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OSPREY WILDS: Combine Halloween fun with education. **P2**

Wanted: Volunteer veterans

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The Denham/Sturgeon Lake American Legion Post 361 donates much to the community, including about \$3,500 in scholarships a year, the Willow River football scoreboard, bikes for the Sturgeon Lake National Night Out, Mercy Hospital Lights of Love and more.

The only request they have of the community is for veterans to join the organization. Three years ago there were 82 members, this year there are 57, said Wally Sarvela, membership coordinator. The age range is about 60-90.

Several members said they would like to see Gulf War veterans and other younger veterans join the organization and carry on the tradition of giving in the community.

"My country asked me to sign up and I did it," said George Newham, Army veteran. He said he was drafted in 1966 as a newlywed of only a few weeks. He said he has now been married for 55



The Denham/Sturgeon Lake American Legion Honor Guard stand ready at a recent funeral of a former member.

years.

"We signed up to serve our country," said John Wiel-

inski, Airforce veteran who served 1970-1975. Both veterans said when the American

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Unemployment falls again in Pine County

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The jobless rate for Pine County ticked down a fraction of a percentage point to 3.6% in August. According to a recent report released by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), this puts Pine County's unemployment at the lowest point yet in 2021 – and among the lowest on record for the month.

With a labor force of 14,543, there were 14,014 employed and 529 unemployed in Pine County this past August.

FROM 2020 TO 2021

COVID had a major impact on unemployment in 2020, and in August 2020 the unemployment rate stood at 7.5% – which still was well below the year's highest unemployment rate of 12.1% in April 2020.

Unemployment dropped to a low of 4.2% in October 2020, then climbed to 8.8% in January and February of 2021. It fell in March and April, hitting 4.5% in May 2021. It jogged up to 4.7% in June, then dropped a full percentage point to 3.7% in July and to 3.6% in August.

DEED data shows that unemployment in Pine County traditionally rises in winter and early spring, then falls through summer and into fall. Though the COVID pandemic upset that trend in 2020, it appears to have reasserted itself in 2021.

HISTORICALLY LOW

The August 2021 unemployment rate for Pine County is among the lowest on record for August – the third lowest, in fact.

Going back through DEED unemployment data on Pine County – which starts in 1999 – the 3.6% rate for August 2021 has been surpassed only by a 3.5% unemployment rate in August 2000 and a 3.2% unemployment rate in August 2018.

The highest-ever recorded Pine County unemployment rate was 16.4% in February 1991. The lowest Pine County unemployment rate on record was 2.6% in September 2018.

REGIONAL COMPARISON

How did Pine County fare compared to neighboring counties this August? In Chisago County, the rate was 3.2%. In Carlton County, the rate was 3.4%. In Aitkin County, Isanti County and Kanabec County the rate was 3.5%.

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Halloween scare for a good cause

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The Finlayson woods are alive with the sounds of shrieks, screams and evil laughter echoing through the night every weekend in October. Hundreds of people of all ages have been scared out of their wits at the haunted trail in the middle of nowhere.

The Devil's Getaway Haunted Trail in Finlayson had a humble beginning in the basement of Sheri Scott's home as a fun event for her daycare children. They eventually moved it outside into the woods and it continued to grow with the help of her sons Drew and Chris. They added a hay wagon ride and continued to grow the haunted trail for several years.

When his mom and brother decided to call it quits, the now 22-year-old Drew took over the family project.

They recently had their best attendance Saturday, Oct. 9, said Drew. He estimated about 200 people including a wedding party wove their way through the scary scenes in the deep, dark woods.

Drew said friends and family members volunteer to set up the sets in the woods which include a gory butcher shop, creepy clown shack, a doll house and more. They mowed a trail in the field to grow the event and added a maze.

"Every year we add something new so it's not the same thing every year,"



One of the creepy scenes set in the woods in Finlayson at the Devil's Getaway Haunted Trail.

Drew said.

He added that 2020 racked the highest attendance of the 14 years. Due to the pandemic he operated the event like a trunk or treat family friendly event. He said it was very successful and plans to do that again 5-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. He said it is not as spooky. There is not a charge for the trunk or treat.

Every year they donate the profits to someone in need or an organization such as the Gillette Children's Hospital or cancer society.

This year they're donating the money to one of their own. A trail member who did not want to be named in the paper was diagnosed with stage 3 kidney cancer earlier this summer. The cancer spread into the blood and lungs. The member began chemotherapy and radiation last month. The cancer has not spread. Once the cancer is gone from the offending kidney,

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it can be removed. The trail will be open dusk until 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22

and Saturday, Oct. 23 and the final weekend Friday, Oct. 29- Sunday, Oct. 31. The cost of admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 years and under.

It is located at 6425 Finlayson Road, Finlayson.



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HALLOWEEN FUN IN NORTHERN PINE COUNTY

SANDSTONE:

Free Family Fun Night

The community is welcome to stop by the Sandstone Fire Hall at 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31. There will be games, treats and prizes as well as a free light supper.

Trunk or Treat

Children are invited to stop at the Rock 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct 31.

HINCKLEY:

Lions Club Halloween Party Drive Through

Families are invited to a drive through party at 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct 31. It will be held in front Hinckley Elementary School on Blair Avenue. There will not be a costume contest this year.

Take a walk on the wild side at Osprey Wilds

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Halloween fun combines with nature education at Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct 23. The Creatures of the Night is a family friendly event that includes a half mile hike for all ages. This is the second year that staff and volunteers will dress in costumes, such as a spider, coyote or a witch and share history, facts and myths about various

creatures, said Carly Gelderman, communications coordinator. They will add new creatures to change it up from last year's event.

She said one of the fun facts they learned last year is that bats are not blind and can see in the dark.

"They find and eat bugs in the dark using echolocation and can eat up to 1200 mosquitoes an hour," Gelderman said. She added that it is more of a walk than a hike and easy for people of all ages.

Hikers are invited to warm up by the bonfire with a warm drink after the hike. A group of wildlife ambassadors will have live animals for people to learn more about at the end of the event.

Children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult. Children four years and under are free, ages 5-12 are \$5 and ages 13 and up are \$10. Registration and payment are required by Wednesday, Oct. 20. Visit the website or call 320-245-2648 for more information. Address is 54165 Audubon Dr. Sandstone, Minn.



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This is the second year that staff and volunteers will dress in costumes, such as a spider, coyote or a witch and share history, facts and myths during the Creatures of the Night.

JOBS: Residents working

FROM PAGE 1

STATE AND NATION

DEED reports unemployment

rate dipped slightly to 3.8% in Minnesota in August, while the U.S. unemployment rate fell to 5.2%.

It Pays to advertise in the American!

LEGION: Shortage of volunteer veterans cause problems for area organizations

Legion later asked them to join, they signed up and hope younger veterans will do the same.

They said they are also short members willing and able to participate in the Honor Guard during funerals and for Memorial Day events.

One member said he appreciates the public support for veterans now because it was not there when he left the service decades ago.

Any interested veteran is invited to stop by the monthly meeting at the Corral Bar at 8135 Willow St., Willow River, Minn. at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month to visit with current members or join. Call 218-232-0941 for more information.



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Even Nelson and Wyatt Jordan participate in the flag presentation after the funeral for one of their own Friday, Bob Ketchmark, Friday, Oct. 8



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Front row, left to right: John Wielinski, Gordy Jacobson, Bob Paulson. Back row: Steve Napier, Walter Sarvela, David Kolosky, Butch Ketchmark, Rich Good, Lyn Jacobson, Ron Miaskock and Ron Nowaski pose for a photo at the Corral Bar in Willow River. They are members of the Honor Guard and Denham/Sturgeon Lake American Legion Post 361.

Late-season boaters encouraged to play it safe

CONTRIBUTED
MN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Minnesota's waterways were unusually deadly this year, with 17 people losing their lives in boating-related drownings and crashes—the highest number since 2005. And with weeks of open water left this year, there's a chance that total could climb higher.

"Any life lost on the water is one too many, and we hope we've seen the last of these terrible tragedies," said Lisa Dugan, DNR recreation safety outreach coordinator. "Too many families have had their lives immeasurably altered while their loved ones were taking part in what should be a fun and memorable activity."

Of the 17 people who died, 16 were not known to be wearing life jackets when they went into the water. Some of them fell unexpectedly into the

water, while others jumped in and experienced some sort of trouble that prevented them from getting back to their boat. The DNR recommends people always wear a life jacket when they're on the water, but it's especially important during the cold-water season, when expected falls in can incapacitate even the strongest swimmers in a matter of minutes.

While air temperatures have been above normal for much of the fall, the water temperature has dropped below 70 degrees, which is the threshold for classifying water as cold. Each year, about 30 percent of boating-related fatalities happen during the cold-water periods of spring and fall.

