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Pine City chaplain becomes colonel

BY CAPT. ANDREA KOSTIUK
133RD AIRLIFT WING

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel J. Pulju, of Pine County, was promoted to the rank of colonel in the presence of family and friends April 18, during a ceremony led by U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Sandy Best, deputy adjutant general of the MN National Guard, at the 133rd Airlift Wing base chapel.

Pulju has served in the Minnesota National Guard since 1999 and as the 133rd Airlift Wing Chaplain since 2018. As the Wing Chaplain, he advises leadership on all matters related to the religious and moral welfare of 1,200 Wing personnel and is responsible to develop effective programs to meet the spiritual needs of Airmen and their families.

Pulju is a native of northern Minnesota and graduated from Moorhead State University with an undergraduate degree. He was ordained with the Evangelical Free Church of America in 1991 and received his commission as a 1st Lt. in the

Army Chaplain Corps in 1999. Pulju later transferred to the Minnesota Air National Guard in 2007. In the civilian sector, Pulju retired as a chaplain from the Federal Correctional Institution in Sandstone in 2015.

In his over 20-year career, he has served on three deployments, participated in multiple training events, and cared for countless airmen and soldiers. “Unquestionably his servant leadership has validated his ‘service before self’ approach to ministry, resulting in today’s promotion. I am 100 percent confident in his abilities,” said Best.

Pulju’s daughter, U.S. Army Major Rebekah Austin is currently deployed with the MN Army National Guard. “Missing his promotion may be the toughest event to miss during deployment, although maybe being here [deployed] is a perfect testament to him,” Austin said. “My dad is the best example of selfless service, both in and out of uniform, and I am so honored to be his daughter.”



U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY AUSTEN R. ADRIAENS

Daniel Pulju of the U.S. Air Force is promoted to the rank of Colonel in St. Paul on Apr. 18. Pulju will continue to serve his community, state, and nation, by supporting the spiritual needs of the Airmen across the Minnesota Air National Guard.

Short term rentals offer getaways across Pine County

BY JAMIE LUND
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Escape to a secluded rustic log lodge complete with swimming pond and yard, reads one advertisement. This beautiful house was built in 1912 and refurbished back to its original glory with an updated kitchen, says another.

Airbnb is an online host that allows property owners to rent out their property or a portion of their property to those looking for a more unique experience than a typical hotel can offer. They exploded in popularity since the business began about 12 years ago, according to the website.

The potential renter reads the description and chooses from the available dates on the calendar of the property they are interested in. All transactions are conveniently done on the website, including check in.

They range in size from four to 12 guest occupancy and anywhere from a one night minimum to seven nights minimum stay.

The 16 Airbnb rentals listed in Pine County range in price from \$61-\$150 a night and most have received great reviews from renters. The homeowner sets the price. Fees are added onto the base price shown on the website. For example, a place listing for \$125 a night has a \$25 cleaning fee, a \$21 service fee and \$11 occupancy taxes and fees for a total of \$182. Property owners pay Airbnb a host service fee of three percent of the host’s payout after booking, according

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Officers seize 6 lbs meth in drug bust

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A North Branch man is facing felony drug charges after six pounds of methamphetamine were discovered in his possession – three pounds in his vehicle in Pine City and three pounds in a safe in house in Stacy.

According to the criminal complaint, in October of 2020, agents of the East Central Drug Task Force began a narcotics investigation involving Anthony Nathan Jones, 39, of North Branch. Through investigation, agents identified an individual from California who was supplying Jones with large amounts of methamphetamine to distribute in Pine County and surrounding counties.

On April 20, Drug Task Force Commander Andrew Abrahamson applied for a



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Officers recovered several firearms along with six pounds of methamphetamine.

search warrant for Jones’ person and his 2007 Cadillac Escalade.

The search warrant was signed, and on April 21, at approximately 3:54 p.m., Jones was observed leaving his address in Stacy in his Cadillac Escalade. At approximately 4:40 p.m., Drug Task Force agents observed Jones stop at the gas pumps at the Walmart in Pine City. Jones exited the driver’s seat of the vehicle and walked into the gas station area. When Jones was returning to his vehicle, he was approached by law enforcement and detained.

With the search

warrant in hand, law enforcement searched Jones. Officers found \$662 in cash in his wallet. A plastic bag containing a crystal-like substance was located in his front pocket. According to law enforcement, the crystal-like substance

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A community focusing on itself

BY JENNIFER YOCUM-STANS
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Jack and Julie Frechette's faces both light up as they talk about their new endeavour, Meating the Need. "It starts with a why instead of a what..." said Jack. "The fact that the majority of Pine County residents can not afford the prices that farmers need to charge for their products just to stay alive represents to us a broken food system."

Meating the Need is not your typical "charity" the Frechettes explained, it's more of an investment. The goal is to redefine the word charity. "This isn't people just writing a check and saying 'I did something good.' It's people investing money in a program that they will get returns from, but also supports something far greater," said Jack. "You lose nothing by investing in this program, it's actually styled where the person gets appreciation on their investment."

A person can invest anywhere from \$5-\$50, (or more if they would like), the money is used to purchase piglets and feed, all purchased within Pine County. The pigs would be raised on the Frechette Farm. As the pigs grow, so does the in-



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The pigs at the Frechette Farm were hamming it up for the camera as Jack and Julie Frechette calls them to the fence for a photo op.

vestment.

When processing time comes, the pigs will be sent to a meat processor in Pine County. This means that all of the money from investors will stay in Pine County and benefit Pine County businesses and farmers. "It has a Pine County bank account," Jack said.

The investor will receive an amount of meat that is equal to their investment (up to \$50) plus an extra cut. For exam-

ple, if a person invests \$10, they will get a couple packs of pork chops or something similar, (\$10 worth of meat) plus an extra cut which is the gain on the investment. Meat left after being distributed to investors can be sold at lower prices to those that couldn't typically afford it. These sales will be scheduled and held at the Frechette Farm.

The Frechettes have already seen a great response to the program.

"So many people saw it for what it was, and have signed up," said Jack. Some investors have even chosen to donate their share of the meat back to the community. Jack said this money will help to support the other programs they run such as the "Ham Santa" program or "Buy One Give One" program both which they started last year. Others have invested \$100 to support the program, knowing they

will only get back the \$50 worth of meat.

"An investment is not only supporting the program, but also supporting the feed mill, the farms where we buy the piglets, 320 Brewing who gives us grain, the Pine County butcher where the meat will be processed," said Julie.

Since making the organization public, several people have reached out saying they have similar ideas for eggs, or bread

and would like to partner with them. Jack and Julie plan on sticking to the meat part of it, but do want to eventually partner with others and put on a party of sorts to offer the same great hand raised or home-made goods to everyone. The first get together will be held on May 8 at Frechette Farms.

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By replacing Line 3, we'll also minimize future maintenance activities, and the resulting disruptions to landowners and the environment.

Learn more at enbridge.com/Line3US.

SATURDAY MAY 1

May 1 Opening of the History Museum in Rush City

The North Chisago Historical Society has announced the re-opening of their History Museum in Rush City on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is located at 350 South Eliot Avenue in downtown, just one block north of the RC Bakery. New displays, including the Medical Room, are ready for viewing. The community is invited to visit this free exhibit facility.

MONDAY MAY 3

Pine City Senior High Band Pops Concert

The Senior High Band Pops Concert will be live-streamed on Monday at 7:30 p.m. For the link to view, visit the Pine City High School webpage to find the link (<http://www.pinecity.k12.mn.us>).

WEDNESDAY MAY 5

Wednesday Webinar: Bugs

Join Osprey Wilds for a free webinar about bugs. What are they? What qualifies as a bug? What makes all these crawling, flying, wiggling things different? What can we learn from them?

Join the resident bug guy and education fellow, Light, in an adventure through all things small and spineless via Zoom at 7 p.m. All ages welcome. For more information, visit <https://ospreywilds.org/event/wednesday-webinar-bugs/>.

SATURDAY MAY 8

Citywide Garage Sale Day

The Citywide Garage Sale for Pine City has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2021.

THURSDAY MAY 13

Pine City Senior High Choir Pops Concert

The Senior High Choir Pops Concert will be live-streamed at 7:30 p.m. For the link to view, visit the Pine City High School webpage to find the link (<http://www.pinecity.k12.mn.us>).

FRIDAY MAY 14

Art Center Gallery Opening

The Pine Center for the Arts is a local non-profit organization with a gallery space located at 265 5th Street SE, Pine City. Each month a new artist or exhibit is featured and open for viewing during regular Art Center Gallery hours. A special Gallery Opening Reception event is held on the 2nd Friday of each month to launch the new exhibit.

More information on featured artists can be found via their website at www.pinecenter.org.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be available to donate blood on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the VFW (600 First Avenue NW, Pine City).

SATURDAY MAY 15

Picnic Pick-up at Osprey Wilds

Order a picnic ahead of time and stop by Osprey Wilds on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

All meals will be prepared in to-go containers. Dogs are welcome but must stay outside and be on a leash.

Orders must be placed by noon on Friday, May 14. The online ordering system will ask attendees to pick a window of time that they will arrive at Osprey Wilds, either between 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY MAY 19- MAY 22

American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Days

May is poppy month so please remember our Veterans. The American Legion Auxiliary will be distributing poppies, Wednesday through Saturday at various locations in Pine City. Donations of any amount are sincerely appreciated in return for a poppy that we hope you will proudly wear during May. Proceeds are used only for programs to benefit the Veterans, Active Military, and their families. For information, contact Linda at 651-334-8789

FRIDAY MAY 28

Art in the Park

The Art in the Park events are held every Friday evening in Pine City beginning Memorial Day Weekend through the last Friday in July. The Pine City Arts Council is the volunteer team behind selection of the musical talents showcased each week on the gazebo stage.

For more information and a list of artists, visit: <http://pinecitychamber.com/events/art-in-the-park/>.

