I like to read a daily update of Minnesota's Covid-19 pandemic report card. Gary being a heart transplant, I guess I keep waiting for the pandemic news

to show that we can live our lives without wearing masks, sanitizing, keeping 6 foot distancing and avoiding people who refuse vaccinations. Don't get me wrong, we are happy to be alive and in the past 7 years it has been touch and go. So we got our shots, and we got our boosters, but the virus continues to spread since others have not been vaccinated. The report card has only shown numbers going up here in Minnesota. On November 10, 2021, there were another 43 deaths, for just that day. If you haven't gotten your vaccination yet, call your doctor or use the internet to find your nearest location at "www.vaccines.gov" and call for an appointment.

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## Prepare tasty Thanksgiving sides



**Food N' Friends**  
Mary Ellen Dewey

### MAPLE AND BACON GLAZED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 5 bacon strips, chopped
- 1 lb. fresh Brussels sprouts, trimmed
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 c. chicken broth
- 1/4 c. chopped pecans (optional)
- 1/4 c. maple syrup
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

In a small skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove to paper towels with a slotted spoon; drain. Meanwhile, cut an "x" in the core of each Brussels sprouts. In a large skillet, sauté sprouts in butter until lightly browned, 4-5 minutes. Stir in broth, pecans, maple syrup, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 5 minutes. Uncover and cook and stir until Brussels sprouts are tender, 8-10 minutes longer. Sprinkle with bacon. Makes 4 servings.

### THANKSGIVING GREEN BEANS

- 2 c. sour cream
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. dill weed
- 1 lb. bacon strips, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 lbs. fresh green beans, cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces (6 cups)
- 1 lb. medium fresh mushrooms, quartered
- 6 green onions, chopped
- 1 c. slivered almonds, optional
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 c. onion and garlic salad croutons
- 1-1/2 c. shredded Monterey Jack cheese

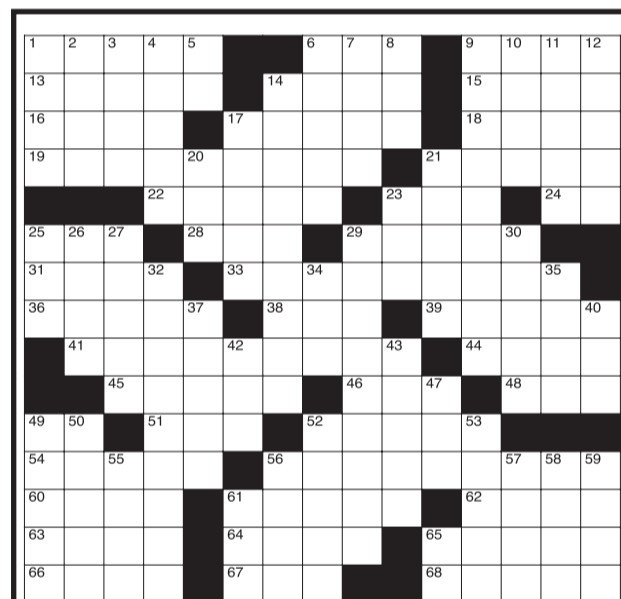
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl, combine sour cream, sugar, salt and dill weed. In a 6-qt. stockpot, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile in a large saucepan, bring 6 cups of water to a boil. Add beans in batches; cook, uncovered, just until crisp-tender, 2-3 minutes. Drain. Remove bacon from stockpot with slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Discard drippings; reserving 6 tablespoons in pan. Add mushrooms, onions and almonds to drippings. Cook and stir over medium heat until mushrooms are tender, 4-6 minutes. Add garlic; cook and stir in beans, bacon and croutons. Stir in sour cream mixture. Transfer to an ungreased 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake until cheese is melted, 10-15 minutes. Can also add crispy onion rings on top or stir in a handful of craisins. 16 Servings.

### CAROL THEIS' FRUIT SALAD

(IT WON'T GET RUNNY)

- 1 small box of Instant vanilla pudding
- 1 c. miniature marshmallows
- 1 c. milk
- 1-pint heavy whipping cream
- **Any kind of fruit well-drained**
- 1 can of sliced peaches, sliced into chunks
- 1 can Mandarin oranges
- 1 can pineapple tidbits
- 1 can fruit cocktail
- Red and Green seedless grapes, sliced
- Sliced bananas, added just before serving

The night before whisk together the instant pudding and milk, add the marshmallows. Put in a covered bowl in refrigerator overnight. The next day, whip the cream. Gently fold in the thickened pudding mixture until combined. Add the well-drained fruit, combine with the cream using a spatula. Add the bananas just before serving.



