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Pine County Attorney: Deputy's use of deadly force justified in shooting

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The Pine County Attorney's Office will not charge Pine County Deputy Josh Pepin in the fatal shooting of Anthony Michael Legato, 25, of Oak Park, citing Pepin's use of deadly force in the line of duty was necessary to protect himself or others from death or great bodily harm.

Pine County Attorney Reese Frederickson's decision came after reviewing the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's investigation into the shooting death of Legato on Oct. 9, 2020. The BCA investigation included evaluating the body camera and squad camera footage of the incident and interviewing incident participants and witnesses.

After reviewing the investigation results, Frederickson called the incident and his decision "pretty clear cut."

Frederickson explained the reasons for his decision in a 13-page memorandum released Friday, Feb. 5. The memorandum concludes Pepin's use of deadly force in the line of duty was necessary to protect himself or others..

"To me, this wasn't a close call," Frederickson said of his decision.

The county attorney said today's use of video cameras very helpful, since video can be viewed multiple times, slowed down and closely examined, unlike eyewitness testimony.

"When you have body cams and footage like this, it is almost vital in cases like this ... We're just human beings," he said. "People perceive things how they will perceive things, but they aren't necessarily how things happened."

Frederickson said that eyewitnesses' perceptions can be skewed by their own biases, or simply by adrenaline of quickly occurring events. He said police officers tend to recall events more accurately than civilians due to their training to function and perceive events under stress.

SHOOTING ON OCT. 9

Pepin shot and killed Anthony Michael Legato, 25, of Oak Park during a confrontation on Interstate 35 on Friday, Oct. 9. The incident happened in the northbound lanes of Interstate



35 near mile marker 180 and the Mora

Pine County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a 911 call on Friday around 1:45 p.m. from the victim of an reported domestic incident at the Grand Casino Hinckley. The investigation shows Legato had been using a borrowed ID and false name to gamble.

According to the County Attorney's memorandum, Legato was allegedly involved in a physical confrontation with a person in the hotel. The person began screaming, drawing the attention of hotel staff and security. Legato left the hotel room, and got into his vehicle in

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The fight goes on: Locals campaign for law changes

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Six years ago, Rick Rayburn and six other locals discovered that liens had been placed on their properties in amounts varying between \$11,000 and \$30,000. This started a grassroots campaign to stop liens being placed on estates for health care expenses.

Without their prior knowledge, when they had applied for MNsure coverage in 2014, with the passage of the Affordable Care Act, the Department of Health had routed them into Medical Assistance. Unknown to them at the time of their applications and for others in the 55 to 65-year-old age group. by signing up for Medical Assistance (MA), estate liens would be placed on their property when after their demise the state would use these funds to recover costs paid by the state for their



Scott Killerud, Rick Rayburn, Rose Rayburn, Ellen Killerud, julie Gelle, Claudia Foussard and Robert Gelle celebrate Gov. Mark Dayton signing the Omnibus supplemental budget bill in 2016.

The group was shocked and began a 13-month long grass-roots campaign to change the law. With the help of Senator Jason Rarick and former Senator Tony Lourey the group successfully in 2016 and early 2017, got the law changed. In January of 2017, a final agreement was put

into law stopping estate liens on MA clients between 55 and 65 for recovery of health care premiums or medical expenses paid on their behalf for general health care.

In a series of articles our newspaper group

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HFHS student urges school board to allow musical

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Hinckley-Finlayson (H-F) High School senior, Madeline Dutcher, spoke to the school board Monday night to express her thoughts on the HFHS drama department's spring play.

Dutcher proposed to the board that they perform "The Adams Family Musical" this year. The theater department has already paid for the rights to the play, which according to Superintendent Rob Prater, cost approximately \$3,000 and they own the rights for about a year.

She explained the main cast is only 10 people which would allow for social distancing. When the full cast is needed, said Dutcher, they could have outdoor practices.

"I personally think that it is unfair that theater can't continue while sports are allowed. Many sports being allowed at this school have contact with people from other schools, this heightens the chance of students getting COVID-19," said Dutcher.

She went on to explain the theater department would follow COVID-19 guidelines by having a safe distance between the audience and the actors. Both actors and the audience would be socially distanced and wearing masks per state recommendations. The 25% capacity rule will not be a problem, said Dutcher, since the five shows would be live streamed as well as having a small audience.

Dutcher told the board that the theater department would be willing to fundraise if the budget was the main concern.

"Theater allows students from all walks of life to come together and succeed by providing entertainment for people, as well as growing personally by developing skills such as public speaking that will benefit them for life. Not everybody, like myself, has an interest in sports, so we turn to the theater. It is a great way to express ourselves and to build teamwork skills," said Dutcher.

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health care.

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CHANGES: Grassroots movement makes changes to legislation regarding MNsure

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followed the progress of the 2016 and 2017 legislation that the grassroots group made a reality. In January of 2021, S. F. No. 182 passed. This legislation was a final piece of the puzzle for the group. Even though the law no longer allowed for the collection of estate liens for general healthcare costs paid by the state, the records of those original liens still exist. Expunging those records for those signed up for health care when MA expanded under the Affordable Care Act, the population that the grassroots group fought so hard for, is the final step. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have both confirmed to Rayburn that retroactively estate liens

could be put in place if the legislation was changed.

"This is essentially identity theft enticed by MNsure so that the state can profit in the future using personal information that was collected for another purpose," Rayburn said. The goal that Rayburn stressed in a phone interview was that transparent contracts need to happen. Rayburn says that "If S.F. 182 passes it should take care of people who were not told about the recovery process."

S.F. 182 presented by Rarick and passed the Minnesota Senate and a companion bill is to be introduced in the House by Representatives Nathan Nelson and Mike Sundin. As Rayburn and the grassroots group learned in 2016, a law has much further to go after passing either the House or Senate. There

are an estimated five more hearings before the law is truly in place according to Rayburn.

Groups as involved as Rayburn and others have made the process of getting this legislation started easier. The stories and information gathered and shared with Rarick and others has made the process of drafting and passing legislation much simpler. When asked if the issue would have received the same attention if it had not been for Rayburn and others Rarick said, "It sure wouldn't have. Rick and others in his group did an incredible job of getting all the information."

S.F. 182 is making its way through several subcommittees of the Senate. "This is the right thing to do so that people are not surprised down the line," said Rarick.

I am committed to getting to know you as an individual and helping you to achieve your overall health and well-being goals."

Welia Health welcomes our new provider, Nikki Anderson NP-C



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We're proud to introduce *Nikki Anderson*, the newest member of our talented team of *Nurse Practitioners*. Nikki comes to Welia Health after earning her Associates Degree in Nursing from Anoka Ramsey Community College, and her BS in Nursing and Master of Science/Adult Geriatic Nurse Practitioner from Metropolitan State University, St. Paul. She will be serving patients at all three of our clinic locations. Please join us in giving Nikki a warm welcome to the Welia Health family!