SUNDAY MAY 30

Annual Memorial Day Service, Royalton Memorial Cemetery

The Royalton Memorial Cemetery Association will hold its annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday at 2 p.m. This year's event will be held under a tent outside the chapel, bring a lawn chair and enjoy musical guests and a Memorial Day message. Lunch will not be served. The cemetery is located at 2511 Church Rd, Braham. Call 320-396-2639 with any questions.

ACTIVE EVENTS

Catholic Charities Frozen Meals

Catholic Charities are offering meals to anyone who is 60 years and older at different locations in Pine County. Hinckley Community Center (102 Dunn Ave N.) First Friday of the month after the First Tuesday. 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Curbside Pickup.

Askov Community Center (6369 Kobmagergae St.) Third Tuesday of the month. 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Curbside Pickup.

Sandstone curbside pickup at PHASE (Pine Habilitation and Supported Employment) (106 Main Street) Third Thursday of the month. 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Food comes in pre-packed bags of 10 meals. 30 meals are available to be received total in a month.

For more information, contact Lauri Moss, the Pine City Dining Coordinator, at 320-629-3024.

Pine Center For The Arts Handmade Arts

There will be no shortage of unique handmade gifts at Pine Center for the Arts' Spring Pop Up Art Boutique.

Starting May 1 and continuing throughout the month, the Art Boutique will feature handmade art, crafts, jewelry, decor and much more. Shoppers will find the perfect gift for mother's day, father's day, graduation or just because.

The Spring Pop Up Art Boutique will be located in Pine Center for the Arts' 3rd Avenue gallery space.

Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Covid safety protocols will be observed. For more information, please see www.pinecenter.org.

Pine Center For The Arts Regional Photography Club

The Pine Center for the Arts welcomes the Northern Exposures Photography Club to its gallery space this May.

The club's mission is to promote an interest in photography and to encourage and support all members in exploring their own creativity through educational programs, monthly meetings, exhibits, field trips and the sharing of photos.

The public is invited to the opening reception from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 14. The gallery will be open throughout the month of May. Regular gallery hours are 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. The gallery is free and open to the public. Covid safety protocols will be observed.

For more information, please see www.pinecenter.org.

Virtual Storytime Online

Join East Central Regional Library every Wednesday for Virtual Storytime. Watch on East Central Regional Library Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ecrlmn/>. Each week ECRL will spend 20-30 minutes working on early literacy skills while spending time at home. Videos will be accessible for a week. For more information, visit <https://ecrlib.libcal.com/event/7342249>.

Bless the City Prayer Meetings

Hands for Pine City Outreach Church would like to extend an invitation to community members to join with others in a weekly Blessing of Pine City prayer meeting from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Chamber office (315 Main St S #155). For more information, contact Julie Samuelson at 320-496-3009.

Online Mental Health Support Groups for Individuals and Families

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers a variety of free online peer support groups for adults and young adults living with a mental illness, their families, friends, spouses/partners, as well as parents of children and teens. Find a complete listing of group meetings and how to join in by going to namimn.org and clicking on "Support Groups" or go straight to <https://namimn.org/support/nami-minnesota-support-groups/>.

MEETINGS

Cancellations are likely. Confirm times with group before attending.

FRIDAY 4/30

AA: 7 p.m., Rush City Lutheran Church (980 W 4th St). **Check for Cancellation.** Call David 612-387-6094

SATURDAY 5/1

Pine County Railroaders Club: 10 a.m. at the Pine County History Museum (6333 HC Anderson Alle, Askov).

SUNDAY 5/2

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

MONDAY 5/3

Celebrate Recovery: Pine City, Journey North Church, 6 p.m. **CURRENTLY MEETING**

AA: Our Redeemer Church (825 Golf Ave SW) 7:30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY 5/5

AA: 7:30 p.m., Rock Creek City Center. **This has been canceled until further notice**

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

Please contact the *Pine City Pioneer* with questions, or to make other changes to the meeting schedule. Contact 320-629-6771 or publicnotices@pinecitymn.com

SENIOR DINING

May 3- May 7

Monday: Smoked sausage, kraut, veggies and fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice and fruit.

Currently milk and bread will be included depending on availability

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

The Pine City Pioneer does not guarantee publication of community events. Space limits the size and number of articles. Out & About deadline is 3 p.m. Monday. If your information must be published, consider placing an ad.

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Sun., May 2	Chicken Quesadilla w/ Fixings
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Tues., May 4	Potato Pancakes w/ Kielbasa
Wed., May 5	Beef Enchiladas or Mexican Hotdish

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Rarick supports eviction ‘off-ramp’ legislation

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The Minnesota Senate, including Senator Jason Rarick, recently passed Senate File 1470. The legislation would create an orderly process for housing providers to handle residents who are deficient in their rent and restores basic property rights to housing providers whose renters meet minimum income thresholds.

‘This legislation strikes a balance, protecting those harmed by COVID while giving property owners some freedom to deal with those who are taking advantage of the system.’

The eviction moratorium was put into place to protect renters who were struggling as a result of the pandemic. Unfortunately, what we’ve seen is that some renters have abused this privilege for nefarious reasons. This legislation strikes a balance, protecting those harmed by COVID while giving property owners some freedom to deal with those who are taking advantage of the system.

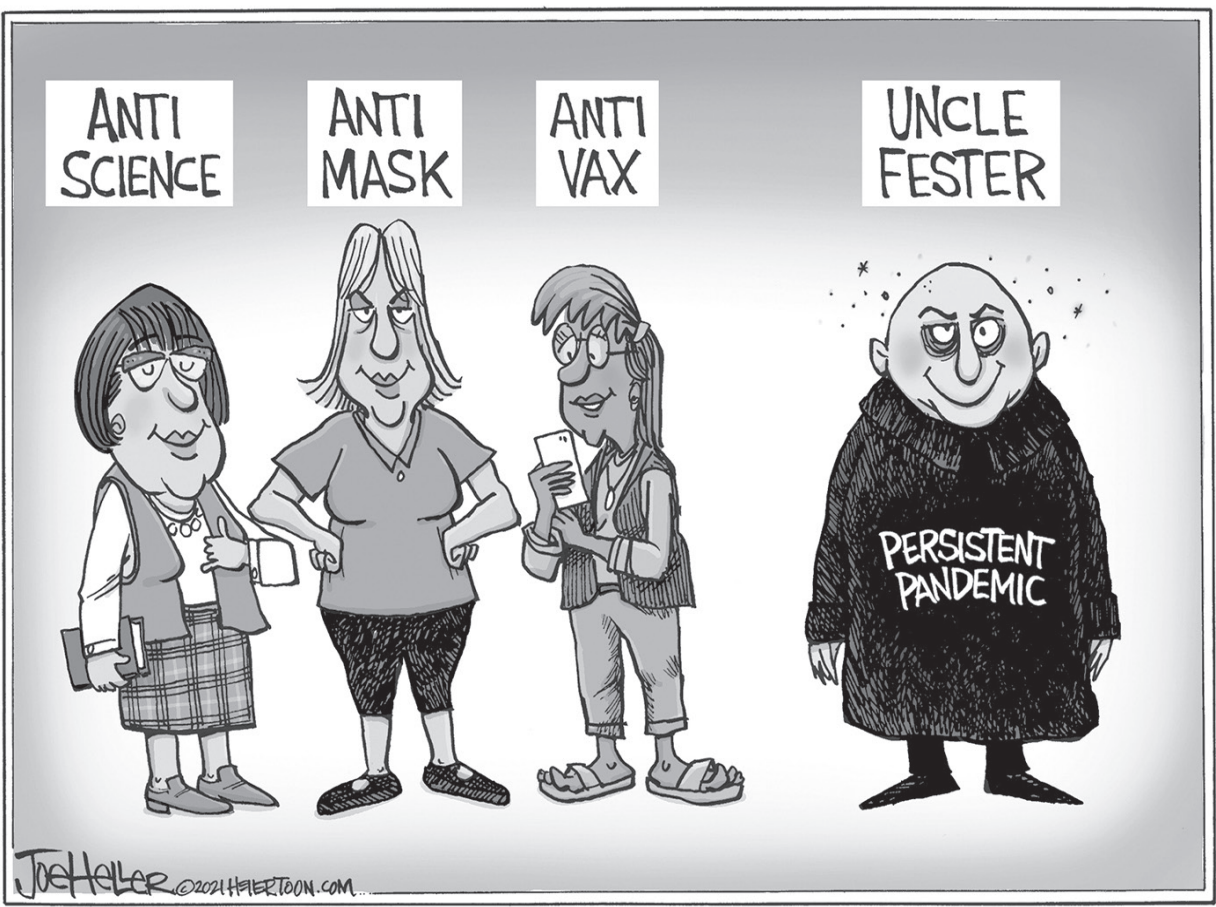
The legislation states that 30 days after the date of enactment, non-renewal of leases is permitted for those with outstanding rent but who are ineligible for rental assistance through the COVID-19 emergency rental assistance program. Nearly \$400 million is available in statewide rental assistance from the federal government and is designated to help with rent payments and utilities for renter households that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and can demonstrate a risk of experiencing housing instability. Eligible renters can receive help with rent and utility bills dated on or after March 13, 2020 (April 1 rent) and receive up to 15 months of assistance.

The bill addresses that the “off-ramp” will occur in a 30, 60, and 90 day step down:

- Thirty days after the date of enactment, evictions are permitted for material violations of the lease other than non-payment of rent.
- Sixty days after the date of enactment, evictions are permitted for those with outstanding rent but who are ineligible for rental assistance through the COVID-19 emergency rental assistance program.
- Ninety days after enactment of the bill, this step-down expires, with the exception of actions based on non-payment of rent against a tenant with a pending application for assistance through the COVID-19 emergency rental assistance program, which is prohibited until June 1, 2022. This allows renters who are enrolled in a relief program more time to get caught up with their rent.