### CLUES ACROSS

- German philosopher
- A type of stock trading (abbr.)
- Cincinnati ballplayers
- Deerlike water buffaloes
- Island
- Jewish calendar month
- Round Dutch cheese
- Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
- A restaurant needs one
- Decent behaviors
- Groans
- Works hard
- Upset
- A sound made in speech
- One point east of due south
- Boxing's GOAT
- Whittles
- Tailless amphibian
- Surrounded
- Doesn't stay still
- Copycat
- Four-door car
- Morally correct behavior
- Something that is owed
- Pasta needs it
- Ant-Man's last name
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Small period of time (abbr.)
- Woman (French)
- On or around
- Fencing swords
- Fonts
- A command in the name of the court
- Sprays with an irritant
- Georgetown athlete
- Dry or withered
- Sign of injury
- Tracts of land (abbr.)
- 365 days
- Physique
- Icelandic poems

### CLUES DOWN

- Bodily substance
- Internal
- Provoke or annoy
- Type of lounge chair
- Losses
- Makes less severe
- Identifies a thing close at hand
- Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- Rebuilt
- Ancient Greek City
- American investigative journalist
- Partially melted snow
- Take shape
- Mexican beverage
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Jacobs and Summers are two
- Disfigure
- Scientists' tool (abbr.)
- Ill-mannered person
- Overhang
- Famed rat catcher
- Passover feast and ceremony
- Equal to 10 meters
- Central processing unit
- Chinese native religion
- Unfermented juices
- "To the \_\_\_ degree"
- Frozen water
- Medieval circuit courts
- 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
- Gossipy
- Shopping is one type
- Palmlike plant
- Partner to "oohed"
- Welsh name meaning "snow"
- Popular Mexican dish
- It helps power devices
- Reddish-brown wildcat
- Impertinence
- Legal financial term (abbr.)
- Atomic #52

*Celebrating*  
**THANKSGIVING**

## Rural acreage positioned to make a real difference

Squatting in a cluster of dogwood bushes between my wooded land and the neighbor's corn field, I peered through my binoculars. I was looking for white-throated sparrows, but was shocked when a little gray and yellow bird with black patches over his eyes flitted onto a branch nearby. His eye markings were so distinct—it seemed as if he were wearing a pair of sunglasses.



Editor

Kirsten Faurie

I had never seen anything like him. A quick visit to my favorite birding app and I learned what I saw was a golden-winged warbler.

One year later, I've learned these delightful little birds are in distress. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, golden-winged warblers have had a population decline of almost 2.5% per year between 1966 and 2014—amounting to an overall decline of 68%. They now have one of the smallest populations of any bird not on the endangered species list.

I feel honored to have seen one—and quite by accident. Interestingly, Minnesota is home to approximately half of this little bird's global population.

Pine, Carlton, Kanabec and others surrounding counties are in a unique position to provide habitat for this declining species—and the USDA is providing financial support for landowners to implement conservation projects.

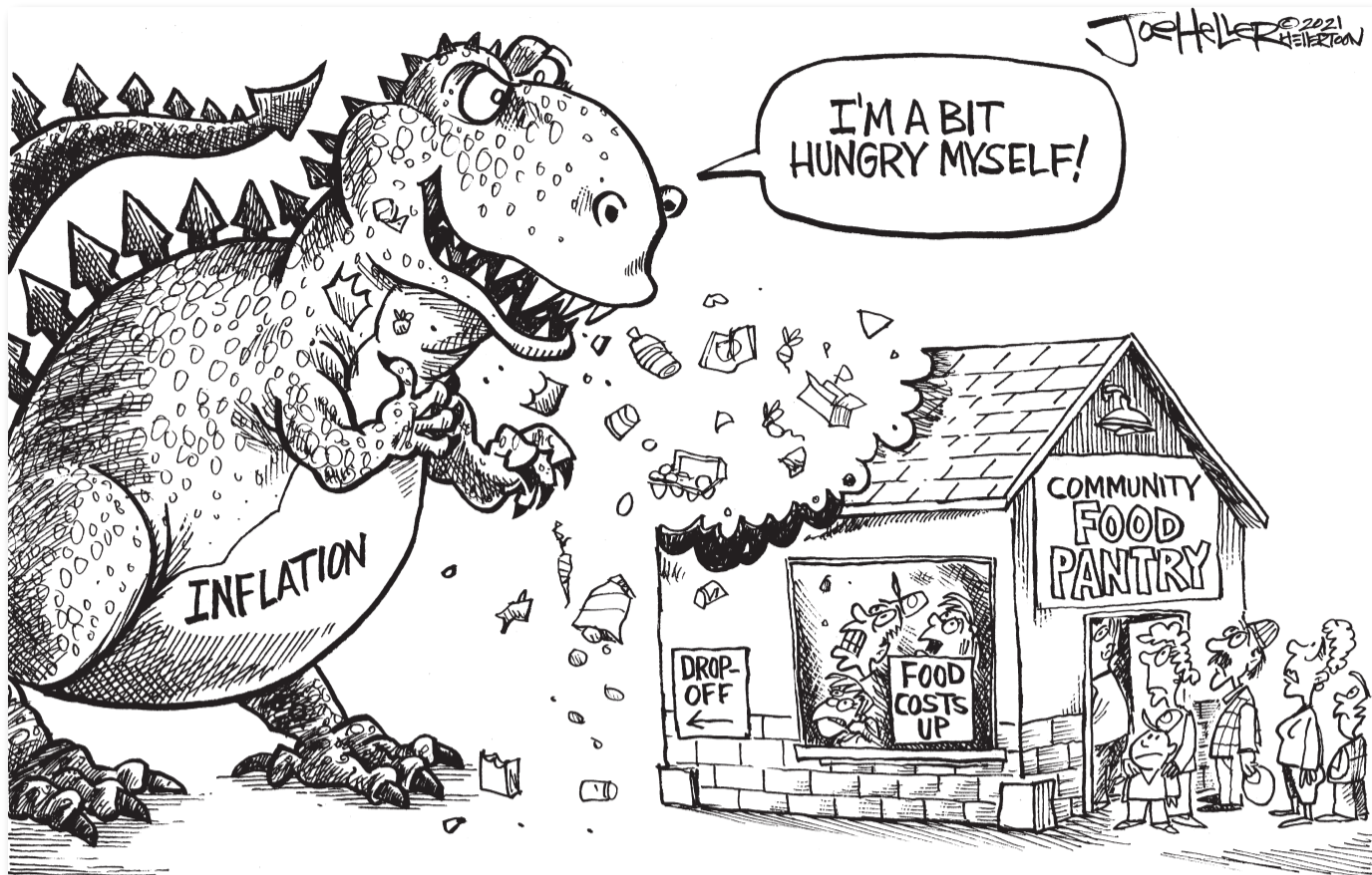
I subscribe to some bird and garden magazines; I've always gotten irritated when they suggest planting a single shrub to support habitat for some bird or a butterfly. It's a solution suited to the suburbs that, while appreciated, is a drop in the bucket of what creating habitat can really mean.