MUSICAL: Student addresses spring play

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"By not having the musical you are denying the right of students to have an outlet to self-expression, something that is clearly expressed in the district's goals. For me, theater is everything," said Dutcher who expressed that she has been waiting for her senior year musical

for as long as she can remember, and said "this was the highlight of my school career and now it's gone."

Board member Shelly Skaff said "it sounds like they have done a lot of the pre-planning, it makes me happy to hear students that are excited and passionate about a school activity." Board member Dave Ubl said if they are seriously willing to fundraise to help pay for it "why not?" Dutcher and Prater will meet to discuss fundraising this week.

Following school board policy on open forum, the board will discuss the issue at the March meeting.

JUSTIFIED: No charges filed against deputy

FROM PAGE 1

the parking lot which was a Ford Expedition SUV with a 4x8 trailer carrying a motorcycle.

The assault victim warned security staff that Legato was violent and armed with a firearm. He was also in possession of large amount of methamphetamine. The victim explained that due to his previous experiences with law enforcement, Legato would likely use the firearm against officers if confronted. That message was broadcast to the responding deputies.

On their way to the casino, the deputies spotted the suspect's vehicle and began to pursue it. During the 4.6-mile pursuit, Legato called 911.

The memo describes the call:

... his voice was highpitched, he was shouting and agitated (consistent with methamphetamine use). Much of the recording was incomprehensible due to Decedent's state. However, he stated that his "car won't stop and the police are right behind me" and "my car is f***ed-up and I am not responsible for this." He yelled that he "needed help." He then claimed to be a passenger in the vehicle and that his name was Steve. The Dispatcher asked him multiple times for the driver's name and he refused to answer.

Legato entered I-35 the wrong way, driving south in the northbound lane and into oncoming traffic. Shortly after this, Legato pulled to the side of the highway and exited his vehicle. It appeared that Legato was attempting to pull

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the motorcycle off the trailer.

At this time, Deputy Pepin was driving northbound on I-35 and pulled over immediately south of Legato's vehicle, with the two vehicles facing each other. As Pepin exited his squad, Legato reentered his vehicle and began to drive toward Pepin and into oncoming traffic.

Pepin fired four shots into the oncoming vehicle, the fourth struck Legato, after which Legato's vehicle rolled forward, crashing into an oncoming vehicle and then came to a stop in the median.

In his statement to the BCA investigators, Pepin said, "I felt in fear of my safety that he was either gonna take me out or the lady that was parked in the fast lane."

Wearing a backpack, Legato stepped out of the SUV and stumbled to the ground.

Deputies first handcuffed Legato then began providing medical assistance, but EMTs pronounced Legato deceased at the scene.

He was taken to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for identification and autopsy. The autopsy revealed death was the caused by a gunshot wound to the torso. The bullet perforated Legato's left lung, aorta, esophagus and right lung. The autopsy also showed Legato had a high level of methamphetamine in his body.

Inside the backpack, officers found a stolen .45 Smith & Wesson, a Ruger SR40, a methamphetamine pipe and 18.396 grams of methamphetamine.

Legato had five prior felony convictions in Minnesota and Illinois which prohibited him from possessing firearms. These convictions were for receiving stolen property, for financial transaction, card fraud, first degree burglary, and one for theft by swindle. Legato also had warrants for his arrest in multiple cases that include charges of domestic abuse domestic assault by strangulation, fleeing police, making terroristic threats, burglary and receiving stolen property.

One of the handguns found in Legato's possession was confirmed as stolen from a vehicle in Anoka County three weeks before the inci-

Squad and body camera footage of the incident has not yet been released to the public.

Family members of Legato joined with demonstrators at the BCA headquarters in St. Paul on Jan. 22 to call for the results of the investigation and the release of body camera and squad camera footage of the

incident.

"My son was a loving, caring young man with many friends," said Anthony's father Michael Legato in a statement.

"Anthony's death leaves us all heartbroken and leaves his 3-year-old son without a father."

Deputy Pepin has been a deputy with the Pine County Sheriff's Office since November 2015. The Pine County Sheriff's Office reports that he has never had a complaint or disciplinary issue lodged against him.

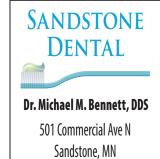


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A week spent virtually preparing for kidney transplant process

Last weekend's deep freeze arrived on Saturday, the same day our daughter, Tiffany Farr, and her husband, Tom, drove



Our two goofy draft horses still do quite well in those tempera-

much worse.

tures, just increasing their hay and water intake. Life is just better when there are no bugs and mosquitoes, so life is good.

Maxine

Meyer

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Tavorite recipe you

would like to share,

The cold temperatures have convinced a rabbit that her winter housing is better right there in the barn, with the horses. The horses seem fine with her company but our German Shepherd, is convinced Ms.

Rabbit should be chased out of the barn. As soon as Sampson enters the barn he explodes into a run - even when he doesn't know where to find the rabbit. He just runs top speed all over, with only a slight inclination to use his sense of smell to find her.

The horses stand and watch the circus as it erupts like it's their favorite television show, their ears straight up as if to say, "will Ms. Rabbit make it to safety today?" The rabbit gives her position away immediately and runs in big circles usually around big bales of hay, blasts out the far side, always running over my feet and through the horse's gate where she is safe from the dog.

The horses seem happy watching the live action, the dog seems winded - yet interested for another round, and Ms. Rabbit-well, she seems quite satisfied with her clever moves and hops out using the horse's double door as if she taught that dog another lesson. In the end, all parties seem entertained. I, on the other hand, am hanging

onto the gate at the end of the exercise, trying to catch my breath after the rabbit came out of nowhere, running over the top of my feet and scared the daylights out of me.

Since we here at our house are in preparation mode for kidney transplant, it won't surprise you that much of our past week was spent on "virtual" medical appointments. Thanks to our local Sandstone hospital lab, the many cardiac rehabilitation visits and dietitian, and the cardiac unit at the University of Minnesota, Gary has been monitored and his general health well documented over the past

Next week a review board meets and evaluates their findings and concerns of each applicant for the wait list for kidneys. The board votes to approve, deny or make recommendations to patients for future approval. In Gary's case, he already went through a heart transplant so many hoops have been jumped through. The virtual appointments seemed to go well so we

have our fingers crossed he will be added to the wait list.

Here in Minnesota, a patient can be on the kidney transplant list an average of five years. Many will pass away waiting, but kidney transplants have the advantage of a living donor stepping forward and donating one kidney. Possible candidates can step forward and indicate who they wish to receive their kidney. Testing is covered by recipient (patient) insurance. In those cases, the patient on the transplant list is off quite quickly with an approved match and completion of their transplant.

That's more than you ever wanted to know I bet. Meanwhile, the pandemic still rages on and we all need to protect against COVID-19. Use your masks, sanitize, and practice social distancing, even as vaccination become available, do not forget to use protective measures. If you have news please feel free to drop us a line, or call in your news to Maxine, 612/590 6907, or email mnmaxgram@ yahoo.com.