Anglers and hunters tend to be the primary people on the water at this time of year, but paddlers and others also venture onto the water to enjoy the relative solitude of the water

after the summer crowds have parked their boats.

Following are other safety reminders as people head out onto cold water:

- Wear a life jacket (foam life jackets are more effective than inflatable life jackets during the cold-water season).

- Distribute weight in the boat evenly and abide by manufacturer's weight limits to reduce the likelihood of falling overboard.

- Have a means of communication. Boaters also should let other people know where they're going and when they plan to return.

- Watch the weather to avoid shifting winds or storms.

- Wear an engine cut-off device if the boat is equipped with one.

For more information on staying safe on or around cold water, see the DNR's cold water webpage.

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Veteran's Day Program

Please join the Bruno Legion Post 563 as they conduct a Veteran's Day Program to honor all Veterans.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH • 11 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church
75711 Bakken Blvd., Bruno, MN
Coffee and cookies to follow




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HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children ages 0-10
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Last minute decision minimized damage from vehicle accident

It was Wednesday afternoon when Gary and I were driving in the metro area, approaching our exit in rush hour. Cars were backing up on the ramp as they waited for a stop light change. Our timing was poor as the waiting vehicles lined down the ramp and onto the exit's far right lane of the freeway. Gary slowed our pickup truck to add us to the end of that line. In those same moments, a man in a smaller vehicle was also heading for that same exit, and he started to slow up behind our truck. He later was heard



Finlayson News
Maxine Meyer

telling the highway patrol, "I knew I was in trouble when my foot went all the way down to the floor." As luck would have it, that exit was under construction, with cement dividers lining the right side all the way down along the exit area on the freeway. That left nowhere for a run-away vehicle to safely get off. The car's driver moved to the right as far and as fast as he could, and when our truck was nearly stopped he connected under our passenger side-back bumper. We definitely felt the car hit us. Gary held our stop and kept us from hitting the car ahead. We immediately glanced in rear view mirrors and couldn't believe the mess of a vehicle right behind. Gary jumped out first and ran to check the driver, I grabbed my phone for photos and documenting information.

The accident could have been worse in so many ways, but as it happened, we were all in good shape. The impact to our vehicle didn't result in much damage. His car had the hood folded back into the windshield, the engine appeared to be damaged significantly from fitting under our truck. Fluids were coming out of his engine and time seemed to stand still as we three watched and waited for the highway patrol. Our truck was still in drivable condition so when we were dismissed, Gary drove us home. Our young acquaintance waited for a tow. If there was a lesson in this episode, I would say a renewed respect for vehicle maintenance was had by all. The car's driver had borrowed that car, he may have some additional "lessons learned." A day later I was thinking back on a

conversation Gary and I had before we left on that trip. We were going back and forth on taking his truck vs my smaller vehicle. Don't tell him I said this, but I sure am glad Gary won that discussion (cough.) Janet Halonen gifted us a jar of her freshly made salsa a couple weeks ago. There are so many recipes for salsa, and everyone loves their own the best, but Janet has definitely got a good one. It has a list of ingredients as long as my arm, but I think I'm going to have to break down and start growing peppers next year and start my own batch. Thanks Janet for sharing, it is indeed a very yummy salsa and you have definitely won our entire family over. Rapid City, South Dakota, got snow on October 12, and even more just a day or two later. We heard Deadwood, South Dako-

ta, got 27 inches after the snow finished falling. Yeouza. Anyway, our friend Dave Christensen of Rapid City heard about our accident and he just had to call and give Gary some good natured ribbing. You see, about three years ago we were passengers in his pickup when a texting driver rear-ended his truck. He chatted for only about 15 minutes when he had to hang up to go blow out his and the neighbor driveways. It used to be here in Finlayson we beat them for first snow in the fall. That's one "first of the season" I don't mind seeing them win.

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October is National Apple Month



Food N' Friends
Mary Ellen Dewey

IF YOU have a favorite recipe you would like to share, send it to Mary Ellen at recipe@pinecountycourier.com. ENJOY!!

BAKED APPLE PANCAKES

- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 4 Tbsp. sugar, divided
- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 large apple, peeled, cored and sliced
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 c. milk
- 1/3 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Melt butter in 10" oven proof fry pan. Combine 3 Tbsp. sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle evenly over butter. Arrange apples over sugar mixture. Cook over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes. Cool slightly. Meanwhile beat together eggs, milk, flour, 1 Tablespoon sugar, and salt until smooth. Pour gently over apple slices. Bake at 400 degrees until golden brown and sides are puffy, about 15-20 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 2-4 people.

APPLE BREAD

- 1/2 c. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. baking soda dissolved in 2 Tbsp. milk
- 2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. apples, cut up with skin on
- Topping:
- 3 Tbsp. flour
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 3 Tbsp. butter

Beat butter, sugar, eggs and dissolved baking soda together. Add flour, salt, vanilla and apples. Beat until mixed. Pour into a greased loaf pan. Topping: Mix flour, sugar, cinnamon, and butter together. Sprinkle on top of bread. Bake @ 350 degrees for 60 to 70 minutes.

APPLE AND CHEESE COBBLER

Topping:

- 1 c. all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/3 c. cold butter, plus extra for the dish
- 1 egg
- 1/4 c. milk

Fruit layer:

- 1-1/2 lbs. cooking apples
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 2 Tbsp. quick-cooking tapioca
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1-1/4 c. water
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 c. shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

Vanilla sauce:

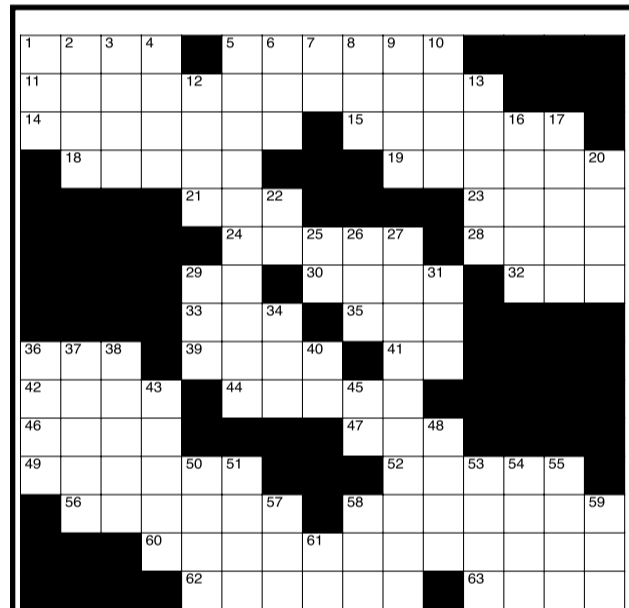
- 2 c. milk
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. butter

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Butter a shallow 8 or 9-inch round or square dish.

Topping: In a medium bowl mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. With a pastry blender, cut in the 1/3 cup butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix the egg and milk together and stir into the crumbly mixture to make a soft dough.

Fruit layer: Peel, core, and slice the apples. It should be about 4 cups. In a medium bowl add the apples and sugar and mix well, and set aside. In a medium saucepan, combine tapioca, cinnamon, nutmeg, water and butter. Place over medium-high heat and cook, stirring, until the mixture boils. Add the apples and remove from the heat. Let stand for 5 minutes. Transfer to the baking dish and top with the cheese. Drop rounded spoonfuls of cobbler topping onto the cheese layer. Bake uncovered, for 20-25 minutes, or until the cobbler is slightly browned.

Sauce: While the cobbler is baking, in a medium saucepan, blend the milk, cornstarch, and sugar. Bring to a boil over medium-low heat, stirring constantly. Cook, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened. Stir in the vanilla and butter. Serve hot from the oven or cooled with some vanilla sauce on each serving.



CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Flat-topped hill | 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.) |
| 5. Move upward | 39. Feels ill |
| 11. Admiration | 41. Indicates position |
| 14. It's useful for serving food | 42. Beverage containers |
| 15. Kidnap | 44. Assists |
| 18. One of the Greek Muses | 46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.) |
| 19. A type of media | 47. Purpose |
| 21. Sunscreen rating | 49. Group of elected officials |
| 23. Former Michigan coach Brady | 52. Hebrew prophet |
| 24. German town devastated in WW2 | 56. They help you drink |
| 28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two | 58. Lawmaker |
| 29. Leave | 60. Charitable |
| 30. Forearm bone | 62. Doctrines |
| 32. Very fast airplane | 63. Footwear |
| 33. Helps little firms | |
| 35. Defunct economic organization | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Where wrestlers work | 31. Perform on stage |
| 2. Dueling sword | 34. White clerical vestment |
| 3. Practice fight | 36. Popular musical awards show |
| 4. Genus of clams | 37. Bumpkins |
| 5. Fear of heights | 38. One who acts on another's behalf |
| 6. What some tell their dog | 40. Direction |
| 7. The Golden State | 43. Look at with fixed eyes |
| 8. When you expect to get there | 45. One who helps professors (abbr.) |
| 9. Pointed ends | 48. A large number of |
| 10. Extinct flightless bird | 50. Type of powder |
| 12. Feeds | 51. Large jug |
| 13. Nape of neck | 53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author |
| 16. Descendant | 54. American state |
| 17. Small boats found in Turkey | 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines |
| 20. To avoid the risk of | 57. Witness |
| 22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.) | 58. Landscapers lay it |
| 25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet | 59. Type of bread |
| 26. Brew | 61. Of 1 |
| 27. Feeling of anxiety | |
| 29. Young girls group | |



Time for term limits

MORE AND MORE people are advocating term limits for those serving on Capitol Hill in Washington. Many people once they are elected focus on making financial benefits for themselves rather than what's best for the American people.

