

PTCC RENOVATIONS: Renovations underway outside Pine Technical & Community College PG. 2

City road projects slated to begin early July



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Chadwick Lane, west of the freeway, showing much disrepair and underwater this spring.

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A number of road and sidewalk projects will begin in Pine City early July and will include Chadwood Lane, Holstein Lane, 8th Avenue NE, and Golf Avenue SE, along with sidewalk work in various spots around the city.

HOLSTEIN DRIVE, 8TH AVE. NE AND CHADWOOD PROJECTS

Holstein Drive, 8th Avenue NE and Chadwood Lane SW are part of the 2022 mill and overlay work being done in the city. Chadwood Lane, located in Pine City off of County Road 7 and just west of I-35, will receive a new pavement section with culvert replacement to help combat flooding.

8th Avenue NE, from Lake Drive to 800 feet east, will be widened to approximately 24-feet which will require tree removal, grading and then a new pavement section, noted Pine City's engineer, Greg Anderson, of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. Holstein Drive will receive an edge mill at the curb line, spot curb replacements and a new pavement section over the entire street width. Tree removal and curb work began on July 5.

GOLF AVE SE AND 8TH STREET SW PROJECTS

Golf Ave. SE and 8th Street SW will also see work. Reconstruction of Golf Avenue will take place, with the addition of a new sanitary sewer, water main and storm sewer. A new street section with new sidewalk on the south side from 8th Street SW out to Main Street will be constructed. And 8th Street SW, between

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Flag raising

A 12-hour soldier salute to the U.S. Flag was held on July 4, and a 'For God and Country' flag raising was held on Saturday, July 2 at property owned by Journey North Church, located just north of Pine City on Highway 61. Pictured is Sgt. William Regner of the U.S. Army National Guard Honor Guard. A 30x60 foot United States flag was raised above the property by members of the Cloquet, Pine City and Hinckley VFWs, Cloquet DAV Chapter 18, Pine City American Legion, Hinckley American Legion, and the Army National Guard Honor Guard.

Brook Park man facing felony charges for holding a woman captive and assault

STAFF REPORT
PINE CITY PIONEER

Dean Louis Zerwas, 60, of Brook Park, is facing felony charges for false imprisonment and assault by strangulation.

According to the criminal complaint:

On Thursday, June 30, the Pine County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a residence in Brook Park on a report of a domestic disturbance. The sheriff's office received a 911 call from an individual residing in Florida. The caller said she had received a Facebook message from a friend stating she had been attacked by her

roommate, Zerwas. He allegedly choked and threatened to shoot the police if she were to call them, according to the complaint.

Law enforcement was familiar with Zerwas from previous run-ins, and he was listed in the system as a possible threat to officers.

Upon arrival at the residence,



Dean Louis Zerwas

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Tickets on sale now for Heritage Players summer musical



PRESS RELEASE
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The Pine City Heritage Players Community Theater has announced that tickets are on sale for this year's summer musical, Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. After a somewhat uncertain start to the schedule, video auditions were completed during the first week of June as the group announced their selection of Mamma Mia! as this year's show.

This year's production is coming together under the artistic direction of Jay Schueler, serving as the director, set and lighting designer, and overseeing all technical areas of the show. He is supported by Jennifer Krinke as the vocal and pit director and Emily Erickson as the choreographer. The trio has been working hard to collaborate and combine their talents to create stunning visuals, fun dance numbers and some amazing vocal combinations.

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Rural School

About 25 students attended the June session at the Rural School. Seven cousins were among those who attended the school. Felicia Madden was the teacher and Tessa Asher was the teacher's helper.



New plaza under construction at PTCC

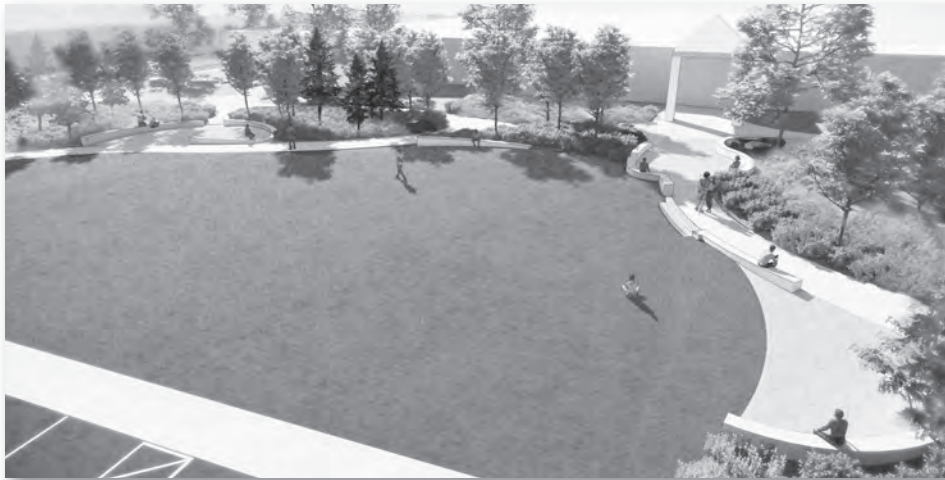
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Pine Technical and Community College is making their facility more accessible and engaging with the creation of a new plaza. The plaza sits at the front of their main entrance and building, which was not handicap accessible in the past.

As part of the \$950,000 project, the stairs to the main entrance have been removed and a ramp is taking its place. This project will create new learning spaces for multiple academic areas and add social interaction spaces for all students.

PTCC marketing and communication specialist, Katie Koppy, said that the project extends the new style of social and learning spaces to the outdoors. "Pine's 'Up North' look found inside the building will also be extended in the external areas of the campus," Koppy noted. "The project addressed some needed deferred maintenance projects associated with our former parking area and sidewalks as well."

Specific elements of the new design include a large green space, a gathering area with seating, several walk-



RENDERING PROVIDED

Above is a rendering of the future plaza. Below, construction begins on the Pine Technical and Community College Plaza.

ways, landscaped areas, a new entry monument sign, a fire lane, handicap and visitor parking (in addition to existing parking), pedestrian crossing improvements, and a dry creek.

The project is expected to be completed in July of this year and has been funded through campus operating funds and the support of the Pine Technical and Community College Foundation. The contractor for the project is Pember Companies, Inc. of Menomonie, Wisconsin, and the architect is the Cunningham Group.

For more information about the college, visit <https://pine.edu/>.





(Left to right) Mike McKinney, Loren Samuelson, Tim Smith, and Don Brown



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THURSDAY JULY 7

Sweet Summer Sounds

Becky Schlegel & the High 48s at Hinckley Westside Park 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY JULY 8

Arts in the Park - Life on a String

Pine City Arts Council hosting Life on a String acoustic cover band, 6 - 8 p.m. Located at Robinson Park in Pine City.

SATURDAY JULY 9

Motor Cycle & Classic Car Ride

Pine City Athletic Committee is hosting a motorcycle and classic car ride. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Ryders Saloon, 283 5th Ave SW, Henriette. All proceeds go to the Pine City High School Athletics. For more information contact James Foster jfoster@isd578.org

Boat Parade

The Cross Lake Boat Parade was postponed due to the rain on July 4th. The event has been rescheduled to this Saturday, July 9th -- same time, same place!

SUNDAY JULY 10

Gospel Concerts

Summer Gospel Nights presents MN Adult/Teen Challenge Choir. Located at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 405 2nd St. NW, Hinckley, 6:30 p.m.

100 Year Anniversary CELEBRATION

Knights of Columbus (Pine City Council 2357) at the Pine City American Legion Post 51, 525 Main St 2 - 6 p.m.

MONDAY JULY 11

Women's Christian Connection

The Women's Christian Connection cordially invites all ladies to their meeting on Monday July 11, 7:00 p.m., in Tobies' Big Kettle Room in Hinckley. The theme is "Assist. Protect. Defend." Ladies will have the opportunity to meet "Chaos," a K-9 Companion with the Pine County Sheriff Department.

Included in the program will be music guests, Scott Swanson and family of Sandstone. In addition, there will be a guest speaker, Lori Mayer of St. Ansgar, Iowa. Reservations are requested to be made by July 8, and can be made by calling Maxine at 384-6413. Please DO Not Call Tobies'.

CAP Plan Open House

Stop by Pizza Pub on July 11 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Enjoy some snacks, and find out more about the amazing projects and ideas your friends and neighbors have been working on as part of the Community Action Plan!

WEDNESDAY JULY 13

Pirates: Lost at Sea

Mark your calendars! The Pirates: Lost at Sea program does require advance registration and will be held at the Pine City Public Library, at 300 fifth St SE, on Wednesday, July 13 at 1 p.m. Each person attending must register individually (the same email address or phone number may be shared). This program is recommended for all ages and registration can be completed on the events calendar at ecrlib.org or in person at the library.