This bill would also prevent the governor from issuing any order that prohibits or delays evictions for more than 30 days unless an extension to the order is approved by both parts of the legislature. If the legislature does not agree to an extension, the governor is prohibited from issuing a new order, delaying or prohibiting evictions.

For more information visit: <https://www.mnhousing.gov/sites/np/covid19emergencyrentalassistance>



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let’s Go Fishing returns

To the Editor:

Let’s go Fishing East Central Minnesota Chapter had to cancel our season last year due to the Covid-19 virus. We are planning to take our guests out on fishing and boating trips this year starting in June, our volunteers and guests will all wear masks and we will clean the pontoon after each trip.

We provide two hour fishing and boating trips at no cost to our guests. In 2019 we served 941 people on 146 trips on Rush Lake and Chisago Lake, including 129 veterans. We have two pontoons that are wheel chair accessible allowing us to take two wheelchairs per trip, plus some guests can transfer to a seat once on the pontoon. Too see these folks faces light up to be able to be on the water after not having access for years in some cases is priceless.

Our chapter formed in 2005 and we serve seniors, veterans, disabled and multi-generational families ie: grandma and grandpa with the grandkids. Some of our contributors have supported us for years allowing us to concentrate of getting our guests out on the water. We serve folks in Chisago, Isanti, Pine, and Washington counties

and beyond. In 2019 our 82 volunteers donated over 3,000 hours for trips and support to keep our program going.

We hear from guests that the trips are a highlight in their lives and some even have pictures of the fish they catch in their room. I think the old saying is true that we as volunteers get so much out of these trips, it’s more blessed to give than receive. We’d encourage anyone who enjoys fishing or just being with people to consider becoming a volunteer with us. To volunteer call 651-402-5960 and leave a message.

Thank you to those who support Let’s go Fishing.

**Let’s Go Fishing
East Central Minnesota Chapter**

Clean up after yourself

To the Editor:

I’m hoping the person or persons who drink Bush Light in cans will read this. This spring nearly 200 Bush Light cans have been picked up on Linden Tree Road north of Pole Road. Get real buddy.

**Tom Broneak
Pine City**

Pride returns to Pine City Sept. 18

EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA PRIDE

The Planning Committee of East Central Minnesota Pride is pleased to announce that the 16th Pride celebration will be held Saturday, Sept. 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Robinson Park in Pine City.

After a full year of physical distancing and other restrictions, the counties of Pine, Isan-

ti, Chisago, Kanabec and Mille Lacs’ LGBTQ+ communities will once again be able to gather in person while adhering to the current safety protocols.

East Central Minnesota Pride, billed as “Minnesota’s Small-Town LGBTQ+ Pride”, has been held since 2005, missing only 2020 due to the pandemic. This will be the first year the event is held on a Saturday to mutu-

ally benefit area businesses and celebrants.

“The safety and well-being of our community is the number one consideration,” explained Pride organizer Julie Redpath of Chisago City. “We are looking at ways to make the event fun and enjoyable, yet safe.”

Stay tuned for updates at www.EastCentralMinnesotaPride.org



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Letters to the Editor will be 500 words or less, and are subject to editing for accuracy, clarity, libel and civility, and must contain the undersigned’s full name and their address. Letter writers should live, work or have another connection to The Pine City Pioneer’s coverage area. Due to space limitations, letters that don’t address local issues are not

guaranteed publication.

Staff reserves the right to refrain from printing a letter. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

Letters may be emailed to: editor@pinecitymn.com no later than 5 p.m. Monday the week of publication.

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Driver gets in way of helicopter rescue

A driver who reportedly ignored instruction from deputies and firefighters is being named as the cause of an air ambulance helicopter being forced to abort a landing in Pine City.

On April 20 at about 4:15 the Pine County Sheriff's Office received a call of a motor vehicle accident on Main Street at Northridge Drive. The injuries that deputies, firefighters and EMT found at the scene were so serious that it became necessary to air lift three people from the scene to receive immediate care at a hospital equipped to address their needs, bringing in three helicopters.

However, the sheriff's office reports that during the landing of one helicopter one driver decided that they didn't need to listen to the deputy and firefighter who told them to back up and go the other way.

"This person decided to drive around the fire truck causing one helicopter that was landing to abort thus having to take off quickly to attempt relanding," the Pine County Sheriff's Office wrote on their Facebook page. "We put trucks and people on scene to provide scene security to allow for safe landing of these aircraft. Needless to say, someone is getting a citation."

The sheriff's office thanked all those who followed their detour directions.

Fire department controls burning

BY MIKE GAINOR
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It has been a busy spring season for the Pine City Fire Department. Though recent rains have helped quicken the cycle from dry brush to green-up, periods of high winds and dry conditions caused the danger of outdoor grass fires and brush fires to spike.

Currently the DNR describes the fire danger in Pine County as moderate, meaning that fires start easily and spread at a moderate rate. Open burning is still forbidden, though campfires are allowed.

- Two carbon monoxide incidents
- Three grass fires
- Two car fires
- One response to a mutual aid structure fire with the Rush City Fire Department
- Two motor vehicle accident
- Two incidents where they responded because traffic control was required
- One helicopter landing zone
- One elevator rescue
- Other incidents included situations where fog or dust was mistaken for smoke and calls canceled while on route.

BURNING PERMITS

Once green-up is complete and conditions are deemed safe, burning permits will resume being issued in Pine County.

Burning permits may

be purchased from any DNR Forestry Office, a fire warden, or online. (Note: There is a \$5 charge per calendar year for this service.)

More information available on the Minnesota DNR website at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html>

FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS
The Pine City Fire Department reported a total of 21 incidents in March, with 11 of them being actual fires:

- One trash fire

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to poetry.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 25 = E)

A. 6 13 16 22 25

Clue: Sounds alike

B. 8 25 6 5 25

Clue: Written in metrical rhythm

C. 5 9 10 23 20 10

Clue: A group of lines in a poem

D. 24 2 9 25 6 10 9 17 6 25

Clue: Written works

Answers: A. rhyme B. verse C. stanza D. literature

CLUES DOWN

1. Partial
2. "Mad Men" leading man
3. The ___ of March
4. Healthy
5. Where golfers begin
6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
7. Of the cheek
8. Injury reminder
9. Statesman Franklin
10. For an unknown reason
11. Brain parts
12. Islamic calendar month
14. Avenue where ad men work
17. Possesses
18. Accept
20. Stake
23. Former British PM May

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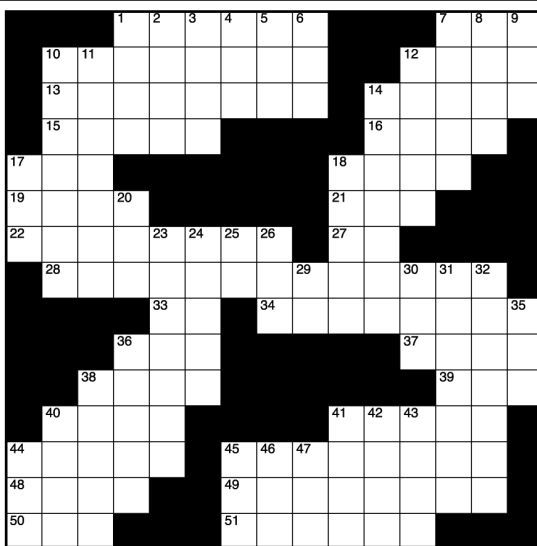


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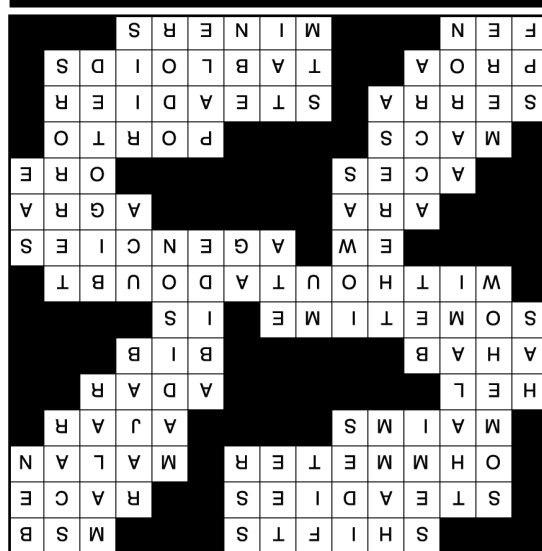
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16. Open
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18. Hebrew calendar month
19. Whale ship captain
21. Children's accessory
22. Unknown point
27. Exists

28. Extremely confident
33. Expression of disgust
34. The government has many
36. Small constellation
37. Northern Indian city
38. The best pitchers
39. Naturally occurring solid
40. Apple computers
41. Portuguese city
44. Ancient Greek war dance
45. More reliable
48. Sailboat
49. Newspapers
50. Frequently flooded area
51. They dig for coal

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4. Healthy
5. Where golfers begin
6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
7. Of the cheek
8. Injury reminder
9. Statesman Franklin
10. For an unknown reason
11. Brain parts
12. Islamic calendar month
14. Avenue where ad men work
17. Possesses
18. Accept
20. Stake
23. Former British PM May
24. US battleships circa 1939
25. Greek alphabet letter
26. When you hope to get there
29. Top lawyer
30. Fiddler crabs
31. Intolerant
32. Persons that cause extreme fear
35. Car mechanics group
36. Capital of Ghana
38. Famed ballplayer Hank
40. Emphasizes insignificance
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42. Distinctive smell
43. Muckraking journalist Jacob
44. Sunscreen rating
45. Short-term memory
46. Japanese delicacy
47. One point north of due east

SOLUTION



Prairie restoration pays off at Sapsucker Farms

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE
EDITOR@MORAMINN.COM

How did a desire to hunt a few ground birds turn into an organic farm that produces honey, maple syrup, fruits, vegetables and an award-winning hard cider now sold throughout the Midwest? It was the wildflowers.