We have term limits for the president and for many state legislators, governors and mayors. Why not for the senators and representatives in Congress?

Surveys show a high percentage of Americans want the terms limited.

Once you are elected to Congress, there is a lot of pressure put on the individual senator or representative to follow party lines with loyalty or lose position or appointments to various committees. To be truly independent and stand for what you are elected on and serve the best interests of the American people becomes nearly impossible.

Politicians and their friends in lobbying organizations will have nothing to do with term limits.

In order to accomplish term limits, it may take a petition of the American people to bring this as an amendment to the Constitution.

It's time to consider term limits to affect the positive future of America.

WHY IS THERE never a headline that says, "Government program ends as its intended goal has been achieved." Quote from Oleg Atbashian

APRIL ZIEMER, EDITOR of the Amery Free Press in Amery, Wisconsin writes in her column:

Did you know, if a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes?

THE SEASONS ARE changing and people in Minnesota and Wisconsin look forward to it. Signs of fall are hunters and their dogs getting excited and harvesting is well underway. The summer heat and drought was hard on the yields of corn and beans and has affected popular

hunting areas.

Docks and boats are being pulled which gives a first-hand look at the lower water levels. Children are back in school, for the most part with masks, and the medical people are continuing to encourage vaccinations as well as flu shots. A third vaccination is also being encouraged.

MORE AND MORE people who have had vegetable gardens are doing canning. That also includes fruits they are harvesting and purchased. It all helps the budget as food prices inflate.

HEARD ON THE street: "97% of the wine purchased in the U.S. is under \$14.00 a bottle."

HIGH SCHOOL AND college football is underway. These are exciting events in our local communities.

For the pros, the Vikings and Packers are off to troubling starts. It may take more than patience to get through this season.

IN MY LIFETIME I have never seen a time when our society was so divided and hostile to each other. There is a lot of anxiety going on with COVID-19 and the Delta variant. We seem to continue to get conflicting reports from the Centers for Disease Control and our government.

Unemployment is high and so is the demand for employees. Shortages of staff are showing up in restaurants, supermarkets and all types of offices and manufacturing facilities. The people shortage is causing long waits on phone lines. You need to plan to take a day off if you want to get an airline ticket or information by phone.

The bonus employment compensation is ending and some people will be prompted to return or find a job. The high cost of child care is making some families think twice on whether or not they should have two incomes.

Many employers are allowing their employees to continue working at home. Restaurants are losing business and cutting hours and days open. Many signs in restaurants remind customers they are short of staff and they need to be patient.

STATE, COUNTY AND local elections are coming up shortly. This newspaper will provide information so you have a better idea of who you want to vote for. Voting is important. Every vote counts so be informed.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religion is no excuse

To the Editor:

Please stop using God as an excuse every time you don't want to do something that is in yours and others best interest. Religion is no excuse for not wanting to get vaccinated. Face it. You just don't want to. Have the courage to say that, and face the consequences. What would be better, would be to go get the shot, then say a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for giving us smart people who have educated themselves so that they can help us through tough times. God has given us the tools we need to fight this thing, so lets use them.

Steven Palmer Sandstone, Minn.

Respect life

To the Editor:

October is Respect Life Month. Its purpose is to remind us that every single human being, from conception until natural death, has a dignity or worth that must be respected. This message of Respect Life Month is even

more important now as we face emotionally charged debates over abortion. Important decisions should be made based on facts not emotions, and it is a biological fact that human life begins at conception. This is not a matter of opinion, nor is it a religious question. That means when a woman conceives, we are no longer talking about one person but two, both with equal dignity. So, the question before us is this: Will we as a nation respect the dignity of both mother and child or not? Abortion has been legal for a long time now, nearly 50 years. It has become an accepted part of our lives. In that sense, changing how things are done, making abortion illegal, would be very significant. It would alter how we look at things. It would cause many to modify their behavior. Yet, if we want to live in a nation where there is equal justice for all, then the facts demand we make this change. Change is always hard. Our nation once accepted segregation as a way of life. Yet, the fact that segregation was a way of life

did not make it right. When laws began to change, there was resistance, sometimes violent resistance. Governor George Wallace of Alabama proclaimed, "Segregation, now. Segregation tomorrow. Segregation forever." In our times, to deny the humanity and the dignity of the unborn child does not change the fact that the unborn child is still a human being. To deny that fact and to abort that child, to kill that child (even though it is legal) is not right now anymore than legal segregation was right then. That is why we must work to change the laws with regard to abortion. In the end, all of us must decide what kind of nation we want to have. One where the dignity and right to life for all people, born and unborn, is respected, or one where might makes right. If we decide for the second option, then we also need to recognize that only the strongest will be truly safe. Our nation made a mistake in 1973. It is time for us to correct that mistake.

Fr. Joseph A. Sirba Hincley, Minn.



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WILLOW RIVER NEWS

usually don't put death notices in the column simply because I have gotten negative feedback about it. For example, getting a call from an irate



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Kathi Bennett

family member saying "Why didn't you put my father's death announcement in the article, when he was more well-known than (fill in name here)". But I am making an exception to my rule. Bob Ketchmark was such a well-known figure in Willow River; how can I not say something about his passing? Bob wanted a "party" when he was gone, so the family had one at the Corral Bar on Sunday. There were so many cars I couldn't count them all. There were people all over the place. It was a lovely turn out and a testament to what kind of a guy Bob was. Rest in peace Bob. You will be missed. The WFRD 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 the school: Congratulations Alex Watrin and Natalie Mikrot as the homecoming King and Queen 2021 for Willow River School. The school has employment opportunities for the following positions:

EAST CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Thursday, October 21
No School
Friday, October 22
No school

Monday, October 25
Blue line: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, and milk
Silver line: Salisbury steak, bread stick, applesauce, and milk

Tuesday, October 26
Blue line: Sloppy joes on bun, chips, mixed veggies, pears, and milk
Silver line: Chicken fajita, chips, pears, mixed veggies, and milk

Wednesday, October 27
Blue line: Corn dog, fries, green beans, pears, and milk
Silver line: Chicken sandwich, chips, pears, green beans, and milk

High School Band & Choir Teacher, Elementary Music Teacher, Special Ed Paraprofessional, Kitchen Aide, and Dishwasher. The Fall Conferences will be Oct 26 - 28 from 3-6 p.m. and November 8 is no school. The monthly PTO meeting is November 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually. Please email pto@isd577.org for more information. The end of the first quarter is Nov. 12.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore's Church on Sunday. Come join them for delicious food and fellowship. 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 a.m. St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 - 5 p.m. every Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 5:00 pm. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary on the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Isidore's Church.

Please remember that the City of Willow River has a leash law and you must have your dog on a leash when walking them on city streets. There have been numerous complaints about dogs being loose around the bank and post office. Please keep them under control when out in public. People don't like being scared by dogs growling at them.

BRUNO/KERRICK NEWS

On Saturday, October 16, Mitch, Liz, David, April and Daniel Clausen attended the beautiful wedding of Megan Loew and Daniel Vander-



Bruno/Kerrick News
Sylvia Schweiger

beck in Forest Lake where they also enjoyed a delicious meal, music and catching up with friends. Remember if you have any news that you would like to share/sub-

mit, please feel free to contact me at email address: storebol@frontier.com or call at 320-838-3554...thank you Sylvia

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Expansion project at Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake underway

**100 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 18, 1921**

- The marriage of two of Askov's popular young folks Mr. Jens Hyldahl to Miss Sara Jensen took place at the local Danish Lutheran Church with Rev. S.D. Rodholm officiating.
- Great Northern Railway officials in St. Paul have agreed to build a new depot at the intersection of Fourth street and Main Avenue in Sandstone.