OUT & ABOUT

FEBRUARY 16. 2021

Everyone's Table

Everyone's Table will be providing a free community meal on Tuesday February 16th. The meal is available for curbside pick-up from 4:30 to 6 at Grace Lutheran Church in Sandstone. All are welcome.

EC LUNCH MENU

Thursday, February 11 Burrito, chips and cheese, carrots, mixed fruit, and milk

Friday, February 12: No School

Monday, February 15: No School Tuesday, February 16:

Cheeseburger, fries, mixed veggies, peaches, and milk

Wed., February 17: Meatless spaghetti, breadstick, green beans, pears, and milk

Valentine's Dinner for Two

STEAMED LEMON BROCCOLI

From Jan Oak

- 1 large broccoli, cut into spears
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 1 c. thinly sliced celery 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 Tbsp. butter or olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. grated lemon peel
- 1-1/2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

Steam broccoli 5-6 minutes. Put in cool water. In a skillet, sauté onions, celery, and garlic in butter for 5 minutes. Add lemon peel and juice, salt, pepper, and drained broccoli. Heat through. Four

BLACK AND WHITE BROWNIES

- 1 c. all-purpose flour 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 1/3c. butter
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 2 oz. (2 squares) unsweetened
- cnocolate
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 large eggs
- 1-1/2 c. (10 oz.) chopped white chocolate or white chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter a 9-inch square baking pan. Mix together flour, baking soda and salt. In heavy saucepan, combine the sugar, butter, and milk. Place over medium-high heat and bring to a boil, stirring until butter has melted. Remove from heat. Add unsweetened chocolate and vanilla. Stir until chocolate melts and the mixture is smooth. Place into a pan of cold water to cool the mixture to room temperature. With electric mixer, beat in the eggs. Gradually blend in the flour mixture until smooth. Fold in the white chocolate. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, until the center is just set and feels firm when touched. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into squares. Makes nine 3-inch or thirty-six 1-1/2-inch brownies.

ORANGE-GLAZED CORNISH HENS

- 3 bacon, strips
- 1/2 c. finely shredded carrot
- 1/4 c. chopped onion
- 1-1/2 c. unseasoned stuffing cubes 2 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 tsp. dried savory
- Dash of pepper
- 1/4 tsp. plus 1/2 tsp. chicken bouillon granules, divided
- 2 Tbsp. hot water
- 2 Cornish game hens (22 oz. each)
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil 1/4 c. apple juice or white wine
- 2 Tbsp. plus 2/3 c. orange juice,
- divided 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp. cornstarch

Cook bacon over medium heat in a small skillet, until crisp. Remove to paper towels. In the bacon drippings sauté carrot and onion until tender; transfer to large bowl. Stir in the stuffing cubes, parsley, savory, pepper and bacon. Dissolve 1/4 tsp. bouillon in hot water; pour over stumng mixture and gently toss to moisten. Spoon into hens. Tie legs of each hen together; turn wings under backs. Place on a greased rack in a roasting pan. Lightly brush hens with oil; loosely cover with foil. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. In a saucepan, combine apple juice, 2 Tbsp. orange juice and butter. Bring to a boil; remove from the heat. Set aside 1/4 cup for sauce and keep warm. Brush remaining over hens. Bake 40-50 minutes longer until thermometer is 165 degrees, brushing every 15 minutes with glaze. For sauce, combine the brown sugar, cornstarch, and remaining bouillon and orange juice in saucepan. Stir in reserved glaze. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Serve with hens, Serves 2.

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- Lesotho currency
- 9. Ethnic group associated with Hungarians
- 11. Gains knowledge of
- 13. Gradual destruction
- 15. Purchase
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- alphabet
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 - 3. French/Belgian river
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 - 7. True statements
- 10. Masses of fish eggs
- 9. French city

15. Film

- 11. Apart from others

- 40. Commoner

- 42. Large animals
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 - 47. Work units 49. Wagon
 - 55. Japanese delicacy

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- 2. Burrowing rodents
- 4. A professional cleaner
- 8. Most private
- 12. Monetary unit of Samoa

18. Men's fashion accessories

- 14. Nanosecond
- 35. Emerald Isle 37. The act of terminating someone's employment

31. A way to run

38. Green veggie

43. Usually has a lid

46. Have a yen for

48. Unknowingness

54. Traveling by sea

59. Moves earth

28. Foodies

57. Stringed instruments

30. New Zealand parrot

32. Makes very happy

44. Being of use or service

56. Outdoor entertaining areas

41. Holy fire

53. Unwinds

33. Popular musical awards show

36. Supplements with difficulty

39. Deep-bodied freshwater fish

34. Pertains to the male sexual organ

38. Gland in some mammals

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fulfilling a contract

- 45. Employee stock ownership plan
- 50. Nerve fiber
- 51. Proclaimed

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More investigation needed

To the Editor:

I do not share the opinion of your publisher that the allegations of a stolen election are false (January 28 editorial). I don't have a problem with his claim being published since it was on the editorial page where I believe opinions are supposed to be expressed but I do have a problem with similar types of opinions being passed along by the media as news

I am not stating that these allegations are true but rather that they are numerous enough to be investigated and the evidence reviewed by a competent non partisan court or commission.

Instead of initiating an investigation when the allegations were first made the main stream media sat back and said "show us the evidence". After Rudy Giuliani's November 19 press conference outlining the evidence that had been uncovered, the media switched to appending adjectives like baseless, unfounded, unsubstantiated and false to any news articles about the allegations in an attempt to discredit the claims. Citation of

dismissed court cases to justify the

media claims conveniently failed to mention that the reasons (excuses) for dismissal occurred prior to any examination of evidence that the cases were attempting to introduce.

If we want to restore any faith in fair elections all state legislatures need to address issues that provide opportunity for introduction of ballots from ineligible, non-resident and/or deceased voters. They must also provide a means that guarantees any allegations of fraud are given a fair non partisan hearing.

It is my belief that the failure to give the allegations a fair hearing had much more to do with the few radicals reaching a level of frustration that led to the January 6th actions at the capital than did anything said by President Trump. While I don't currently support those actions a repeat in 4 years of events I had thought impossible to occur in this country could lead to a change of mind. The events of this last year is helping to answer a question I've long held. How was a population as intelligent as the Germans ever convinced to allow Hitler to come into power?.

Richard Glattly Willow River, Minn.



Friendships over the years matter

AS I LOOK back over the years, friendships have meant a lot to me. I have learned from people, I gain encouragement,



Town Gene Johnson

and when a level of trust is reached I can share my sorrows and victories.

By the way, when you share a sorrow it is cut in half and when you share a joy it is doubled.

I MET BUS Hamilton over twenty years ago when he operated a

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small marina on an oxbow on the Caloosahatchee River, 15 miles east of Ft. Myers, Florida. In the summer we kept our boat there for a couple of years. It was a 1987 49 foot Gulfstar,

public interest and public sensitivity.

but as boats go, they always need repairs and updates. Bus had a list of competent repair people, such as diesel mechanics, shaft and prop people, fiberglass repair and brightwork finishing. I asked him how he got this list and he said "Sixteen years of screening!"