Here in the rural areas of the state, we've got acres and acres of land that can make a significant impact for this species.

If you own land and are interested in helping golden-winged warblers, I'd encourage you to find more information on page 11 of this issue on how you can participate.

I sure would like to see one of those little warblers again.

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## November 19 is the great American smoke-out

No matter what age you are, quitting smoking or vowing to never start is one of the best things you can do for your health. My patients have certainly



Gateway Clinic Minute

Dr. Bridget Dewey

heard this from me many times. I know this is much easier said than done however.

If you need some motivation, November 19 is designated as the Great American Smoke-Out sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Fittingly, November is also designated as Lung Cancer Awareness month and COPD Awareness month. Most people now know that smoking is associated with a higher risk of both of those diseases. It might not be as well-known that smoking is also associated with increased risk for a number of other cancers, as well as coronary artery disease and peripheral arterial disease. In short, smoking is the leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States.

On the converse side, the benefits of quitting smoking include lowering your heart rate and blood pressure, improved circulation, improved lung function, decreased coughing and shortness of breath. Quitting smoking can add up to 10 years to your life. Other benefits include improved sense of taste and smell, not to mention the cost savings from the ever-increasing expense of cigarettes.

Most people who smoke started

when they were teenagers. Therefore, it is important that we target that age group to avoid smoking all together. The things that influence our teenagers include friends or parents smoking, the aggressive marketing of the tobacco industry and the newer fashionable vaping devices. Studies show that the younger you are when you begin to smoke, the more likely you are to become addicted to nicotine. Nine out of 10 adult who smoke started before age 18, and 3 out of 4 high school students who smoke will become adults who smoke.

The addictive agent in smoking is nicotine. When taken in small amounts it causes pleasant feelings by flooding the brain with a chemical called dopamine, and also gives a bit of an adrenaline rush. As this feeling wears off the user might start to feel irritated and edgy, and this is what leads them to want to smoke again. Over time the body adapts to nicotine and users develop a tolerance, so will need to increase their usage to keep the level of nicotine within a comfortable range. Because of this, people can suffer physical and emotional withdrawal symptoms if they stop smoking. It's important to understand that is why it is so difficult for people to quit even when they know it is unhealthy. For this reason, we should all be supportive of friends and family who are on this journey and encourage them when they have setbacks.

Because we are all different, it is important to make a plan to quit that will work for you. You should set a date that you plan to quit and then make a game plan. There are

prescription medicines and nicotine replacement therapy that can be helpful. The prescription medicines approved for smoking cessation include varenicline and bupropion. These work in different ways and have various side effects which you should discuss with your physician to decide what might be appropriate for you. There are other off-label medicines that have been successful in helping with smoking cessation as well.

Some have also found Acupuncture and hypnosis helpful. Others might choose to gradually reduce the number of cigarettes they smoke or to quit cold turkey without any medications. It is a good idea to find supportive friends or family in your endeavor. It also may be helpful to talk to your insurance company about any assistance they might cover.

Some have thought that using E-cigarettes is a good substitute for cigarettes or may be helpful to quit smoking. E-cigarettes do not contain tobacco, but they do contain nicotine and other substances that are potentially harmful so in general these are not a good idea to turn to in place of smoking cigarettes.

For more information and help:

- Minnesota helpline 1-800-Quit-Now
- American Cancer Society cancer.org
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cdc.gov/tobacco

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**BRUNO/KERRICK NEWS**

Saturday morning, November 12, Liz and Katie Clausen enjoyed watching Dane and Jordy Swenson play basketball at Mora. They were coached by Genny & Jesse Swenson and Mitch Clausen with the East Central 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Mitch, Liz, and Katie Clausen attended the annual Monette euchre card tournament at Marty and Vicky's on Saturday evening. They were



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treated to a meal of smoked pork and a delicious variety of sides. Last weekend Al Hoiland's family had a small party for his birthday. Those that came to celebrate were Roy, Larry, Lu, Steven, Shontae Hoiland and their family Marti, Kali Finch and Levi Hoiland Al and Sandy Hoiland went to Superior on Wednesday morning. A huge THANK YOU to the Bruno American Legion for the Veterans Day Program they present to the public on an annual basis. The members do a wonderful job. Thank you to all who have served. And thank you to the Bruno American Legion Auxiliary for the delicious coffee and treats that followed the program!