**75 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 17, 1946**

- The first airplane to "park" on Main Street in Askov was here Monday. The plane flown by Lloyd Reed of Sandstone landed and took off twice on the north approach to the village. Mr. Reed was here to look over the possibility of having an airport at Askov and was impressed with the work now being done on the landing strip north east of the village.
- Mr. and Mrs. Cy Haynes of Nickerson are the proud parents of a boy born October 6 in Superior. Baby and Mother are fine and returned home October 15.
- Miss Ellen Degerstrom of Askov and Leo Muehlenthaler of

St. Paul were married October 12th in West Union, Iowa.
- In a special election held in Kerrick voters decided to incorporate as a village. The vote was 36-0.

**50 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 21, 1971**

- John Graf, president of First State Bank of Finlayson has sold his interest in the bank to Dale and Lowell Pogatchnik of Middle River, MN.
- Mrs. Rudolph Bloom of Nickerson announce the engagement of her daughter Eva to Bruce Makela. A December wedding is being planned.
- Ade Degerstrom of Askov High School wins first at the district cross country meet in Forest Lake.
- Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Berglund on the arrival of a baby boy recently.

**25 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 17, 1996**

- New Finlayson city hall, post office and office rental is under construction .

- The caboose in Finlayson will have a new home. It was sold to Dick Young of Sauk Center for \$200.00.
- North Pine Funeral Home -Sandstone owner Bob Hansen hires Kimberly Foster as a funeral director.
- Edna and Fred Bade of Bruno celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 13 with family and friends.

**10 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 13, 2011**

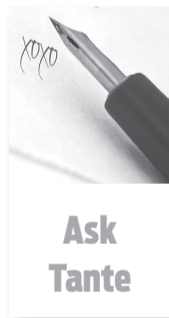
- The old road surface is removed from H.C. Andersen Alle (School street) in Askov and is prepared to put down a smooth new layer of tar.
- Homecoming King and Queen at East Central School were: Stuart Lourey and Charity Carlson, at Willow River High School Daren Grotkoski and Samantha Johnson were crowned.
- Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake is expanding, updating and remodeling it's wellness center.
- Dorothy Nelson of Kerrick retires at the age of 80 after 51 years of service as custodian of the Kerrick Bank. She was hired in 1960 by then bank owner Richard Hogan.

Hibernation time is weeks away yet

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

I'm wondering when we set our clocks back. I know we "spring ahead" and "fall back" but I can never remember the exact dates. My body is in pre-hibernation mode because I'm eating everything I can get my hands on. I'm also having a hard time staying awake. I might

have some bear DNA. You may think that's impossible, but look at all the Prince Charmings



that have a lot of frog in them. I long to plant myself in my large brown leather puffy thing that's either a chair or the world's largest baseball mitt and just doze away the afternoon. Do you think it's the fall time change thing or should I buy a bottle of Geritol?
Signed, Mimsie on Main Street

Dear Mimsie,

I'm sorry to let you know that daylight savings time doesn't end until the seventh of November this year. And it's highly unlikely that you have any bear DNA. Whenever I see someone scratching the back of his head by means of a finger up one of

his nostrils, I'm reminded that we evolved from apes.

Instead of the tonic, why don't you try taking a little walk when you feel sluggish. Check your diet and add more fruits and veggies. If you overload on carbs you'll certainly want to nap after eating. Try to get into a regular bedtime routine and make sure you're getting enough sleep. Little changes can make a big difference. Good luck hanging in there until November seventh and remember, Tante Ingeborg cares... but not so much.

ANSWERS - OCTOBER 21, 2021

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EC ballers lose to the Jaguars, Tigers

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The East Central Eagles' volleyball team had a home contest on Tuesday, October 12, against the Hinckley-Finlayson Jaguars. The Eagles lost all three games: 0-3 (21-25, 14-25, 17-25).

Aly Huntington had 3 aces, Gracie Hartl and Anna Hansen with two each and Carly Watrin with 1 ace.

Audrey Harris led the team with 6 hits; Mallory Hartl had 4; Huntington 3; Izzy Olson, Julia Fornengo, and Abby Priske each added 1.

Olson had 10 digs, Gracie Hartl 9, Huntington 8, and Mallory Hartl with 7.

Priske and Gracie Hartl each had 6 assists, Olson and Hansen finished with 1 each.

On Thursday the Eagles were welcomed at Princeton High School for their game. Coach Marki Hansen said, "Although we came up short of winning, the girls played extremely well for playing a bigger school and having a fairly big deficit each game and having to fight back." Princeton won all three games; 25-18, 25-12,

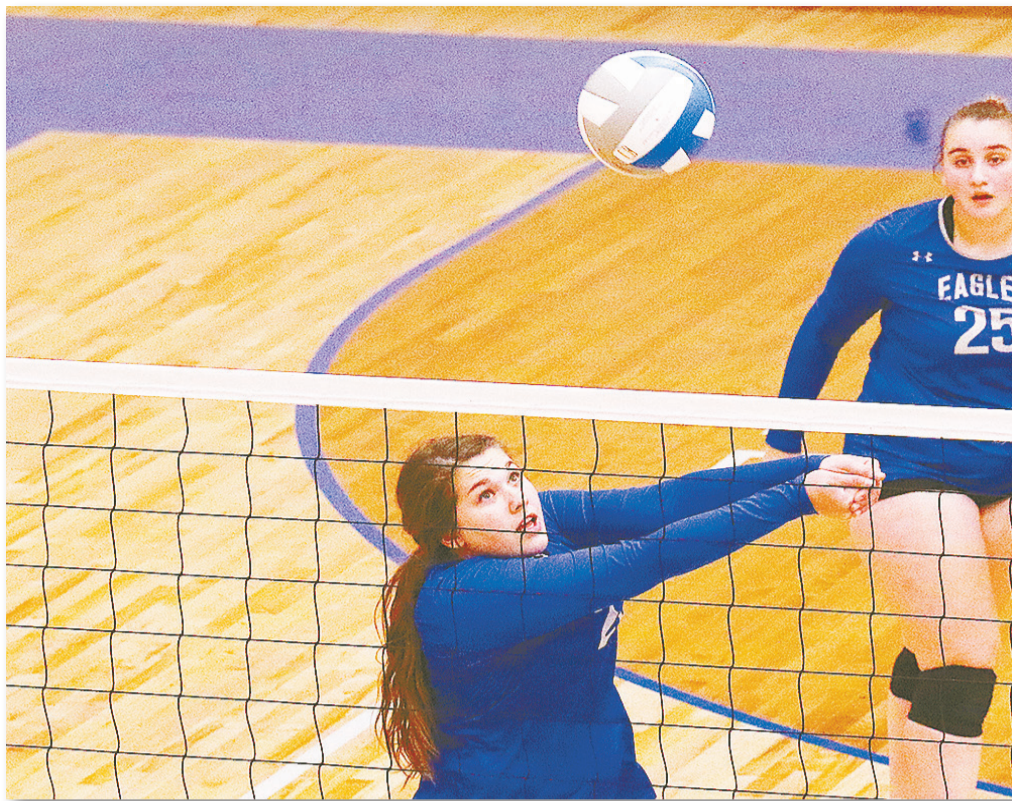
and 25-21.

On Saturday, October 16, East Central hosted the Great River Conference Junior Varsity tournament. The future is looking bright for Eagles' volleyball. Rush City won the tournament but East Central finished second in the conference. Braham was third, Hinckley-Finlayson fourth, Mille Lacs fifth, Pine City sixth and Ogilvie seventh.

The Varsity Eagles finished up their home schedule this week. On Monday, October 18, against McGregor and on Tuesday, October 19, the Rebels played Ogilvie.

The East Central Eagles are in Minnesota State High School League's Section 5A Pod D and the Great River Conference. There are only 4 teams in Section 5A Pod D, Mille Lacs, Braham, Ogilvie and East Central.

Tournament games will be played at the school with the highest on October 28, 29, November 1, 4, and 6 to determine the teams that will compete for the state title.



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Senior Audrey Harris led the Eagles with six hits in East Central's game against Hinckley-Finlayson.

MLWR football playoffs scheduled

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Moose Lake Willow River Rebel's football game on Thursday, October 14, was canceled by the opponents, Hinckley-Finlayson, due to illness. The last regular scheduled game for the Rebels was on Wednesday, October 20, after this paper went to press. The Rebels traveled to Rush City for the game, before the Minnesota Educators Association break from school.

Football sectional playoffs start on Tuesday, October 26, for Minnesota State High School League 7AA teams which include MLWR, Mesabi East,

Hinckley-Finlayson, Crosby-Ironton, and International Falls. The quarter-finals and semi-finals games will be at the school with the highest seed (best record).

The first, second and third ranked teams will have a bye for the first-round of the quarter-finals. The fourth and fifth ranked teams will be the only teams playing Tuesday. On Saturday, October 30, at 2 p.m. MLWR will host the winner of the game on October 26. The second and third ranked teams will also play at 2 p.m.