I have used that approach for our newspaper businesses as well as our home. I collected a list of competent people who can solve various repair issues that give a lot of peace of mind.

A wind storm years back sent a huge cottonwood tree limb crashing on to our front porch and our daughter's car which was in the driveway. The list gave us immediate help to prevent rain damage and get rebuilding underway.

I talked to Bus last week and we reminisced about life's experiences. He shared another gem. It goes like this, "The people you connect with in life make all the difference.'

"FREEDOM IS NEVER more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it along to our children in our bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." Ronald Reagan

I COLLECT ITEMS from other newspapers which give me a chuckle. The following was a column by Rich Glennie from the McLeod County Chronicle, Glencoe, Minnesota, in October 2003.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

VALENTINE'S DAY, FEB-**RUARY 14**, got its beginning from a widely recognized 3rd century Roman Saint San Valentino. Tradition has it associated with courtly love. The following are some Scripture references about love and relationships:

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Love is patient, love is kind, It does not envy. It does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it

is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Proverbs 3:3-4 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; find them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient bearing with one another in

1 Corinthians 16:14 Do everything in love.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HEIDI Briski Gainor, wife of our Pine City, Minnesota editor, who was invited to the Super Bowl by the NFL. She joined 7,499 other healthcare workers from around the country.

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Uncovering identity of secret gift giver

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

For some time now I've been on the



Tante

receiving end of some really thoughtful gifts. Sometimes

they are delivered and sometimes they are left for me to pick up at a local gift and floral shop. Every time I ask the shopkeeper who they are from she always answers that she is not at liberty to say. It's been going on for quite some time now and I'm really going bonkers trying to figure out who the gift

giver is. I'd like to say thanks to this little Secret Santa but I can't figure out the person's identity. I don't even have a clue. The gifts come at all times of the

Curiosity killed the cat. I'm not looking to cash in my chips anytime soon. Remember the rest of that saying is "satisfaction brought it back".

Can you come up with a plan to uncover the gift giver's identity?

Signed, Red on Rutabaga

Dear Red,

That's kind of a nice problem to have. But I can see how you might be getting a little anxious about who the giver of

You can probably tell by the type of gifts whether the giver is male or female. Men tend to lean towards candy, liquor, flowers or jewelry. You haven't gotten any tools or electronics, have

From the description of the gifts, I'm going to assume your friend is a female. Since the items are frequently handmade and on occasion delivered to your mailbox we might also assume the giver

You might be able to install an outdoor camera focused on the mailbox or the front of your house. That seems like a lot of trouble to go to, not to mention the expense of a security set up.

I have no idea how to discover the person's identity easily. But if the gifts stop coming, check the local obituaries. You might be able to make a charitable donation in her honor.

Good luck with your sleuthing and remember, Tante Ingeborg cares....but not so much.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Northview, First National Banks to Merge

100 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 10, 1921

- A company was formed for the purposes of organizing a community hospital in Moose Lake. The location of this new building is likely to be on the Lake Shore.

- Work was started on a 26x28 foot residence on the Carl Madsen farm east of Askov.

- The Askov Boys Scouts met and organized a baseball team. Carl Jensen was elected captain and Clifford Krantz manager.

- Mr.and Mrs. George Cunningham Jr. left for Chattanooga Tenn. after spending several months visiting in Sturgeon Lake. George, formerly with the Detroit Tigers but with the Southern League last season, has signed up with the Tigers for the coming season where he will have Ty Cobb as his manager.

75 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 7, 1946

- Harriet Rote daughter of the late William Rote and Mrs. Rote was united in marriage at St. Paul on January 25 to Ezra Marks son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marks of Winsted Minn.

- Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Lund, former Bruno residents, celebrate their golden wedding with a surprise anniversary party on

Sunday in Hinckley. - A double wedding took place February 2 in Willow River when Miss Mary Ogilvie was united in marriage to Reynold Seabloom of Sandstone and at that same ceremony Miss Beulah Miller of Pittsburg Penn. was married to James Ogilvie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lunn of Bruno.

50 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 11,

- A self service laundry has recently opened in Finlayson. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holter.

- Sandstone Pharmacy has just completed remodeling work which now included a full-line of baby needs. A new wig department

with a full-line of new styles and colors with a trained consultant is on duty at all times.

- A speedy recovery from pneumonia goes to Shane Seibert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Seibert of Bruno and is currently hospitalized at Moose Lake Mercy Hospital.

- Mr. and Mrs. Raynard Youngberg of Bruno are proud parents of a baby boy born on February 3. He has been named Dennis Henry but will be known as "Little Hank". Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wentworth and Mrs. Henry Youngberg.

25 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1, 1996

- Willow River High School held it's annual snow week coronation February 5. Josh Bonk and Katie Breggemann were crowned Prince and Princess.

- Florian Chmielewski is doing fine after double bypass surgery on February 2.

- Tony and Connie Ecklund of Howard Lake are proud parents of a baby girl Kristin Margaret born January 30. Maternal grandparents are Oscar and Bernice

Holmberg of Duxbury. Paternal grandparents are Allen and Jan Ecklund of Askov.

- The 13th Annual Pine County Cancer Ski-a-thon at Banning State Park took place on Sunday February 4. Oldest skier was Evelyn Bowser age 73 of Finlayson and the youngest was Henry Kroon age 6 of Askov.

10 YEARS AGO JANUARY 27, 2011

- Northview Bank of Finlayson and First National Bank of the North have reached an agreement to merge. It is expected the approval from the State of Minnesota and the FDIC could take three to six months.

- Barb Johnsen of Askov is appointed as a member of the East Central School Board. She is filling the board seat left vacant since the resignation of Polly Melhus.

- Barb and Craig Anderson left for the honeymoon trip they never had 50 years ago because they were married during Christmas vacation of Barb's first teaching job.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS

I learned something new this week... Americans have a creed. I thought I would share this. How come I have never heard about this before? The



River News Kathi

Bennett

William Tyler Page. This was written in 1917 and accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918. "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of

American's Creed by

many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against

The Willow River Community Club is planning the "Fun With the Easter Bunny" event. It will be a drive through event this year because of COVID-19 precautions. The WRFD will be helping out with this event. It will be held in the City Park (behind the Presbyterian Church) from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2021. There will be another meeting to discuss this event at

city hall on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Put it on your calendar...something fun in

In regard to the Willow River School: Willow River Trap Club is getting organized. If your student would like to join please contact Tana Mack at the school for sign up. More information will follow in the next few weeks. Friday, March 12, is a regular make-up photo day. The school is looking for more bus drivers. So, if you are interested please

St. Mary's Parish is in need of someone to clean the church. If you would like to help or know someone who is available to help with this task, please contact Rose at St. Mary's Parish Office, 218-372-3284. Thank you. For Prayer Line Requests for St. Mary's please contact Judy Prachar at 218-372-3409 or you may make requests through the website:www.stmarywillowriver.org. Legion of Mary will be at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 6:30 p.m. on: Also, on Wednesdays' Eucharistic Adoration will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Every third Sunday of each month, the Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary before Mass at St. Mary's Church. The Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on February 28, 2021. The meeting will be at St. Isidore's Church with rosary at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

"You can't appreciate home till you've left it, money till it's spent, your wife until she's joined a woman's club, nor Old Glory till you see it hanging on a broomstick on a shanty of a consul in a foreign town." O. Henry (1862 – 1919)

BRUNO/KERRICK NEWS



Svlvia Schweiger

Sunday Derrell and Jean Jensen met Bobby and Bradon Peterson in Danbury Wis. for a delayed Christmas gathering. They had a delicious dinner at the casino then headed to Webster, Wis. to Bobby's house to visit and exchange gifts.