**WILLOW RIVER NEWS**

It seems weird to see the snow on the ground, but that is only because we've had such a warm fall. It is so pretty. I forgot how much it cleans everything up. Now, maybe I will be in the mood for Christmas shopping. I would like to say "thank you" to all of the veterans out there. In the hub



**Willow  
River News**  
Kathi  
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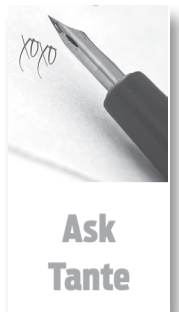
of the form. Star Mikrot is setting up a Holiday Craft Fair in the small gym at the school during this event so, you may want to do some Christmas shopping. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in town also. You may contact Star for more information on the craft fair. The WRFD Fall Gun Raffle fundraiser will be held on November 20, 2021 starting at 6 p.m. at the Squirrel Cage Bar and Grill, but the drawing for the big guns will be at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at businesses around the area and from Willow River Fire Department members. They have fifteen guns on the drawing list.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: If you are interested in going to confession during the week, you may let Fr. Francis know and he will be happy to hear your confession after daily Mass or by appointment. He will be doing confessions on first Fridays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. at Holy Angels. Thursday Mass will be at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 am. St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 5 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary on the fourth Sunday of the month at St Isidore's Church. At the School: November 23 is the PTO Wreath Pick up from 3:20 to 6 p.m., November 24th is an Early Release Day, and November 25 is Thanksgiving Day.

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**Bad driving habits affect everyone on road**

**Dear Tante Ingeborg,**  
Ivo Andersen isn't very bright. His wife says it takes him an hour and a half to watch 60 Minutes. When we were in school he spent all week trying to finish writing his name at the top of his paper before lunchtime. He never got a summer job because he was always enrolled in summer school. Even so, it took him five years to graduate. We were all shocked to discover that Ivo was slow at everything but driving. Unfortunately



**Ask  
Tante**

for Ivo he never grasped the concept that speed kills. He's bagged more deer with his pickup than all the licensed hunters in three counties. His monthly pay check during rutting season is automatically deposited in Bubba's Body Shop at Sandstone Bank of the North. He's not a bad guy. He's just a bad driver. Is there anything that can be done to help him drive within the speed limit? **Signed, Friends of 55mph in Finlayson**

**Dear Friends,**  
It's amazing to me that Ivo hasn't had his license revoked. And I'm surprised that he hasn't gotten himself killed along with most of the trophy bucks that

lurk along the back roads in his county. There isn't really anything that will slow a driver down until he wraps himself around a tree or some other immovable object. This is a very extreme and impressive way to teach a person about the hazards of speeding. We can only hope that with the passage of time Ivo will discover that he should slow down and live. We all want to reach those Pearly Gates but not because we were spread thin on an interstate and arrived there unexpectedly. Good luck avoiding Ivo. Stay safe and remember Tante Ingeborg cares..... but not so much.

**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

**Bruno man injured when young son accidentally discharged gun**

**100 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 15, 1921**

- Fred McCellan, of Bruno was accidentally shot while standing near the door of his house leaning on his gun talking to a neighbor. His three year old son came out and somehow discharged the gun. The bullet went through Mr. McCellan's wrist and hand then entering the neck. A silver tube was placed in his throat after this incident and he is doing well .  
- A deal was closed when J.P.Sorensen became the owner of the Askov Garage building at a price of \$6,000.  
- Askov's first rural mail route made it's trip yesterday. Chris Hansen, the carrier reports fair roads but due to heavy snow having to be pulled out once. Over 300 pieces of mail was handled the first day.

**75 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 14, 1946**

- Sixty five voters of the town of Arna cast their ballots at last Tuesday's election. There are 106 voters in this district at present.  
- Born to Mr. and Mrs. Quenton Peterson of Sandstone was a 10 pound baby boy. Little Miss Karen is spending time with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tollefson.  
- Young Joyce Stepan , daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stepan of Des Moines, Iowa had the misfortune to be hit by a car going home from school. She was hurt quite badly but improving at this writing. Elmers's mother, Mrs. Stepan of Willow River went to be with her son and family during this time.  
- Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lunde celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday with family and friends.

**50 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 18, 1971**

- Basketball season is officially open for the area high schools.  
- Dean Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carroll of Finlayson, has completed his United States Air Force basic training at Lackland Base in Texas. He will be assigned to Keesler AFB in Mississippi. He is a 1969 graduate of Finlayson High School and attended the University of Minnesota Duluth.  
- Kenneth and Jeanette Meier of Askov have been selected as charter members of the AMPI young Cooperative Club. The purpose of this club is to recognize outstanding young diary farmer couples.  
- Mrs. Oline Strandskov and Ove Hermansen were married in a private ceremony, Friday, November 5.

**25 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 14, 1996**

- Danny Mortensen, 17, shot a big buck Sunday morning Nov. 10 two miles west of Askov. The antlers span measures at 21 inches. He plans on having it mounted.  
- Elizabeth Espointour has been elected the new president of the Pine County Historical Society.  
- As of Monday, Duquette General Store has registered 30 deer. Two of the lucky youngsters were Kyle Anderson and Nathan Gassert.  
- The Old Fashion Inn of Finlayson has changed hands. Kris and Brad Cottrell and Kris's brother Mike Nelson bought it on Nov. 5th and it will now be called Pasqually's.