THURSDAY JULY 14

The Magnificent Red Hatters

The Pine City Magnificent Red Hatters will meet at 11:30. We'll enjoy a luncheon and wine tasting at Ann River Winery, 1999 180th Ave., Mora. All ladies 50+ are invited. RSVP to Mary Flesher (320) 438-0797 or Jill Spinler (763) 245-6536 by July 12.

SATURDAY JULY 16

Friends of the Pine City Library Book Sale

Stop by the Friends of the Pine City Public Library's annual book sale Saturday, July 16, on your way to the Art Festival! The sale will be held on the library lawn, opposite Robinson Park, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Select from a fine collection of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and stuffed animals to stock up your home library or cabin bookshelf!

Art Fest

Pine City Art Council is hosting Art Fest from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Robinson Park. Come see the exhibitors, arts and crafts, live music, and enjoy the food.

SUNDAY JULY 17

Save the Date!

Friends of the Art Center Celebration beginning at 3 p.m. Thank you to all of our Friends of Pine Center for the Arts. Our volunteers, artists, students, and anyone who's ever paid a visit to the happiest corner in town. Come to Norway Point for lakefront entertainment by the Grainbelters.

Rush City Aquatic Center 'Big Splash'

Join us for the 'Big Splash' at the Rush City Pool, noon to 4:00 p.m. There are carnival games, food, fun and the Lucky Duck Race. Bingo will be in the council chambers from 2 - 3:45 p.m. Proceeds from this event will help purchase additional equipment for the Rush City Aquatic Center. A minimal charge is required to swim from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Contact (320) 358-3074 for more information.

THURSDAY JULY 30

3rd Annual Bike Run

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is hosting its Bike Run again this year beginning at 11 a.m., at Ryders Saloon, Henriette. All proceeds go towards helping area Veterans and Active Military.

RECURRING MEETINGS

FRIDAYS

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

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

SATURDAYS

Pine County Model Railroaders: 1st and 3rd Saturday, 10 a.m., Pine County Historical Museum, 6333 HC Anderson Alle, Askov

SUNDAYS

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

MONDAYS

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

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

Blue Star Moms(Chapter 16): 1st Monday of month 6:30 p.m., VFW 600 1st Ave NW, Pine City

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: 3rd Monday, 5:30 p.m., Pine City American Legion

TUESDAYS

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

American Legion Auxiliary 2nd Tuesday 7 p.m., American Legion 525 Main St N, Pine City

Pine City Republicans: 3rd Tuesday of month 7 p.m., Tobies Restaurant 404 Fire Monument Rd., Hinckley

VFW: 3rd Tuesday of month 7:30 p.m., VFW Building 600 1st Avenue NW Pine City

Inventors and Entrepreneurs: 4th Tuesday of month 6 p.m. Online https://us02web.zoom/j/82613218118, phone (312) 626-6799, meeting ID 826 1321 8118

WEDNESDAYS

Pine City Council: 1st Wednesday of month 6:30 p.m., Pine Government Center

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

Pine City Council: 3rd Thursday of month 10 a.m., Pine Government Center

Day Break Respite: 1st and 3rd Thursdays 1 p.m., Our Redeemer Church 825 Golf Avenue SW, Pine City

TOPS: Weekly 4 p.m., Pine City Library meeting room, 300 5th Street SE

VFW Auxiliary: 2nd Thursday of month 6:30 p.m., 600 1st Avenue NW Pine City, VFW Club Room

Al-Anon: 3rd Thursday of month 12p.m., Evangelical Free Church 625 Golf Avenue SW, Pine City

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

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Date	High	Low	Precip./Snow
6/28	86	72	.14
6/29	86	68	0
6/30	91	63	.04
7/01	84	70	0
7/02	78	82	0
7/03	81	61	.20
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Fri., July 8	Chicken Chunks w/ Jojo's & Bacon Salad	
Sat., July 9	Super Club w/ Chips & Pasta Salad	Happy Hour Every Day from 4-6pm
Sun., July 10	Gyro Salad w/ Garlic Breadstick	
Mon., July 11	Sloppy Joes	
Tues., July 12	Mushroom & Swiss Burger w/ Fries & Pasta Salad	
Wed., July 13	Chicken Cordon Bleu Sandwich w/ Fries & Pasta Salad	

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July 11 - 13

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Wednesday: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes w/gravy, glazed carrots, bread, fresh fruit.

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

Is it time to talk about creating or revising a Will? I can help.

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Inflation is hurting us all

IT SEEMS TO be an unusual time in the economic history of the nation and perhaps to some degree for the world. I’ve been writing columns for decades and the current state of the economy seems in many ways uncontrolled.

Inflation is running higher than any time in the past 40 years and recent interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve could soon push the economy into recession.

As most readers know, the high price of gas and diesel is one of the driving forces pushing up inflation.

The country runs on petroleum. Our refineries are running between 93-94% capacity and experts say it’s doubtful that production rate can be increased anytime soon. Further, oil companies have no desire to invest more or expand due to government

regulations. The Biden administration’s plans to reduce the use of petroleum and fossil fuels for generating electricity and operating gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles and trucks is another factor.

Going green makes a lot of sense for our climate, but you can’t do it overnight. It takes time, technological advancements, and consumer education. The way we are operating is putting undue financial pressure on the consumer.

Some studies indicate inflation is costing the average family with a home mortgage and one or two cars including, all of the household expenses, \$350 more per month. Where does that extra money come from? Savings accounts are not overflowing and the majority of American people are living paycheck to paycheck.

Wages are going up for many workers, but it’s not adequate to overcome the current inflation rate.

Some people are taking extra part-time jobs. Some people are going back into the work force. Others who haven’t been in the work force are starting.

In Minnesota our legislature could help out its citizens, but lawmakers can’t agree to use the budget surplus to refund and eliminate some taxes.

Do we have to wait for the next election to elect legislators to represent us? Maybe we need to remind them what we are going through and suggest some solutions. After all, it’s our money!

Following the COVID pandemic, a number of businesses and industries were shut down and supplies ran short. In many cases, the supply chains have yet to catch up. Auto manufacturers continue to be plagued by a shortage of chips for automobiles. We have shortages in many other areas of technology that’s used in all aspects of our manufacturing.

If the economy enters a recession, which is likely, housing will be slowed and the recent increase in interest rates is already having an effect. Yes, we see a great deal of new construction of apartments and condos, but they are also going up with higher rent which will make it more difficult for people to afford.

All this will force people to reevaluate their lifestyle, spending habits and find cost saving methods.

Cutting waste, improving efficiencies, careful planning and budgeting will all be essential.

You can learn from others. For example, when seniors go to lunch they often ask for a take-home box and that’s their dinner or lunch the next day.

Another way to put it, we may have to add more water to the soup and cream the peas for the toast. I remember that from my childhood.

THE SPRING EQUINOX on June 21st was our longest day of the year. Can you imagine the days are already shorter?

COMMUNITIES ALL AROUND are celebrating graduations, schools are having all-night parties, families are using food trucks and all types of events are being held to celebrate achievement.

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Publisher Emeritus
Gene Johnson



Challenges can be a good thing

Challenges, I like a good one. To be good a challenge, the challenge needs to make you think and dig up what you need to fulfill that challenge.



Sta columnist
Ann Schindeldecker

Let me introduce myself. I am Ann Schindeldecker, the new editorial assistant for the Pine City Pioneer. I am from the Braham area where I reside with my husband of 23 years. We work together tending to an 80-acre tree farm, as well as collecting wood for the next winter season. I am a grandmother of two pre-teens. I enjoy being creative through crocheting, sewing, drawing, and the computer.

At Pine City Pioneer, I get to do “Heard it on the Streets” on occasion and ask the public at large the question of the week. So you may be seeing me in an unexpected location in the Pine City community taking down responses to our question – or I may even ask you!

I also have the opportunity to keep the Out & About section up to date as well as working with obituaries and legal notices. This is where I get to be somewhat creative with the computer. Learning the new system is a challenge, as is formatting articles correctly.

Aside from the new learning curve, I recently received a challenge from one of our readers. That challenge was to bring back an old way of presenting the weather in the Pioneer. This was more a form of an almanac with historical weather. There are those who like to keep track

of such things, but there is also a need for presenting future weather.

Past weather, current weather, future forecast weather. How does one cover these to satisfaction? Forecasting weather is a tricky matter best left for the meteorologists and all their gadgets. Past weather, this can be rather fun to look at. Finding the best site for the information can be challenging, but if one enjoys digging, it can be rewarding too. In my digging, I found a nice site for information to bring back something from past issues and present a weekend forecast as well.