Debbie and Jim Morrison already had a home and careers in the metro area. Outdoors people at heart, in 1997 they purchased a 170 acre parcel of land near Quamba that included woodlands, wetlands and some hayfields.

Interested in hunting the land, the couple began researching how they could use their land to support more game.

“We recognized there was a lot of habitat lost,” said Debbie. “We both like hunting and fishing and all that. We could see how lakes were becoming impaired. We’re both bird freaks, too, and bird populations were declining ... We could see what was happening and had this land. We thought, let’s use it to help little critters survive.”

With the help of the University of Minnesota Extension office, the Morrisons restored the hayfields into native prairie by burning then planting new grasses and wildflowers.

As the new plantings took hold, Debbie noticed the benefits immediately.

“I thought, ‘wow, look at all these beautiful flowers. If I were a honey bee, I would want to live here.’ That’s how I got into beekeeping.”

What follows was a domino effect of trying new things and saying “yes” to profitable opportunities.

“It was all unintentional, but when we started finding economic opportuni-

ties for things we enjoyed, we pursued it.”

As Debbie started beekeeping; soon one hive grew into as many as 20. Today, Debbie’s bees produce approximately 1,000 pounds of honey each year that is sold for \$7 per pound.

If Debbie got to have honey bees, then Jim wanted his own apple orchard. The orchard was planted within the prairie itself.

“The native prairie was actually taller than the little trees were, but the short story is: it worked. Now in the orchard we have a biological balance,” said Debbie.

The honeybees improve pollination of the apples and other produce, while the huge variety of insects living among the native plants keep each other in check. Morrisons have never had a pest problem in the orchard.

The orchard produced a glut of apples and apple juice, which evolved into the cider brewing business. Meanwhile they tapped maple trees in the woods for syrup. Debbie’s kitchen gardens expanded into a farm capable of providing bushels of produce as Community Supported Agriculture shares. New products and opportunities kept coming: chickens, eggs, mushrooms, ginger and now they even operate a taproom that hosts food trucks, live music, art classes and more.

“We call ourselves ‘accidental farmers.’ Everything we’ve done there has never been planned. When we moved up here, if someone would have told us you’re going to be an organic farmer, you’re going to quit your job and run a cidery, I would have told them they were funny,” said Debbie.

Two decades after establishing their



SUBMITTED

Debbie Morrison inspects a frame of honey from her hives. Her honeybees produce approximately 1,000 pounds of honey annually, which are a small but important piece of her organic farm’s operations.

native prairie and building their home, Morrison’s Sapsucker Farms was named Minnesota Cider Producer of the Year in the 2020 New York International Cider Competition.

Debbie says their new life as successful organic farmers is due to the native prairie restoration

“Our whole operation started with

prairie flowers,” she said, and she is dedicated to maintaining the prairie not only for her farm, but for the benefits she sees it has for the earth and her community.

For more information about Sapsucker Farms, visit [www. http://sapsuckerfarms.com](http://sapsuckerfarms.com).

Free Wi-fi now available in Robinson Park

BY JON TATTING
ECRL

Accessing free wireless internet is now a walk in the park at the Pine City Public Library. The library has extended its free Wi-Fi service to include Robinson Park, 200 Fifth St. SE, on the north side of the building.

Wireless internet is available at all East Central Regional Library branches. No password is needed to access the network, called “ECRL Public Access.” Guests just need to open their web browser, and they will be presented with the library’s Acceptable Use Policy page. Click on “I Agree” to begin using the library’s wireless access.

The Pine City Public Library is located at 300 Fifth St. in the downtown area. For more information,

visit ecrlib.org or call the library at 320-629-6403.

LIBRARIES NOW OPEN

In case you missed it, all locations of the East Central Regional Library are open to the public for browsing and computer appointments. Curbside pickup is still available for patrons who prefer it.

Open hours vary at each location; the public can always find the information they need by visiting ecrlib.org or talking to a friendly staff member on the phone 320-679-2642 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Please note that face coverings are required and social distancing guidelines are in place inside all ECRL locations.

ECRL patrons have access to thousands of books, in a variety of formats like large print, compact disc,

eBook and eAudio. The library also offers a wide array of kits to try out new activities, including Active Living, Brain Fitness, Reminiscence and Play and Learn.

The library also launched its new board game collection. Titles like Splendor, Trekking the National Parks, Ticket to Ride, Trivial Pursuit Family Edition, Mysterium, Azul, Seven Wonders, and many, many more are available for check-out.

Library cardholders may also want to try new Binge Box and Great Courses DVD collections, while online databases such as Brainfuse’s HelpNow (tutoring) and JobNow (career guidance), MyHeritage (genealogy), Mango (language) and Chilton’s (automobile repair) are always available even when the library doors are closed.

Make sure that boat trailer’s safe

Q. Can you talk about boat trailer safety with all the traffic we see pulling these things?



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Sgt. Neil Dickenson

A. State Troopers come across numerous motorists pulling trailers that experience breakdowns. Most often it involves a flat tire. Often is involves a trailer wheel bearing that has went out. A trailer’s wheel bearings are often neglected because they are out of sight. Basic trailer maintenance involves greasing the wheel

bearings. Wheel bearing failure can occur when maintenance is neglected from the lack of grease. A loose, worn or damaged wheel bearing is the most common cause of brakes that grab and lock up.

When these types of issues occur, it can result in a hassle, headache or even a crash. When the wheel bearing fails, it generally leads to tire failure, whether a flat or a blow out from the heat generated. I’ve seen the hubs break off and even fires started from this.

Nobody wants to be that person stranded on the side of the road with a disabled trailer or a driver who loses control because of a trailer malfunction. It is a good idea to repack the wheel bearings and make it a part of your pre-trip inspection and maintenance schedule.

Other pre-trip preparation should include:

- Taillights/Brake Lights functioning
- Proper hitch, pins and safety chains
- Check tires for proper inflation, unusual wear, weather checking and bulges
- Spare tire inflated, jack, and lug wrench
- Secure the load and all other items

A driver can do all the maintenance checks, but if a driver doesn’t secure their load, that too can have deadly consequences. Securing your load is the law. A driver could face a citation if they don’t secure their load or worse if an unsecured load causes a crash.

Tenth Judicial District hosting free virtual clinics on April 30

BY JODI BOYNE
MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Tenth Judicial District is hosting free virtual clinics on Friday, April 30 to provide free legal advice in the areas of family law, civil/probate law and expungement. There will also be a criminal expungement presentation by Zoom at 10:30 a.m.

Volunteer attorneys will be available for free one-on-one consultations either by Zoom or by phone from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each appointment will be approximately 30 minutes. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment or attend the criminal expungement presentation, contact the Tenth District Self-Help Center at (763) 760-6699.

Individuals who do not have access to technology to participate in the virtual clinics may check with their local law libraries, as tablets may be available for their use.

The virtual clinics event is being conducted in partnership with the Anoka County Law Library, the Washington County Law Library, the Wright County Law Library, Central MN Legal Services, Judicare of Anoka County, Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, the Anoka County Bar Association, the Washington County Bar Association and Estate and Elder Law Services.

The event is scheduled to coincide with Law Day, a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share. Law Day was first established in 1958 through a proclamation by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Congress passed a joint resolution designating May 1 as Law Day, U.S.A., in 1961.

Boys tennis overcomes cold, competition

BY MICHAEL O'DONNELL

The Pine City tennis team traveled to Hibbing last Saturday and battled cold and windy temperatures along with three solid opponents as they finished the day with a perfect 3-0 mark.

According to head coach, John Eberhart, the Dragons put forth an outstanding effort as a team.

“I thought we looked about as well as we have looked this season from the top to the bottom of our lineup,” Eberhart said. “We have a young squad that is improving each time we take the court. We did really well for as young as we are.”

In the first match against Grand Rapids the Dragons emerged with a 5-2 triumph with victories coming from Parker Sell at first singles, Greyson Johnson at third singles, Peyton Smetana/Mason Mikyska at first doubles, Jared Carpenter/Seth Linnell at second doubles, and Hunter Danielson/Brady Berglund at third doubles.

Pine City’s second contest was a 4-3 nailbiter over Hibbing as Sell collected the only win for the Dragons in singles but the teams of Carpenter/Mikyska, Linnell/Danielson, and Berglund/Rivers Sauter swept the doubles.



FOUR SEASONS PHOTOGRAPHY

The Dragons took on the competition on their own turf on April 16.

East Grand Forks was the third match of the day for the locals. PC dominated play in the 6-1 triumph over the Green Wave. The Dragons

saw Sell, Smetana, Danielson, and Bryer Berube produce victories in singles action while the doubles teams of Stumne/Linnell and Berglund/Sauter were also big winners.

Following the matches, Eberhart remarked, “Parker (Sell) did a wonderful job playing within himself and Caleb (Stumne) was the best he’s ever been. All our doubles guys are improving each day. Peyton (Smetana) and Jared (Carpenter) are beginning to take charge more and more. Seth (Linnell), Hunter (Danielson), and Mason (Mikyska) are looking to see how they can contribute with their own style and our young guys of Greyson (Johnson), Rhivers (Sauter), Bryer (Berube), Billy Brown, Spencer Wicktor, and Brady (Berglund) are learning to contribute. Brady has done a great job at being our anchor at third doubles with Rhivers and Bryer.”

This week Pine City was busy once again as they were scheduled to be at Foley on Monday and in Litchfield on Wednesday before hosting Mora today (Thursday), and having Hibbing/Litchfield/St. Peter visit Dragonville this Saturday.



FOUR SEASONS PHOTOGRAPHY

Getting warmed up

Though they are working hard and showing signs of improvement, the Dragon softball squad is still looking for their first win of the season. Their next game is Friday, April 30 at Isle.

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Dragons take first at conference golf meet

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On Tuesday, April 20, the Great River Conference meet was held at

Purple Hawk Golf Course in Cambridge hosted by Braham High School.