Saturday, a family get together was held

at Jesse and Genny Swenson's home to help Grady and Jordy Swenson and Brooke Cekalla celebrate their birthday's...it was a fun time.

The Bruno American Auxiliary February meeting is canceled. Next meeting is March 11 at 5 p.m.

Remember if you have any news that you would to submit/share, please feel free to email me at storebol@frontier. com or call me at 320-838-3554.

Have a nice week...Stay warm!!

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East Central Eagles boys' basketball team 7-0

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The East Central
Eagles played two games
this week, back-to-back,
Monday and Tuesday,
Wrenshall and Braham,
both as the visiting team.
They came out with two
more victories and undefeated for the season.

On Monday, February 1, the Eagles played the Wrenshall Wrens, winning 97-59. Coach Darren Fogt said "Wrenshall came out on fire and kept making shots all game. Their cozy gym had them feeling comfortable and they ended up shooting 40% from the three-pointline for the game. Luckily for us we started firing on all cylinders offensively also and hit 43% for the game from behind the arc." Fogt stated that it was a coming out party of sorts for sophomore Nathan Zielinski, who hit four-for-four three-pointers and three out of four free-throws. Karmo Touray had another dominant rebounding night with 20 boards, 10 offensive and 10 defensive. "It was a hard-fought win against a scrappy team."

Scoring leader in the game was Touray with 20 points, Wes Watrin with 16, Zielinski 15, Clay Nelson 11, Tyler Thorvig and Dez Letexier had 10, Adam Fornengo 7, Hunter Colton 6, Gabe Koland and Bandon Kenowski each had 2.

On Tuesday (the next day) the Eagles had another road game against Braham (4-3), the conference rival. Coach Fogt said "It was a back and forth game from the start. Neither team shot very well on the night, we shot 37.5% and Braham shot 37%. It was a defensive struggle." LeTexier went out in the first half with a sprained ankle, Watrin fouled out fairly early in the second half and with 12 minutes to go in the game Thorvig picked up his fourth foul on a charge call." Fogt stated that Kenowski picked up the slack getting nine steals on the night and hitting a bigtime three-pointer from the corner late to help put the Bombers away. The Eagles had 15 points off turnovers while Braham had five points and the Eagles stole the ball ten times to Braham's five steals. Fogt said, "Touray led us in rebounding again, grabbing 14 boards. Thorvig was also huge in the game, hitting nine for ten free throws.' Eagles won 61-50.

Thorvig was the scoring leader in the Braham game with 16, Touray, LeTexier, Zielinski, and Kenowski each had eight, Nelson 7, Watrin 4, and Fornengo with 2.

The Eagles will play at Ogilvie on Friday, February 12, and at Rush City Tuesday, February 16.



Wes Watrin (#20) puts up a three against the Braham Bombers in the Eagles victory Tuesday, Feb. 2 of 61-50. Brahams Zach Yerke (#31) defends the basket.



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Eagles Clay Nelson glides in the point for a smooth layup against Brahams Jonah Johnson in the Eagle victory Tuesday. Nelson scored 7 in the game.



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Rebels boys' basketball wins over Two Harbors

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Moose Lake Willow River boys' basketball team started February out with a win over the Two Harbors Agates (5-2) on Friday, February 5, at the Moose

The MLWR Rebels hadn't had a game for a week and came out with a slow start. Their aggressive, pressure defense landed them with fifteen fouls but they also stole the ball 12 times. Brady Watrin had three fouls in the first half, so he had to ride the bench for part of the first-half. With 12:24 left in the first half, the Rebels were down 4-6 but by half-time led 28-23. During the halftime break, the coaches must have motivated the players to get back to their game, because they came out firing on all cylinders and won the game 92-47.

MLWR shot 100% from the charity line (6 for 6). The Rebels were 14 of 33, for 42%, from the three-point arc. Mason Olson made four, Phillip Sheetz and Logan Orvedahl each had three, Sam Dewey put in two and Zach Youngs and Drew Danielson each sunk one.

MLWR's two-point baskets were successful 69% of the time. They grabbed

down 25 defensive rebounds for 69%. Scoring leader for MLWR was Olson with 22, followed by Brady Watrin 17, Orvedahl 13, Sheetz 11, Dewey 10, Danielson five, Carter Johnson and Landin Kurhajetz each with four, Duane Broughton and Zach Youngs with three.

For Two Harbors, they started three seniors, one junior and one sophomore. They only had eight fouls for the night. Agate scoring had Trent Gomez with 15, Clark Nelson 14, Nick Pearson and Jeremiah Johnson each with eight, and Ethan Bopp with two.

The MLWR JV had their first game before the varsity game and won with almost the same score, 92-45.

Polar League-Big standings have MLWR in first followed by Barnum, Esko, South Ridge, Two Harbors and Cook County.

On Thursday, February 11, the Rebels will host Carlton High School. Tuesday, February 16, they will play at undefeated (7-0) Pequot Lakes. Pequot Lakes beat Esko by one point 59-58. JV starts at 5:45 p.m. and varsity at 7:15 p.m. Some schedule changes have the Rebels traveling to Melrose March 1 and East Central's game on March 15 has been cancelled because of playoffs.



Senior Mason Olson (#22) was leading scorer Friday night with 22 points against the Two



SHANNA WATRIN I WATRIN 6 PHOTOGRAPHY

Junior starter Phillip Sheetz (#1) scored 11 points Friday against Two Harbors at

EC girls' basketball drop two games



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East Central girls' basketball took on Braham and Pine City this past week. On Tuesday, February 2, the East Central Eagles were hosts to the Braham Bombers. The Bombers won the contest 53-34.

Alyson Huntington had 11 points, Cassidee Thorvig pulled down 10 rebounds, made nine points and had five steals. McKenzie Ludwig ended the game with seven points and six rebounds. Lori Grundmeier led the team in rebounds with 11 rebounds and five points. Carly Watrin and Ana Keranan each had a free throw and Watrin had

Thursday, February 4, the Eagles went to Pine City to play the Dragons. Huntington led East Central with ten points, Thorvig had eight points, Isabella Olson with six, Ludwig five and Watrin helped the team with six assists but it was not enough to win the game. The Pine City Dragons came out

Thursday, February 11, the Eagles will play Ogilvie at home and Tuesday, February 16, they will travel to Carlton. The seventh and eighth-grade girls started their season this week, traveling to Isle, Ogilvie and hosting Pine City.