The 7AA sectional finals will be at the Esko Athletic Complex on Thursday, November 4, at 6

p.m. Ticket prices for all playoff games are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

The Section 7AA champions will play the Section 6AA champions in the state quarter-finals, on November 11, at 7 p.m. at Brainerd High School. The teams in Section 6AA are West Central/Ashby, Osakis, Sauk Centre, Wadena-Deer Creek, Staples-Motley and Pillager.

The state semi-finals are at the U.S. Bank Stadium on Friday, November 19, at 11:30 a.m. against the state quarter-finals winner of Sections 2AA and 3AA. The Prep Bowl championship is on Friday, November 26 at 1 p.m. at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Eagles' squad down several players

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The East Central Eagles' football team didn't have the game with Chisholm on October 8 because of illness. On October 15, they traveled to Braham, short about a dozen players, to play the Bombers. The Braham Bombers won the contest 67-6.

For the Eagles, Jacob Ackerman scored on a 42-yard touchdown run.

The Eagles had one regular season game left. They faced North Woods at the Bruce Harding Field at

5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

East Central is in Section 7A District Northeast (Silver) along with North Woods, Chisholm, Barnum, Mille Lacs, Deer River, Braham, and Ely.

Section 7A District Northeast (Silver) playoff games will be played on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. The higher seeded team gets the home field advantage. The Section 7A finals will be at Egerdahl Field, 185 Pionk Drive in Proctor on Friday, November 5, at 7 p.m.

Haunted family business creates unique legacy for kids

BY JAMIE LUND

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Chainsaws, an indoor maze, tunnels and plenty of actors dressed up as creepy clowns and other characters attract hundreds of visitors to a small Minnesota town each year.

What started out as a small event for a Girl Scout troop 23 years ago has morphed and grown into an obsession, said Jeremy Ringler, owner/operator of Ringlers House on Haunted Hill and Haunted Trail in Brook Park, Minn.

He explained that his wife, Jennie, was a Girl Scout leader for their daughter when they began what was to become a hobby gone wild.

As the event grew, it got scarier.

"The kids would hide behind their parents," Jeremy said. "We didn't want to traumatize them."

They created the Children on Haunted Hill about seven years ago after they noticed the original attraction was becoming too scary for younger children.

Jerri Manthi, a family friend, purchased the property next door and took on the children's portion several years ago.

Jeremy said they design their scary scenes on the trail to serve a dual purpose, which also makes changing it easier.

"We can switch our trail each year as each of the buildings have a different theme on the front and the back, which gives it a whole new look," Jeremy said. "Next year we are going to go hog wild."

He said he asks family members and volunteers for new ideas to keep their theme unique and different from other haunted houses.

The family run business has grown from a two person operation to close to 100 people, including their parents, cousins, kids and friends. There are 67 actors just on the trail, said Jeremy.

There are roughly two miles of electrical running through the woods and hundreds of feet of tunnels on the 10 acre attraction that can accommodate 900-1,000 people a night.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

One of 67 actors scaring people at Ringlers Haunted Hill and Haunted Trail.

"I never thought it would grow this big," Jeremy said. "We are creating a legacy." He said his 10 kids have been involved with the family business. They learn many skills including how to build and

design buildings and scenes. He said his parents had a successful rodeo in Mora for years and they taught him many of the skills he uses for his own family business.

"Growing up on a haunted trail was a blast," said Jezzalyn, one of the 10 Ringler kids. "I wouldn't have wanted any other childhood. Over the years we learned valuable lessons about building and managing a family business." The now 18-year-old was one of the actors who scared people on the trail until she was 12. Since then she has been learning all aspects of the family business so she can take over with her younger sister, Jerricka. She also enjoyed growing up with an unusual family business.

"It was pretty fun," said Jerricka. "I always liked that we would go build as a family a couple of months before the trail started."

The family is currently expanding the property to include a campground to accommodate their visitors from as far away as Iowa. Ely

and Wisconsin who come to tour their haunted trail. Jeremy also has plans to begin a winter wonderland attraction in a few years.

He said they give back to the community in the form of free tickets to foster families, members of law enforcement, active and non-active military, EMS and more. They are open 7-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through October and are closed on Halloween.

The Children of Haunted Hill will have a free trick or treat event 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. The attractions will open at 7 p.m. for the normal hours.

If you go: Tickets are \$7 for the Children on Haunted Hill and \$15 for all ages for Ringlers House on Haunted Hill and Haunted Trail. The Ringlers House is located at 3064 State Highway 23, Brook Park, Minn. For more information visit their Facebook page or call 320-293-0434.

October is

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Yearly screening detects most breast cancers

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Because of early detection, most breast cancers are curable.

Q: What are the subtle symptoms of breast cancer and what other health conditions are they familiar with?

The truth is that most breast cancers are found on screening mammography, before they show any signs or symptoms at all. That is the most important point here. Sometimes, patients do notice a lump or redness, and these should always be brought to the attention of a health care provider.

Q: If someone is diagnosed with breast cancer, what should they know about the diagnosis?

The good news is that the vast majority of breast cancers are

curable. This is because they are found so early and the cancer cells have not had a chance to spread outside the breast. They are cured with local measures, such as surgery and radiation. Even if these cancer cells do microscopically spread, our adjuvant systemic therapies, such as chemotherapy, are usually effective enough to get rid of them.

How do we choose who gets what treatment? There are many different subtypes of breast cancer, each with different biologies. We personalize the treatment to the specific kind of breast cancer a patient has.

Q: What stereotypes surround those

diagnosed with breast cancer?

One stereotype that can be difficult to dispel is that every breast cancer patient needs bilateral mastectomy — the removal of both breast tissues. The history of cancer care has been marked by overtreatment, including radical surgery and high-dose chemotherapy. As our understanding of cancer biology has grown over the last ten years, all of us in cancer care have been working to de-escalate the intensity of our therapies. Many women can be cured with minimal surgery and radiation.

Q: What are you doing in your research and clinical practice to further our understanding of breast cancer and patient relations?

I try to get to know each patient personally, so they know I think of them as a fellow human being and not just a disease. I try to get as many patients living with breast cancer as possible on clinical trials. This allows them access to cutting-edge treatment, while at the same time, allowing us to acquire information that will be helpful to future patients with cancer down the road.

STUART BLOOM, MD, MSc, is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Hematology, Oncology and Transplantation at the Medical School, who specializes in breast and prostate cancers. He is also a member of the Masonic Cancer Center and a physician at M Health Fairview. This fall, he joined the Medical School after a 20-year run as community oncologist, where he had been voted a 'Top Doc' by his peers in both Minnesota Monthly and Mpls/St. Paul Magazine every year since 2006. Also a former actor and comedian, his acclaimed musical, "How To Avoid Burnout in 73 Minutes," just completed a sold-out run at the Open Eye Theatre.



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OBITUARIES

Neil L. Swenson

May 22, 1956 - October 14, 2021

Neil Lee Swenson, age 65 of Bruno, Minn. entered heaven on October 14, 2021 at Essentia Health St. Mary's with his family by his side.



The world became a brighter and more beautiful place on May 22, 1956 when Neil entered our earthly world. Nothing meant more to him than his family starting with his parents, Dolores and Elliott Swenson. Neil was the ultimate big brother and the glue of the Swenson family. He thought about and loved his six younger siblings every day of his life.

Neil spent most of his young life in various places around the Twin Cities eventually moving from Coon Rapids to a rural farm in Bruno in 1971. It didn't take him long to meet his soulmate and eventual bride of 46 years, Jeanette (Storebo). Neil joined the Air Force right after graduating from Askov High School in 1974 and as soon as he built up his courage, asked for Min and Birdie's blessings to marry Jeanette and they started their lives together. Off they went to live the military life in Mountain Home, Idaho. Just a year later, they welcomed their son, Jesse, to the family. After many memories and friendships in Idaho, Neil completed his service and they moved back to Minnesota to be closer to family. They soon completed their family when Nikki was born. Neil spent the next 38 years commuting from Bruno to Graco in Minneapolis. After retiring from Graco, he worked at the East Central School District where he could give a daily hug and high five to his grandchildren in the hallway. While Neil was a dedicated and talented employee, his true passion and greatest talent was in being a father. Nothing made him happier or prouder than his wife, children and grandchildren. Everything he did in life was for them. As a family they made so many memories camping, fishing, hunting, cheering on sporting events, barbecuing, watching movies, playing music and just being together.