Pine City led the conference with scores of 365, East Central came in

second with 411, Moose Lake Willow River score was third with 429, Braham had 430, Barnum 457 and Hinckley-Finlayson 503. Rush City and Mille Lacs did not participate.



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Superintendent search narrows

BY MIKE GAINOR
EDITOR@PINECITYMN.COM

The Pine City School District may be closing in on its next pick for superintendent.

From an initial pool of five candidates being interviewed on April 24, the Pine City School Board has narrowed the search to two candidates, who were scheduled to have their second interviews on April 28.

- Paula Foley is the managing director at ReSet-Schools Consulting in St. Cloud. She is an adjunct professor at Concordia-University-Portland and was superintendent of Warroad Public Schools from 2015-17.

- Cindy Stolp is the director of Early Childhood Special Education at Pine City Public Schools.

Current Pine City Schools Superintendent Curt Tryggestad announced his plans to resign from that position on June 30, triggering a search for a new superintendent.

Tryggestad has served as superintendent of the Pine City School District since the summer of 2019. At that time he signed a three-year contract with the school district.

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Shooting forward

A total of 86 athletes shot for the Dragons under cloudy skies and windy conditions on April 25.

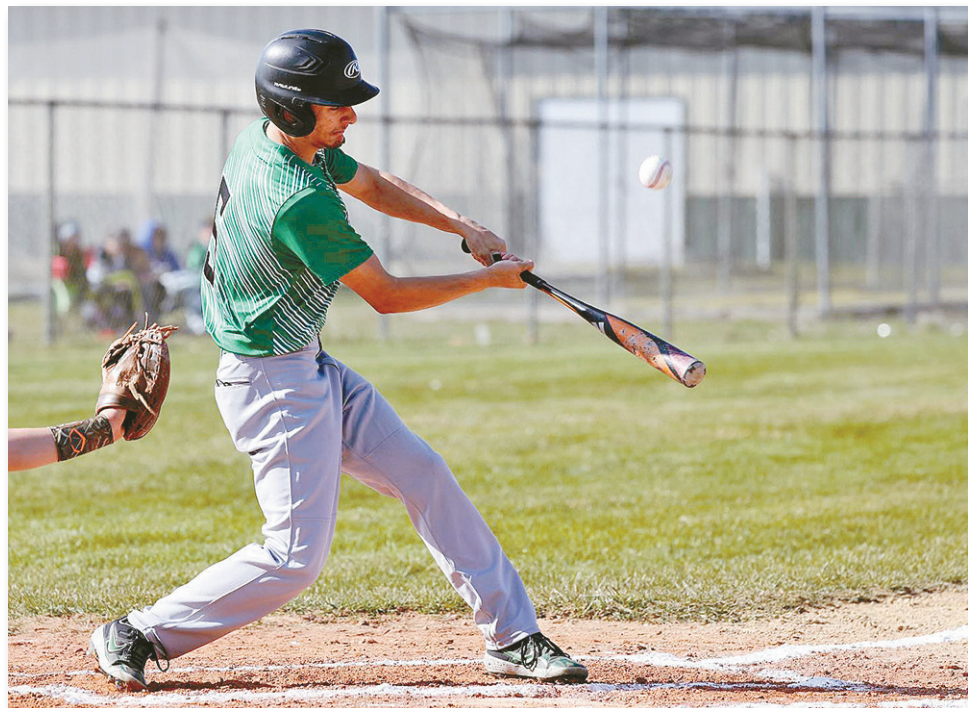
Top guns: Jacob Goodner again led the team, along with Ryan Plasek, hitting 47 of 50 targets

Payton Smetana shot a 44, followed by William Brown with 43. Ryan Cummings, Cody Patzoldt, and Evan Doenz shot 42's, and Jarred Juhl and Griffin Faur hit 40 clays each.

FOUR SEASONS PHOTOGRAPHY

Hot bats lead to strong start

The Dragons beat Ogilvie 7-1 on April 22. After winning their first four in a row in dominant fashion, the Dragon baseball squad dropped a pair of games in a doubleheader with Braham on April 27. Game vs. Isle at Pine city.



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A traditional lawn may not be right for every property nor desired by every homeowner. There is no denying that lawns take time and effort to establish and daily or weekly maintenance to thrive. Homeowners who find that a traditional lawn is not practical can explore some low-maintenance alternatives.

Wildflower meadow

Homeowners with wide swaths of property may discover meadows are cost- and time-efficient. Stores sell special wildflower meadow mixes of seeds or homeowners can use wildflower plug plants throughout areas where grasses are left to grow longer. This natural area can be a home to wildlife and an idyllic backdrop to a home. Most meadows only require a spring or summer and autumn cut to thrive and look good.

Ornamental grasses

Partition areas of the property for ornamental grasses to grow. The gardening resource Elemental Green says ornamental grasses tend to be drought-resistant and low-maintenance. They won't need much fertilizer and are often resistant to pests as well. Ornamental grasses grow in tufts or sprays and will not require mowing. However, they are not ideal for areas that get foot traffic.

Moss

Moss can thrive in shady areas and ones where the soil tends to stay a bit damp. Moss is velvety soft and green, so it can mimic the look of a traditional lawn but won't require mowing and other upkeep. Because it spreads quickly, moss can take over quite rapidly. You will need to protect areas where you do not want moss by creating barriers to stop spread.

Gravel

Stone and gravel areas can reduce maintenance in the landscape and require very little upkeep. When gravel is installed correctly, weeds may not grow readily. Gravel installation may include laying heavy-duty, semi-permeable landscape fabric, which is available in home improvement centers. Gravel is cheaper than pavers and can be just as beautiful.

Artificial turf

If the desired look is a lawn without all the upkeep, there are various artificial grass options on the market. Homeowners who opt for artificial turf can save money and space devoted to lawn mowers and other lawn tools.

Grass may be ideal for some, but there are alternatives for people who have troublesome landscapes or desire a low-maintenance product for their homes.

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State launches direct scheduling for vaccination sites

STAFF REPORT
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Pine County residents can now use the Vaccine Connector to directly schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments at the state's Community Vaccination Program locations.

Minnesotans can visit VaccineConnector.mn.gov to directly schedule appointments at Community Vaccination locations around the state. If all appointments are full, Minnesotans can also sign up to be informed when they are able to book a Community Vaccination Program appointment and be notified about other vaccination opportunities near them.

Community Vaccination Program locations are strategically located around the state to give Minnesotans another option to get their COVID-19 vaccine. There are currently locations in Saint Paul, Bloomington, Oakdale, Mankato, Duluth, Rochester, Lino Lakes and St. Cloud. A federally-supported Community Vaccination Program location at the State Fairgrounds specifically serves residents of socially vulnerable zip codes in and around Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

Minnesota continues to lead the nation and make strong progress vaccinating everyone 16 years of age and older. The state has now administered more than 4 million doses to nearly 2.5 million Minneso-

tans. More than 56% of Minnesotans 16+ and 85% of adults 65+ have received at least one dose. Nearly one-third of all Minnesotans have completed the COVID-19 vaccination series.

HOW MINNESOTANS CAN GET THEIR SHOT:

- Make an appointment through the Vaccine Connector at one of the state's COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program locations: <https://mn.gov/vaccineconnector>.

- Call 833-431-2053 Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. & Sat, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Use the state's Vaccine Finder Map to find the closest vaccine provider: <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/locations/index.jsp>.

- Contact their primary health care provider or a local pharmacy.

Employers may also reach out with information about vaccination opportunities.

How Minnesotans Can Get a COVID-19 Test at No Cost:

- Walk in or schedule an appointment for a test at one of the state's community testing sites across Minnesota: <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/community-testing.jsp>.

- Order a test through the state's at-home COVID-19 testing program: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

PINE COUNTY COVID UPDATE

Total number of cases:
3,177

New cases last week:
50

Age range of patients:
0-98 years old

Deaths: 21

People with at least one vaccine dose:
9,415

Percentage of Pine County residents vaccinated: 39%

Register to receive a vaccine through <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp>

Contact the Pine County COVID-19 Hotline at 320-591-1690 or public. health@co.pine.mn.us

Statistics provided by Minnesota Public Health. Updated April 26.

BUST: Three pounds of meth in car, three more in garage safe

FROM PAGE 1

NIK tested positive for methamphetamine and had an uncertified weight of 34 grams.

Agents then searched the Cadillac Escalade pursuant to the warrant. They found three cell phones and a small black backpack. Inside the backpack, agents located three vacuum-sealed bags containing a crystal-like substance. The crystal-like substance NIK tested positive for methamphetamine.

The bags were packaged with multiple layers with liquids and dryer sheets to conceal any odor. Each bag had an uncertified weight of 1,373 grams, or approximately one pound each, for a total of 3.2 pounds of methamphetamine.

Officers said that following the Miranda warning, Jones told them he was supposed to sell three pounds of methamphetamine for \$15,000 to a male at Walmart. He said that two people from California just dropped off six pounds of methamphetamine to his house in Stacy. Jones said he still had three more pounds of methamphetamine in a safe located in the garage on the property.

A subsequent search warrant was executed at Jones' residence, where three more pounds of methamphetamine and three handguns were recovered.

Jones told officers he has been getting methamphetamine delivered to him from California for the past six months.

Jones has been charged with one count of first degree felony drug possession and one count of first-degree felony drug sales. The maximum charge is 40 years in prison, a \$1,000,000 fine, or both.

Jones also faces more two first-degree felony drug charges from an incident in October 2020 where he was arrested after a traffic stop in Hinckley and found with roughly 400 grams of methamphetamine and 316 grams of marijuana.

The East Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force reports that on April 20, their officers – along with the Chisago County Sheriff's Office – conducted a traffic stop on a rental vehicle from California which led to the arrest of two California residents on fifth degree controlled substance charges. Alexandra Ramirez, 25 of San Bernardino, CA and Oscar Rodriguez, 25 of Long Beach, CA were booked into the Chisago County jail.

