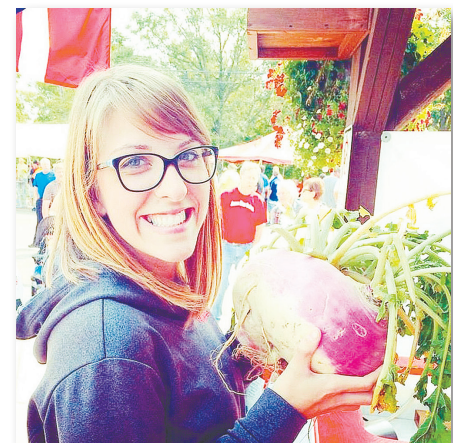




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Askov festival honors roots with fun filled weekend



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Ally Loupe poses with a large rutabaga at a previous festival.

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The annual Askov Rutabaga Festival and Fair is on again in 2021. The popular aebleskiver and medisterpølse are on the menu as well as a variety of fries, corn on the cob and of course rutabaga sausage. For those not familiar with the festival namesake, the rutabaga is a humble root vegetable similar to a turnip and full of nutrients, according to webMD. It is related

to cabbage, broccoli and other vegetables.

The event opens 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27 with crafters set up and food vendors will open at noon. The 5K Rutabaga Run registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 and the race begins at 8 a.m. A variety of events including BINGO, royalty coronation, live music and a parade continue throughout the weekend, ending with a pancake breakfast at the fairgrounds 8-11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. A full schedule can be found on the website askovrutabagafestival or Askov Rutabaga Festival Facebook page.

While a rutabaga celebration might sound unusual, Askov's history is rooted in the rutabaga.

According to an excerpt of local historian Arla Budd's Centennial! 1978 The Middle Years column; Askov was known for years at the Rutabaga Capital of the World.

"Most farmers started to grow rutabagas as a crop to feed their cows," Budd said. She explained that the rutabagas gave the milk an off flavor, so residents decided to sell the vegetables for human consumption instead.

Many who grew up in

Askov spent time thinning the "roots" or working in the warehouse. In the peak years 500-700 carloads per year left the community by rail to New York, Chicago and the gulf states, according to Budd.

Ludvig Mosbake imported the seeds for the first crops from Denmark and in 1817 Louis Olsen entered the market with the Sweet Maiden brand. In 1937 Andrew Henriksen began shipping his Table Delights around the country and in 1949 John Pesheck

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History comes to life at White Pine Logging and Threshing Show

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"A museum in motion" doesn't begin to tell the story of what the White Pine Logging and Threshing Show has to offer. The White Pine Show was started in 1979 and is now in its 43rd year. It is held every year on Labor Day weekend, with the exception of 2020 which was canceled due to the pandemic.

The event is held in McGrath, 20 miles west of Finlayson on the Langenbach family farm. Brothers John, Doug and Todd Langenbach and their families now host the event that their parents began all those years ago. John said his dad, Bill and mom Sylvia and their family, started the show after they retired from milking cows. Bill started collecting small water cooled engines, "and it got worse from there," said John. His dad then began collecting old tractors and steam engines.

On average the show brings about three to four thousand people a year. Tractors line up for display according to the brand such as Allis Chalmers, John Deere and many more. Nancy Langenbach, John's wife, said this year's event will either be slower because of the pandemic, or overwhelming due to the fact that people want to get out of their houses.

One aspect of the event is a daily parade that includes approximately 300 units that come from all over the country. The parade, said John, lasts about two hours..."we are happy if it only lasts two hours," he said with a chuckle.

Aside from the parade and tractor entries they have so much more to offer. They give demonstrations of sawing lumber, shingles and making wooden barrels, there is a working blacksmith



These vintage items are a sample of what can be seen at the 2021 White Pine Logging and Threshing Shows. Right: Old Dell Grove Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Photos on left, top to bottom: vintage tractor, old train car from Kerrick and a collection of White Pine Logging and Threshing buttons from past years.



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shop, threshing demonstrations and a print shop just to name a few.

A non-denominational church service is held on Sunday at 9 and 10:30 a.m. The service is held in the old Dell Grove Emmanuel Lutheran Church building which was moved to White Pine after the new church was built.

Walking into the building is like walking into the past. The pews, altar and pulpit are still original to the building. A few of the other buildings on the

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School staff prepare for new year

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Masks will be optional in the school building, but a requirement on school buses due to a Federal mandate on public transportation, said Superintendent Andy Almos. Parents are urged to remind their children to bring their mask for the bus ride, but drivers will be prepared with masks for the first few days of school for students who forget. Parents who want their child to wear a mask during the school day should contact Almos. COVID-19 vaccinations will not be required for students or staff. Everything else will be business as usual, including students in classrooms.

Almos said Pine County Schools worked together with Pine County Public Health to coordinate a cohesive plan for all schools in the county. If the state makes mandate changes, the school will follow the guidelines accordingly.

"We are working closely with public health and state leaders to keep an eye on trends across our state," said Almos.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 case, the district will conduct contact tracing. The district will ask PCPH for help if necessary. The person with the positive case will be required to quarantine for at least 10 days from onset of symptoms or a positive test.

One of the school district's biggest priorities and challenges is to continue to navigate the ongoing pandemic that is now spanning three school years as they prepare for students' arrival on Tuesday, Sept. 7.



OBITUARIES

Ronald D. Werner

September 17, 1943 - August 19, 2021



Ronald Daniel Werner, Moose Lake, 77, died unexpectedly in his home on Thursday, August 19, 2021. He was born in Ramsey County on September 17, 1943 to Frederick and Frieda (Goter) Werner.

Ron grew up in St. Paul where he attended Luther Elementary and graduated from Central High School, St. Paul in 1961. He spent the next few summers working in Alaska. Ron married Judy McKee in 1970. He devoted countless volunteer hours delivering Meals on Wheels to area residents, a “job” he received great joy from. Ron was a true sportsman. He loved the great outdoors and hunted and fished his entire life. Ron was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Moose Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Frieda; half-brother, Merle Werner; and former wife, Judy.

Ron is survived by his daughters, April (Brent) Dehaan and Dawn (Cory) Tasler; son, Dan Werner; step-sons, Jeff and Jim Hoppe; grandchildren, Eli, Rachel, Morgan, Riley, Evan, and Carli; siblings, June, LaVonne, Darlene, and Floreen; former companion, Audrey Cegla; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. memorial service on Saturday, August 28, 2021 in Hope Lutheran Church, Moose Lake. Refreshments will follow the service in the church hall. Arrangements are with Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home

George E. Jamison

George E. Jamison (89) son of Earl and Mildred (Grace) Jamison, of Sandstone, Minnesota, passed away at home on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers preferred to United Church of Christ in Sandstone and Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center.

A memorial service will be held for George on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 4 p.m. at the Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center, 54165 Audubon Drive, Sandstone, MN 55072. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service.

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



Farmers frustrated by bears in corn

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Bear-human relations continues to be a major area of focus for local conservation officers with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

- Conservation Officer Bret Grundmeier, working out of Hinckley, reported that he con-

tinues to take calls from frustrated farmers about black bears destroying their corn crop. State forest areas were busy with ATV riders and hunters out getting their bear baits established. A few bear baiters had to be dealt with who wanted to establish baits in the same areas and could not agree to get along.

- Conservation Officer Ben

Karon, working out of Pine City, said he spent the week checking bear baits and patrolling for illegal ATV use in the state forest.

- Conservation Officer Dustie Speldrich, working out of Willow River, said she attended training at Camp Ripley. She also answered bear-hunting questions and nuisance-bear calls.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Our little NISSE from Askov has been discovered. He was hidden, but was found by four young explorers: Adalyn Fogt, Hudson Fogt, Gabriella Simmons and Dexter Simmons. Congratulations to the team and enjoy your much deserved \$25. Askov Fair Board President Ruthie Jorgensen presented their award! They are the children of Darren and Jamie Fogt and Oliver and Dana Simmons.

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Rutabaga
Festival rooted in
past

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became his partner.

Budd said the largest harvest required 777 carloads.

Waxing the rutabagas turned out to be a fire danger, according to Budd. There was a fire at the warehouse in 1963, but the company bounced back. The booming rutabaga industry came to an abrupt end in 1978 after another fire destroyed the warehouse and the owners decided not to rebuild.