Anyone who knew Neil, knew what a kind, gentle, amazing and generous soul he was. He never wanted accolades or attention for his kindness, but we saw him. He never turned down an opportunity to help a neighbor or a friend and he couldn't walk by a puppy without giving them a pat and a treat (or two). Neil loved music, especially Elvis, and had a beautiful singing voice. He was his grandchildren's biggest fan and attended every activity of theirs that he possibly could from dance recitals to sporting events or simply taking them on adventures around town on their golf cart, throwing them "NFL" passes in the yard, or always keeping an endless stock of freezies for when the grandkids would pop in.

Neil has left us far too soon and with an enormous hole in our hearts. He was our father, grandfather, husband and best friend. He gave the best hugs and always knew when we needed one. We never left his house without knowing that he loved us.

Neil is survived by his loving wife, Jeanette, his son Jesse (Genny) Swenson, his daughter Nikki (Arnie) Cekalla, his five grandchildren Brooke, Grady, Ciara, Dane and Jordy, his siblings Zane Swenson, Mitzi Collins, Greg (Jen) Swenson, Reni (Bernie) Loew, Jeni (Matt) Kloss, Suzi (Chris) Swenson, and his very special buddies--his wiener dogs--Elvis and Johnny. Neil had many other special family members, nieces and nephews, friends and co-workers who he loved very much.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, October 22, 2021 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bruno and continue from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Funeral Service on Saturday, October 23, 2021 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bruno. Pastor Philip Hoppe will officiate. Military Honors will follow the services and be held outside the church. After the services, cremation will be facilitated and Neil will be inurned in Bruno Cemetery.

Arrangements by Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home, Moose Lake.

Renee L. Eiffler

November 23, 1959 - October 16, 2021

Renee Lynn Eiffler was born on November 23, 1959 in Minneapolis, Minn. to Chester and Darlene Johnson. Renee grew up and attended high school in Sandstone, Minn.



graduating in 1978 with Salutatorian Honors. She then graduated with Honors from the Minnesota School of Business in Business Management. She spent 30 years working in public school finance for both East Central Public Schools and Carlton Public School until her retirement in September 2019. Renee enjoyed golfing, camping, and traveling with her husband and friends.

Renee experienced her first symptoms of ALS in February of 2021, and was diagnosed in July. She lost her battle with the incurable disease on October 16, 2021 in her home. She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband Eddie Eiffler, daughter Katie (James) Kozlowski and grandson Edison Kozlowski, sisters Donna (Steve) Orstad of Sandstone, Minn., Cindy (Steve) Ketcher of Maple Grove, and Linda (Denny) Vork, of Sandstone, Minn., and many nieces and nephews.

Services are pending at this time. Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Sandstone. www.methvenfuneralhome.com

OUT & ABOUT

OCTOBER 24, 2021

MLA Hockey Association

The annual Moose Lake Area Hockey Association spooky skate. will be held on Sunday, Oct 24 from 6-8 p.m. at Riverside arena. This is free to the public. Costumes and helmets are encouraged!

NOVEMBER 6, 2021

MLA Hockey Association

Try hockey for free day will be held on Saturday, Nov 6 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for ages 4-9. Participants need to pre-register, but there will be goodies and swag for those who attend. Registration can be found at https://www.tryhockeyforfree.com/event_detail/505

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Sandstone Flower and Garden Club

The monthly meeting of the Sandstone Flower and Garden Club will be held at the North Pine Government Center community room, 1602 Hwy. 23 N. in Sandstone on Tuesday, November 9 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Sandstone History Center Veterans recognition

Sandstone History Center will be honoring Veterans on Nov. 11 following Veterans Memorial Service. Loren Else will speak. Coffee and cookies will be served.

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

East Central School Board Elections

The East Central School District will be holding elections on November 2, from 2-8 p.m. in Hinckley in the High School lobby, and in Finlayson in the elementary School Lobby. There are eight candidates running for four positions.

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NOTICES

BIRCH CREEK TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

All residents please be advised of a change of date for October 2021 meeting. Meeting will be held on Thursday October 28th, 2021 beginning @ 7:00 pm at the Birch Creek Town Hall.. Marissa Rayburn Clerk, Birch Creek Township

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF PINE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: Quiet Title Court File No. 58-CV-21-469 SUMMONS
City of Askov, a Minnesota

Municipal Corporation, and Rocky Kroon, Personal Representative of the Estate of Henry Kroon Plaintiffs, vs. J. Albert Johnson, also known as Albert J. Johnson (deceased) and Hattie Johnson (deceased) and the unknown heirs of J. Albert Johnson and Hattie Johnson, Clarence Morgensen also known as Clarence Glenn Morgensen (deceased), Eva Morgensen (deceased) and the unknown heirs of Clarence Morgensen and Eva Morgensen. Phyllis E. Morgensen (deceased), and the unknown heirs of Phyllis E. Morgensen, Edward Eaton, also known as Edward Laverne Eaton (deceased) and Carol Eaton (deceased), Theresa Barton, Thomas

Quinn, Douglas Eaton Lori Bertram, Scott Eaton, Wanda Strandmark, and Wendy Kezar and the unknown heirs of Edward Eaton and Carol Eaton; Jimmy Lee Kroon, Northview Bank, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein Defendants. 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: Ledin & Hofstad, Ltd. Kevin A. Hofstad 539 Main Street South 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. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Pine County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows: [SEE EXHIBIT A attached hereto] (Hereinafter referred to as the "the property"). The object of this action is to obtain a judgment determining that Plaintiffs are the Owners in fee simple title, of the property, and that none of the said defendants have any estate or interest therein or lien thereon. **557.03 NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM** Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 557.03 you are hereby served with notice that no personal claim is made against you and that any defendant upon whom this notice is served who unreasonably defends this action shall pay full costs to the plaintiff. **Ledin & Hofstad, Ltd.** Dated: September 22, 2021 /s/ Kevin A. Hofstad Kevin A. Hofstad Attorney for Plaintiffs 539 Main Street South Pine City, MN 55063

Attorney Reg. #12445X (320) 629-7537 kevinh@ledinandhofstad.com EXHIBIT A That part of Lot 15, AUDITOR'S SUBDIVISION of the East Half of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 19, Township 43, Range 19, according to the recorded plat thereof, Pine County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Lot 15; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 57 seconds West (Minnesota County Coordinate System, Pine County, 2011 Adjustment) along the east line of said Lot 15, a distance of 13.00 feet to the north line of the South 13.00 feet of said lot 15; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 03 seconds West along said north line of the South 13.00 feet, a distance of 92.00 feet to the west line of the land described in said Book 134, page 467 of Deeds, on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Pine County, Minnesota and the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 39 minutes 03 seconds West along said north line of the South 13.00 feet, a distance of 33.00 feet to the easterly line of easterly line of Document Number 172162, on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Pine County, Minnesota; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 57 seconds West along the east line of said Document Number 172162, a distance of 55.10 feet to the south line of the land described in Book 138, page 444 of Deeds, on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Pine County, Minnesota; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 03 seconds East along the south line of said Book 138, page 444 of Deeds, a distance of 33.00 feet to the west line of the land described in said Book 134, page 467 of Deeds; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 57 seconds East along the west line of said Book 134, page 467 of Deeds, a distance of 55.10 feet to the point of beginning. Published in the Askov American October 7, 14, 21, 2021

Board Meeting and Summary for publication, and Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0. Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence Pine County Chemical Health Coalition Minutes-September 13, 2021 **Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 4-0. **Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 4-0.

Fund	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2021	Increase/Decrease
General Fund	5,144,065	6,583,603	1,439,538
Health and Human Services Fund	1,921,092	3,043,509	1,122,417
Road and Bridge Fund	6,088,312	6,026,608	(61,704)
COVID Relief	3,392,681	2,841,310	(551,371)
Land Management Fund	1,481,534	1,941,870	460,336
Self Insurance	N/A	545,363	545,363
TOTAL (inc non-major funds)	21,185,456	23,934,996	2,749,540

The following vendors with claims of \$2,000 or more, and 415 claims under \$2,000 totaling \$23,810.22, were paid during the period of August 1, 2021-August 31, 2021:

CD3 GENERAL BENEFIT CORPORATION, 34,250.00; EVERGREEN RECYCLING LLC, 2,739.95; MEND CORRECTIONAL CARE PLLC, 27,310.50; MINNESOTA POWER, 3,281.95; Mora Psychological Services PLLC, 2,212.50; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT LLC, 3,906.02; Verizon Wireless, 6,074.72; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 2,473.72; CLOQUET RIVERSIDE RECYCLING, INC, 6,852.00; MINNESOTAENERGY RESOURCES CORP, 5,017.89; PDS, 40,606.07; Pine Co Highway Department, 12,022.34; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT LLC, 24,492.52; ANDREW G JACKSON, 3,291.00; CMC FUNDING INC, 171,708.92; East Central Solid Waste Comm, 3,319.74; KRONOS SAASHR INC, 2,535.96; Mn Depart Of Revenue, 142,035.25; OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES, 5,323.75; Reliance Systems, 2,000.00; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT LLC, 10,502.15; Verizon Wireless, 8,039.45; Pine/County Of, 15,978.34; Verizon Wireless, 4,602.20; Pine County Sheriff FPI Contract, 12,362.44; Nexus-Gerard Family Healing LLC, 10,115.92; Nexus-Kindred Family Healing, 5,283.95; Rolling Hills Hospital LLC, 14,880.00; Solid Oak Financial Services, LLC, 3,115.00; Pine/County Of, 3,317.00; Reserve Account, 6,000.00; Central Mn Jobs & Training Services, 10,822.54; DHS State Operated Services, 4,264.05; Family Pathways - North Branch, 2,350.00; Lighthouse Child & Family Services, LLC, 6,118.34; Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing, 6,731.65; North Homes Inc, 4,720.99; Northwestern Mn Juvenile Center, 8,215.00; Northwoods Children Home, 7,462.12; Pine/County Of, 2,726.42; Village Ranch Residential Facility, 2,543.58; Dhs Maps Mmis Cd Maxis 998, 14,813.89; Anoka Co Juv Ctr Main Res, 6,650.00; ARROWHEAD TRANSIT, 2,164.82; Mille Lacs Band Family Services, 14,678.85; Volunteers Of America, 15,500.00; C & T CONTRACTING, 2,100.00; Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc, 3,840.00; Nuss Truck Group Inc, 26,120.28; Power Transmission Inc, 2,748.32; Rydberg & Sons, Inc., 8,190.00; Arlen Krantz Ford Inc, 3,983.43; BROCK WHITE COMPANY LLC, 2,152.67; DIAMOND MOWERS INC, 4,329.72; DOOLEYS PETROLEUM INC, 21,421.08; GLENS TIRE, 2,396.00; Knife River Corp, 88,906.18; Lakes Gas #41, 13,382.62; Askov Deep Rock, 2,160.50; CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS LLC, 41,609.66; ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO LLC, 3,762.60; Rydberg & Sons, Inc., 3,740.00; WSB AND ASSOCIATES, 11,861.71; Chamberlain Oil Co.,Inc, 2,481.14; Hopkins Sand & Gravel, 52,038.29; MUNCH ROCKS, LLC, 22,691.12; Ziegler Inc., 112,292.97; CAREY GROUP PUBLISHING, 5,450.00; Catholic Charities Senior Dining, 2,625.00; D. Schlomka, Inc., 16,000.00; L&O INVESTMENTS LLC, 14,486.77; PRECISION

MINUTES

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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. Commissioner Ludwig was absent (excused).

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. Tim Schmutzer, Executive Director of Pine Habilitation and Supported Employment (PHASE), provided background information for Consent Agenda Item #7. PHASE is selling one of their buildings and moving into their other building. The Department of Human Services requires the county consider a Determination of Need.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Minutes of the September 7, 2021 County

NOTICE OF ELECTION - EAST CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

NOTICE OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2580 (EAST CENTRAL) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the general and special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2580 (East Central), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 2021, for the purpose of electing four (4) school board members for four (4) year terms and electing one (1) individual to fill a vacancy in term of a school board member expiring January 1, 2024. The ballot shall provide as follows:

General Election November 2, 2021

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

School Board Member
Vote for up to Four

- Julie Domogalla
- Judy Loken
- Angela Presley
- Richard Thomsen
- _____
write-in, if any
- _____
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Special Election for School Board Member
to fill vacancy in term expiring January 1, 2024.
Vote for One

- Genevieve Swenson
- _____
write-in, if any
- _____
write-in, if any

The combined polling place for this election and the precincts served by that polling place shall be as follows:

Combined Polling Place: East Central Community Board Room
Room 413
61085 State Hwy 23
Finlayson, MN 55735

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2580 located in Pine,

Aitkin and Kanabec County, Minnesota.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above. The polls for said election will be opened at 3:00 o'clock p.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered

individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: August 16, 2021.
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
Isl Julie Domogalla
School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 2580
(East Central)
State of Minnesota
Published in the Askov American October 14, 21, 2021

MEET THE CANDIDATES



Julie Domogalla

City of residence: Askov

Tell us about yourself:

My primary occupation is accompanying individuals in their mourning. My business, Under Blue Skies offers single appointments as well as a stay in the Hermitage. Further, I work with Essentia-Duluth Grief Support facilitating support groups, including a monthly group at Essentia-Sandstone. I have a Master's degree in Thanatology, the study of death, dying, and bereavement. My husband, Scott and I live on farmland outside of Askov. Scott retired in 2016 All three of our children graduated from East Central School.

I am completing my third term on the East Central School Board. There are many motivations for filing for election, however my primary determination was an effort for consistency and a caring presence. These last few years have been very disruptive to all of us. The strain on our students, staff and parents have pushed us to limits. We have felt it. I am a strong advocate for the care of all in our community, particularly in mental health and wellness.

I was recently elected to the Board of Directors of MSBA (MN School Board Association). This level of governance allows me to speak for schools in rural areas of Minnesota. I am eager to serve. We have work to do and I am willing to be one of the workers. Together, as a school and community we can support, educate and care for each other. That has been our mission for several years; Your Future, Our Focus.

Thank you for your contribution in support of the achievement of our common mission. I am confident we can continue to build a stronger sense of community and success at our school. When we work together, we will achieve at a greater vision for all.



Judy Loken

City of residence: Sandstone

Tell us about yourself:

Education: St. Cloud State University, Elementary Education
Employment: East Central School District, Sandstone; Cambridge-Isanti School District.

My husband Frank and I were married for 43 years. Volunteering in

our community has always been important to us. I have served on the East Central School Board for ten years: MCCU/LSCU Credit/Supervisory Committee; MD5M Lions Council Chair, District Governor, Chair of Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Trustee for Hearing Foundation of Minnesota and Canada, Charter member of Sandstone Quarry Lions; Moderator and Treasurer for Sandstone United Church of Christ.

What motivated you to run for the East Central

School Board?

I am running for the office of School Board because I firmly believe in public education. I want to continue to work with the board, staff, and community as we set academic goals for students, monitor student achievement, establish district policies, and set budgets that allow for academic success while we are fiscally responsible to maintaining a healthy fund balance.

What challenges do you feel the district is facing and how would you address them?

We need to continue to address any learning loss due to the pandemic. Also, we need to continue to improve the academic achievement scores. This is done by using research and best practices to ensure students stay on grade level. Our students need to be ready to enter college or the work force when they graduate from East Central. We also need to maintain a solid general fund balance which will allow us to align spending with district priorities. We need to use all resources available to ensure all our students receive a quality education.

I have the students academics as my primary goal. I am able to work as part of a team dedicated to improving our school. If elected to another term, I am open to listening to community concerns.



Genevieve Swenson

City of residence: Bruno

Tell us about yourself:

I am co-founder and the Chief Operations Officer of Nice Healthcare. I am also a Family Nurse Practitioner and have worked in healthcare for 17 years. I have been married to my husband, Jesse, for 17 years and we have three sons that attend East Central. My

husband and I are graduates of East Central and always knew that we wanted to return to the community and raise our children here. I am also a volunteer coach and youth sports coordinator for basketball and baseball.

What motivated you to run for the East Central school board?

I have always had a lot of thoughts, ideas and conversations with parents, teachers and administrators of the district. Becoming a member of the school board would allow me to be an active voice for our school community. Our children are the future and they need people advocating for their best interests.

What challenges do you feel the district is facing and how would you address them?

There are definitely challenges facing our district. In addition to the ever-present budget and spending challenges, technology access and inequities have been highlighted by the pandemic. We need to continue to work with our local legislators to assess what can be done to increase rural internet access and home technology devices, including grants. We also should have plans where relying on technology in times of crisis isn't the only way to educate our children. Parents want transparency to our children's

education and what morals and life lessons they are being taught outside of math and reading. We should know our children's teachers and their curriculum. Our location and K-12 set up also created challenges in allowing for excellent participation in extracurricular activities for all children, including elementary. There is a lack of practice space and facilities, no after school transportation and our children cannot walk to and from the school. I would work with the district to optimize scheduling of our facilities and work to ensure that our youngest students are also a priority to have access to their school.

Our East Central district is overflowing with talent and heart. It would be an honor for me to serve as a school board member and work to highlight and support all of the amazing things we are doing here.



Angie Presley

City of residence: Sandstone

Tell us about yourself:

I am a 1998 graduate of Hinckley Finlayson High School. I attended the College of St Scholastica, where I received a BA in Applied Economics in 2002. My husband Tim and I have three kids who attend

East Central, Arabella (9th grade), Adeline (6th grade) and Declan (3rd grade). I work at Nemadji as a Business Analyst. I am active on the EC PTO and spend the majority of my free time attending kids extracurricular activities.