The East Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force was established in 2012 and is comprised of criminal investigators from Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, and Pine Counties, serving approximately 141,578 residents across 2,781 square miles. The purpose of the task force is to improve the health, safety, and security of our communities through targeted enforcement of dangerous criminal activity. Task Force efforts focus primarily on drug trafficking, smuggling and distribution networks, interdiction of illicit drugs and contraband, criminal gang activity and other violent crime.

Anyone with information about illegal narcotics, gang, or other violent offender activity are asked to contact the task force at 320-566-4153.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Anthony Nathan Jones

GETAWAYS: Rentals popular with Pine County vacationers

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to the stratosjets.com/blog/airbnb-statistics website.

Another short term rental option is Vrbo. Vrbo began in 1995 and boasts 86 properties in Pine County, according to their website. Vrbo is different from Airbnb rentals in that they only rent entire properties instead of shared spaces such as a room in a house or portion of a house.

Many cities view Airbnb and Vrbo as short term rentals and expect owners to follow the ordinance for the area, including Sandstone and Askov. City of Askov City Clerk, Kathy Morris, said both are included in their zoning ordinance for short term rentals, which can be found on the city website.

Caleb Anderson, Pine County Land and Resource manager, said the 47 townships and cities throughout Pine County have their own ordinances concern-

ing rentals.

"We don't have county wide zoning throughout the county," Anderson said. "Airbnbs are a great opportunity for many property owners to make money."

He said properties that are within 1,000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a river need to apply for a conditional use permit. He said the process includes a \$600 fee and a public hearing followed by approval from the zoning board. He explained the process is designed to protect neighborhoods as well as verify that the septic system and property is designed for the number of people who will be using the property.

He said the county has heard very few complaints about the short term property rentals.

Residents interested in more information can call their local city clerk or Caleb Anderson at Pine County Planning, Zoning and Solid Waste office at 1-320-216-4220.

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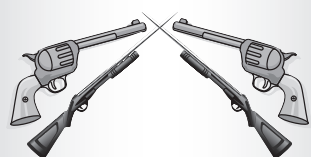
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Fore! Pine City Country Club welcomes first golfers in 1971

BY MIKE GAINOR
EDITOR@PINECITYMN.COM

10 Years Ago, 2011

Pine City students Joe Wolf and Hannah Devine had a unique opportunity to participate in the Minnesota House of Representatives High School Page program with District 8B Representative Roger Crawford.

Departing Junior High Concert Band students showed their affection for band director Kevin Cahill at their April 28 concert, offering hugs, flowers, a card and a tie reading, “I ♥ Class of 2014.”

The Rock Creek Ramblers 4-H Club donated \$150 to the Pine City Food Shelf, money they earned serving food at Andersons’ Rock Creek Relics Threshing show the weekend after Labor Day.

Members include Chloe Gavin, Donald Aasen, Rosie Severson, Megan Ian, Jack DuChene, Sierra Fix, Anna, Lindsay and Kaitlyn Miller and Justin and Joylyn Washenbecker.

25 Years Ago, 1996

The story of Snow

White will be presented in the fourth annual Pine City Elementary play, including Crystal Lightfoot as Snow White and Holly Samuelson as The Queen. Dwarves include Lindsey Stauty (Hungry), BJ Samuelson (Bossy), Noel Roubinek (Verbal), Mike Stahlke (Irish), Anna Scholin (Squeaky), Rob Arola (Emotional) and Rochele Johnson (Slow Poke).

Waldo and Maggie Carlson, together with their seven daughter, sons-in-law and grandchildren, invite you to an open house honoring their 50th wedding anniversary. This celebration will occur on Sunday, May 5 at the Rock Creek City Center. Your presence will be a cherished gift, we request no other.

50 Years Ago, 1971

Members of the Pine City Chamber of Commerce heard much emphasis placed on Pine County’s abundant natural recreational resources, the importance of properly utilizing and promoting them to attract tourists to the area, and even more important the need to preserve

these natural assets for future years.

Following some six years of effort, marked by a number of disappointing delays, the new Pine City golf course is now a reality and will open for regular play for the first item this coming Saturday morning at 7 o’clock.

Receiving a 35-year service award from Minnesota Department of Public Safety Deputy Commissioner Phillip Iverson is Officer Edmund C. Erickson of Pine City. Erickson joined the Highway Patrol in 1936 and has worked his entire career patrolling Highway 61 between the Twin Cities and Duluth.

75 Years Ago, 1946

Behind the steady pitching of Vacineks and Grots, Pine City’s entry in the Pine County league defeated Beroun Sunday by the score of 23-4. The locals put on a terrific display of hitting power, ringing up a total of 32 hits and featuring two triples by Stanley Walberg and a long home run by Allen Walberg.



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Chengwatana Dam powers up

The power house for the old Chengwatana Dam was on the north side of the Snake River. The dam was destroyed by ice around 1940, after surviving an attempt by an area farmer to dynamite it in the 1930s.

100 Years Ago, 1921

S.A. Barnes suffered a very painful injury last Thursday while cranking his auto. The motor back-fired, the crank hitting his right arm and breaking it in two places.

We are pleased to note that the downtown property owners are having the sidewalk repaired.

Some of them are in pretty bad shape.

125 Years Ago, 1896

A.E. Webber has fitted up the barge used last summer for dancing, as a restaurant. He will anchor it at the mouth of Mission Creek, where all those who want a

first-class meal or lunch, when out fishing or hunting, or on pleasure can always secure it. We understand Mr. Webber contemplates building a dancing barge 37 x 50 feet. As soon as it gets too cold for dancing he will take up the floor and use it for transporting wood up the river.

Worship guide

Church of Christ

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

Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Grace Baptist Church

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

Hands for Pine City

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

One mile North of Henriette on
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Pastor Jack Droste
Sunday School, 9:15 am.;
Sunday morning Worship,
10:15 a.m.

Hinckley Seventh Day Adventist

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

Hope Lutheran Church Grasston

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

Hustletown Community Church (HCC)

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

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

535 8th St. SW, Pine City
320-629-2935
Monsignor Alek Suchan
www.icchurchpinecitymn.org
office@icchurchpinecitymn.org
Mass: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 10
am, Confession: Saturday
4-4:30p.m., Sunday 9:15-9:45a.m.

Journey North Church

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

Living Water Fellowship

915 W. 8th St. Rush City, MN
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
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studies and youth activities.

Open Arms Church of God

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320-396-3373
Pastor Gene Sherrod
Spirit Filled Worship
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Children's ministry

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825 Golf Ave SW Pine City
320-629-2985
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in-person for worship. Join us live
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Begining January 31, 2021 we will
hold an in person service at 50%
capacity.

Pine City Evangelical Free Church

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

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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

South Pine Baptist Church

Meeting at Pine City Library
Community Room
300 5th St SE, Pine City, MN
Pastor Dennis Eng
320-336-9292
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible study at 7p.m.
(Call for location)
www.southpinebaptist.org

Zion Lutheran Church

410 Main St. S, Pine City
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OBITUARIES

Shirley Krause



Shirley Christine Krause died at the age of 85 on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 with her family by her side in Hinckley.

Shirley was born on Dec. 26, 1935 in Des Moines, Iowa to Shirley Hoover and his wife Dorothy. They later moved to Minneapolis. She met her lifelong love; Duane Krause at Roosevelt High School and they married on Jan. 23, 1954. They resided in the Twin Cities until 2001, when they retired to Brook Park.

Though Shirley had many ailments since birth, she always pressed forward with an optimistic outlook on life. Her interests included sewing, gardening, crocheting, and the outdoors. She was a devout Christian who sang at every opportunity and was always a part of the church choir.

She is preceded in death by her father Shirley, mother Dorothy, son Patrick, and brothers, Doug and Larry.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 67 years, Duane Krause; daughters Peggy Sundet, Linda Russell, Michelle Krause; daughter-in-law Diane Krause; 12 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren as well as many other relatives and friends.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Akkerman-Ingebrand Funeral Home (825 S Union St, Mora, MN). A luncheon will follow at 1 p.m. at Freddie's Restaurant/Banquet Center in Mora. Arrangements are by the Akkerman Ingebrand Funeral Home of Mora. Condolences may be posted at www.aifuneralhome.com.

ANNIVERSARY



SUBMITTED

HAUG

John and Margaret (Bina) Haug Will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday April 28th.

They were married at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pine City.

They now live at 520 Searle St NE, St Cloud MN, 56304.

They have been Blessed with three children; Bradley, Sandra and Shirley, also eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

They plan to celebrate at a later date.

THANK YOU

Thank you

Our family would like to thank everyone who sent a card, brought food, beverages, the donations and all the memories that were shared with us. Thank you Monsignor Suchan, Deacon Biever, Immaculate Conception Staff, to the Cahills, Doug Berglund, Mark Osterdyk, Gary Hawkinson and Adrienne Roubinek for the music. Thanks to the Samuelson's for the beautiful etching on his urn. Thanks to the VFW, Legion and National Guard for the military honors. Brady, Penny, and Mike from Swanson Funeral Chapel, your support was appreciated by us all. Roger touched many lives, "We love you a bushel and a peck."

Rita Hagstrom;Michele Greig and family
Deb Bombard and family;Jeff and family
Wayne and family;Steven and family
John and family

WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Precip./Snow
4/18	61	29	T
4/19	38	31	0
4/20	37	26	0
4/21	42	28	0
4/22	63	30	0
4/23	51	42	T
4/24	47	29	0

BIRTHS

Laqua

Bennett Blue Laqua was born on Feb. 16, 2021 at Welia Health. He weighed six point three pounds and was 19 1/4 inches long. His parents are Jason and Carli Laqua of Mora. Bennett is welcomed home by siblings Brayden (16 years old), and sister Carsyn (ten years old). Grandparents are Steve and Kathy Laqua of Chisago City.