We hope you enjoy these additions, and if you have any legal notices, announcements, or an idea for a “Heard it on the Streets” question, please email me at publicnotices@pinecitymn.com.

ROADS: Pine City road projects ready to begin

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Wilcox and Golf, will also have the sanitary sewer and water main replacement, said Anderson. The project will consist of curb, gutter and pavement construction. The road currently has a gravel surface. Also, a new sidewalk will be installed on the

west side from Wilcox to Golf.

MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE WORK

Anderson said that miscellaneous concrete work will take place around the city. The concrete work was awarded toember Companies of Menomonie, WI, who is currently working at Pine Technical and Community

College. They will be installing the new curb and sidewalks on the 8th Street SW and Golf Ave. SE projects. Other work will include sidewalk repairs at the library, fire hall and city public works garage. Also included is replacement of the south steps into city hall. This work will occur in September and October.

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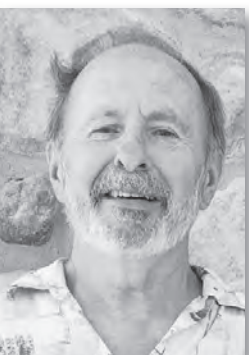
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Mail ballot voting, what is this all about?

During the 2020 election cycle, there was a lot of discussion on mail ballot voting and it seemed there were some misnomers with it as well. First things, first: mail ballot voting is different than regular absentee or early voting. This might not be true in all states, as each state makes their own election laws within a set of federal requirements; however, it is true in Minnesota.



**Pine County
Auditor-
Treasurer
Kelly Schroeder**

Mail ballot-ing means that registered voters in townships or cities which have elections to conduct mail balloting (more on that in the next article), are mailed a ballot packet 46 days prior to the election. These mailings are not done haphazardly. To be a registered voter, voter addresses are verified through postal verification cards, driver’s

license address matches or social security administration address matches. If addresses are not able to be verified, then the voter is listed as “challenged” and does not automatically receive a ballot; they receive a letter explaining their options to vote. The ballot packets are also mailed non-forwardable; thus if the person is not currently at the address, it is returned to the Auditor’s office.

There are requirements voters must follow to ensure their vote is counted and to ensure the intended voter is who is completing the packet. First, the voter must sign the outside envelope. Second, the voter needs to have a witness who is a registered voter in Minnesota or a notary. This witness certifies the voter began with a blank ballot, completed the ballot in secrecy, and sealed the ballot in the inner secrecy envelope. Voters need to ensure it is returned to the Auditor’s office by 8 p.m. on election night. The ballot can arrive via mail or delivery service (such as FedEx, SpeedDee, or UPS), be dropped off in person at the

Auditor’s office, or be dropped off by an agent at the Auditor’s office (agents are limited to returning three ballots).

Mail ballot jurisdiction voters can also vote in person at the Auditor’s office beginning 46 days prior to the election and up until 8 p.m. on election night. It is requested the voter brings the ballot packet that was mailed to them if they wish to vote in person. If a voter does present at the Auditor’s office to vote without their ballot packet, the voter is allowed to vote on a new ballot packet. The ballot packet they have at home is “spoiled” or invalidated and is unable to be used, thus there is no concern for it being used; however, each ballot packet costs roughly \$4, which adds up quickly when voters do this (about 1,000 mail ballot and absentee voters did this in 2020, wasting \$4,000 in taxpayer dollars).

KELLY SCHROEDER is the Pine County auditor-treasurer.

ZERWAS: Brook Park man charged with felonies

FROM PAGE 1

deputies set up a perimeter around the home and used a loudspeaker to direct the occupants to come outside. The original caller stayed on the phone with 911 dispatch updating them with messages she received from the victim. She informed dispatch that Zerwas told her she was not allowed to leave the house and that he would find her and kill her if she reported him

to law enforcement. The caller also told dispatch that she received a photo of the victim showing an injury to her neck. Zerwas has locked himself in the bedroom with the victim, according to the complaint.

Deputies again attempted to make contact with Zerwas via loudspeaker. After approximately 52 minutes, deputies heard a female scream and run from the home. The victim told deputies that Zerwas had been spying

on her and tried to take her phone earlier. She stated that Zerwas would not let her leave and pulled her to the ground and began choking her to the point that she couldn’t breathe.

The victim made several attempts to get Zerwas to let her go, but he refused and blocked her way. Deputies were eventually able to convince Zerwas to exit the house, and they placed him under arrest.

If convicted, Zerwas

is facing three years in prison and/or a maximum fine of \$5,000 for the false imprisonment charge and three years and/or a maximum fine of \$5,000 for the assault by strangulation charge.

A record check showed that Zerwas is currently pending charges in Pine County of felony theft, controlled substance crime in the fifth degree, felony transaction card fraud, and gross misdemeanor theft.

she sneezed . . . I no longer find that funny.

GENE JOHNSON is the Publisher Emeritus for Northstar Media.

JOHNSON: Inflation and other policies hurting us

FROM PAGE 4

We can be very thankful we have so many opportunities for public and private and continuing education. All of the

teachers, athletic directors and administrative people make this happen for our youth. It often takes teachers years to see results and they welcome that openly. I

encourage everyone who has had a good educational experience to thank those involved.

WHEN I WAS little, I laughed when my mom crossed her legs when

ARPA spending

In March, 2021 Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. This law provided \$350 billion to state, local, and tribal governments to support the response and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. Pine County has received \$5,745,374 from this federal appropriation. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.



**Pine County
Administrator
David Minke**

Before committing the funds, the Pine County Board of Commissioners identified important principles to guide decision making. There was a desire to make a lasting impact and to make investments in long term programs that would grow the economy and improve residents’ lives. Spending priorities identified included broadband, housing, business and family assistance, job training, and water and sewer infrastructure.

Pine County has some of the worst broadband service in the state. Over the last several years the county has made broadband a priority and has completed the Blandin Foundation broadband leadership program. These efforts have begun to show success. The county has secured \$2,787,734 in state funds and \$5,576,250 in federal funds to assist private providers expand and improve their networks. The county has allocated \$750,000 of ARPA funds for broadband and is reviewing the first round of grant requests. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars will be awarded in the first round. Several local providers have submitted requests and awards are anticipated by the end of July.

Housing has also been identified as a critical need in the county. The county partnered with Lakes and Pine Community Action Council to provide over \$600,000 to invest in rehab projects for commercial, residential, and rental properties. This project has improved 21 properties.

Another long-standing goal of the county board is to improve the local economy. The ARPA funds have been used to hire an economic development coordinator. In the first year of the program, the position helped secure significant grant funding for broadband and provided leadership and expertise to the restructured county Housing and Redevelopment / Economic Development Authority.

In partnership with Pine Technical and Community College, the county funded the Pine County College Initiative. The program was patterned after the existing Frandsen Family Foundation scholarship program and allows any Pine County high school graduate to attend PTCC at no cost to pursue a technical degree. By educating local students, the program will build the local workforce, which will improve the local economy. In addition to the scholarships for graduating high school seniors, the county has funded the WorkFast program which allows working adults to enroll in credential-granting high demand programs such as welding, health care, and auto technician. These programs will directly improve the lives of the graduates and make Pine County a more attractive location for businesses needing skilled workers.

Investing in youth is a continuing priority for the county, and the ARPA funds have facilitated a partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension service to expand 4-H programing and to initiate a new program focused on building family and community resilience.

In addition to supporting these external programs, the county has dedicated some of the funding to provide needed county services and equipment. Funds have been allocated to replace ballot counters, purchase public works and public safety equipment, and fund needed improvements in the jail.

In total, these funds are contributing to the local economy, educating the workforce, and building a stronger, more resilient community.

DAVID MINKE is the Pine County administrator.

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Online Church?

Like many churches, Journey North Church had what might be considered a typical on-line presence pre-COVID ... a FaceBook group page, along with other social media accounts and a website which included info about the church as well as audio of past sermons. Then along came 2020 and COVID... and everything changed.

We weren't able to meet in person, so we got our video live-stream up and running. For quite a while, there were many who, for a variety of reasons, couldn't return to in-person gatherings right away. We wanted to provide the best experience possible, so we continually worked at improving our on-line presence and having a number of different platforms for people to participate with us on-line. We've noticed some interesting results over the last two plus years as a result.

Some people were more than happy enough to just "watch" on-line and check it off their list. Church ... done. Others appreciated being able to experience the worship and message on-line, but knew there was still something missing. The relationships, the fellowship, the connection was not the same. Many of those people got that connection through their small groups. As we say often here, we're not meant to do this alone... we're better together!

Another result of having that presence on-line has been very interesting to watch. We have new guests almost every week who started off on-line and eventually felt comfortable enough to join us in-person. I've spoken with many people who call Journey North their home who haven't been inside the building yet! They participate on-line, give on-line, share prayer requests on-line, etc. When they finally show up in person, it's like they've come home!