MLWR Lady Rebels fall to Ashland Oredockers

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The Moose Lake/Willow River (ML/WR) Lady Rebels took on the Ashland Oredockers Feb. 2.

The Oredockers scored first by stealing the ball from the Rebels and taking it in for an uncontested lavup. ML/WR had a difficult time hanging on to the ball in the first stanza however Ashland was unable to convert their offensive attempts until they were sent to the free throw line at the 15 minute mark of the game (4-0). Natalie Mikrot started the Rebel scoring by taking the ball end to end for a layup. N. Mikrot scored another layup off a nice Kelli Granquist pass all the while drawing a foul to get to the free-throw line to drain another basket. (5-8). Ashland scored five straight points before Emily Bohnsack popped a bucket

to make the score 7-13. ML/WR pulled within four points however Ashland went on another eight point run to end the Rebel threat. N. Mikrot ended the Ashland streak with a three-pointer and Grace Stephenson added a layup off of a rebound to make the score 17-24 - Ashland. Natalie Mikrot drained another three-pointer to get within four before the Oredockers made a layup off their own rebound and then scored off a steal to pull away 20-28. The teams traded buckets the remainder of the half as the Rebles went into the locker room down 25-32.

ML/WR started out the second half in a zone defense which slowed down the inside game of the Oredockers and the Rebels were able to connect to pull within six. ML/WR continued to chip away at the Ashland lead to get within

two points off of a Monica Mikrot three. (41-43).

That was the closest the Rebels would get as the Oredockers took advantage of ML/WR miscues to score on their end of the court. The Rebel defense also started to break down towards the end of the game, allowing the Oredocker inside game to heat up as Ashland went on a 16-8 run to end the game. The Lady Rebels dropped another game

Natalie MIkrot lead all Rebel scoring with 20 points, Emily Bohnsack (8), Grace Stephenson and Carmen Hoffman each had 5, Sarah Cristy (4), Maci Kukuk and Monica Mikrot each had 3 and Skyla Thompson had 2.

The Lady Rebels traveled to Crosby on Tuesday February 9 and McGregor on the February 11. Go

Rebels!



The Ashland game celebrated the seven seniors on the ML/WR Rebels girls basketball team. L-R Monica Mikrot, Carmen Hoffman, Kelli Granquist, Grace Stephenson, Ella Rhoades, Emily Bohnsack and Skyla Thompson

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SHERIFF'S REPORT AND JAIL ROSTER

SHERIFF'S REPORT Sunday, January 31, 2020 1:48 a.m. Counterfeit, Lady

Luck Dr, Hinckley 7:37 a.m. Trespass, Lady Luck

Drive, Hinckley 8:09 a.m. Burglary, Hwy 48, Hinckley

9:39 a.m. Shoplifting, Barry Ave, Hinckley

3:24 p.m. Theft, Power Ave N, Hinckley

5:23 p.m. Theft, Morris Ave S, Hinckley 7:50 p.m. Neighbor Trouble, Old Military Rd S, Sandstone

Monday, February 1, 2020 12:19 p.m. Threats, 116th Lane, Finlayson

Tuesday, February 2, 2020 10:06 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Cross Lake Rd, Hinckley 12:41 p.m. Theft, Barry Ave, Hinckley

4:45 p.m. Theft, Power Ave N, Hinckley 4:51 p.m. Disturbance, Lawler Ave S. Hinckley

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2020 7:48 a.m. Burglary, Duxbury Rd, Sandstone 8:25 p.m. Drug Incident, Quarry

Pl, Sandstone Thursday, February 4, 2020

9:44 a.m. Shoplifting, Morris Ave S, Hinckley Friday, February 5, 2020

9:26 a.m. Fraud/Scam/Id. Hammond Rd, Finlayson 1:46 p.m. Theft, Tower Rd. 9:53 p.m. Drug, Incident Lady Luck Dr, Hinckley

Saturday, February 6, 2020 8:00 a.m. Disturbance, Commercial Ave N, Sandstone 7:07 p.m. Vehicle In Ditch County Hwy 61 Hinckley 8:02 p.m. Trespass Lady Luck Dr Hinckley

JAIL ROSTER February 1 **KELLY, SHANNON MARIE**

Under Sentence - Serving 7 days - Concurrent

MATTSON, DUSTIN ELIJAH-**Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domes**tic - Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Arrest of Adult Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Assault-5th Degree-Fear of Bodily Harm or Death - Arrest of Adult - Domestic

MROZ, JUSTIN LEE

Hold For Other Agency: Arrest - Felony warrant issued by Mille Lacs - Predatory Offender - Intentionally provides false information - Domestic Assault - By Strangulation

PARDUN. DANIELLE JEAN Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation - FE warrant

issued - Theft-Take/Use/ Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

RODELIUS, ADAM PAUL

Hold For Other Agency: Bench Felony warrant issued

SHABAIASH, JARED BRYCE

Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted -Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

February 2 **GLIGOR, JULIE ANN**

Pine County Warrant: Bench Felony warrant issued by Pine, MN - Drugs - Possess Schedule 5 Controlled Substance - Drugs - 5th Degree -Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

HEIL, DAVID MICHAEL

Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Introduce Contraband-Drug/Liquor into Jail/ Lockup/Prison - Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted

NAGY, HOWARD WILLIAM

Pine County Warrant: Bench Felony warrant issued by Pine, MN - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle Drivers License - Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type

PARKER, ERIC DANIEL

Probable Cause - Drugs - 5th Degree -Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

February 3 **LUNDGREN, JUSTYN JEFFERY JACOB**

Probable Cause - Assault-2nd

Degree-Dangerous Weapon - Damage to Property 1stDegree - Value Reduced Over \$1000 - Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death

NIELSON, COREY THOMAS

Probable Cause - Possession of Burglary or Theft Tools Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000 - Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or **Gross Misd**

RICHARDSON, RYAN DEAN

Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Damage to Property - 3rd Degree - Public safety motor vehicle

February 4 KING, BRANDEN RUSSELL

Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation - FE warrant Receiving Stolen Property

MAYO, ASHAD JEMEIR

Boarder Convicted - Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree Arrest of Adult

MINICH, DEMITRE LEONARD **ALEXANDER**

Probable Cause - Make Emergency Call-Police/Fire/ Medical/Ambulance-No Emergency - Obstruct Legal Process-Lawful Execution Legal Process

WILLERT, TRAVIS JO CLAIRE

Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Gross Misdeameanor warrant - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety

February 5 **BARTHEIDEL, SUSAN ANN**

Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted -Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess

Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted -Possession or Sale of Stolen or Counterfeit Check; Crimes - Arrest of Adult

COOK, ZACHARY EDWARD

Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic -DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle **Under Influence of Controlled** Substance - Arrest of Adult -Traffic - DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Blood or urine as required by search warrant - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