Patterson

Esther Elizabeth Patterson was born on Feb. 16, 2021 at Welia Health. She weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Asa and Leah Patterson of Mora. Esther is welcomed home by grandparents Jeff and Jody Eidsvoog and Mike and Roxanne Patterson.

Calkins

Grayson Myles Calkins was born on Feb. 20, 2021 at Welia Health. He weighed eight pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. His parents are Lauryn Clark and John Calkins of Milaca. Grayson is welcomed home by Shari Hall, and Todd Hall, and Jeff Clark and Tony and Melissa or Isle.

Brown

Remianna Faye-Louise Brown was born on Feb. 20, 2021 at Welia Health. She weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Brandi and Clinton Brown III of Grand Rapids. Remi is welcomed home by siblings Abrianna (eight years old), Cheyanna (six years old) and Jax (six years old). Grandparents are Patty and Eric Henry of Deer River and Skip Brown of Marble.

PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

April 19 - April 25
Theft, burglary, vandalism

April 19, 2:01 p.m., report of **fraud/scam/ID**, Red Robin Road, Pine City

April 22, 5:47 p.m., report of **fraud/scam/ID**, Sunset Trail, Pine City

April 23, 8:01 a.m., report of **theft**, Freeway Boulevard, Pine City

Miscellaneous

April 19, 11:35 a.m., report of **extradition hearing**, Northridge Drive NW, Pine City

April 19, 6:16 p.m., report of **damage to property**, Main Street S, Pine City

April 20, 1:56 p.m., report of **attempt pickup**, Northridge Drive NW, Pine City

April 20, 2:14 p.m., report of **search warrant**, Northridge Drive NW, Pine City

April 20, 4:13 p.m., report of **personal injury accident**, Northridge Drive NW, Pine City

April 20, 8:51 p.m., report of **medical**, 8th Avenue SE, Pine City

April 21, 3:50 p.m., report of **search warrant**, Evergreen Square SW, Pine City

April 21, 6:58 p.m., report of **assault**, Evergreen Square SW, Pine City

April 21, 9:51 p.m., report of lift assist, Johnson Avenue SE, Pine City

April 23, 9:49 a.m., report of

MVA property damage, 6th Avenue SW, Pine City

April 24, 11:29 p.m., report of **unknown trouble**, 570th Street, Pine City

Jail Roster

April 19

Benjamin, Lorelei Dawn

Probable Cause: Drugs-1st Degree-Manufacture Methamphetamine-Traffic-DL-Driving After Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety-Introduce Contraband-Drug/Liquor Into Jail/Lockup/Prison

DeFoe, Shane William

Pine County Warrant-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Receiving Stolen Property-Arrest of Adult

Mork, Ricky Alan

Hold For Other Agency: Bench Felony Warrant Issued by WI-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Drive NW, Pine City

Sam, Karen Ann

Hold For Other Agency-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana

Yang, Toua Fue

Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation-FE Warrant-Receiving Stolen Property-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana

April 21

Arnold, Jeannette Marie

Parole/Probation Violation: Domestic Abuse-Violate Order for Protection-Misdemeanor-Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere With Peace Officer-Disorderly Conduct-Brawling or Fighting

Bernier, Cody Joseph

Probable Cause: Traffic Collision-Failure to Notify Owner of Damaged Property-Damage to Property-3rd Degree-Reduce Value \$501-\$1000

Castillo, Jorge Maurico

Pine County Warrant-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Motor Vehicle Registration-Operate Vehicle While Expired Registration-Receiving Stolen Property-Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana-Traffic Regulation-Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance When Operating Vehicle-Hold For Other Agency-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Tamper With Motor Vehicle/Enter Without Owner Permission-DWI-Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described-Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle-Arrest of Adult

Demarrais, Terri Ann

Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation-FE Warrant-

Drugs-4th Degree-Possess Schedule 1/2/3 Except Marijuana With Intent to Sell

Jones, Anthony Nathan

Probable Cause-Drugs-1st Degree-Manufacture Methamphetamine

Mooney, Michael Shane Jr.

Probable Cause-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Assault-5th Degree-Fear of Bodily Harm or Death-Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere With Peace Officer

Nickaboine, Randall Wayne Jr.

Probable Cause: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death

Odegard, Danna Rae

Parole/Probation Violation: Assault-5th Degree-Fear of Bodily Harm or Death

Potter, William Pershing

Hold For Other Agency: Bench Felony Warrant

Smith, Jordan David

Pine County Warrant-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere With Peace Officer-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana-Hold For Other Agency-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Fleeing a Peace Officer In a Motor Vehicle-Arrest of Adult

Southerling, Daniel

Pine County Warrant-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Interfere With Privacy-Against a Minor Under 18-Predatory Offender-Knowingly Commits Act or Fails to Fulfill Registration Requirement-Arrest of Adult

St. John, Stanley Conrad

Probable Cause-Domestic Assault-By Strangulation

April 23

Hanna, Catherine

Probable Cause-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol-Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle-Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours-Arrest of Adult

Paz, Miguel Angel

Pine County Warrant-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Alcohol-Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle-Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours-Arrest of Adult

Prescott, Joshua Lee

Pine County Warrant-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Hold For Other Agency-Confin ed But Not Convicted

Sago, Esau Chucky

Probable Cause-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana-Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle-Arrest of Adult

April 25

Williams, Dequaries

Hold For Other Agency-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Probable Cause-Confin ed But Not Convicted-Fugitive from Justice from Other State

BIDS CLOSE MAY 10, 2021
PINE COUNTY, MN

Sealed proposals will be RECEIVED until 10:00 a.m. Monday May 10, 2021, by David Minke, Pine County Administrator at 635 Northridge Drive NW Pine City, MN on behalf of the Pine County Board of Commissioners for construction of the county project listed below. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Administrator Conference Room by the County Engineer or his representative at the Pine County Courthouse in Pine City, MN at 10:00 a.m.

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

Contract #2101

SAP 058-599-047 Windemere Twp Box Culvert located on Rush Blvd 0.7 mi. of Military Rd

Major quantities of work: 16'x5' PC Box Culvert, 2 each 16'x5' PC End Sections, 114 Cu Yd Granular Backfill;129 CY Class 5 Aggregate Surfacing; 115 CY Common Excavation; 149 Random Riprap Class III

Plans are available on EGram.

For a user ID contact Sherri at (320) 216-4200 or sherri.anderson@co.pine.mn.us

Hard copies of plans and specifications may be examined and secured for \$100 at the Pine County Public Works Department, 405 Airport Road NE, Pine City MN 55063.

Bids must be accompanied by a Corporate Surety Bond in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total bid price. The County Board of Pine County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities. By order of the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

/s/ Mark A LeBrun
Mark A. LeBrun, County Engineer
Pine County, Minnesota

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BIDS CLOSE MAY 17, 2021
PINE COUNTY, MN

Sealed proposals will be RECEIVED until 10:00 a.m. Monday May 17, 2021, by David Minke, Pine County Administrator at 635 Northridge Drive NW Pine City, MN on behalf of the Pine County Board of Commissioners for construction of the county projects listed below. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Administrator Conference Room by the County Engineer or his representative at the Pine County Courthouse in Pine City, MN at 10:00 a.m.

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

Contract #2102

SAP 058-614-018 Located on CSAH 14 from CSAH 61 to CSAH 10; 6.0 miles

SAP 058-655-007 Located on CSAH 55 from CSAH 61 to CSAH 67; 0.6 miles

SAP 058-661-030 Located on CSAH 61 from the North County Line to City of Rutledge; 11.0 mi.

SAP 058-667-002 Located on CSAH 67 from CSAH 55 to CSAH 9; 1.9 miles

CP 058-021-001 Located on Parkview Dr. from Lords Lake Rd to 2017 FT East

CP 058-127-001 Located on CR 127 from CSAH 61 to CSAH 14; 0.6 miles

CP 058-143-001 Located on CR 143 from the West County Line to CSAH 28; 1.8 miles

Major quantities of work: 79,351 tons Bituminous Pavement, 9,310 tons Class 5 Aggregate Surfacing; 307,868 SY Mill Bituminous Surface; 52,655 SY Full-Depth Reclamation; 300,785 FT Multi-Component Ground-In Pavement Markings;

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/s/ Mark A LeBrun
Mark A. LeBrun, County Engineer
Pine County, Minnesota

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE

DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 58-PR-18-36

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of: Richard D. Swadner aka Richard David Swadner and Richard Swadner

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given that informal appointment of Paulette S. Houle, whose address is 1181 Lepak Court, Shoreview MN 55126, as successor personal representative of the Estate of the above-named decedent, has been made. Any heir, devisee or other

interested person may be entitled to appointment as successor personal representative or may object to the appointment of the successor personal representative and the personal representative is empowered to fully administer the estate including, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate, unless objections thereto are filed with the Court (pursuant to Section 424.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders.

DATED: April 12, 2021
/s/ Peggy Zdon
Peggy Zdon, Registrar
Amy Willert, Court Administrator
Attorney for Successor Personal Representative
Jennifer A. Rutz
Hellmuth & Johnson
8050 West 78th Street
Edina MN 55439
952-941-2337

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NOTICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The following Pine County Tax-Forfeited Property contains personal property formerly owned by:

Preston Prokasky: parcel #47.0048.000 with abandoned vehicles under the ownership of:

Zachary Christopherson, Vanessa Korhonen, and Kaireen Leppanen

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 10:00 A.M.

NORTH PINE GOVERNMENT CENTER, SANDSTONE, MINNESOTA

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Hallan stated the Governor of the State of Minnesota has issued Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19. On March 24, 2020, the Pine County Board of Commissioners declared a local emergency for Pine County.

Based on these conditions, the Chair of the Pine County Board of Commissioners has determined that the requirements of Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subd. (1) have been met and it is not practical or prudent for all members of the county board to meet in person. Members of the county board will join the meeting remotely.