WHITE PINE: Family fun
event in McGrath

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property include an old school house, the old Giese Post Office and a caboose from a Burlington Northern train that sat in Kerrick for many years.

In previous years the food was all handled by the Langenbachs. This year there will be food trucks along with a pancake breakfast that is held daily from 7-9 a.m.

The Isle Lions club comes in and serves beer in the saloon and a barn dance is held on Saturday and Sunday nights.

There are many things to see and do at the family run White Pine Logging and Threshing Show. “Come see a museum in motion” and enjoy great family fun! This year’s event will be held September 4-6, gates are open 7 a.m. to midnight.

Karen Johnsen
along with her
children, would like to thank
all those who gave cards
and/or attended her
90th birthday celebration,
making it a special day for her.

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Notice of Call for Bids for
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The State of Minnesota is offering for sale an approximately .5 acres of vacant land located at 301 2nd Avenue, Brook Park MN.

For a bid package, see:
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MEAT
Raffle

6 pm • Friday, Aug. 27
Rich's Bar
1038 Hwy 23 N., Sandstone, MN
12 Rounds – 4 winners per round
50/50 Raffle • 1 Prime Rib

The Sandstone Lions Club gratefully thanks and acknowledges the following businesses for their contribution to the 2021 Gary Bowen Memorial Golf Tournament.

The money raised goes to scholarships for East Central students.

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Remember to shop locally!!

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COMMUNITY

Life is short, enjoy horse hugs and other simple pleasures

Last week our daughter and her husband looked up an online recipe for zucchini boats. I used to make these boats once or twice a summer when the kids were young and the kids always like them. I like the recipe because it was easy and used up those monster squash that everyone has hiding in their zucchini plant this time of year.

The online recipe recommended prebaking the zucchini—we never did that. Prebaking made more sense, and yes, way back then I always blindly followed a recipe, duh. So, Saturday evening we pre-baked our monster zucchini, we sliced the vegeta-

ble lengthwise, tossed out the large seeds and threw in the spaghetti sauce and cooked up hamburger, topped with cheese, and a crunchy topping of French fried onions, baked for about 30 minutes and while eating supper that night, Gary and I decided that internet recipe had a good idea. Live and learn.

It is called a “horse hug” when the horse pulls you close with their head and neck, and affectionately holds you close. The first time it happens I admit, it is a bit alarming. Now through the years I have been hugged, snuggled, ear sniffed and nose rubbed but I have never seen my big boys show affection to a bale of hay. This past week we saw Prince do just that.

This year the drought has dried up everything in the pasture. So, after I secured our two draft-cross horses into a pasture with two hot fence

lines all around, Gary got out the skid loader to move a large bale into the horses side of the barn. Gary maneuvered the hay through their doors and began placing it down when Prince blasted his way through that great fencing and came running around the back of the skid loader and straight to the bale. That’s when Prince began affectionately rubbing the bale, showing us how much he loved seeing the hay. King joined him and they soon were happily eating. We both left smiling and headed to fix the fencing.

We really had a busy week last week. There was a doctor appointment where the doctor wrote the order to remove the catheter that is used for Gary’s dialysis. Gary’s kidneys had improved to over 20% and dialysis was indefinitely halted. And, Gary has officially been declared inactive on the transplant list. The doctor ended the

visit telling us to “enjoy your time, we don’t know how long this will last.” We were speechless.

That very same doctor asked if he could bring his family to meet King and Prince. Sunday afternoon he arrived with his wife, two children and his mother-in-law. The doctor’s 11-year-old son had not seen a real horse in person and he was not put off by their size. In fact, he couldn’t wait to get on top of King and go for a ride. The doctor got on Prince, and the 4-year-old daughter rode with her father. It was a new experience they all seemed to enjoy.

Everything seemed to be going really great. The happy boy climbed up a gate and turned for a picture and both horses planted a kiss on each side. But when the youngster ran out to the garden to get carrots he decided not to follow my caution on how to present food

to my horses. That resulted in the horse biting his fingers (horse couldn’t tell the tiny fingers from the small carrots.) Neither horse has ever bitten anyone before so my heart sank. The good news is Prince only broke skin in one spot, and didn’t break any fingers. Whew. We rushed the child for a quick hand cleaning, bandaging and ice. The young boy wanted to go back to the barn, I think that’s a good sign. Have a great week everyone, and remember the pandemic is still lurking. Please take care.

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Finlayson News
Maxine Meyer



Food N' Friends
Mary Ellen Dewey

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

Enjoy the versatile Yellow Summer Squash

YELLOW SQUASH CASSEROLE

- 4 c. sliced yellow squash
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 35 buttery round crackers, crushed
- 1 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 c. milk
- 1/4 c. butter, melted
- 1 tsp. salt
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 2 Tbsp. butter

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place squash and onion in a large skillet over medium heat. Pour in a small amount of water. Cover, and cook until squash is tender, about 5 minutes. Drain well, and place in a large bowl. In a medium bowl, mix together cracker crumbs and cheese. Stir half of the cracker mixture into the cook squash and onions. In a small bowl, mix together eggs and milk, then add to squash mixture. Stir in 1/4 cup melted butter, and season with salt and pepper. Spread into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining cracker mixture, and dot with 2 tablespoons butter. Serves 10. Can be a side dish or a main course.

SUMMER GARDEN FISH TACOS

- 1 medium ear sweet corn, husk removed
- 1 poblano pepper, halved and seeds removed
- 4 tilapia fillets (4 oz. each)
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 yellow summer squash, halved lengthwise
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 1/3c. chopped red onion
- 3 Tbsp, coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tsp. grated lime zest
- 3 Tbsp. lime juice
- 8 taco shells warmed
- 1/2 medium ripe avocado, peeled and sliced

Lightly oil the grill rack. Grill corn and pepper, covered, over medium heat until tender, 10-12 minutes, turning occasionally. Cool slightly. Sprinkle fish with salt. Grill fish and squash, until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork and squash is tender, 7-9 minutes, turning once. Cut corn from cob and place in a bowl. Chop pepper and squash; add to corn. Stir in tomato, onion, cilantro, lime zest and lime juice. Serve fish in taco shells; top with corn mixture and avocado slices. Serves 4. Can serve quinoa and black beans with this as sides.



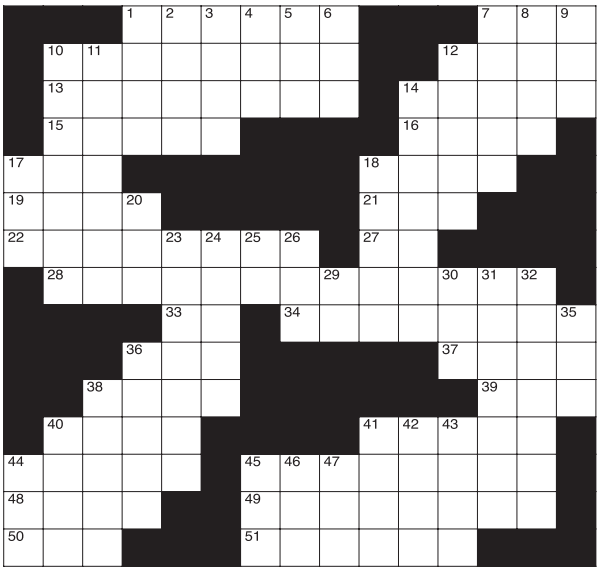
YELLOW SQUASH PATTIES

- 8 medium yellow squash, shredded
- 1 onion, shredded
- 1-1/2 Tbsp. salt
- 1 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 c. cornmeal
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil

Dill Dip

- 3/4 c. sour cream
- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh dill
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper

Place the squash and onions in a colander, sprinkle with salt, and drain about 30 minutes, until no longer moist. In a bowl, mix the squash and onion, flour, cornmeal, egg, and cheese. Season with pepper. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat. Drop squash mixture by heaping tablespoon-fuls into the skillet, and cook 3 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Makes 12 servings. Stir together all the ingredients for the dill dip and serve with the squash patties. Can add a dash of hot sauce if desired.