REISCHEL, JOSHUA FRANK Boarder Parole / Probation Violator - Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling

February 6 **BAERG, MICHAEL ABRAM**

Hold For Other Agency: Arrest - Gross Misdeameanor warrant

BAUER, PATRICK CHARLES Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic

CHURCH, GREGORY DEAN

Pine County Warrant **Confined But Not Convicted** - Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling - Arrest of Adult - Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 -Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

EYLANDT, JESSE QUINN

Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic - DWI -Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol - Arrest of Adult - Traffic - DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Breath or test refusal or failure - Arrest of Adult - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation - Arrest of Adult

LARSEN, BREANNA RAE

Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Assault-5th-Same Victim-Two or More Previous Convictions

WORKMAN, LOUIS RALPH

Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Trespass-Return to Property Within One Year

February 7 DECORAH, JORDAN

Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Sale - Marijuana mixture except small amount of marijuana with no remuneration - Arrest of Adult Pine **County Warrant Confined But** Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

PIRINGER, CORY ROBERT

Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Arrest of Adult

WINSOR, JONATHAN DAVID **Pine County Warrant**

Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic - Contempt of Court - Fail to Pay Ordered Child Support - Disorderly Conduct - Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor - Arrest of Adult

February 8 **JAUNTY, JOSHUA JAMES**

Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic -Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon - Arrest of Adult

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OBITUARIES

Mary E. Thorvig

December 1, 1944 - January 31, 2021

Mary Ellen (Marks) Thorvig died at St. Mary's -Essentia Health hospital in Duluth on January 31, 2021 after a short illness.



Mary was born on December 1, 1944 in Sandstone, Minn. to John and Anna Marks. She grew up as the middle of nine children on the family farm on Lake Thirteen. She went to Lakeview School until eighth grade and graduated from Sandstone High School in 1962. She then went on to UMD where she got her bachelor's degree in social work.

Mary's love of learning

brought her to Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. where she obtained her master's degree in social work. Upon returning home from graduate school, the love of her life, Chris proposed and they got married on August 22, 1970.

In her role as a social worker, Mary worked many places, including Pine County, the Five County Mental Health Center and the Moose Lake Correctional Facility. She also ran a daycare business and was involved with Montessori and Sandbox nursery school. Living up to the "Professional College Student" label she gave herself, she went back to school when her own children were in college to become a chaplain. She enjoyed her time at St. Scholastica and St. Mary's, where the nuns often referred to her as "Sister Mary." They encouraged her to join the order but Mary said she didn't know how Chris would feel about that. She served as a chaplain for both the hospital and Pine County Sheriff's Department.

Throughout her life, Mary pursued her many interests. Chris joked she would need to come back in another life as a carpenter ant to get everything done she wanted. She went to auctioneering school to fulfill her desire to learn to call.

She and Chris traveled extensively, though she always said she never liked the coming and the going, but she was fine once she was at her destina-

Although Mary did not work at the grocery store in a traditional role, she always said her job was to 'Spread Cheer and Goodwill."

Mary was involved extensively in her community. She served on several boards, including the Pine County DAC (now PHASE), Kettle Kinship, Sandstone Public Library, hospital board, Old School Arts Center (OSAC) and Dollars for Scholars. She was a member of The Sandstone History & Art Center, Grace Lutheran Church, Founding Member of The Quarry Lions, Sandstone Garden Club and Eastern Star. She was also a Master Gardener and thoroughly enjoyed the time she spent in her many gardens. Mary was an avid reader and always had a book in hand. She would stay up late reading well into the night, both as a child and

Mary was an incredibly kind and generous person, always helping others and concerned for their well-being. She made friends wherever she was, and truly did spread joy to all she encountered. Though she was affectionately known as "Mother Mary" to many, her favorite name to be called was

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Anna Marks; father-in-law and mother-in-law Louis & Esther Thorvig; brothers-in-law Dale Nelson and Jack Ottem; brother Dwight Marks; and husband Chris.

She is survived by her children, Craig (Kristee) Thorvig of Sandstone; Caroline Thorvig (Mark

Walters) of Grand Rapids; AFS sons Max Vazzoler of Italy; Kostya Andreev and family of Hollywood, Calif., formerly of Minsk, Belarus; her grandchildren, Cassidee and Tyler Thorvig of Sandstone and Dagan and Gunnar Larson of Grand Rapids; sisters Madelyn (Harold) Wimmer of Pine City, Jo Marks Nelson of Sandstone, Patricia (Richard) Goodwill of Leander, TX, Shirley (Leo) Irlbeck of Hinckley, Janice (Dave) LaPolice of Stewartville, Minn.; brothers, David Marks of Sandstone and Merlyn Marks (Deb) of Burnsville, Minn.; sisters-in-law Merry Marks of Hinckley, Minn.; Nancy (Arvid) Brekke of Esko, Minn., and Vonnie Ottem of St. Cloud, Minn.; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Planting of a tree or donations to Old School Arts Center, Sandstone History Center or Sandstone Public Library are requested in lieu of flowers.

Blessed be her memory.

Dorothy M. Stockamp

October 23, 1931 - February 6, 2021

Dorothy Stockamp (nee Muck) passed away on February 6, 2021. She was born on October 23, 1931 in Buhl, Minn. She lived in Buhl until going to the



University of Minnesota in Minneapolis to complete her teaching degree. She had her first teaching job in Pine City, where she met her future husband Raymond Stockamp. They married in 1955 and moved to Minneapolis-Saint Paul where Dorothy worked as a business education teacher.

They settled in Sandstone in 1959, where Ray set up his TV and electronics business. Dorothy

taught at Askov High School from 1960 until 1987, and then moved to the newly-built Sandstone High School. Dorothy mostly taught business classes and was involved in many extra-curricular activities. During this time, she earned her Master's degree. She was very passionate about her work and bringing the best out in her students, and is frequently acknowledged by former students as a well-loved, respected, and inspirational teacher. In Dorothy's own words, her greatest achievement was being a teacher for 38-years and "loving every minute of it." Dorothy also enjoyed road trips both as a child and later with Ray, touring the United States and Cana-

Dorothy was involved in many voluntary activities after retirement including Grace Lutheran Church, Pine County HRA and the East Central Dollars for Scholars Investment Committee. Of special note is that she served as Treasurer for the Quarry Lions for 20 years. Dorothy was honored with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, which is given to members who have rendered outstanding community service and is the highest recognition from the Lions International Club Foundation. Another special volunteer activity was listening to first graders read. She took delight in interacting with people of all ages and was renowned for her ability to connect with children and young people.

Dorothy is survived by her sister and brotherin-law, nieces, a nephew-in-law, and grand-nieces. Warm thanks to the people of the Sandstone community whom she knew and loved, and to those who have supported her so well in her times of need.

A huge heart and a nimble mind. A great laugh, and depth of caring. Go well, Dorothy, you are very loved.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to Grace Lutheran Church or East Central Dollars for Scholars in Dorothy's name.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date due to the infernal pandemic.