**10 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

- Many concerned citizens filled the Duquette Hall to express their concerns regarding the possible closure of the Kerrick Post Office.  
- According to Minnesota DNR the opening of the firearms deer season was a busy and challenging time for them.  
- In this area, 13 year old Joey Stitt of Bruno shoots his first 7 point buck and in Kerrick Township, Steve Vongroven bagged an 8 point buck 10 minutes into opening morning.

**EAST CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**

**Thursday, November 18**  
**Blue line:** Sub sandwiches, chips, raw carrots, tropical fruit and milk  
**Silver line:** Corn Dog, fries, raw carrots, tropical fruit, and milk

**Friday, November 19**  
**Blue line:** Chicken nuggets (5), fries, carrots, and milk  
**Silver line:** Pizza, bread stick, Mandarin oranges and milk

**Monday, November 22**  
**Blue line:** Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, bread stick, and milk  
**Silver line:** Cheeseburger, fries, corn, applesauce and milk

**Tuesday, November 23**  
**Blue line:** Ham/cheese melt, chips, pears, green beans and milk

**Silver line:** Spaghetti, bread stick, pears, green beans and milk

**Wednesday, November 24**  
**All lines:** Open face turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, applesauce and milk

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the Askov American**

**NOTICES**

**STURGEON LAKE TOWNSHIP 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

JANUARY, 2022: NO MEETINGS  
 FEBRUARY 28th: 5:00 p.m. BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING  
 FEBRUARY 28th: 6:00 p.m. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 MARCH 8th: ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING  
 MARCH 10th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 APRIL 14th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 APRIL 20th, at 3:00 p.m. BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION MEETING  
 MAY 12th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 JUNE 9th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 JULY 14th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 AUGUST 11th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 SEPTEMBER 8th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 OCTOBER 13th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 NOVEMBER 10th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 DECEMBER 8th: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
 DECEMBER 30th: 2022 YEAR END BUSINESS MTG WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM.  
 DECEMBER 30th: 2023 NEW YEAR BUSINESS MTG WILL BEGIN AT 9:45 AM.  
 ALL OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. AND WILL BE HELD AT THE STURGEON LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL. If there are changes in meeting dates , the changes will be posted at the town hall.  
 Nedene Kuhlman, Clerk of Sturgeon Lake Township

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**IN PROCEEDINGS SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL REGISTRATION OF LAND COURT FILE NO. 58-CV-21-318 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF PINE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

In the Matter of the Petition of: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquet Mortgage Securities Inc., Quest Trust

2006-X1, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-X1, In Relation to Certificate of Title No. 4451.0 issued for Land in the County of Pine and State of Minnesota and legally described as: Lot Four (4), Block Nine (9), WILD ACRES. TO: **James Comeau, Raymond Comeau, The unknown heirs of Julia I. Comeau, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. and The State of Minnesota**

Upon receiving and filing the Report of the Examiner of Titles in the above entitled matter: IT IS ORDERED, that you, and all persons interested, appear before this Court on the **9th day of December, 2021, at 3:30pm**, via remote Zoom hearing, and then, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, show cause, if any there be, why this Court should not enter an Order as follows:

That the Registrar of Titles of Pine County, upon the filing of a certified copy of this Order, cancel Certificate of title No. 4451.0 and enter a new certificate of title for the land therein described in favor of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquet Mortgage Securities Inc., Quest Trust 2006-X1, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-X1, c/o PHH Mortgage Corporation, 1 Mortgage Way MS SV-20, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-4637, free from all memorials now appearing on the present Certificate of Title, the last of which is Document No. T20677, and free also from the memorial of this Order except the Registrar of Titles shall carry forward the memorials of Doc Nos. T 99 and T 3221, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order be served: (a) at least 10 days before the hearing upon the above-named parties residing in this State in the manner provided by law for the service of Summons in a civil action; (b) at least 14 days before the hearing upon each of the above-named non-residents by sending a copy of this Order to the non-resident's post office address, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; (c) upon each of the above-named parties who cannot be found by two weeks published notice and by sending a copy of this Order at least 14 days before the hearing by first class mail to the last known address

of the party and by sending another copy of this Order at least 14 days before the hearing by first class mail to the address of such party as stated on the Certificate of Title if an address is so stated, (d) upon a dissolved, withdrawn, or revoked business entity governed by Minn. Stat. Chp. 302A, 303, 317A, 322A, 322B, or 323 in the manner provided by Minn. Stat. § 5.25. Approved: Examine of Titles BY THE COURT: 10/15/2021 02:33:28 PM

By: Examiner of Titles Judge of District Court Krista K. Martin Michael R. Sauer Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. 7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300 (Phone) (651) 209-3339 (Fax) File ID No. 043102F01 Attendance is not required at said time except to object to the entry of the above-described Order. Published in the Askov American November 18, 25, 2021

**MINUTES**

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. NORTH PINE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1602 HWY. 23 NO., SANDSTONE, MINNESOTA**

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren, and J.J. Waldhalm. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. Due to an out-of-town commitment, Commissioner Matt Ludwig joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Commissioner Ludwig was seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means at the Staybridge Suites, 2350 Commerce Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901, a location open and accessible to the public.

The public was invited to join the meeting in person or by electronic means. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. Media representative Ailene Croup inquired if the Disbursements/Claims over \$2,000 noted at Consent Agenda #2 contained American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies; Chair Hallan stated it does.