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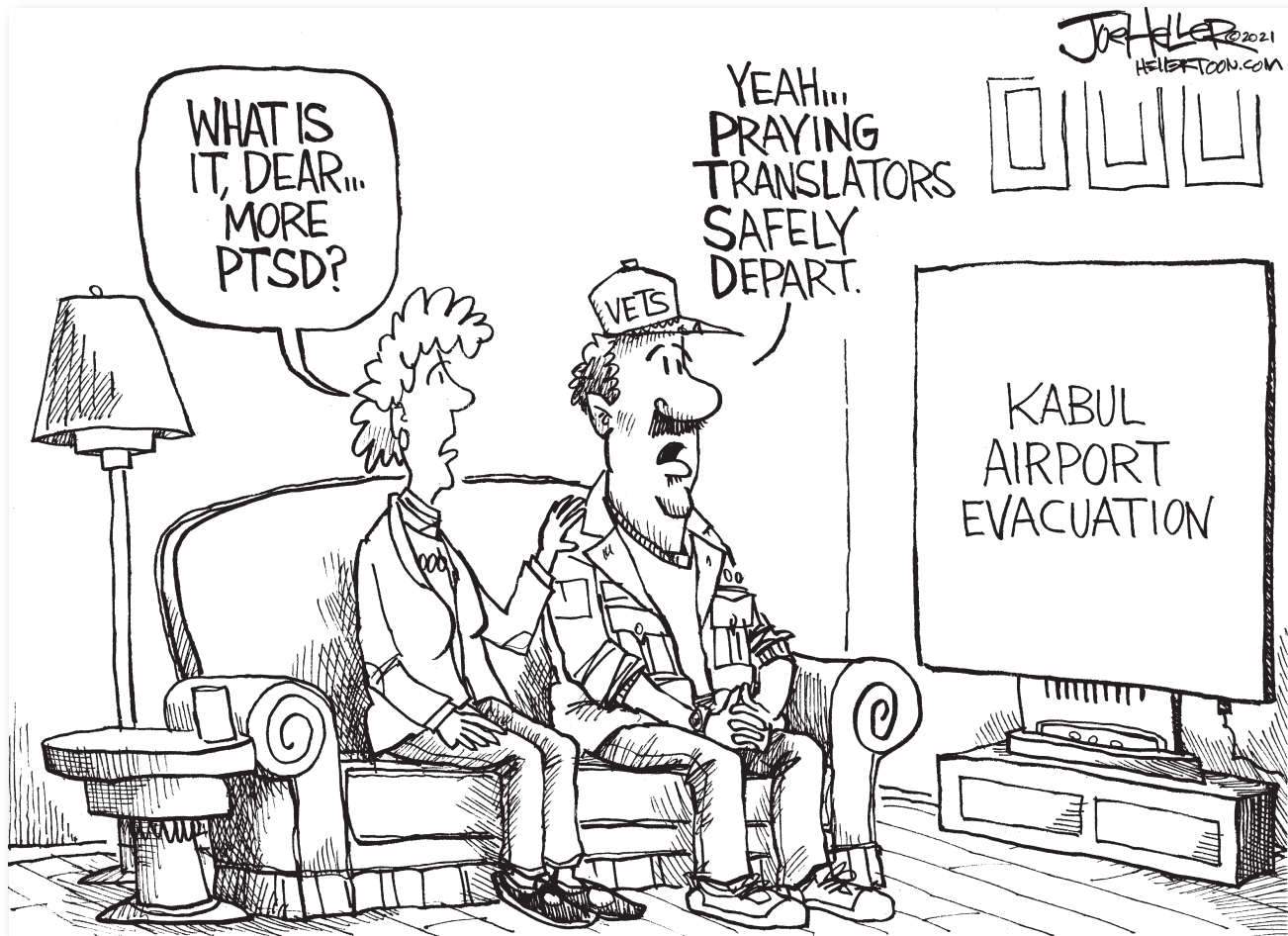
Three levels of responsibility

To the Editor:

Over the past year and a half we have all had our lives changed dramatically as the world has been faced with COVID-19. Few of us were alive in 1918 when the previous pandemic ravaged the whole world. Therefore, we had to make major decisions and take drastic measures to literally keep the world alive during this pandemic. Because of all of the vaccine development efforts over the past many years, though, the companies asked to create vaccines for this particular virus have understood what prior work would apply, and what would need to be done to make the vaccines optimally effective for this virus. Accordingly, in a very short period of time, we had vaccines available which the pharmaceutical companies were confident could prevent the virus or could largely prevent death. So why, then, are we still dealing with this? The answer is not scientific, it is societal. In a word, it is the failure to address all the levels of responsibility which we, as advanced beings always have.

Responsibility is not only to ourselves and our various senses of entitlement or beliefs. It needs to be to all of the following three levels: Personal responsibility, friends and family responsibility and responsibility for our species. None of these

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Kindness matters, and so did George

Losing a friend, and his legacy

Growing up in a small town, I came to know many veterans. They were my father's friends. These men, veterans of WWII,



Boomer Grandpa

Loren Else

Korea, and Vietnam, marched in parades, presented the colors for events, sold popcorn during the fair, and were leaders in the community.

Eventually, I would go to work in this town in the late 1970s.

Many of these same men I knew as a kid from their American Legion involvement became my co-workers.

Fortunately, these men recognized I was 'wet behind the ears.' They watched over me.

They understood I could learn a great deal from them – if I wanted.

At 23 years of age, I wasn't sure what I wanted, but I soon realized that I was being shown a few things about the job and about what is important in life.

These men seemed to have a sense of contentment about what they stood for and who they were. These early mentors didn't worry about the promotional ladder. They did their job and left work at work. Their careers did not define who they were.

George Jamison was one of those guys. He was a thoughtful, soft-spoken, polite, kind man who readily smiled. Just a couple of months ago, I received some input from George and his wife Dorothy for a column I was writing. I always looked up to both of them for

their wisdom and kindness.

George and his wife Dorothy were married for 61 years. Dorothy said when you are living life, the years slip by. Their marriage was a happy one, and I know how proud they were of their family.

I recently got an email from a friend that stated, "We lost good old George. He was 89." It was sad news when our communities lose men and women from extraordinary times in our history.

His son Scott posted on social media that his father lived a full life. He said his father was a veteran of the Korean War, a sharpshooter, correctional officer, goat farmer, avid gardener, fisherman, sign painter, woodcarver, and teller of terrible jokes. The lousy joke-telling was verified by multiple sources.

There was so much to

George. He was a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was involved in his community and his church, the United Church of Christ in Sandstone. To me, a minor acquaintance in his life, it was his kindness that left its mark.

George didn't venture too far in his life. He was born near Sandstone in east-central Minnesota and was a 1951 graduate of Sandstone High School. Except for the military and time in the Twin Cities for school and work at the Veteran's Hospital, he lived most of his life just outside of Sandstone.

Dorothy Fish, from South Dakota, came to work at the Sandstone hospital as a nurse and met George. They were married in 1960. George bought a portion of his dad's land, and they built their home in 1965.

I have stopped there a couple of times over the years, and still, if I am up that way, I slow down as I drive by to look at their beautiful flowers and garden.

George has left a legacy. His brother-in-law Pat Galvin said George was talented in art and wood carving. He also said he was a trustworthy, knowledgeable, and humble man. He remembers when they would sit and talk - about everything.

I hope you have had people like George in your life. Pay attention, and you will find them. Individuals who have virtuous priorities do not seek but give.

These unique individuals are surrounded by what truly defines them - family, faith, friends, and community. George will be missed.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

Schools postponed, Sandstone Festival canceled due to polio outbreak

100 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 23, 1921

- H.C. Hansen northwest of Askov had a narrow escape when his car was wrecked on the local crossing by an engine and several box cars that suddenly backed into him as he was crossing the tracks . Mr. Hansen jumped and thus escaped injury.

- Neighbors gathered at the Wiggins home in Nickerson for a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Everson and Mabel Wiggins .

- A bolt of lightning struck John A Jacobsen's silo in Askov tearing a big hole in it.

mendation of the state board of health, opening of schools in Pine and surrounding coun- ties has been postponed for a two week period because of the polio epidemic.

- Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Drahosh and Oscar Mattson of Fin- layson went to St. Paul to meet Cpl. George Drahosh who came from Brooke General Hospital in Texas for a 45 day furlough with family and friends.

- Holger Fisher came from Minneapolis with his moving van and took Rev. and Mrs. Mikkelsen's household goods to their new location in Minne- apolis.

- Both the Hinckley Korn and Klover Karnival and the Sandstone Harvest Festival have been cancelled because of the polio outbreak.