An obvious benefit to on-line is when people are out of town, sick, have to stay home, etc., and can still have a measure of connection on-line. We think that's a big plus.

So all that being said ... is on-line church a substitute for gathering in-person? It's not intended as a substitute. But it can fill a need and a void temporarily for some (and even longer term for others). I know many churches in our area have that on-line presence, and I'm glad for that! Let's continue to be fast, fluid and flexible as we continue to reach people with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus and the freedom it brings!

TIM ADAMS is the pastor of Journey North Church.

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July is National Baked Beans Month

FABULOUS BAKED BEANS

3 cans (32 -oz. each) pork and beans, drained	2 medium onions, cut in half and thinly sliced into half-moons	1/4 c. prepared yellow mustard
2 lbs. country sausage, browned and crumbled	1 c. dark corn syrup	2 tsp. Worchester-shire sauce
	1 c. finely packed light brown sugar	3 tsp. dry mustard
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour pork and beans in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Add the sausage and onions and stir to mix. Pour in corn syrup, brown sugar, prepared mustard, Worcestershire, and dry mustard. Stir to blend throughout the beans. Bake for at least 1 hour; 1-1/2 hours is better. Cooking the beans the day before and reheating for about 30 minutes is the best way to get great flavor. Serves 8-10 people.		



Food 'N Friends
Mary Ellen Dewey

BOSTON BAKED BEANS

1 lb. dry navy beans	1/2-inch pieces	1 tsp. dry mustard powder
6 c. water	1 yellow onion, diced	1-1/2 tsp. salt
1 pinch baking soda	1/3 c. molasses	1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
1 bay leaf	1/4 c. packed dark brown sugar	
6 slices bacon, cut in 1/2		
Soak navy beans overnight in a large bowl with enough water by several inches. Drain and put in a large Dutch oven or heavy pot with 6 cups water, baking soda, and bay leaf. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium, and boil for 10 minutes. Drain, saving bean-cooking liquid. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Transfer beans into clean Dutch oven and stir bacon, onion, molasses, brown sugar, dry mustard, salt, and black pepper into beans. Pour enough of the hot reserved bean liquid in to cover beans; stir, cover Dutch oven and bake in preheated oven for 1 hour. Check liquid level and add more of the reserved bean liquid to bring liquid up to cover beans. Return to oven and continue baking until beans are tender and almost all the liquid has been absorbed, about 1 hour. Raise oven heat to 350 degrees; bake beans uncovered in oven until top develops a flavorful crust, 20 to 30 more minutes. Serves 6. (Time consuming recipe)		

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Worship guide

Church of Christ

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

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Grace Baptist Church

1 mile Southwest of Pine City
on Fairway Road (next to I-35)
320-629-1374
Pastor Tim W. Stratton
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
for all ages. 11:00 a.m. Preaching
Service. 6:00 p.m. Evening Service.
7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible study
6 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Master Clubs for
children ages 4 to 6th grade.

Hands for Pine City

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

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

Hinckley Seventh Day Adventist

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

Hope Lutheran Church Grasston

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

Hustletown Community Church (HCC)

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

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

Journey North Church

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

Living Water Fellowship

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

Open Arms Church of God

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

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Pine City Evangelical Free Church

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

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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

South Pine Baptist Church

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

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410 Main St. S, Pine City
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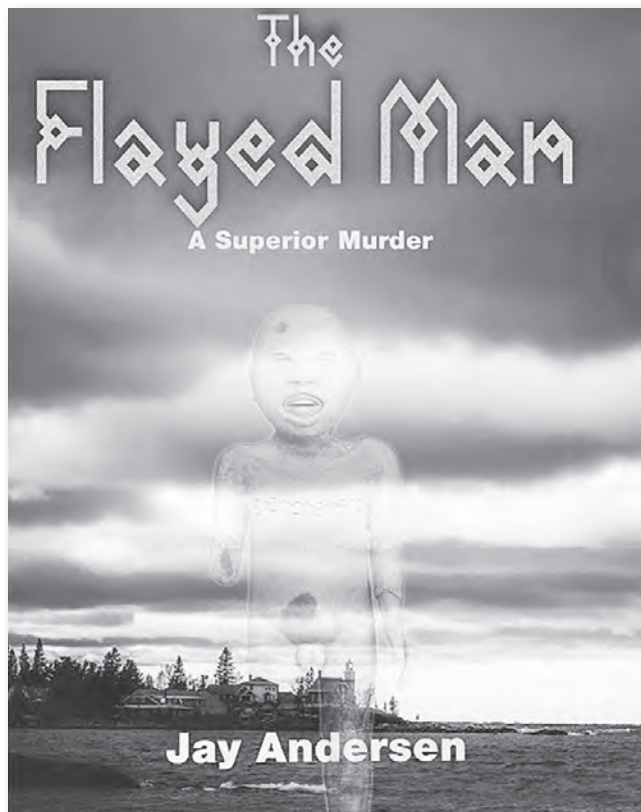
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Where in the World is the Pioneer?

From left, Brandon Scheunemann, Thomas Scheunemann, Jim Scheunemann, and Luke Hegge display editions of the Pine City Pioneer on a recent fishing trip in Alaska. Thanks for the shout out, boys! Submit your 'Where in the World is the Pioneer?' photos to editor@pinecitymn.com.

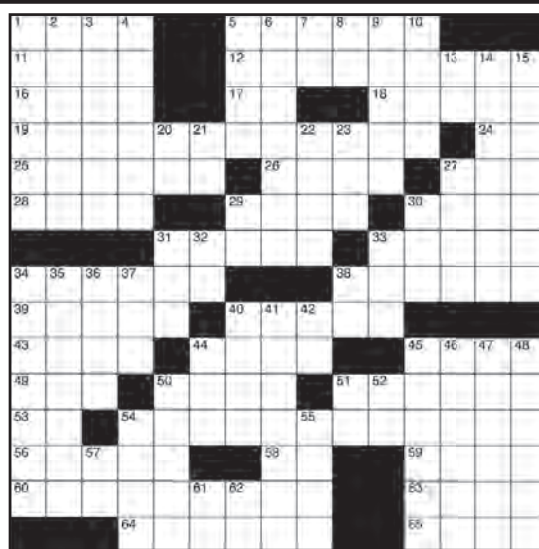
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Clue: Poultry

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CLUES DOWN

1. A particular part
2. Spanish neighborhood
3. Business
4. Reddish browns
5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
6. Disney town
7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
10. In a moment
13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
14. Submerge in a liquid
15. Yellowish cotton cloth
20. —, denotes past
21. Hoopster Morant
22. Not

23. Indian title of respect
27. Horsley and Marvin are two
29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
30. Hoover's organization
31. Round globular seed
32. University official
33. Spherical body
34. Iraq's capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen lymph node
37. Anger
38. Technological marvel
40. Peruvian district
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. What Santa says
44. Israeli city ___ Aviv
45. Late Heisman winner

CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient Greek sophist
5. Genus of insects
11. Culinary herb
12. Neutralizing antibody
16. Plan
17. Pa's partner
18. A city in S Louisiana
19. TNT sportscaster
24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
25. Well-known bug
26. Body parts
27. Monetary unit of Albania
28. Kids' play things
29. Coastal city in Malaysia
30. Famed French physician

31. Flourishing
33. Excessively overweight
34. Pampered
38. Emerged
39. Order of tailless amphibians
40. Indian term of respect
43. Shift sails (Brit.)
44. Beloved Mexican dish
45. Scottish tax
49. Health insurance
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
51. Move about
53. Execute or perform
54. Taste property
56. Unit of dry measure

58. Blood group
59. Something you can up
60. In great need
63. Breezes through
64. Spoke
65. Become acquainted with

SOLUTION

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Dragon football goes to camp at UMD

STAFF REPORT

EDITOR@PINECITYMN.COM

The Pine City Dragon football team concluded their summer camps this past week. The Dragon coaching staff hosted 35 high school athletes this last week. The camp focused on relationship building, team values and fundamentals of football. The camp operated from Thursday, June 23, and concluded on Saturday, June 25.

Co-head coach, Nate Fort, commented on the three day dragon camp. "Summer camps are always a great opportunity for athletes to get extra reps and build on the season. I really enjoyed this week, and there is a lot of work to accomplish over the next few weeks in preparation for the August 15 start date."

The three-day dragon camp is a follow-up with the more intense two-day camp at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. This past week's camp had over 700 athletes on the Duluth campus from schools in Minnesota, Wisconsin and north of the border Canada. The camp is hosted by UMD coaches and area college coaches. The camp rotates sessions between team time, scrimmages against other schools, individual position practice, and finally concludes in a "King of the Hill tournament."