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Minutes of the October 5, 2021 County Board Meeting and

Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Consent Agenda with additions. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.  
**Fund September 30, 2020 September 30, 2021 Increase/Decrease**  
 General Fund 4,114,759 5,478,856 1,364,097  
 Health and Human Services Fund 1,516,339 2,668,365 1,152,026  
 Road and Bridge Fund 5,296,321 1,758,681 (3,537,640)  
 COVID Relief 2,678,347 2,853,674 175,327  
 Land Management Fund 2,018,891 2,218,255 199,363  
 Self Insurance N/A 633,886 633,886 TOTAL (inc non-major funds) 21,055,391 20,365,773 (689,618)

The following vendors with claims of \$2,000 or more, and 414 claims under \$2,000 totaling \$210,865.55, were paid during the period of September 1, 2021-September 30, 2021: 4.0 SCHOOL SERVICES OF EAST CENTRAL, 2,024.04; Aml Cleaning Service, Inc, 4,000.00; Anderson Electric, 6,759.51; Canon Financial Services, Inc, 2,107.26; CLOQUET RIVERSIDE RECYCLING, INC, 6,815.00; DSC Communications, 5,418.40; East Central Energy Of Braham, 26,735.76; East Central Solid Waste Comm, 2,685.36; KRONOS SAASHR INC, 2,518.99; MEND CORRECTIONAL CARE PLLC, 27,310.50; MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CORP, 4,967.64; MINNESOTA POWER, 2,209.03; Mn Depart Of Revenue, 138,041.36; Mn State Auditor, 2,899.00; OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES, 5,323.75; OWENS COMPANIES INC, 2,682.88; Pine Co Highway Department, 12,069.82; Regents Of The U Of Mn, 2,830.59; Reliance Systems, 2,000.00; Streamworks, LLC, 8,700.00; Streicher's Inc, 2,893.93; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT LLC, 20,049.74; Verizon Wireless, 6,297.73; West Group, 2,021.97; WINDEMERE TOWNSHIP LAKES ASSOCIATION, 36,121.14; ZOOM-CARDMEMBER SERVICE, 2,599.00; Central Mn Jobs & Training Services, 112,062.02; Central Mn Mental Health Ctr, 2,500.00; DHS State Operated Services, 4,264.05; East Central Reg Juvenile Center, 8,420.42; Mille Lacs Band Family Services, 12,849.48; Nexus-Gerard Family Healing LLC, 10,115.92; Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing, 6,731.65; North Homes Inc, 5,578.24; Northwestern Mn Juvenile Center, 8,215.00; Northwoods Children Home, 10,057.64; Pine/County Of, 18,799.21; Pitney Bowes, 2,408.94; Rolling Hills Hospital LLC, 14,880.00; Solid Oak Financial Services, LLC, 3,270.00; Verizon Wireless, 4,563.24; Village Ranch Residential Facility, 6,065.46; Aaa Striping Service Co, 32,648.67; Cavallin Inc, 2,750.12; DOOLEYS PETROLEUM INC, 39,865.96; Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc, 57,708.80; ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO LLC, 12,159.68; Knife River Corp, 4,453,028.04; LHB INC, 16,616.00; Mn Depart Of Transportation, 8,937.15; North Pine Aggregate Inc, 4,914.00; Nuss Truck Group Inc, 9,726.75; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc, 8,220.00; ROCON PAVING, 5,822.29; Rydberg & Sons, Inc., 43,530.25; SEH INC, 7, 251.89;

Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc Inc, 18,052.07; WSBANDASSOCIATES, 18,052.07; MINNESOTA LAND TRUST, 9,660.13; OBEY/JAMES & WILDA, 18,160.13; JONES CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC, 30,225.00; MPJ ENTERPRISES LLC, 15,300.00; UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 213,772.68; BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA, 4,636.00; FURTHER, 8,415.44; MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC, 3,542.51; MEDICAREBLUE RX, 4,897.80; Mn Life Insurance Company, 4,244.40; Department Of Finance, 12,303.50.

Approve the Application for Abatement for Northern Natural Gas, multiple parcels, payable 2018-2019 – Tax Court Ordered.

Approve Commissioners' Expense Claim Forms.

Approve acceptance of a \$100 anonymous donation to be designated to the Pine County Sheriff's Office backpack fund for the school supply drive.

Approve the three-year Assessment Agreements between the Pine County Assessor's Office and the City of Rock Creek, Norman Township, Partridge Township, and Finlayson Township to allow the county assessor's office to conduct assessments in these jurisdictions. The City of Rock Creek and Finlayson township will pay \$8.50 per parcel, Norman and Partridge townships will pay \$8.00 per parcel for assessment year 2022.

Approve the hiring of Adult Protection Social Worker Mary Heffner, effective October 26, 2021, \$25.37 per hour, Grade 10, Step 1; Child Protection Case Management Social Worker Nicole Vork, effective November 1, 2021, \$25.37 per hour, Grade 10, Step 1; and Full-time Deputy Sheriff Andrew Collins, effective October 25, 2021, \$26.13 per hour, Grade 10, Step 1.

Approve Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Krista Jensen to attend the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference, November 30-December 2, 2021 in Orlando, FL.