75 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 22, 1946

- In compliance with recom-

50 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 26, 1971

- Judith Ketchum, daugh- ter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ketchum of Kerrick was united in marriage to Emery Robert Schmidt , son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Schmidt of Moose Lake on Saturday Au- gust 21st at Bethlehem Luther- an Church in Askov.

- Fern Adams is the new 1971 Askov Festival Queen.

- Beverly Kraft graduated from the University of Minne- sota Duluth with a BS Degree in elementary education.

- This is the third year for the St. Croix Mother's Camp at the St. Croix Park.

25 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 22, 1996

- Five juveniles from the area of northern Chisago County were arrested for the Pine County Fair grrandstands fire on August 3.

- Warren Peterson has been hired as the new principal at Willow River.

- Askov graduating class of 1946 is having their 50 year class reunion this weekend .

- Sandstone Lanes mens softball team has advanced to the state tournaments.

- About 150 people attend- ed the Bruno's New and Old Settler's Picnic on Sunday and around 160 attended the pig roast, variety show and fireworks on Saturday.

- C.T. scanner has been installed at Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake.

- The Brandes-Therrien family reunion was held this past weekend at the Pat and Annelle home in Askov.

- Donovan and Janet Hanson of Bruno hosted the Seablom family reunion on Saturday.

10 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 18, 2011

- East Central School layoff sixteen paraprofessionals stating that they have been overstaffed.

- There will be new grad- uation requirements for the Willow River School.

- The 40th Krogstad fami- ly reunion was held at Carl Hultgren's home this past weekend. The new High School Principal at Hinckley is Brian Masterson.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS



Willow River News

Kathi Bennett

This week I've been dealing with a glut of cucumbers. One of my favorite recipes is for "Grace" vodka pickles. I used to eat these when I was a kid. A neighbor lady used to make them and we all loved them. They are a refrigerator pickle that is not sweet. It tastes like a kosher dill. You take 6 cups of

water and add 1/3 cup pick- ling salt and 1 Tbsp sugar in a large sauce pan and heat and stir until the sugar and salt are dissolved. Cool until room temperature. Meanwhile mix together 1 ½ cup of white vine- gar and 1 cup vodka in a large pitcher. Add dill, garlic, and a cayenne pepper (optional) into clean sterile jars. Wedge the cucumbers and pack them into the jars. Pour the water, salt and sugar mixture into the pitcher with the vodka mixture. Stir well and pour into packed jars. Put on lids and store in the refrigerator. Let them set for at least five days before eating them. They are my favorite pickle. Tastes great in a bloody Mary.

We plan to go to the Fin- layson-Giese Sportsman's An- nual Sunday Labor Day Picnic on Sunday, September 5 start- ing at noon. They are planning brats and hot dogs, potato salad, beans, and more. There will be a trap shoot, bean bag toss, bingo, kids games, saw dust pile, door prizes, raffles, and more. I can't wait.

At the school: August 26 the community education book club is meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. September 7 – 8 is the first day of school. If you are interested in going to the state fair, but don't want to drive, check out the Minnesota State Fair Bus Trip fundraiser for the Willow River School. Sign up asap. The bus will leave Monday, August 30 for a full day of

fun. See the website for more information or contact Melissa Johnson at the school. Also, check out the Willow River Area School Early Childhood Programs. They have pro- grams for every age under five years. Contact Ms. Chas at the school at 218-372-3131 extension 169. The Open House at the school will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The school is currently looking for more bus/van drivers, and a community education coordi- nator.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 – 6 p.m. ev- ery Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 6:30 p.m. The Knights of Co- lumbus pray the Rosary at St. Isidore's Church every fourth Sunday of each month before Mass. The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on August 29 at St. Isidore's Church with Rosary at 6:30 p.m and meeting to follow 7 p.m. If you are interested in going to confession during the week, you may let Fr. Francis know and he will be happy to hear your confession after dai- ly Mass or by appointment. He will be doing confessions on First Fridays and Saturdays 4 pm at Holy Angels.

Family Pathways Aging Services: These wonderful programs are available to our area and surrounding areas to assist those who may be in need of a little extra help. Provided are in-home social visits (non-medical), assisted transportation appointments, groceries, church, etc. Also, light housekeeping, laundry, menu planning/meal prep. There is also a caregiver consulting program. They offer caregiver support groups, a time to share and listen to others who are also caring for others. Volunteers are needed to help with all of these pro- grams. Please call 320-364-1115 to become part of making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Everything to lose, nothing to gain

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

If cabbages were brains that Nikko Svens- sen would have Brussels Sprouts. Last Sunday we were in church singing "Come thou fount of every blessing" and he poked me in the shoulder. "Psst," he said. "Do you want to have dinner with me tonight?" Of course I ignored him but after service he glommed on to me in the fellowship area and said "What do you say, Elvira? We can grab a bite at Gerry's Grill."

I wouldn't go as far as the door with that guy. Everyone knows he's looking for a nurse or a purse at his age and I'm not signing up for either of those jobs. I would be more likely to belt him with my backpack and pull his plug. I gave him the same look I used to give my kids and told him I'd pencil him in for the twelfth of never. Then I said he should find himself another pigeon and got out of there as fast as I could.

I'm used to looking after myself and at my age I don't want any fixer uppers. I've heard Nikko can be persistent so what do you think I

should tell him if he bothers me again?
Signed, Ellie on Elmwood

Dear Ellie,

There are many perks to living alone, one being you get total control of the remote. You also get to set your own schedule, eat ice cream from the container, have the whole bed to yourself, do only your own laundry, and set the thermostat where you want it. I'm trying really hard to come up with a good reason for you to change your status quo.

Modern women teach their sons to take care of themselves unlike the women of yesteryear. Men were waited on hand and foot in the old days.

A friend of mine once said that when people get married for the wrong reason they create a catastrophic union, making life miserable.

You should tell Nikko you would only get married for love and with him that would be out of the question. He needs to hire a cleaning service and learn to use the microwave.

I know it won't be hard for you to stick to your guns on this. You have everything to lose and nothing to gain. Keep me posted and remember, Tante Ingeborg cares.....but not so much.

BRUNO/KERRICK NEWS

Friday evening Derrell and Jean Jensen, Stan and Rita Jensen, Mary Peterson and Bill Gabrelcik met at the Bear's Den to have supper with Dan and Christie Jensen who are visiting from Idaho. After supper they went for pie and coffee at Derrell and Jean's.

Saturday morning Terrah Jensen and Roger Robertson invited Derrell and Jean Jen- sen to breakfast and helicop- ter rides at the Moose Lake Airport. Derrell and Jean skipped the ride but watched as Terrah and Roger took a ride over Sturgeon Lake.

Saturday afternoon Derrell and Jean attended a motorcy- cle party with Adam and Sarah Jensen near Barnum, Minn.

Sunday Derrell and Jean celebrated Jean's birthday at Gampers in Moose Lake.

Al and Sandy Hoiland went to Bruno Days for a very good lunch and they met Larry and Lu Hoiland there. Afterwards, they went to Cloverdale to see the new candy store, then on to Hinckley for their great grandson Levi's

seventh birthday party.

Saturday, there was a good turnout for the Bruno Day at the Bear's Den. They had great food, music, games a silent auction and lots of visiting. Pig Roast proceeds went to support the local fire department. It was an all around nice time.

A big "thank you" to Shane Seibert. He took the time to cut the grass/brush so drivers can see better at the intersection of Main St and County Rd22/Fleming Rd in Bruno, great job and much appreciated!!

Recently the area has had a few residents that passed away or had a Celebration of Life. We would like to express our condolences to their family and friends. Those that recently passed away in the Kerrick area are Barb Granquist and Jeanette Smith, in the Askov area are Gene Krogh, Jerry Franko, Millie Sorensen and Daniel Moran. Those that had a Celebration of Life were Elmer Monette and David Nelson both from the Bruno area.

Remember if you have any news that you would like to share, please either email me at storebo1@frontier.com or call me at 320-838-3554.



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Askov royalty candidates

LITTLE MISS ASKOV



Aubreigh Rodenberg

Age: 6

Grade: 1st

Parents: Daniel & Tricia Rodenberg

Sponsor: Main Street Grocery

Community Service: Made pictures and treats for nursing home and assisted living residents; picked up school supplies from people and delivered to a local supply drive.