Co-head coach, Andrew Burger, said on the UMD camp, "This was a great opportunity for our kids to compete with other schools and receive top level coaching. Our kids represented their



ANDREW BURGER | PINE CITY PIONEER

Above, over 700 athletes participated in this year's football camp at the University of Minnesota-Duluth campus. Below, senior Bryce Erickson makes the throw.

community very well and created lasting relationships with other athletes."

Dragon coaches will be busy this week prepping for the Saturday, July 9 athletic ride at Riders Saloon. All proceeds to the event will go towards completing the weight room. Registration for the ride opens at 9 a.m. at Ryders and Dinner and raffle items will conclude in the evening.



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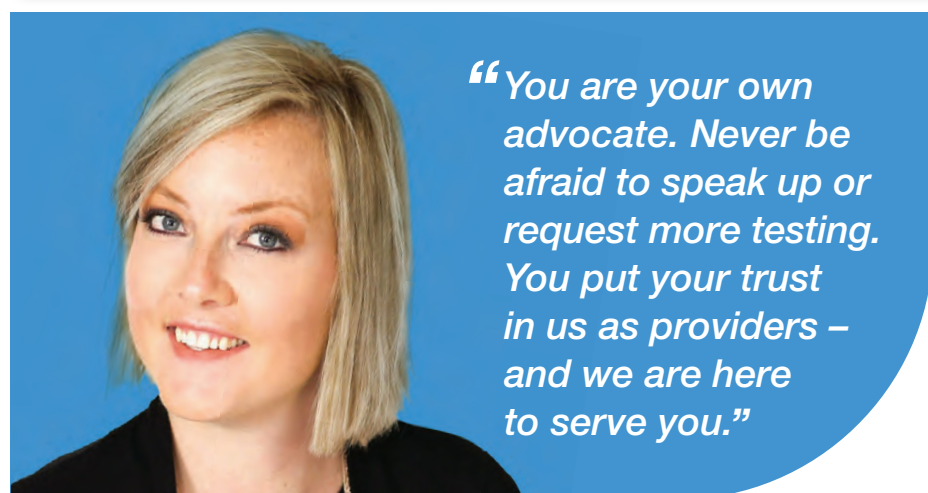
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PLAY: Tickets now on sale for Pine City play

FROM PAGE 1

"We have a cast of 38 people this year with about 60 years between the youngest and oldest members of the group. It has been especially fun this year to see the number of families involved in the show together – some for the first time," says Director, Jay Schueller. "Half of the cast has a family connection in the show – parent, sibling, cousin, child – and the rest... they just feel like family because we spend a lot of time together and learn how to have fun!"

Other production team members include JoLynn Howard, costume design; Rachel Bigelow, scenic painter; Sonda Jacobson, accompanist; Ryan Palmer, sound technician; Allison Legler, stage manager; Ceal Regnier, props designer and Becky Schueller as Production Manager.

The role of Joseph will be played by Henry Mattson, a graduate of North Branch High School and currently pursuing an English major with a pre-law track at the College of St. Scholastica. This is his first production with the Heritage Players.

Emily Schueller and Shayla Mihelich share the role of narrator and make for a vocal pairing that audiences will love. Other featured vocalists from the ensemble include: Troy Anderson, Kyle Peters, Dawn Carpenter, Caron Peters, Josh Newman, and Lukas Struss.

The musical will perform for one weekend, opening on July 14 and running through July 17 in the Pine City High School Auditorium. All tickets can be purchased online through the



Heritage Players website (www.pinecityheritage-players.com). Online purchases will incur a convenience fee for credit card processing. You may also purchase tickets in advance and in-person at the Pine City Chamber Office, 315 Main Street South during regular business hours. Tickets are now on sale and patrons will have the ability to choose their seats at the time of purchase this year. Adults are \$15, Seniors are \$12 and Students are \$10.

The Pine City Heritage Players' mission is to enrich, educate, and entertain our community by providing a superior theater experience.

T.A. LEBRUN | PINE CITY PIONEER

A large fireworks display took place on Saturday, July 2 over Pokegama Lake. Other displays took place over Cross Lake as well.



T.A. LEBRUN | PINE CITY PIONEER

Boat parade!

A patriotic boat parade took place on Pokegama over the weekend. The Cross Lake boat parade was postponed due to weather and now rescheduled for Sat., July 9 at 1 p.m.



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JULY 10 MN Adult/Teen Challenge Choir, Duluth, MN
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JULY 17 Benson Family Singers, Fairbault, MN
JULY 24 Roller Family Bluegrass, New Richmond, WI
JULY 31 Paul Family Bluegrass Band, Trout Creek, MI

AUG 7 The Holy Hootenanners, Mahtowa, MN
AUG 14 The Highview Bluegrass Band, Webster, WI
AUG 21 The Klassen Family, Worthington, MN
AUG 28 Kenny Krona, Cambridge, MN

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BY DONNA SANDBERG
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10 Years Ago, 2012

City scopes out upcoming projects: new fire hydrants, street repairs, warning sirens, firefighter equipment and training, and trail development. These and other items topped a preliminary list of proposed capital improvements and budget items the Pine City Council will review at its work session in July.

Twenty-one nurses and doctors at First Light Health System underwent simulation training to prepare for medical emergencies in infants and children Thursday in the Children’s Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota mobile stimulation Center.

The mannequins come in various sizes from newborn infants to toddlers that can breathe, blink, bleed, cry, have a pulse and even have pupils that dilate. These features simulate various types of medical emergencies such as when a child is brought in with breathing difficulties or when a newborn needs resuscitation, which provides participants a chance to practice pediatric procedures.

25 Years Ago, 1997

One man and four

juveniles are expected to be charged with felony burglary and theft in Pine County after three cabins were burglarized near Bruno.

On June 17, the Pine County Sheriff’s Office was notified of the burglaries and given a description of a van which had been seen near the cabins. Witnesses also observed suspects riding an ATV near the cabins.

Deputies located the van in the Sandstone area and found stolen property from the cabins inside. The Polaris 4x4 ATV that was seen by witnesses was recovered from a field behind one of the cabins.

Sandstone is the 143rd Minnesota Star City and one of the last Star cities to be certified in Minnesota, said Gerald Wenner from the Minnesota Department of trade and economic development at sandstones Star City and volunteer recognition celebration on Wednesday, June 25.

Kids and community reap benefits of summer program: Buildings at the fairgrounds gleam with bright white paint. A new little bridge crosses a gully at the high school baseball fields, providing safer, easier access, along with a storage shed with new siding. And a group of Pine City High School students has accumulated work

Years Ago: Boy Scout camping party at Grindstone



FILE PHOTO

The picture comes from Maxine Odendahl. It’s an old postcard photograph of the fairgrounds, from the days when it cost a penny to mail the card in the United states, Cuba, Canada and Mexico. And two cents to foreign countries.

skills that will last them a lifetime.

50 Years Ago, 1972

A group of five men have been arrested in Hennepin County for the robbery of the Rock Garden Lounge in Rock Creek early Saturday morning May 20. The robbery took place as the Proprietors and band were preparing to leave for the night, when the armed bandits took about \$1,200 and left two men wounded. The arrested men are not local residents.

Chuck Field, Rush City, and Rodger Newton, North branch, have invented a device which will make it possible to pour from a paint can

into any size container with no spillage. The device is a snap-on reusable plastic spout and the two men have formed a company for the manufacturer and marketing of their product.

A lot of Volkswagen owners are driving cars that are subject to windshield wiper failure without warning, the Department of Transportation has notified the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

75 Years Ago, 1947

Brook Park: Fourteen tired but happy boys returned Sunday evening from a Boy Scout camping party at Grindstone since Friday.

Thursday afternoon,

the ladies of the neighborhood gathered at the August Peterson home and honored Mrs. Kenneth Peterson with a stork shower. A contest, the viewing of the many lovely gifts and a delicious lunch, made it a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Fourth of July special at the family theater is “Love laughs at Andy Hardy” with Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone.

100 Years Ago, 1922

Connie Mack was asked to pick the best baseball combination of all time, and these were his selections: Buck Irving, catcher; Christy Mathewson and Rube

Waddell, pitchers; George Sissler, first base; Eddie Collins, second base; Hans Wagner, short-stop; Jimmy Collins, third base; Fred Clarke, left field; Tris Speaker, centerfield; and Ty Cobb right field.

125 Years Ago, 1897

The village of Barnum was partially destroyed by a tornado recently.

The water in the Snake River is about as high as it has ever been, and there are grave fears of the Chengwatana dam going out.

There was quite a crowd here on Saturday from Rush Lake and Danewood. They came in two or three wagons which were tastefully decorated with trees, flags and bunting.