What motivated you to run for the East Central School Board?

Last fall, I was appointed to fill an open seat on the board. It was a truly enjoyable and educational experience, so I was excited to run this year for the opportunity to continue to serve on the board for a full term. All of my board experience thus far has been during COVID. Therefore, I am eager to be involved in other ideas and work that has gotten somewhat moved to the back burner these past couple years.

What challenges do you feel the district is facing and how would you address them?

One of the biggest challenges is learning loss due to COVID. I am ready to continue to work with the board, administration, and staff to find ways to overcome this loss and help give our students the education they deserve. Another challenge is finding staff. We need to continue to brainstorm ways to improve our recruitment and make East Central not only a place people want to work but a community people want to become involved in and call home.

East Central School District will hold an election for School Board Members on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

The election will take place at:

**East Central Community Board Room
Room 413
61085 State Hwy 23
Finlayson, MN 55735**

From 3 to 8 p.m.



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\$1,000 REWARD for the return of my 1850 Oliver diesel and ID of persons involved. (320) 630-6868

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JOB OPENING
CITY CLERK/TREASURER - CITY OF WILLOW RIVER
The City of Willow River is seeking applicants for the job position of Clerk/ Treasurer. The salary is negotiable dependent upon experience and education. Experience with (CTAS) accounting software, Microsoft Word and Excel would be preferable. Some on the job training is available, but official city clerk training will be expected. Some job duties include: keeping city records, acting as the bookkeeper of the city and keeping accounting records current and accurate, training for and administering the election duties as required by Pine County and the State of Minnesota, keeping the city's seal and records and signing all official papers, posting and publishing notices, ordinances, and resolutions as required by statute, performing other appropriate duties as imposed by the city council, providing notice of regular and special meetings, handling correspondence, drawing up agendas and other working papers the council uses at meetings, accepting and keeping on file the oath and bond of each city official, claims against the city, and the year-end financial statement and any state auditor's reports on city affairs the clerk may receive. More duties include: keeping tax assessment receipts from the county treasurer and receipts from fines, forfeitures and penalties, prompt entries into an accounting system of all payments, and working with city auditors on an annual audit, executing any duties the council assigns to the clerk.
Deadline for applications: October 25, 2021 by 3 pm.
Please call city hall at 218-372-3733 to get an application form.
Posted by K. Bennett on behalf of the Willow River City Council



SOCIAL WORKER – ADULT PROTECTION
Adult Services Unit
Essential Duties: Ability to comprehend complex screening criteria, assess situations based on the criteria, assimilate and process information which is not presented in a concurrent fashion, and to make recommendations for disposition of this information. Prepares various reports, summaries, findings, etc. on cases. Consults with psychiatrists, attorneys and others regarding cases.
Minimum Qualifications: A bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with a major in social work, psychology, sociology or closely related field or
A bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with a major in any field and one year of experience as a social worker in a public or private social services agency. Also, valid driver's license and appropriate certification and licensure.
Salary: \$25.37/hr - \$31.88/hr DOQ
Closing Date: October 27, 2021 @ 4:30 pm
For complete postings, visit our county website @ www.co.pine.mn.us under
Departments – Human Resources – Employment Opportunities
An Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer



PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

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GRADE LLC, 12,800.00; Anderson Electric, 15,836.51; BUETOW TRUCKING EXCAVATION LLC, 2,500.00; HARTEL'S, 3,365.00; TIERNEY, 73,552.89; C&A Campbell Construction Llc, 4,404.00; Election Systems & Software, Inc, 13,097.26; UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 30,403.59; UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 164,552.44; UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 38,605.29; UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 93,637.37; FURTHER, 3,565.20; BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA, 4,636.00; Mn Life Insurance Company, 4,224.85; MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC, 3,579.98; GUARDIAN, 8,687.01; MEDICAREBLUE RX, 4,897.80; TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 32, 48,736.00; Department Of Finance, 10,939.00; Straight Arrow Enduro Riders, 5,892.14; Town Of Chengwatana, 5,486.05; Town Of Sturgeon Lake, 3,910.15; Pine Co Treasurer, 45,844.02; Town Of Crosby, 11,667.98; Town Of Finlayson, 5,038.90; Town Of New Dosey, 9,506.60; TOWN OF NICKERSON, 8,207.73; Town Of Ogema, 5,172.55; Town Of Park, 2,579.39; Town Of Wilma, 2,157.65; Chisago County, 20,916.75; EAST CENTRAL DRUG TASK FORCE, 8,643.35; Pine Co Sheriff, 5,818.23.
Approve committing accounts 01-216-000-0000-5761 (Drone Donations), and 01-216-000-0000-6862 (Drone Program Expense) to the purpose of the drone program.

Approve Commissioners' August 2021 expense claim forms.
Approve the acceptance of a \$1,000 donation from Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to be designated to the drone program.
Acknowledge the previous appointment of Mindy Sandell as a Pine County Veteran Services Officer (VSO) and designate VSO Mindy Sandell as the point of contact for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.
Approve a two-year grant for a Victim Services Coordinator, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. The county will receive a total of \$140,000 which will be used to cover payroll, taxes, fringe benefits, travel, training and indirect expenses.
Approve the FY2022-2026 SCORE Grant Agreement with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).
Approve Board Chair and County Administrator to sign Form DHS-4960A/Determination of Need Application to Expand Day Services, and Form DHS-4960B/Determination of Need Application for Proprietary Changes, Reductions and Closures.
Approve of the lateral transfer of Social Worker Shelly Anderson from the child protection unit to the aging and disabilities unit effective September 22, 2021. No change in grade or pay.
Approve the internal promotion of Case Aide Cassandra Olson to HHS Office Manager effective September

22, 2021, non-union position, starting wage \$25.00 per hour, Grade 8.
Approve the regular employment status to Social Worker Jessica Brown, effective November 18, 2021.
Approve the hiring of the following full-time deputy sheriffs, effective October 4, 2021:
Jorge Jimenez, \$28.75 per hour, Grade 10, Step 3, due to experience; Mark Farand, \$26.13 per hour, Grade 10, Step 1; and Abbey Sculley, \$26.13 per hour, Grade 10, Step 1
Approve the hiring of the following part-time correction officers, effective September 22, 2021: Brooklin Hooker, \$21.34 per hour, Grade 7, Step 1; Hunter Greicar, \$21.34 per hour, Grade 7, Step 1; Kali Finch, \$21.34 per hour, Grade 7, Step 1; Kristy Aronoff, \$21.34 per hour, Grade 7, Step 1.
Approve Social Workers Heidi Burton and Angela Ripley to attend the St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference. Total expenses for both to attend the conference: \$296.
Personnel Committee Report
Commissioner Mohr provided an overview of the Personnel Committee which met September 13, 2021. The Personnel Committee made the following recommendations:
A. Health and Human Services
i. Acknowledge the resignation of Social Worker Sarah Manor, effective September 3, 2021, and approve backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.
B. Sheriff's Office
i. Recommend the approval of filling the fourth Sergeant position on a "hire ahead" basis and approve backfill of any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer. Any internal promotion would be contingent upon return to original position if Sergeant on leave returns to Pine County.
C. Sheriff's Office – Dispatch
i. Acknowledge the resignation of Dispatcher Gina Lindahl, effective August 20, 2021, and approve backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.
D. Sheriff's Office – Jail
i. Acknowledge the resignation of Jail Administrative Assistant Darnelle Van Hale, effective September 8, 2021, and approve backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.
ii. Acknowledge the resignation of Lead County Security Officer Steve Olson, effective September 21, 2021, and approve backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer. Recruitment will be considered at a later date based on need.
E. Veteran's Services
i. Ratify the separation of Veterans Service Officer Benjamin Wiener, effective September 3, 2021, and

approve backfill of the 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 Lovgren. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the promotion of deputy sheriff Joe Workman to the position of Sergeant effective September 26, 2021, \$36.71 per hour, Grade 12, Step 6. The promotion is temporary pending the final status of the incumbent sergeant. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Resolution 2021-65, Establishment of Merit System of Personnel Administration. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Resolution 2021-64 to allow Pine County Probation to work collaboratively with the Department of Corrections to commence a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Mohr to accept the unmodified opinion on the 2020 Financial Statements, with one material weakness, and the qualified opinion regarding internal controls for federal awards, and authorize Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion

carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Waldhalm to appoint Steve Oswald as the District 4 representative to the Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to fill the remaining term, expiring October 4, 2022; and appoint Leaha Jackson as the District 5 representative to the Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to a 5-year term, October 5, 2021-October 4, 2026. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Mohr to set the 2022 preliminary budget at \$20,652,675. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion carried 4-0.
With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 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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