Leslie Schneider

Age: 6

Grade: 1st

Parents: Steve and Kelly Schneider

Sponsor: Schneider Custom Meats



Piper Sahlen

Age: 6

Grade: 1st

Parents: Travis and Nikki Sahlen

Sponsor: Docs on 23

Community Service: Volunteered 4 hours at the Pine County History Museum.



Kylie Good

Age: 6

Grade: 1st

Parents: Nicole Gebhart & Chris Good

Sponsor: Jensen Tractor Sales

Community Service: A friend and I ran a lemonade stand in town and all the proceeds were donated to the Askov Fair Board. My mom and I drove around town and picked up trash. I colored pictures for people around town and delivered to their homes. I donated books to East Central School. Helped my sponsors business Jensen Tractor. I also put words of encouragement in P.O. Boxes in town.

MISS ASKOV



Carly Watrin

Age: 16

Grade: 11th at East Central High School

Parents: Pete Watrin and Arika Faber

Sponsor: 23 Hardware & Lumber

Community Service: Mid Summer Ablesviers, National Night out, PHASE (Pine Habilitation And Supported Employment), Bruno Thrift Store.



Zoey Gebhart

Age: 16

Grade: 11th

Parents: Savidy Gebhart and Jason Ripley

Sponsor: Askov Deep Rock

Community Service: Picked up trash at state parks, weeded town gardens, I've been on the National Night Out committee since it started 3 years ago, helped my neighbors with outside chores such as lawnmowing.



Isabella Olson

Age: 16

Grade: 11th

Parents: Tony Olson and Alisa Pahkala

Sponsor: Askov Greenhouse and Nursery

Community Service: The Little Mermaid Cafe in Askov filling in as a waitress on weekends, Askov Thirft Store in the summer, coaching summer volleyball at our school to help raise money for the volleyball program, Pine County History Museum with the band and basketball team, the Rutabaga Festival helping run the Abelskiver food stand, the Pine Center for the Arts helping welcome customers into the establishment, the salvation army camp, national night out, helping run track events, and I have done marching band in the summer to help raise money for the band program.



Raina Zaudtke

Age: 16

Grade: 11th

Parents: Lisa Clark and Casey Zaudtke

Sponsor: North Pine Aggregate

Community Service: Painting for fair and highway pickup.



McKenzie Ludwig

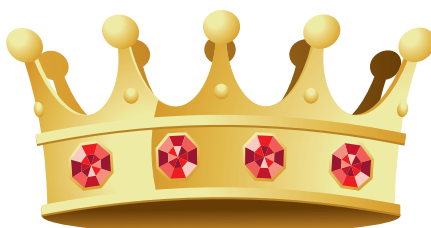
Age: 16

Grade: 11th

Parents: Travis and Beverly Ludwig

Sponsor: Sebald's

Community Service: East Central youth sports camps, highway cleanups, Askov's Christmas tea, Feed my Starving Children, church nursery and many other fundraising events.



Local entrepreneurs find sweet success

BY JAMIE LUND
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Take classes or join a bee club, advise beekeepers Tony Letourneau and Bill Randall. They agreed that advice helped them become more successful in the beginning of their ventures and avoid a few common pitfalls.

“A lot can go wrong,” Bill said.

His son, Zander, decided to take up beekeeping to earn a merit badge for boy scouts in insect studies 12 years ago. “The other kids studied monarch butterflies,” Nancy Randall said with a laugh. Her son earned his badge and continued to grow his hives into a family hobby. His parents took over while Zander left for college.

Tony, 54, wanted to improve the pollination in his garden for a better bounty. He said his goal is to have a sustainable lifestyle on his country property on the border of Hinckley and Cloverdale. He attended a day long Bee Symposium at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet. The winter class is a partnership with the Northeast Minnesota Beekeepers Association and helps newbies navigate the beekeeping process. Topics can include, equipment, general troubleshooting, hive health and bee behavior.

Jeff Charnes, member of the beekeepers association, said they keep hives at the college and use them to help educate newcomers.

“In normal years we sponsor hive inspections with our club maintained hives at FDLTCC before each regular meeting,” Charnes said. “This gives people who are new or uncertain a chance to watch and work with one of our “pros” to get hands-on experience in a controlled environment.”

He said they also offer members the opportunity to order bees. The bees are ordered in January and delivered in the spring.

“The difference in the garden was amazing,” Tony said. “Even the maple trees did better. It was jaw dropping.”

He purchased his first swarm, including the very important queen bee, for about \$130 through the bee association.

He said sometimes bees will divide their swarm. His swarm divided and he went from one hive to nine in his first summer.

“The first year was insane,” Tony said. “Bees do what bees



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This frame has capped honey cells on the left, bees filling cells in the middle and the babies are on the end. They look like corn kernels.

do. I had to climb to the top of a tall pine tree to catch a swarm of bees that had divided from their group.”

The Randalls had a similar situation their first year while Bill was away. Nancy called in a panic because a huge swarm of bees broke off and were grouped together. She eventually called a neighboring beekeeper to help her move the swarm into a hive.

Tony joined the beekeepers association. They hold monthly meetings at the college in normal times, but virtually since the pandemic and serve residents from Hibbing to Hinckley.

Bill and Tony said one of the first things they learned during class was to put up an electric fence immediately to deter hungry bears looking for a sweet treat.

Bill said he took Zander to the University of Minnesota for classes when they first started the project.

Another challenge for many in Minnesota is to keep the bees alive through the winter.

Tony explained they use their tiny wings to cool the hive in the summer and warm it in the winter months. He said moisture in the hive during the winter causes many bees to die.

Two out of nine hives survived the winter his first year of beekeeping, said Tony. He feeds the bees honey and pollen patties in the winter.

Both families said their hobby can cost more than they make selling bee products.

Each bee hive is about \$300.

Last year a bear destroyed Tony’s last surviving hive and he did not get any honey. This year he has 100 pounds of honey. He uses the bee wax to make mustache wax and beard balm, which he sells to friends and people from his church on request. He is also experimenting with a coffee flavored honey. Tony is in the process of preparing to sell his bee products at the new candy store in Cloverdale.

The Randalls extracted 15 five gallons pails of honey this year. They said honey collected in the spring is clover flavored and lighter in color than the fall honey. Nancy said there are several steps in the extraction process; scrape the end caps off, extract the honey from the frames, filter the honey



Nancy Randall demonstrates how she removes the wax endcaps off of the honey cells in order to extract the honey.

to catch stray pieces of wax or little bee legs or wings and



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Tony Letourneau wears a bee coat for protection as he smokes the bees. He said it subdues the bees to allow him to look inside the hives. The bees tend to get more aggressive and protective of their hives in the fall months.

finally to bottle the finished product. They also make cute little beeswax candles and chapstick. The Randalls have a steady following that purchase their products and are not interested in expanding their hobby.

Residents interested in more information or to purchase honey can call Tony at 320-279-7528.

Visit www.nemnba.org for more information about the bee symposium or the NE Minnesota beekeepers association or email NEMNBeekeepers@gmail.com.

FUN FACTS

The honey bee is the only insect that produces food eaten by man

Honey bees fly at up to 15 miles per hour

A honey bee visits 50-100 flowers during a collection trip.

A colony may contain 40,000-60,000 bees during the late spring or early summer.

The queen may mate with up to 17 drones over a one-two day mating period.

A honey bee can fly for up to six miles and as fast as 15 miles per hour.

Only female bees can sting, drones cannot.

Dixen Family Reunion brings family together

The biennial Dixen Family Reunion was held Sunday, July 18 at the Askov Pavilion with 42 family members present. Eight family members are full-blooded Danes. Of the original nine Dixen sibling family ancestors, descendants of four, from Bertha, Ellen, Thora and Holger Dixen, were present. Greetings from absent families were extended, and there was a remembrance for those who passed away since the last reunion. Other significant family events included acknowledging births, deaths, marriages, anniversaries, school accomplishments, etc. A

delicious pot-luck meal highlighted the enjoyable afternoon. Those attending include: George and Blondie Frederiksen, Laurie Jorgensen and Russell Jorgensen, of Askov; Derrell and Jean Jensen of Bruno; Bruce and Joyce Christensen and MJ McGhee, Stan and Rita Jensen of Sandstone; Sandy Weicht and Matt Weicht of Elk River; Heidi, Randall and Tanner Belanger of Grand Rapids; Donald Johnson of Valley Springs, SD; Marilyn Madison of Adrian; Richard and Jean Jensen of Lino Lakes; Frands and Jude Jensen of Moundsview; Amanda

Jensen of Lino Lakes; Wendy Dixen-Dadez of New Richmond, Wisc.; Sarah Dixen of Winona; Arden and Dee Jensen of Wyoming, Minn.; Adam, Sarah, Skyy, and Lily Jensen and Isaiah Kempert of Pine City; Grete Brown Krause of Hugo; Gerald and Kathy Nelson, Justin and Margaret Nelson of Isanti; Kinsley Wilson of Stark; Margie and Rhianna Hall of Brooklyn Park; David Dixen and Carol Pierce of White Bear Lake. Donations were made to the Askov Pine County Museum and Askov Fair Board as an appreciation for use of their facilities.