Cole Younger was seen at the prison in regard to the statement that the James boys participated in the Northfield raid, but refused to affirm or deny it. Said he, “Frank James is enjoying his Liberty and Jesse is dead so I can’t see what good it will do for me to say anything either for or against them. No living man has ever heard me say they were with us.”C

Postage rates, Pioneer subscription prices increasing July 10

STAFF REPORT
PINE CITY PIONEER

The United States Postal Service is raising rates July 10 for both the general public and commercial mail users. Stamps are increasing 6.5%, marketing bulk mail is increasing 6.5%, packages are increasing 8.5% and periodical mail is increasing 8.54%.

This increase follows stamp increases in January 2021 of 1.5%, and August 2021 of 5.5%. Periodical postage increased 10.3% during 2021.

Due to the postage increase, the *Pine City Pioneer* and other U.S. periodicals are raising home delivery subscription rates to coincide with postage increases. The Pine City Pioneer 1-year subscription rate for in-county delivery is increasing \$4 beginning July 10. The 1-year out-of-county subscription rate will be increasing \$5 on the same date.

Brent Wesner, chair

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE RATE CHANGES		
PRODUCT	CURRENT PRICES	PLANNED PRICES
Letters (1 oz.)	58 cents	60 cents
Letters additional ounce(s)	20 cents	24 cents
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	53 cents	57 cents
Domestic Postcards	40 cents	44 cents
Flats (1 oz.)	\$1.16	\$1.20
Outbound International Letters (1 oz.)	\$1.30	\$1.40

of the National Newspaper Association and president of Wesner Publications, Cordell OK, said, “We recognize USPS is facing inflation problems – including fuel cost – but it also has not only the relief from the Postal Services Reform Act (which took \$50 billion of debt off the USPS balance sheet), but also (has) \$10 billion of CARES Act money. Right now, it has a much stronger cash flow than many in the industry.”

The 2021 increases were part of a business plan which also included a weakening of service standards for mail mov-

ing across the U.S.A., according to NNA.

Wesner announced NNA has requested a major change in how newspaper mail is handled in mail processing, which he hopes will be reflected in the 2023 anticipated price increases.

“We value our subscribers and are doing our best to hold our costs down,” said *Pine City Pioneer* publisher Jeff Andres. “But with two postal increases totaling 10.3% in 2021 and now 8.5% in 2022 we are forced to raise the subscription rates. The subscriptions cover less than half of our costs to

produce a newspaper.”

Andres added a reminder that subscribers get unlimited access to the paper’s website and some special sections during the year. We are also working on improving our subscriber’s access to the website and e-edition with changes coming very soon.

The cost of a 1-year subscription will increase to \$41 for in-county and \$51 for out-of-county.

Newsstand price will remain \$1 per issue.

Friends of the Pine City Library Book Sale July 16

PRESS RELEASE
PINE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Stop by the Friends of the Pine City Public Library’s annual book sale Saturday, July 16, on your way to the Art Festival! The sale will be held on the library lawn, opposite Robinson Park, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Select from a fine collection of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and stuffed animals to stock up your home library or cabin bookshelf!

The Pine City Leos will be volunteering their services for this community event, and

all proceeds will go toward local library programming. Buy some books and support a great cause, your local library! In the event of wet weather we will move the sale into the community room.

The Pine City Public Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 300 Fifth St. SE, Pine City, and can be reached at (320) 629-6403. For more information, visit ecrlib.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@ecrlmn).

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Author Kara Jorge brings historical fiction to Pine City

BY SARA GOLDSTEIN
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Minneapolis-based author, Kara Jorge, recently brought her book to The Bookstore in Pine City and shared about its content.

The 1930s was a tough time for many. The Great Depression was weighing heavy on the nation. Education was not available to all, especially families in the Appalachian Mountains, where the bold and fierce woman of Kentucky came to the rescue with the Work Progress Administration Pack-horse Library.

Kara Jorge, along with four other authors, wrote a book called “Bookriders” which tells the stories of these brave women who risked their lives to keep literacy and education available to everyone.

Originally from Montevideo, Minnesota, Kara stepped away from her usual genre of romantic suspense



Author Kara Jorge

novels to shed light on a little known moment of history in this incredible anthology of women who, until not too long ago, were unnoticed and unappreciated. Although the stories told in “Bookriders” are fiction, it is centered around a very poignant time in

history. Jorge states that the women she wrote about in “Bookriders” were a very real thing. It was a part of the WPA program to put people to work and took place in the rural areas of Kentucky. There were very few roads, so they got

the idea to put librarians on horseback to deliver books to the remote areas. The WPA program was put into motion by President Franklin Delanore Roosevelt.

Jorge wrote her first romance novel “California Dream” in 1990 and has written twelve books since. She is also the author of a romantic suspense trilogy that starts on the Las Vegas Strip with a book titled “Night at the Cuzco.” However, “Bookriders” is her latest release with Pro Se Press.

Jorge currently lives in Minneapolis and says she is an avid reader and book collector with an overstuffed home library. She resides with her two best friends, her beautiful German Shepherds, Oso and Wolfie.

Jorge books are available at The Bookstore in Pine City as well as on Amazon.

Pine City given ‘City of Excellence’ award



PHOTO PROVIDED

Pine City has been selected as a 2022 City of Excellence award winner. Four winners in sum were announced at the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference in Duluth in June. Pictured are league official and executive director, Dave Unmacht (far left), Marco Schisano, Mary Kay Sloan (Pine City Council member), Scott Hildebrand (Pine City administrator), and league official and president, Ron Johnson.

PRESS RELEASE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES

At its Annual Conference in Duluth, the League of Minnesota Cities announced four winners of the 2022 City of Excellence Awards last night. Each winning city will receive a plaque, a check for \$1,000, and recognition in League publications and promotional activities throughout the coming year.

The City of Excellence Awards recognize cities for outstanding programs or projects that have accomplished one or more of the following:

- Improved the quality of a city service
- Developed an effective or innovative way to solve an old or common problem
- Modified a program from another community or organization to fit the city’s need
- Found a way to save the city money while achieving the same or better results
- Creatively involved city staff in decision-making.

Winning entries were chosen in three population categories and in a special topical category. The 2022 winners follow:

In the “Population under 5,000” category,

the City of Pine City earned the award for their Hilltop Recreation Area project.

The Hilltop Recreation Area revitalization is a collaborative effort between the city, school district, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and multiple volunteer-led nonprofits and associations. The project transformed year-around conditions in the park and provided new ice rinks and other facilities for park users of all ages and abilities.

Led by resident volunteers and businesses, the project has so far resulted in the construction of a new warming house that also serves as a multi-use facility and includes four locker rooms, two restrooms, a lobby concession stand with large windows that overlook the recreation area, and on-site storage for recreation and maintenance equipment. Additions planned for the summer include an outdoor concrete court area to accommodate family-friendly activities like a roller rink, floor hockey, curling, and adaptive programming like wheelchair basketball.

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New Law for marijuana takes effect

BY SARA GOLDSTEIN
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Taking a trip to the local grocery store, liquor store or gas station might look a little different very soon. Familiar grocery items, along with new products, will have hemp-derived THC infused options available to those 21 years of age and older.

A new Minnesota law took effect Friday, July 1, which will now allow people 21 and older to buy edibles and beverages that contain a small amount of tetrahydrocannabinol or THC, the ingredient in marijuana that creates a high.

Under the new law, edibles, which will be most commonly found in the form of a gummy candy product and beverages, can contain up to five milligrams of THC per serving and 50 milligrams per package. The five milligram amount is roughly half the typical dose of recreational products in other states. The law requires that THC products must be derived from legally certified hemp, although the effect that five milligrams will produce is the same whether it is derived from hemp or marijuana due to the



minimal amount of THC used.

Hemp has been traced back as far as 8,000 B.C. by archeologists and has been used for everything from rope to clothing; although use of industrial hemp has quickly increased over the past decade. A government report valued the industry at \$824 million in 2021. Minnesota farmers planted 2,650 acres of hemp, the fifth most among U.S. states.

The law, which was signed last week, allows elements such as Delta 8, 9 and 10. Delta-9 is the psychoactive ingredient that is responsible for the “high” consumers may experience from the now legal products.

The regulations manufacturers will have to abide by due to the new law are as follows:

- Does not contain

more than 0.3% of any tetrahydrocannabinol

- The label must also include a statement stating that the product does not claim to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease
- An edible cannabinoid product must not appeal to children
- Label must include all ingredients and serving sizes
- A manufacturer must submit representative samples of the product to an independent, accredited laboratory
- No product containing any cannabinoid or tetrahydrocannabinol extracted or otherwise derived from hemp may be sold to any individual who is under the age of 21
- An edible cannabinoid product must not contain more than five milligrams of any

tetrahydrocannabinol in a single serving or more than a total of 50 milligrams of any tetrahydrocannabinol per package

What is not explained with the new law is the regulation on how much a consumer can buy at one time. The law also requires packaging to be childproof and to have a QR code to scan for information on ingredients and testing.