**Personnel Committee Report**  
 Commissioner Mohr provided an overview of the Personnel Committee which met October 11, 2021. The Personnel Committee made the following recommendations:

**A. Health and Human Services**

i. Acknowledge the retirement of Case Aide Betty Kosloski, effective October 29, 2021.

ii. Acknowledge the resignation of Child Protection Worker Kristen Radzak, effective January 21, 2022, and approve backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer. Immediate recruitment is to allow for sufficient training time and transfer of duties.

**B. Public Works**

i. Acknowledge the retirement of Highway Maintenance Supervisor Todd Booker, effective October 29, 2021.

ii. Approve the creation of a new position, Highway Maintenance Superintendent, Grade 13, approve the job description, and eliminate one of two Highway Maintenance Supervisor Grade 12 positions.

iii. Approve the revised job description for Highway Maintenance Supervisor grade 11. The position is currently a Grade 12 and vacant.

iv. Approve recruitment for the newly created Highway Maintenance Superintendent position, Grade 13, wage \$31.12-\$40.45 per hour, and backfill of any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

v. Approve recruitment for the Highway Maintenance Supervisor Position, Grade 11, wage \$28.52-\$37.08 per hour, and back fill of any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

**C. Sheriff's Office**

i. Acknowledge the resignation of Deputy Sheriff Colin Waddle, effective October 1, 2021, and request backfill of position and any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

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

**Health Insurance Committee Report**

Commissioner Lovgren stated the Health Insurance Committee met October 12, 2021.

The Health Insurance Committee recommended a 6% health insurance rate increase for 2022 and a change in prescription drug coverage as follows: Ventolin asthma inhaler and Copaxone will be replaced with FDA approved equivalents, and colorectal cancer screening coverage will be covered beginning at age 45 versus age 50.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to recommend a 6% health insurance rate increase for 2022

and set the 2022 health insurance premiums with United Health Care as follows:

Health Insurance Plan Monthly Premium County Cost Employee Cost Annual HSA/VEBA CMM-1500/Single \$ 884.57 \$ 864.82 \$ 19.75 \$0.00 CMM-1500/Family \$2,211.16 \$1,798.71 \$412.45 \$0.00 VEBA/Single \$ 952.41 \$ 814.57 \$137.84 \$1,275.00 VEBA/Family \$2,581.63 \$1,586.21 \$995.42 \$2,550.00 HSA/Single \$ 826.27 \$ 821.27 \$ 5.00 \$1,194.60 HSA/Family \$2,013.47 \$1,798.71 \$214.76 \$0.00

Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to accept United Health Care's plan change recommendations involving prescription drugs and cancer screening. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Certificate of Support. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the contracts between Health and Human Services and the following American Rescue Plan Act Mini-Grant Awardees: Wellness in the Woods/\$5,762; Linwood Group Meetings in partnership with the Region 7E Innovation Team/\$5,000; Bethlehem Lutheran Church/\$4,000; Empower Recovery Services/\$2,499.98; Changing Gait/\$1,400; Anam Cara Therapies, PLLC/\$1,400. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Resolution 2021-68 allowing purchasing from Mohr Parts and Supplies Inc. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Mohr abstained from voting.

County Administrator David Minke provided an update of the budget through September 30, 2021 by reviewing expenditure and revenue of the major funds. At the end of the third quarter revenue and expenditures are as expected.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Resolution 2021-69 Creating a Study Committee Under MS 469.1082 to Make a Recommendation Related to the Formation of a Development Authority and appoint the following to the committee: Aaron Bombard, Bradley Buys, Jon Dorau, Henry Fischer, Kathy George, Josh Mohr, Kyle Morell, Lezlie Sauter, Tim Schmutzer, Mary Kay Sloan, Peter Spartz, Dave Ubl, J.J. Waldhalm, and Don Zeman. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

County Administrator Minke reviewed the procedure for conducting a closed meeting via electronic means.

**Closed Meeting – Labor Negotiations**

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to close the meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.03 to consider negotiation strategies and develop, discuss and review labor negotiation proposals for negotiations with the Correction Officer/Dispatch Unit represented by AFSCME, conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 179A.01 to 179A.25. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was closed at 11:15 a.m. Present were Commissioners Hallan, Mohr, Lovgren, Waldhalm and Ludwig, and County Administrator David Minke. All were present in the meeting room with the exception of Commissioner Ludwig who joined via electronic means.

The closed session adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The open session reconvened at 11:55 a.m.


With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Board Room, Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, 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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**EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

 Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266		District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and FY 2022				ED-00110-44	
<b>General Information:</b> Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.							
District Name:	East Central				District Number:	2580	
Fund	FY 2021 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2021 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2021 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2021 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2022 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2022 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2022 Projected Fund Balances
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 983,854	\$ 2,221,830	\$ 1,657,985	\$ 1,547,699	\$ 1,646,134	\$ 1,702,409	\$ 1,491,424
General Fund/Other	\$ 4,776,342	\$ 9,379,058	\$ 8,499,330	\$ 5,656,070	\$ 8,084,598	\$ 8,778,973	\$ 4,961,696
Food Service Fund	\$ 87,087	\$ 371,238	\$ 372,507	\$ 85,818	\$ 360,600	\$ 360,421	\$ 85,997
Community Service Fund	\$ 285,829	\$ 275,886	\$ 170,398	\$ 391,317	\$ 225,522	\$ 277,711	\$ 339,128
Building Construction Fund	\$ 1,984,031	\$ 2,537	\$ 1,679,455	\$ 307,112	\$ 1,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 248,112
Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,390,686	\$ 1,867,777	\$ 1,589,165	\$ 1,669,299	\$ 2,141,573	\$ 1,976,500	\$ 1,834,372
Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total - All Funds</b>	\$ 9,507,829	\$ 14,118,327	\$ 13,968,841	\$ 9,657,316	\$ 12,459,427	\$ 13,156,014	\$ 8,960,729
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>				<b>Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81</b>			
Outstanding July 1, 2020				Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2021			
Plus: New Issues							
Less: Redeemed Issues				<b>Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2021</b>			
Outstanding June 30, 2021				Total Operating Expenditures			
<b>Short-Term Debt</b>				FY 2021 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted Extended ADM			
Certificates of Indebtedness				FY 2021 Operating Cost per ADM			
Other Short-Term Indebtedness							
<i>The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.</i>							
Comments:							