OPEN HOUSE

Essentia Health - Moose Lake Clinic

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 | 4pm to 6pm

4572 County Road 61 | Moose Lake, MN



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Man charged with murder after woman’s body found in Isanti County

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Richard Melvin Peterson II, age 37, has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of Amanda Jo Vangrinsven, a 32-year-old Isanti woman. The charges followed a five-day search for Vangrinsven, which included hundreds of volunteers and numerous law enforcement agencies and other emergency departments. That search came to a conclusion on Tuesday, Aug. 10 with the discovery of Vangrinsven’s remains on private property. According to a press release co-written by the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office and Isanti Police Department, investigators were executing a search warrant on the 300 block of 261st Avenue NW in Athens Township when the body was located on the property.

The search for Amanda Jo
Vangrinsven was first reported missing on Friday, Aug. 6 when she failed to report to work at the Isanti VFW. Initial reports indicated she left the VFW on Thursday evening and traveled to the Dugout Bar and Grill in Bethel in another person’s vehicle. She was last reported to have left that location around 11 p.m. and was in a vehicle traveling in a northwest direction. It was also reported that her cell phone had been turned off at some point. The search began in earnest on Saturday, Aug. 7 with friends and family recruiting volunteers to help in the search during the Isanti Street Dance and via a Facebook page. They organized searches, which covered hundreds of acres of public and private land during the daylight hours of Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. The search was set to continue on Wednesday before law enforcement informed the family of the discovery of the body. “Law enforcement agencies would like to thank the members of the public and the media who gave so willingly of their time in searching as well as sharing the information on Amanda Jo,” read the press release.

Peterson arrested, charged
Peterson, the lone suspect in Vangrinsven’s death, was formally charged with 2nd degree murder - with intent - not premeditated on Aug. 19.



Richard Melvin Peterson II Amanda Jo Vangrinsven

Detectives from both the Isanti County Sheriff’s Office and Isanti Police Department placed 37-year-old Richard Melvin Peterson under arrest on Aug. 17. According to a search warrant obtained by multiple Twin Cities news stations, her body was found partially buried on a property owned by Peterson. Preliminary examination indicated a “projectile consistent with a bullet” in her skull. Initial interviews with Peterson were riddled with “inconsistencies” in his story, one of which was his claim he dropped her back off at the Isanti VFW after leaving the Dugout Bar and Grill in Bethel. Peterson will be held in the Isanti County Jail pending the posting of bail, which was set at \$3 million without conditions or \$1 million with the conditions Peterson does not leave Minnesota without written court approval, does not ship/transport/possess or receive firearms or ammo, no alcohol/controlled substance use, no contact with the victim’s family, he does not enter bars or liquor stores, no use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons, no possession of alcohol or drugs, he is subject to GPS monitoring, he remain law-abiding, he makes all future court appearances, and he submits to initial/base UA. Peterson’s next court appearance is scheduled for Sept. 1, 2021, where he may enter his plea on the charge.

Woman charged with assault in Hinckley

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A Hinckley woman has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and damage to property after allegedly throwing bricks through windows of a residence and at the woman inside. On Aug. 18, at approximately 5:22 p.m., two Pine County Sheriff’s Office deputies were dispatched to an address on Tower Road in Hinckley based on a report of a naked female standing outside the complainant’s house who was breaking windows on her truck and house. Deputies arrived at the residence and identified the suspect female as Sheila Starr Vandevere, 34, of Hinckley. Deputies report that Vandevere was unclothed and uncooperative with deputies. She told them her kids were in the basement of the house. Vandevere was detained. Deputies observed that three windows to the house were broken out, part of the siding was pulled from the wall, and the windshield was broken on a vehicle. Deputies observed several bricks on the hood of the vehicle, pieces of brick on the deck, and pieces of brick inside the house. Deputies spoke to the resident, who said she was inside the house and heard her dog barking. She looked out the window and saw a naked woman hitting the windshield of her vehicle with a brick. The resident went to lock the front door and call 911 when the woman attempted to push the door open to enter the house. The resident said the woman then threw a brick through the window behind her, which hit the resident in the back of the head. The resident stated the impact caused her to bend over, but not fall over. The resident said she felt pain in her head, and a deputy observed a red mark on the back of her head. The resident obtained a damage estimate related to her home and her vehicle with a total in excess of \$10,000. Vandevere faces two felony charges: second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon and first-degree damage to property. The maximum penalty for these charges is seven years in prison, a \$14,000 fine, or both.

SHERIFF’S REPORT AND JAIL ROSTER

SHERIFF’S REPORT
Aug. 16 – 22
Theft, burglary, vandalism
Aug. 15, 3:06 p.m., report of a **theft**, State Highway 23 S, Sandstone
Aug. 16, 10:48 a.m., report of **burglary**, State Highway 48, Hinckley
Aug. 17, 2:28 p.m., report of a **theft**, Wildlife Road, Sandstone
Aug. 18, 7:53 p.m., report of **burglary**, Iron Horse Road, Hinckley
Aug. 19, 4:00 a.m., report of **burglary**, Old Military Road S, Sandstone
Aug. 21, 7:42 a.m., report of **shoplifting**, 1st Street SE, Hinckley

JAIL ROSTER
Aug. 16
BULL, MICHAEL WILLIAM
Probable Cause: Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misd-Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than A Motor Vehicle
CLEMMENS, DUSTIN DANIEL
Hold For Other Agency-Confined But Not Convicted-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana-Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Fugitive from Justice from Other State-Pine County Warrant-Confined But Not Convicted-Violate No Contact Order-Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions
DAY, MARCHEL SIMON
Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear warrant 58CR21371 Issued by Pine, MN-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana
GUNDERSON, SCOTT ANDREW
Hold For Other Agency:

Arrest-Gross Misdemeanor warrant
HALL, BOBBY HAROLD
Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear warrant 58CR21407 issued by Pine, MN-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent
LAFAVE, EDWARD JAMES
Pine County Warrant-Confined But Not Convicted-Check Forgery-Offer/Possess W/Intent to Defraud-Hold For Other Agency-Confined But Not Convicted-Check Forgery-Offer/Possess W/Intent to Defraud-Arrest of Adult
SHEPARDSON, JOHN
Probable Cause: Drivers’ Licenses-Driving-Traffic-DWI-Refuse to submit to chemical test; Breath or test refusal or failure-DWI-Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described-Drivers’ Licenses-Driving Restrictions-Alcohol/Controlled Substance
STELLMACH, RYAN
Summons: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another-Custody, Dissolution, Legal Separation-Temporary order or restraining order violation
Aug. 17
BENJAMIN, DANIELLE ANN
Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear warrant 58CR21300 Issued by Pine, MN-Receiving Stolen Property-Traffic Regulation-Driver Fails to Stop at Entrance of Through Highway-Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance when Operating Vehicle-Drivers License-Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type
PANGERL, ERIC LEE
Pine County Warrant: Bench Fel-

ony warrant 58CR191341 issued by Pine, MN-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana
PETERSON, KENNETH JAMES
Probable Cause: Disorderly Conduct-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Tamper With Motor Vehicle/Enter w/o Owner Permission
PFEIFER, WHITNEY LYNN
Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear warrant 58CR191341 issued by Pine, MN-Trespass-Premises of Another-Refuse to Depart
Aug. 18
BENJAMINSON, DAVID ALLEN
Probable Cause: Receiving Stolen Property
DOBYNS, DONOVAN JOSEPH
Hold For Other Agency: Failure to Appear Warrant-Fugitive from Justice from Other State
MITCHELL, JAMES WILLIAM
Probable Cause: DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol
MLASKOCH, BRADD LOUIS JAMES
Probable Cause: Harassment; Restraining Order-Violate Restraining Order
VANDEVERE, SHEILA STARR
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Damage to Property-1st Degree-Value Reduced oVer \$1000-Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon-Arrest of Adult
ZACCARDI, DOMINIC
Hold For Other Agency-Confined But Not Convicted-Possess Ammo/Any Firearm-Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence-Arrest of Adult
Aug. 19
BEAULIEU, DAMIEN LEE
Hold For Other Agency-Confined