The new law was passed under the omnibus health bill at the end of the legislative session as differences were resolved between the DFL led House and Republican led Senate regarding the unregulated sale of Delta 8, which required the legislature to act across the board to regulate THC products. An example of the need for regulation was the accessibility and attraction for kids, as well as unregulated doses, which needed to be addressed before a more serious legal matter developed.

Although Senate Republicans blocked a bill to legalize marijuana, Democratic Gov. Tim Walz anticipates the legalization of recreational marijuana in 2024.

PRESS RELEASE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CO Ben Karon (Pine City) spent time this week on ATV patrol around the

county. Many of the area lakes were worked for boating enforcement and angling activities. Karon also spent time on miscellaneous wildlife-related complaints.

CO Bret Grundmeier (Hinckley) patrolled area lakes throughout the Independence Day holiday and also handled quite a few ATV complaints. Water skiers, tubers, jet

skiers and ATV riders were out in full force. Several wild animal-related complaints were taken, including bears in campgrounds, abandoned fawns and wolf depreda-

tion of cattle. One local rancher had a calf killed by wolves.

CO Mike Krauel (Mora) spent the week checking anglers and working boat and water safety. He also

worked ATV complaints in a neighboring vacant station. Enforcement action was taken for life jacket issues and no fishing license. A DUI arrest was made.

Local DNR conservation officer reports

STUDENTS

Dean’s List

Hamline University’s College of Liberal Arts

- **Jack Erickson**, Pine City
- **Livia Isackson-Rod**, Pine City
- **Jakob Daniels**, Pine City

St. Cloud State University

- **Christina Scherer**, Pine City

Wheaton College

- **Lydia Adams**, Pine City

Graduates

Bemidji State University

- **Lisa Gobel**, Brook Park, Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- **Alayna Campbell**, Pine City, Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- **Katelyn Christensen**, Pine City Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- **Kaylee Johnson**, Pine City, Master of Special Education
- **Jared Kotek**, Pine City, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- **Andrew Wagner**, Pine City, Bachelor of Science in Aquatic Biology

St. Cloud State University

- **Christina Caballero**, Pine City, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Studio Art, Magna Cum Laude St. Cloud State University
- **Gavin Dutcher**, Brook Park, Master of Science, Information Assurance St. Cloud State University
- **Holly Emslander**, Grasston, bachelor of science degree in community health
- **Angela DeGray**, Grasston, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Sciences and Medical Laboratory Science, Cum Laude and Certificate, Histotechnician, St. Cloud State University

University of Wisconsin-River Falls

- **Hannah Husom**, Brook Park, Bachelor of Science, Psychology and Criminology, Cum Laude
- **Chloe Alleman**, Pine City, Bachelor of Science, Marketing Communications, Senior Merit

BIRTHS

Fore

Atleigh Jane Fore was born on May 13, 2022 at Welia Health. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. His parents are Slade and Adri of Mora. Atleigh is welcomed home by sibling Ada (4 years old). Grandparents are Rahya and Marc Geisler of Pine City, Garnet Nettetstad of Bovey, Chad Fore of Pine City and Kim Campeu of Mora.

Brown

Eemeli Immanuel Brown was born on May 26, 2022 at Welia Health. He weighed 10 pounds, 15 ounces and was 23 1/4 inches long. His parent is Erin Gentry of Pine City. Eemeli is welcomed home by siblings Eric (8 years old), and Elias (7 year old). Grandparents are Maureen Rioux and James Foust.

Rawls

Harper was born on May 5, 2022 at Welia Health. She weighed 7 pounds. Her parents are Ellie Clark of Pine City and Joshua Rawls of Mora. Grandparents are Josh Clark, Toni Rockstroh of Pine City, Joe and Sandra Wolf of Mora, and Willie Rawls of North Branch.

Rand

Stetson John Rand arrived into the world Sunday July 3, 2022. He weighed 7 lbs 4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. His parents are Randi and Alex Rand of Isanti. Stetson is welcomed home by sisters Harleigh and Kinny. Proud grandpa Randy of Pine City and great grandparents John and Darlene Armstrong of Pine City.

IN MEMORY

Eyvonne Buckley
July 8, 1940- 2021



We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.
But all we have are memories,
and your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit,
and put flowers there with care.
We never will forget you,
as we turn and leave you there.
DEEPLY missed by your family.

PINE COUNTY SHERIFF’S BLOTTER

Sheriff Report

Sunday, June 26, 2022
2:51 p.m., **Threats**, Airwaves Rd NE, Pine City
8:20 p.m., **Order Violation**, Cross Lake Rd, Pine City
Monday, June 27, 2022
10:48 a.m., **Theft**, Ridgeway Rd NE, Pine City
4:26 p.m., **Theft**, Johnson Ave SE, Pine City
Tuesday, June 28, 2022
12:07 p.m., **Burglary**, Main St S, Pine City
2:24 p.m., **Hit And Run Property**, Main St N, Pine City
7:53 p.m., **Smoke In The Area**, Alabaster Rd, Pine City
Wednesday, June 29, 2022
2:54 p.m., **Personal Injury Accident**, Edgewater Rd, Pine City
3:27 p.m., **MVA Property Damage**, 13th St SW, Pine City
11:27 p.m., **Overdose**, 7th St SW, Pine City
Thursday, June 30, 2022
1:20 p.m., **Hit And Run Property**, 10th St SW, Pine City
7:05 p.m., **Lift Assist**, 5th Ave NW, Pine City
Friday July 1, 2022
12:31 a.m., **Loud Music Complaint** 8th St SW, Pine City
10:26 a.m., **Damage To Property**, State Hwy 70, Pine City
11:52 a.m., **Theft**, Industrial St NE, Pine City
2:05 p.m., **Theft**, Main St N, Pine City
Saturday July 2, 2022
1:46 p.m., **Order Violation**, 1st Ave NW, Pine City
7:34 p.m., **Customer Trouble**, Deer Valley Rd, Pine City

Jail Roster

June 27
BARBEAU, VICTOR THOMAS
Hold For Other Agency
Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor - Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 Years of Previous Conviction - Arrest of Adult
ENGEL, CHRISTINA LYNN
Pine County Warrant
Confined But Not Convicted - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Fugitive from Justice from Other State - Hold For Other Agency
Confined But Not Convicted - Failure to Appear-Chgd/Convicted Gross Misd/Misd - Arrest of Adult
ERNST, LUCAS JAMES
Probable Cause - Fleeing a Peace O° cer in a Motor Vehicle - Tra° c-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation - Introduce Contraband-Drug/Liquor into Jail/ Lockup/Prison
ISAACSON, COREY
Pine County Warrant
Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace O° cer in a Motor Vehicle - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
ISLAM, CHEYENNE LYNN
Hold For Other Agency: Probation Violation - MS Warrant

KENOWSKI, KASSAUNDRA JOE
Probable Cause - Harassment; Restraining Order - Violate and Knows of Temporary or Restraining Order
LIND, COREY STEVEN
Probable Cause Domestic Assault - By Strangulation
June 28
ADELMAN, ELAINA PAIGE
Hold For Other Agency: Bench - Misdemeanor Warrant - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
MONTRY, BRANDON MICHAEL
Probable Cause - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
June 29
BELISLE, JASON WINN
Hold For Other Agency: Bench - Felony Warrant Issued - Fugitive From Justice From Other State
BENJAMIN, DENNIS WAYNE
Pine County Warrant
Confined But Not Convicted - Tra° c-DL-Driving After Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety - Tra° c - DWI - Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test; Breath or Test Refusal or Failure - Arrest of Adult
GOSSEN, DAVID JOHN
Hold For Other Agency
Confined But Not Convicted - Pine County Warrant
Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

NIESEN, LISA MARIE
Probable Cause - DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described
SICORA, NICHOLAS SCOTT
Confined But Not Convicted - Tra° c - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours
SKINAWAY, CANDICE JEAN
Pine County Warrant
Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
June 30
ALEXANDER, JEREMIAH
Boarder Confined But Not Convicted - Violate Non Contact Order - Within 10 Years of the First of Two or More Convictions
BEAULIEU, FARON JAMES
Boarder Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Assault - By Strangulation - Domestic
CHRISTIAN, EDWARD
Boarder Confined But Not Convicted - Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration Under 18/Contact under 14-Fear Great Bodily Harm - Arrest of Adult
FELTUS, ADAM DALE
Boarder Confined But Not Convicted - Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk - Arrest of Adult
HENDRICKS, DEON TAYLOR