The public was invited to join the meeting remotely by phone, WebEx or watch via live stream on YouTube.

Commissioner Matt Ludwig was present in the meeting room. Members present via electronic means were Chair Hallan, Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren and J.J. Waldhalm. Also present in the meeting room was County Administrator David Minke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. There was no public comment.

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

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2021 county board meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Senior Housing Board of Directors Minutes – February 24, 2021

Pine County Chemical Health Coalition Minutes – March 8, 2021

Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – March, 2021

MN Department of Human Services Internal Audits Office correspondence – March 5, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Waldhalm was unavailable due to technology difficulties.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Waldhalm was unavailable due to technology difficulties.

Approve the abatement application for Darin & Heidi Holmgren for parcels 33.0586.000 and 33.0578.000 for 2019.

Approve the amended Memorandum of Understanding with the 10th Judicial District, State of Minnesota to remodel space and appoint Paul Patterson, Tenth Judicial District Court Administrator, as Project Manager on behalf of the district court.

Accept the \$2,000 donation from Jens H. Jensen Post 243 (Askov) for the Veterans van maintenance and operation expenses.

Approve Resolution 2021-23 extending special assessments as follow: Michael Winters, PID 28.0524.003, \$19,900, 20 years, 3% interest; Glen McDowell, PID 30.0354.004, \$14,500, 15 years, 3% interest; James & Donna Westman, PID 43.0595.001, \$20,225, 20 years, 3% interest.

Approve the appointment of Chief Deputy-Designee Scott Grice as the 2021 alternate representative to the Northeast Minnesota Regional Emergency Communications Board and Northeast Minnesota Regional Advisory Committee, effective May 24, 2021.

Acknowledge the award of a \$3,948 grant to train all dispatchers as emergency medical dispatchers. There is no match requirement.

Approve the timber auction tracts and the general terms and conditions of the sale.

Timber auction scheduled for May 12, 2021, 10:00 a.m., 1610 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone. Seven parcels to be offered, estimated 5,745 cords at an appraised value of \$144,000.

Approve the lateral transfer of Social Worker Tally Staber to Case Management, Adult Services Unit, effective April 12, 2021. Current wage remains unchanged.

Approve the promotion of Jessica Sonstebly to full-time Zoning and Solid Waste Technician, \$21.04 per hour, grade 7.

Approve Social Worker Cassie Peterson to attend the virtual 25th Annual Child and Adolescent Mental Health Conference, April 19-20, 2021. Registration: \$180.

Approve Planning and Zoning staff to attend the following training/total cost \$4,295.

Caleb Anderson: Soils Continuing Education/June 10, 2021–Pelican Rapids, Registration/ \$225, Meals/\$20, Mileage/\$200; General Continuing Education/April 26, 2021–Mankato, Registration/\$195, Meals/\$20, Mileage/\$200.

Lukas Olson: General Continuing Education-online, Registration/\$115; General Continuing Education/April 27, 2021–Mankato, Registration/\$115, Meals/\$20; Soils Continuing Education/date & location to be determined, Registration/\$255, Meals/\$20, Mileage/\$200

Jessica Sonstebly: Basic Design/date & location to be determined, Registration/\$495, Lodging/\$500, Mileage/\$200; Soils Pre-Certification/date & location to be determined, Registration/\$340, Lodging/\$260, Mileage/\$200; Inspecting Onsite Systems/date & location to be determined, Registration/\$310, Lodging/\$200, Mileage/\$175.

Commissioner Waldhalm rejoined the board meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Ordinance 2020-63 – Slow-No Wake Boating

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson reviewed that a public hearing was held October 6, 2020 on the proposed ordinance. The ordinance provides water elevations at which boat wakes will be prohibited. The proposed ordinance was submitted for approval to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as required in MN 6110.3800; the DNR provided approval of the ordinance in February, 2021. Anderson stated if the ordinance is approved by the county board, notification to boaters will be provided by the Sheriff's Office and Planning Department by using social media, the county website, posting general signage about the ordinance at the public boat launches, and notification to the lake associations.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve Ordinance 2020-63 regulating the surface use (slow-no wake) of Pokegama Lake, Cross Lake and the Snake River between these lakes. This ordinance shall become

effective upon publication. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the dispatch center phone equipment Purchase Agreement (\$86,960.82) and Maintenance Agreement (\$23,539.65/ annual cost) with Independent Emergency Services, LLC. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve Resolution 2021-25, as drafted, supporting the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve to increase the 2021 annual dependent care flex spending limit to \$10,500 for single taxpayers and married couples filing jointly and up to \$5,250 for married individuals filing separately. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy 23. No., Sandstone, Minnesota.

Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners
David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board of Commissioners

The full text of the board's Minutes are available at the County Administrator's Office and the county's website (www.co.pine.mn.us). Copies may also be requested from the administrator's office.

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COUNTY OF PINE

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-21-34

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Estate of
Geraldine Othoudt, also known as Geraldine A. Othoudt, also known as Geraldine Ann Othoudt, Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Diana L. Meyer, whose address is 8641 Pickwick Rd., North Port, Florida, 34287, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment of the personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 23, 2021
/s/ Peggy Zdon
Registrar
Dated: April 23, 2021
Amy Willert
Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representative
Keven A. Hofstad
Ledin & Hofstad, Ltd.
539 Main Street S.
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City asks citizens to step up on committees

BY MIKE GAINOR
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Pine City is looking for a few good committee members.

Residents, business and property owners – and sometimes, even people who don't actually live within the city limits of Pine City – are invited to serve on one of the city's commissions, boards and committees.

Committees generally serve as advisory bodies to the full Pine City Council, developing policies and making recommendations for or against

a particular course of action – though it is up to the elected city council members to make a final decision.

City officials note that serving on a committee is one of the most effective ways for citizens to influence Pine City policies and activities. Volunteering provides an opportunity for citizen participation in government, and helps citizens learn and increase their knowledge and skills by working with a variety of people on issues who might not otherwise be a part of their private lives.

To be considered for an appointment, volunteers should have an honest interest in the subject matter and want to have a positive impact in their community. Volunteers should also be willing to meet regularly (usually monthly) with the committee. Residency within the city limits is usually preferred, and may be required.

- There is one opening on the Planning Commission, which guides the preparation and maintenance of the city's Comprehensive Plan, conducts hearings and

makes recommendations to the city council on proposed changes affecting land uses within the city, and considers site plan reviews and conditional use permits.

- There are two openings on the Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA), an entity established by the city to help facilitate housing needs in the community.

- There is one opening in the Parks & Recreation Committee, which is responsible for making recommendations for improvements and capital expenditures for City

parks and recreation programs.

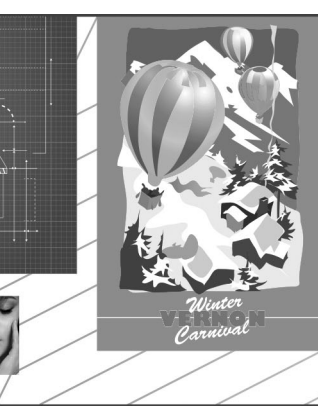
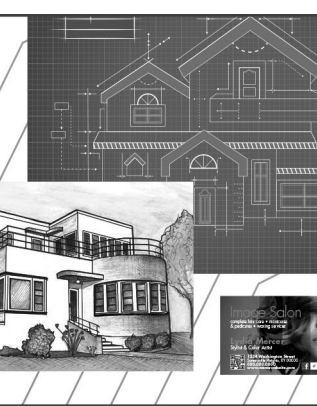
- There are five openings on the Public Works Committee, which is responsible for identifying, reviewing and monitoring issues which may affect the general maintenance and operations of the city's water, sewer and roads.

- There are three openings on the Liquor Committee, which provides supervision and guidance on municipal liquor operations and makes recommendations concerning marketing, sales, staffing, inventory,

purchasing, and facilities.

- There are six openings on the Ordinance Review Committee, which reviews approved ordinances, drafts ordinance revisions and presents their recommendations for city council approval.

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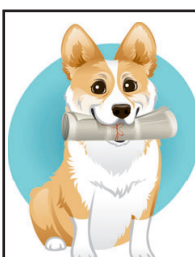


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Pine Soil & Water Conservation District Board Supervisor Vacancy

Letters of Interest are currently being accepted by the Pine Soil and Water Conservation District (Pine SWCD) for an appointment to the Pine SWCD Board of Supervisors. A vacancy on the Board currently exists in Pine SWCD Supervisor District Two, which includes townships of Pokegama, Brook Park, Mission Creek, Munch and Crosby, along with the cities of Henriette, Brook Park and Beroun. Interested applicants must live within these areas.

A supervisor should have a strong interest in conservation of Pine County's natural resources. A candidate should be willing to encourage conservation through the promotion of best management practices of agriculture, protection and restoration of lakeshores and streambanks, forest stewardship, education and outreach, and other conservation efforts.

Supervisors will attend monthly board meetings, as well as miscellaneous committee meetings regarding district business. Supervisors make decisions about budget, grants, staffing, and priorities of work load. Supervisors do receive a per diem for meetings as well as mileage expenses.

If interested, please write a letter of interest to the district. In the letter please tell us a little bit about yourself, why you are interested in the conservation of the county's resources, and why you think you would be a good fit to serve on the district's board.

Letters should be received in the office no later than Friday, May 14th, 2021.

The Board of Supervisors will review the letters, and the successful applicant will be appointed at a future board meeting of the Pine SWCD Board of Supervisors. This individual will serve as an appointed member of the board until January 2, 2023. If the individual wishes to stay on after that date, the appointee is able to apply for election to the position in the next election cycle in November 2022.

Letters of Interest should be sent to:

Pine SWCD, 1610 Highway 23 North,

Sandstone, MN 55072, attn: District Manager. They can also be emailed.



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