But Not Convicted- Criminal Sex Conduct-3rd Degree-Victim Under 13 Actor Not > 36 m older-Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Burglary-1st Deg-Poss Dangerous Weapon/ Explosive-Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent-Machine Guns and Short-Barreled Shotguns-Acts-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Give Peace Officer False Name/Birthdate/ID Card-Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/ Peace Officer-Receiving Stolen Property-Arrest of Adult
HAFSLUND, EUGENE SCOTT
Probable Cause: DWI-Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; Aggravating Factor-Disorderly Conduct
KING, ERIC LEE
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Introduce Contraband-Drug/Liquor Into Jail/Lockup/Prison-Drugs-5th Degree-Sale-Schedule IV controlled substance mixture-Arrest of Adult
LEWIS, DEVONTA JAMES
Pine County Warrant-Confined But Not Convicted-Traffic-DWI-Refuse to submit to chemical test; Blood or urine as required by search warrant
Aug. 20
CARLSON, JONATHON DAVID
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol-Arrest of Adult
DEMARS-HUSER, LEANNA
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana-Arrest of Adult
NIEMANN, DOUGLAS

Hold For Other Agency-Confined But Not Convicted-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana-Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Drugs-5th Degree-Sale-Marijuana mixture except small amount of marijuana with now remuneration-Arrest of Adult
POHL, CORY EDWARD
Hold For Other Agency-Confined But Not Convicted-Domestic Abuse No Contact Order-Violate No Contact Order-Misdemeanor-Pine County Warrant-Confined But Not Convicted-Violate Contact Order-Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions-Domestic Assault-Felony-Arrest of Adult
Aug. 21
BACHMAN, KIMBERLY ANN
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle-Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours-DWI-Fourth-Degree-Driving While Impaired-Described-Traffic-Open bottle law; drinking and consumption; crime described-Arrest of Adult
CUSICK, JORDAN THOMAS
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Cancellation-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Arrest of Adult
GRUNOW, TAYLOR TIMOTHY
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol-Arrest of Adult
MILLER, BRIANNA LEI
Hold For Other Agency: Arrest-Felony warrant
PIXLEY, TIMOTHY JOSEPH
Probable Cause-Confined

But Not Convicted-Traffic-DWI-Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described-Arrest of Adult
SCHMITZ, SCOTT LEE
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Emergency Telephone Calls/Communications-Interrupt, Interfere, Impede, Disrupt 911 Call-Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation-Hold For Other Agency-Confined But Not Convicted-Domestic Abuse No Contact Order-Violate No Contact Order-Misdemeanor-Arrest of Adult
WINTER, AMY LEE
Hold For Other Agency: Arrest-Misdemeanor Warrant
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CARLSON, ASHLEY LYNN
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent-Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle-Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle-Escape From Custody-Held Pursuant to Lawful Arrest, While on Charge or Conviction or Adjudication-Arrest of Adult
KEHBORN, TRAVIS JOHN
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon-Arrest of Adult
LEWIS, DEVONTA JAMES
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Order for Protection-Arrest of Adult
PRATT, COREY EDWARD
Probable Cause-Confined But Not Convicted-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana-Arrest of Adult

COVID-19 vaccine questions answered by local doctor

Despite the availability of a safe and effective vaccine, this pandemic persists, in part due to resistance to the vaccine. While I do not support vaccine mandates and believe in personal freedom of choice in health matters, it is important that people make sure they are basing their decisions on sound information. Unfortunately, the issue of whether or not to be vaccinated often has been politicized, rather than being fairly evaluated medically.

The Gateway physicians and our local hospitals have cared for a number of patients with COVID-19. Most had mild cases and recovered, but a significant number succumbed to it or are left with lingering symptoms. For this reason, I think I speak for all the Gateway physicians when I say that we strongly recommend getting a COVID-19 vaccine unless you have a legitimate medical contra-indication. The only definite contra-indication is a severe anaphylactic reaction after a previous dose or component of the vaccine. Other reasons to be cautious about the vaccine include a history of immediate allergic reaction to other vaccines or injectable therapy, or moderate to severe acute illness. I would encourage you to discuss your particular situation with your physician.

With that being said, different physicians have likely based our support for the vaccine on different sources. Even as a physician, the data and information can be overwhelming so it is helpful to rely on sources you can trust. I wanted to share with you how my husband and I came to the deci-

sions about this vaccine for ourselves and our children. We reviewed information from the CDC, and sought input from trusted colleagues and organizations such as the Catholic Medical Association and American College of Pediatricians.

There were four questions we felt were important to consider for these vaccines, and perhaps in many other areas of medicine and life:

1. Is it safe?
 2. Is it effective?
 3. Are there any moral reasons to refuse it?
 4. Is it necessary?
1. Are they safe? Despite these being “new” vaccines seemingly quickly developed due to the pandemic, the safety of the mRNA vaccines has been extensively studied as they have been in development since the 1970’s. Just to briefly summarize how all vaccines work- they stimulate our own immune system to develop antibodies against the disease. Other vaccines have used live or inactivated viruses or part of the virus to accomplish this. These vaccines are a little different in the way they stimulate the immune system. The Pfizer and Moderna use messenger RNA wrapped in a coating. When it is injected, it gives cells instructions to make a “spike protein” that stimulates the body to build T and B lymphocytes against the protein and hence against the virus. The body’s cells then destroy the genetic material from the vaccine. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine uses an altered adenovirus to accomplish the same end.

Mild side effects are common. Cases of anaphylaxis have been reported very rarely and for this reason all patients are monitored after receiving the vaccine. More serious side effects including inflammation around the heart are rare and do not seem to cause

long-term symptoms. Rare cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome (164 cases/19.5 million doses) and thrombosis (7 cases/1 million doses) after administration of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine have also been reported. Deaths have been reported but not proven to be linked to the vaccines. Even if all the reported cases of death were directly due to the vaccines, it would be a fatality rate of .0019%.

2. Are they effective? The vaccines were first studied in animal trials, then human clinical trials and now of course more data is available as the vaccines have been widely administered. All data has demonstrated between 69-95% efficacy against symptomatic lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in adults age 18 and above. In addition, the Pfizer vaccine has shown high efficacy in ages 12-17. Studies also showed >89% efficacy against severe infection and no deaths in vaccinated individuals in the trials. These numbers are being borne out in larger population studies. The vaccines do not seem to be quite as effective in preventing infection with some of the new variants, but still are quite good at preventing severe infections and death. In comparison to other vaccines, this efficacy data is quite good.

3. Are there any moral reasons to refuse it? The main concern here is that historically, parts of aborted fetuses have been used in the development of some vaccines. For those who have a moral objection to abortion, such as myself, this was an important consideration. I would encourage all to discuss with their own spiritual advisors, but I was reassured by this statement from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. “...those who are vaccinated can do so in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute for-

mal cooperation with abortion.” To be clear, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines do not use any of the cells from aborted babies in their manufacture. There are vaccines being developed with no reported relationship to aborted fetuses which is encouraging and those who are concerned about this issue should support those efforts.

4. Is the vaccine necessary? This was an important question we considered. As physicians who were offered the vaccine very early on, we felt it was our duty and was necessary so we could continue safely caring for patients. For our children, the issue was not so clear given that the disease poses a very low risk to them. However, considering all of the above, as well as the fact that they could potentially spread the disease to someone who was not protected, swayed us in favor of encouraging them to get the vaccine also. Those individuals who are not protected include those who have a legitimate reason for not getting the vaccine, as well as those who are immune-compromised and might not have good protection despite getting the vaccine.

In summary, I am confident that these vaccines are safe and that the rare serious side effects are an acceptable risk given the known morbidity and mortality of this disease. To address other concerns that have been raised, there is no evidence that these vaccines lead to fertility problems, or that they can alter an individual’s DNA. Again, I would encourage you to continue educating yourself and discuss any concerns with your physician.