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# Local woodland habitat critical for increasingly rare warbler's survival

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**Golden-winged warblers like this one have been listed as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need. Minnesota is home to about half of the global population of this increasingly rare bird.**

Becker, Hubbard, Crow Wing, Carlton, Pine, Mille Lacs, Lake of the Woods, Clearwater, Wadena, Roseau, Lake, Kanabec, Morrison, Koochiching, Aitkin, Mahanomen.

To apply, landowners should contact their local USDA Service Center. Applications are due by Dec. 17, 2021.

**Project 2: Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program**

The project will be used to support the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, which is a voluntary approach for producers and agricultural landowners to become certified through a whole-farm evaluation that assesses the operation's risk to water quality and management of that risk.

Producers that demonstrate su-

perior water quality conservation management receive certification by the State of Minnesota and receive regulatory certainty for the duration of their ten-year certification, which stipulates they are deemed to be in compliance with any new state water quality laws and rules which take effect during the certification period.

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**ABOUT THE RCPP**

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program offers new opportunities for the NRCS, conservation partners, and agricultural producers to work together to harness innovation, expand the conservation mission, and demonstrate the value and efficacy of voluntary, private lands conservation. Applicants for RCPP must qualify for USDA NRCS Farm Bill programs.

**LOCAL USDA CENTERS**

For more information about participating in Regional Conservation Partnership Programs, contact a local USDA Service Center

**Aitkin County**  
130 Southgate Drive, Aitkin,  
(218) 927-2413

**Carlton County**  
4850 Miller Trunk Hwy, #2B, Duluth  
(218) 720-5209

**Kanabec County**  
2008 Mahogany Street, Suite 3, Mora  
(320) 679-3781

**Pine County**  
260 Morris Avenue, Hinckley, MN  
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# MEAL: Sign up for free meal by this Monday

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time using their online form.

For more details and to place your order, visit their website: <https://ospreywilds.org/event/turkey-feast-2021/>

First Lutheran Church ELCA in Hinckley will be purchasing meals from Osprey again this year instead of holding

a separate community meal. Call ahead to reserve a meal at 320-384-6393. If leaving a message be sure to include the name, number of meals needed, a phone number and the address as they will deliver the meals. The church will also cover the suggested donation price of the meal.

# REBELS: Work hard, have fun, expect to win

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journey that was filled with memories and emotions that will not soon be forgotten. Thank you for reminding us what it can feel like when a community comes together to support one another." He also stated, "Thank you for giving us such a wonderful distraction from our daily routines. Thank you for giving all of us something to truly cheer for and embrace." Niedzielski went on to say, "While the journey may have ended a bit sooner than we had hoped, it is at

this time I am reminded of the words of a wise Rebel great, "The sun will come up tomorrow, and Rebel Nation will shine again."

After every game, Coach Dave Louzek says, "it's all about the kids. It's not about coaching records or championships. It's about the kids having fun and coming together as a family and learning some life lessons."

Work hard. Have fun. Expect to win.

# SUBS: Hiring now

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members are willing to step up and fill in when needed.

"Five subs short is rather normal these days," Superintendent Andy Almos said. The school averages three subs per day in a normal year, but the pandemic has increased the need, he explained.

Almos said they increased the pay from

\$130 a day to \$170 in order to entice more subs and especially paraprofessionals.

Anyone with a four year college degree can qualify to substitute teach.

For more information call the district office at 1-320-245-6000.

# New Panther Scholarship

STAFF REPORT  
NEWS@PINECOUNTYNEWS.COM

As a part of reunion planning, the Sandstone High School graduating classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 will be sponsoring a new scholarship through the East Central Dollars for Scholars program.

The Panther Scholarship will be for \$2,500 for an East Central graduate in 2022 and 2023. The scholarship is focused on kindness and can be ap-

plied for in March 2022.

Anyone interested in supporting The Panther Scholarship can donate directly on the East Central Dollars for Scholars website or send a check directly to:

East Central Dollars for Scholars  
PO Box 4  
Askov, MN 55704  
Please ensure you specify "The Panther Scholarship" on your donation.



MIKE DRAHOSH | PINE COUNTY COURIER

# Veterans Honored

Veteran's Day was celebrated in Sandstone last week with a ceremony at the Sandstone Veteran's Memorial. Mayor, Pete Spartz, was the guest speaker, prayers were read by Pat Makela and the Sandstone-Finlayson American Legion Honor Guard presided over the event.



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