Boarder Confined But Not Convicted - Simple Robbery
OLDS, DEAN WAYNE
Boarder Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs-1st Degree - Possess 50 Grams or More Cocaine or Methamphetamine
MYERS, NATHAN DAVID
Probable Cause - Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another
MYERS, NATHAN DAVID
Probable Cause - Disorderly Conduct - Brawling or Fighting
NELSON, BRANDON JAMES
Hold For Other Agency: Arrest -Misdemeanor Warrant
SMITH, TIMOTHY RICHARD
Pine County Warrant: Bench - Felony Warrant Issued by Pine, MN - Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 Years of the First of Two or More Convictions
ZERWAS, DEAN LOUIS
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Obstruct Legal Process-Lawful Execution Legal Process - Emergency Telephone Calls/ Communications - Interrupt, Interfere, Impede, Disrupt 911 Call - Domestic Assault - By Strangulation -To Hold in Involuntary Servitude - Arrest of Adult
July 1
CLINTON, JENNIFER K
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Obstruct Legal Process-Lawful Execution Legal Process - Criminal

Sexual Conduct - 3rd Degree - Penetration; Victim Under 14 Actor not >36m older - Fleeing a Peace O° cer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult
HILER, JOSHUA JOHN
Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation Warrant Issued by Pine, MN - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
July 2
OPPERUD, RODNEY ALLEN
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Trespass - Posting Property by Person Without Right, Title, or Interest to Use Land - Possession of Burglary or Theft Tools - Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult
July 3
JONES, CYNTHIA LEE
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Assault-Felony - Arrest of Adult
SANSBURN, ISABEL CLAIRE
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon - Arrest of Adult
July 4
LAFAVE, CEDAR DAWN
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor - Arrest of Adult

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Social Host Ordinance enforced by county attorney

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School is out, graduation parties are in full swing and everyone wants to enjoy some fun in the sun before the frigid Minnesota winter returns. However, nothing will put a damper on a good time faster than a visit from law enforcement.

The number one killer of teenagers is traffic accidents; however, statistics provided by Mothers Against Drunk Driving show that 31% are alcohol related accidents. Drinking and driving has been an issue for decades, but the alarming increase in those under 21 who are drinking and driving has become one of the reasons behind the Social Host Ordinance (SHO) which has been implemented in Pine County.

The Social Host Ordinance in Pine County was passed on April 2, 2019. Violating the ordinance is a misdemeanor offense which carries a penalty of up to a \$1,000 fine and 90 days in jail. The ordinance prohibits the use of alcohol, marijuana and other controlled substances by underage users. The definition of what it means to host does not mean that it has to be the homeowner. For instance, should the homeowner be out of town and a person hosts a gathering without the homeowner's knowledge, the homeowner is



not in violation of the ordinance. The host is the responsible party. The ordinance was drafted by Pine County Attorney Reese Frederickson and was supported by the Pine County Chemical Health Coalition.

Aside from alcohol related traffic accidents, underage drinking has severe biological consequences as it impacts brain development. Frederickson shared that this is both a public health and a public safety issue and that the number of people with alcohol dependencies later in life can be reduced by combating it in the juvenile years. This would also mean less cases in criminal court and lower public health costs. MADD stated that people who reported using alcohol before age 15 were more than five times more likely to have alcohol dependency and abuse than those who used alcohol at age

21 or older.

Frederickson said, "In Minnesota, 38 counties have a social host ordinance, and 136 cities have one. Sixty-eight percent of Minnesotans reside in jurisdictions with a SHO. There is no criminal social host crime in state statute, although there are efforts currently underway to develop such a law (the Minnesota Prevention Alliance is one of the organizations working on this). Social host ordinances close a gap in Minnesota criminal law. Under state statute, a person may be criminally responsible for furnishing alcohol to a minor, but there is no criminal law covering situations where the person knowingly hosts a party where alcohol is present and underage persons are consuming that alcohol."

Minnesota does have a civil social host statute (Sec. 340A.90 MN

Statutes). This statute allows anyone who has sustained damages by an intoxicated person under 21 years of age to sue a social host for full damages. For example, if a teenager consumed alcohol at a party, got in a vehicle as a driver and then injured someone while driving drunk, the victim or the victim's family may then sue the person who hosted the party for all damages, said Frederickson.

In Pine County, there have been seven cases since the ordinance was passed. A typical resolution involves a misdemeanor charge (thus creating a criminal record); a year of probation (including any programs and rules recommended by probation); up to a \$400 fine; and stayed jail time (meaning the court will put jail time over a person's head, but won't execute that jail time unless probation is violated).

Given the significant issues with underage drinking (both health and public safety), Frederickson's office takes these dispositions seriously. Pine County probation is working on putting together a standard probation disposition for persons who violate social host ordinances that will tentatively include education that other states have already put in place.



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Trails4Transplants

Trails4Transplants is a nonprofit whose mission is to raise awareness for the need of organ, eye and tissue donors. They use horses and ride many miles to raise awareness and funds. This year was the 10th annual ride taking place in Fort Pierre, SD. The group rode 45 miles in 3 days and raised \$11,000 which will benefit the Gift of Life Transplant House in Rochester, Minn. and those needing the gift of life. Be a hero, Donate! A \$250 donation was made by the Pine City Knights of Columbus.



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Fishing the Snake

Anglers are frequenting local rivers and lakes as the weather is great for fishing! Above father and son, Jarrod Nelson and Jaiden Nelson, of Stanchfield, enjoying an afternoon fishing on the banks of the Snake River. Below, Larry Mo't and Jameson Fulweiler also enjoying some time fishing the Snake River on the pier in Pine City.



Drive smart, slow down, it Could Save Your Life.

Extra Speed Enforcement July 1 – July 31

PRESS RELEASE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

The Fourth of July weekend kicks off a month of fun and travel for many families. That means a lot of extra vehicles hitting the road. While many Minnesotans are driving smart, many are still driving too fast. Speed was the largest contributing factor in fatal traffic crashes during the 100 deadliest days last summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day).

To help stop speed-related deaths and educate motorists, officers, deputies and troopers will be participating in a statewide extra enforcement and awareness campaign from July 1-31. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS) coordinates the campaign. DPS-OTS provides federal overtime funding for law

enforcement officers to conduct increased patrols.

"We see it every day on just about every road, drivers going too fast," said Mike Hanson, Office of Traffic Safety director. "The warm weather and snow-free roads make it easy to want to drive faster, but it's a dangerous decision. When speeds go up, so does the likelihood of fatal crashes and serious injuries. Going the speed limit and slowing down in construction zones are critical to us all coming home to our loved ones at the end of the day."

THE DEADLY DANGERS OF SPEEDING

While getting a ticket may be a primary concern when exceeding the speed limit, drivers should worry about far more dangerous consequences:

In 2021, 166 motorists died in speed-related

crashes (preliminary), the most since 2003 (195).

During the 100 deadliest days in the past five years (2017-2021), preliminary numbers show that 196 people lost their lives in speed-related crashes.

Speed contributed to an average of 82 deaths per year from 2012-2016, but an average of 113 deaths per year from 2017-2021.

Through June 19, preliminary numbers show speed-related deaths are 45 percent less than at this time last year, but 13 percent more than in 2020, and 57 percent more than in 2019.

44 in 2022
80 in 2021
39 in 2020
28 in 2019
52 in 2018
40 in 2017

The 488 traffic fatalities in 2021 (preliminary) are the most since 2007 (510), with speed contributing to 34 percent of those fatalities.

SPEED-RELATED TRAFFIC FATALITIES

166 in 2021
122 in 2020
75 in 2019
113 in 2018
88 in 2017

The Minnesota State Patrol cited 33,365 motorists for speeding through June 6 of this year.

REDUCING SPEED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Gives the driver more vehicle control.

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Sun. July 24 10:02 a.m. Personal Property Auction. Kathy Mullen, owner. 5427 Whitecap Rd., Isle, MN. Tools, garage related, John Deere cart, plow, sporting goods, vintage, gardening, household. Auctions by Robyn & Norby. Auctioneers: Byron Robyn, Lic. No. 32-21, 320-291-9566; Kevin Norby, Lic. No. 33-03, 320-279-0712. midwestauctions.com/robyn-norby.

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Sat., July 16 10:02 a.m. Personal Property Auction. Michael & Lynda Nelson, owners. 1787 Old Hwy 23 W., Ogilvie, MN. Farm machinery, tractors, tools & garage items, garden & lawn, musical instruments, household, sporting goods, records. Auctions by Robyn & Norby. Auctioneers: Byron Robyn, Lic. No. 32-21, 320-291-9566; Kevin Norby, Lic. No. 33-03, 320-279-0712. midwestauctions.com/robyn-norby.

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