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

Victoria P. Aldridge

June 5, 1956 - January 26, 2021

Victoria Paulette Aldridge, age 64, of Sturgeon Lake, Minn. passed away on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at her home with her loved ones by her side.



Victoria was born on June 5, 1956 to William and Wanda (Bartimus) Aldridge in St. Louis, Missouri. She resided in a few different states and areas throughout her life. Victoria grew up in the Flat River area of Missouri where she graduated from high school and obtained her two-year nursing degree. After completing her nursing degree, Victoria wanted to move forward in the medical field and de-

cided to complete her bachelor's degree at Southwest Missouri State. Victoria moved to the Minneapolis, Minnesota area where she continued her education in the medical field and received her master's degree, becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner. Victoria moved to Tanana, Alaska, loving the beautiful landscape and outdoor activities that only Alaska can provide. On October 3, 2013 Victoria married her best friend, Karen Miller. They moved to the Sturgeon Lake area, where Victoria could enjoy many of her hobbies, which included knitting, sewing and photography. If Victoria could spend her time outside, she was happy, whether it was training dogs, canoeing, fishing, or four-wheeling, Victoria had a smile on her face. Another hobby that brought joy to Victoria's face was when she was able to travel and set out on

Victoria is preceded in death by her parents, William and Wanda; her brother, Newton (David) Aldridge; and sister, Roberta Aldridge.

Victoria is survived by her loving wife, Karen; niece Leora Aldridge; stepchildren, David Pearson, Sandra Rike (Pearson); Leigh-Ann Lickly (Pearson), Diana Pearson, Daniel Pearson; 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Victoria's wishes were to be buried at the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Friesland, Minn.

Memorials preferred to Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest, 818 Fulton Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, the Sturgeon Lake Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 98, Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783, phone number 218-372-3391, or to the local food shelf in your area.

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NOTICES

CITY OF STURGEON LAKE PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sturgeon Lake will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday February 23, 2021 at 6:00pm. The purpose of the hearing is to pass a resolution Adopting the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances. The public hearing will be held by tele/video conference per MN State Statute 13D.021. Instructions for attending the hearing are available at the front of City Hall or by calling 218-372-3391.

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PARK TOWNSHIP MEETNG NOTICE

The Board of Park Township will hold their February 2021 Regular and Board of Audit Meetings at the Kerrick Community Center (former Presbyterian church), 5367 2nd Ave. Kerrick MN, on Monday, Feb. 22nd . The Regular Meeting will convene at 7:00 pm with the Board of Audit Meeting to follow. All State and Federal orders with regard to the COVID 19 virus at the time of the meeting will be complied with.

Gregory Kvasnicka, Clerk Park Township

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PARK TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Park Township, County of Pine, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. In case of inclement weather. the meeting and election will be postponed until March 16, 2021. The election polls will be open from 5-8 pm, at which time the voters will elect: One Supervisor for a three-year term; and one Treasurer for a two-year term. The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the poles to certify the official election results and the Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The Annual Election and Meeting will take place at the Kerrick Community Center (former Presbyterian Church), 5367 2nd Ave., Kerrick MN. All MN State and Federal orders with regard to the COVID 19 virus at the time of the election and meeting will be complied Gregory Kvasnicka, Clerk

Park Township

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Public Hearing Partridge Township

Partridge Township Board of Supervisors is holding a Public Hearing to review changes to the Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Planning Commission. The Public Hearing will be held on March 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Askov Community Center. Social distancing and masks will be required for those that attend. Public is welcome to attend. Respectfully Submitted, Anne Stitt, Clerk Partridge Township

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MEETING NOTICE BRUNO TOWNSHIP

Due to COVID-19 the February 17th, 2021 township annual board of audit and regular meeting will be conducted entirely through teleconferencing beginning at 6:00

If the public wishes to listen to and/or participate in the meeting, please leave message at 320 838-3426. You will be contacted about 6:00 on February 17th to join

Karen Dracy

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NOTICE OF MEETING Norman Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the residents of Norman Township in Pine County, Minnesota, that the Board of Audit meeting for the 2020 books will be held on Thursday, 2/25/2021, at 7:45 p.m., at the Norman Township Hall, 41455 Co. Rd. 43, Willow River, MN. Judy Nelson, Clerk Norman Township

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

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The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. ASSUMED NAME: Bon Vivant

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perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath. SIGNED BY: Hannah Kamath MAILING ADDRESS: 60544 N STATE HIGHWAY 123 ASKOV MN 55704

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTIC-ES: hannah@bonvivantfarm.

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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 22, 2007

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$139,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Thomas Granlund and spouse, Melanie Granlund

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Delta Funding Corporation, its successors and assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: September 24, 2007 Pine County Recorder Document Number: A467700 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the Registered Holders of Renaissance Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-3

Dated: January 30, 2009 Recorded: February 10, 2009 Pine County Recorder Document Number: A78063 Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc. Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100076600001136187 Lender or Broker: Delta Funding Corporation

Residential Mortgage Servicer: PHH Mortgage Corporation Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Property Address: 50470 Watrin Rd, Sandstone, MN 55072-2801 Tax Parcel ID Number:

12.0405.003

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Half of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 42, Range 21, in Pine County, State of Minnesota AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED

> TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$146,380.92 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 635 Northridge Drive

property will be sold by the

Sheriff of said county as

follows:

Pine City, MN 55063 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law. subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on August 18, 2021, or the next business day if August 18, 2021 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION **OBTAINED WILL BE USED** FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032. DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS. ARE NOT PROPERTY **USED IN AGRICULTURAL** PRODUCTION, AND ARE **ABANDONED** DATED: December 23, 2020 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-3 Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee 7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300

File Number: 044262F01 NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT **OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

The above referenced sale scheduled for February 18. 2021 at 10:00 AM has been postponed to August 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Sheriff's Office, 635 Northridge Drive NW Pine City, MN 55063 in said County and State. DATED: February 05, 2021 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-3 Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee Of

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

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Corrections Officer: This position performs tasks related to care, custody, discipline and occupations of inmates ensuring a healthy, safe and secure environment. Correctional Officers process all adult and juvenile arrests by conducting searches and medical screenings, attempt inmate grievance resolution

transport and escort inmates to various locations and generate and maintain required documentation and reports. Assigned duties are performed in a supervised environment. Applicants must be available to work evenings, weekends, and holidays

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

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

PREFFERED QUALIFICATIONS:

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

Applicants wishing to be considered for these vacancies must submit a completed application to Pine County Human Resources no later than 4:00 PM on February 15, 2021. See website for detailed specifics regarding job responsibilities and requirements. Contact the Pine County Administrator's Office for application or download the application on the website at www.co.pine.mn.us.

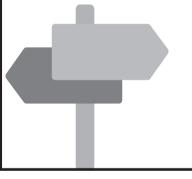
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Salary: \$25.06/hr - \$31.49/hr DOQ **Closing Date:** February 19, 2021 @ 4:30 pm

For complete posting, visit our county website @ www.co.pine.mn.us under Departments - Human Resources -**Employment Opportunities**

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