BRIDGET DEWEY is a physician at Gateway Family Health Clinic with locations in Hinckley, Sandstone and Moose Lake.

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

Budget Calendar/ Unfinished Business- A. Budget Calendar July 2021- Staff Actions- Ordering and receiving materials for the new school year. Begin implementing the capital budget. Admin Actions - Budget implementation begins, monitor enrollment closely over the summer. Communicate with all staff affected by budget decisions. School Board Actions- Adopted FY20 budget implemented. Long Term Facilities Maintenance 10 year plan updated- This plan must be updated every year in order to keep facilities funds. The majority of our plan was created for our on-going facilities projects. Resolution to approve Long Term Facilities plan (spreadsheet on LTFM spending will be provided last week in July- currently being revised between Superintendent, Finance Coordinator, Head of Maintenance, and reviewed by ICS staff to reflect current projects) Motion by Irlbeck, second by Ubl to Resolution to approve Long Term Facilities plan. Motion carried. Final expenditures (unaudited)-\$14,863,622 or 99.40% of budget through 100% of budget year. Total Expenses to date: \$15,517,595 or 1.0377% of budget That includes unbudgeted amounts of: \$197,455 Pine County Transition Program \$276,070 Coronavirus relief fund \$50,000 Striving Readers

Circle Literacy grant \$31,362 Extended Literacy \$98,885 for ESSR/ GEER I (technology) Total spending off budget \$653,972- all of this was recaptured dollar for dollar in revenue. B. Memorandum of Understanding for Hiring Bonus in areas of special need- Recommend approval of hiring bonus MOU. We continue to have difficulty finding qualified candidates for special education and speech language pathologist. Motion by Grinsteinner, second by Skaff to approve MOU for hiring bonus in areas of special need. Motion carried. C. Staffing for VPK and Instructional Coaching- Recommend approval of two new positions. i. .6 FTE for Voluntary Pre- Kindergarten. Rationale our sections for VPK have reached capacity and we currently have a waiting list. VPK is fully funded for the next two years. This overflow section will be three days per week due to space. Estimated cost of adding a position is \$34,500. ii. Full-time Instructional coach to support Math supports for teachers. Secondary responsibilities will include literacy, social emotional learning, and general instruction with a focus on individualized/hands on learning. The position is funded partially through the ESSR Learning recovery plan. The general fund portion of this position is \$15,000. The position will be contingent on approval for portion of funding from the Professional Development committee and Title IV grant. Total cost is

approximately \$90,000 (general fund contribution is \$15,000). Both additions are affordable as the fund balance target is growing due to the legislature approving 2.45% on our general formula and our revenue assumption was 1.0%. Motion by Ubl, second by Grochowski to approve two new positions for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten & Math Instructional Coach. Motion carried. New Business- A. Jaguar Pride- Karissa Ausmus and the HES Garden Club Anonymous donation to Student Council to be used towards Graduation. Great job to everyone who helped out with the June Community Education Swimming Lessons B. Meeting Details- Regular meetings have been rotated between Hinckley and Finlayson with all special meetings and committee meetings held in Hinckley. The meeting dates have been the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. There has also been a three hour time limit unless a unanimous vote is taken to extend the meeting. Recommend continuing meeting schedule without changes. Board reports and education schedule 2021- 22 Board policy review cycle 2021- 22 Motion by VonRueden, second by Storlie to approve Board Meeting Schedule without change. Motion carried. C. Committees 2021- 22- Superintendent recommended committee structure and

membership for 2021- 22 school year. Motion by VonRueden, second by Grochowski to approve committee membership as presented. Motion carried. D. Fees-Recommend the following for 2021- 2022- no change recommended for any Fees (there were no changes in 2019-20) 1. Instrument Rental- Currently \$50 (paid by Nov. 1) students are encouraged to rent from Music Connection in Forest Lake. 2. Drivers Ed, Behind the Wheel- \$240 3. Athletic participation- Currently \$45 4. Non-sports activity fees*- \$25 5. Combined athletics and activity fee max \$ 120 6. Hockey/Co-op sports fee - Parents are billed for any amount over \$1,000. \$150 “up front” payment required before first practice. Participation is denied if the previous bill is not paid in full. 7. Admissions to events - all events, (concerts free), \$6 adults, \$3 students, \$45 Adult pass \$25 student pass, free- Sr. Citizen (65 and older), free- School Board Members & guest, free-All H-F staff 8. Ipad/laptop rental \$25. Family Maximum \$100 This will include \$25 for accidental damage- Motion by Irlbeck, second by Staff to approve fees without change from 2020-2021. Motion carried. E. Mileage Rate- Recommend we continue with the IRS rate of \$0.56 per mile. Motion by Storlie, second by Grochowski to approve the IRS rate as presented. Motion

Carried F. Substitute Teacher Pay- No action taken, Superintendent agreed to research substitute wages in area districts put back on the August Agenda G. Lunch/Breakfast rates- Lunch Daily pay rate \$2.70 Reduced daily rate \$0.00 (state pays \$.40) Adult Meal \$3.85 Breakfast Daily pay rate \$1.20 Adult Breakfast \$2.25 Motion by Grinsteinner, second by Skaff to leave lunch/ breakfast rates as presented. Motion carried H. Employee/Board Member Meal reimbursements- Recommend reimbursements remain the same, these were raised in 2010-11. We are in line with comparable. No change recommended. \$9 Breakfast \$12 Lunch \$17 Supper Motion by Grochowski, second by Ubl for meal reimbursements to remain the same. Motion carried. I. School Board Compensation- No changes recommended to School Board compensation. 1. Officer pay a. Chairman- \$525 annual b. Vice Chair-\$15per meeting chaired c. Clerk- \$315 annual d. Treasurer- \$315 annual 2. Meeting Pay a. Regular Meeting (attended)- \$60 per meeting (current) b. Regular Meeting (missed) \$20 per meeting c. Special Meeting/committee \$60 per meeting meetings (in

district) d. Special meetings, conferences, \$100 per meeting or meetings over 4 hours (out of district meetings) Motion by Storlie, second by VonRueden - no changes to School Board compensation. Motion Carried J. Official Newspapers- Recommend we continue with both the Askov American and Hinckley News as official papers for 2021 - 22. Having two official papers costs us approximately \$3,500 annually. Motion by Grinsteinner, second by VonRueden to approve Hinckley News as official paper. Motion carried Table Askov American until numbers come out. K. Preliminary election resolution and election calendar update- Four seats will be open for election. Expiring Seats are Grochowski, Storlie, VonRueden, and Grinsteinner. - Notice of Filing Date Filing period is 27th of July through 10th of August. Filing cost is \$2.00 L. Electronic Signature Policy (#730)- First draft of electronic signature policy for board review. Please comment, adjustments will be made with a second reading and recommendation for approval in August. With no further business to discuss Grinsteinner motion to adjourn the board meeting at 8:11 p.m. Second by Skaff. Motion passed.

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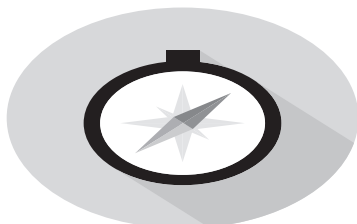
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is new, but our ability to recognize the right answer to a problem of this magnitude needs to address all three.

That is, I believe, why we still have this virus, and the even more virulent mutants, causing severe illness and death rather than eradicating it through herd immunity.

Ultimately, the key responsibility we all have is to our species. Can we justify causing the death of someone else, even someone we don't even know, because we believe we ourselves to be safe? Or, because we believe we have certain rights?

The decision to get vaccinated, to wear a mask, to keep safe distance from others is about far more than whether we think we can survive our-

selves. It is about responsibility to the rest of the world in addition to friends and family.

I cannot imagine how any of us would deal with knowing that we may have caused illness and death of anyone which could have so easily, effectively and safely been prevented.

Even if you and your friends and family feel safe, do you have the right to fail to do your part in preventing disease and death among other humans?

I hope that those who have opted to not get vaccinated will step back and assess all three of the levels of responsibilities as adults in a civilized world and will get vaccinations. What do you have to lose, (other than life)...

Judith L. Seidmeyer, Pharmacist Sandstone, Minn.



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