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## Enjoy fall colors before they are gone

The summer's drought is narrowing the window to view peak colors

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Red, orange and yellow leaves dance in the air as they twirl slowly towards the ground on a warm fall breeze. Colorful trees still edge the roads, lakes and other bodies of water in some areas during nature's segue between summer and winter. In many areas the trees have already shed their leaves, covering trails and roads in a crunchy carpet.

Those looking to take in the beauty should hurry but be aware: this fall is not as showy as recent years in parts of Minnesota.

"Carlton and Pine Counties are considered to be abnormally dry to moderate drought in 2021," said Dave Anderson, CBS 3 broadcast meteorologist in Duluth. He said the Minnesota Arrowhead area was hit the hardest by drought.

The leaves are less vibrant due to the lack of rain in some areas over the summer. The recent rain and wind blew the leaves off of many trees, but

there are still areas where the leaves still cling desperately to the branches, refusing to let go.

"I have noticed that West Central Minn. is already past peak color in towns like Jacobsen where the drought is severe to extreme," Anderson said. "Here in Duluth where we have moderate drought, I haven't seen much difference. It seems to be on a normal timeline".

He enjoys drives around his home country of Ely on the Vermillion Range as well as the North Shore area.

Last year at this time the upper half of Minnesota was past peak color, while this year it is between 75-100 percent and southern Minnesota is still at 25-50 percent peak colors, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website. It explains that weather is the main component in determining fall colors. A mild drought may increase the colorful display,

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State Highway 23 curves through rock and forest that is dressed in a variety of fall finery as of Monday, Oct. 4. A few trees still wear their bright colors, others are still green and still others shed their leaves earlier in preparation of the upcoming winter months. According to the DNR website, parts of Pine County is at fall color peak, while other areas have already peaked. The bottom half of Minnesota is still around 50 percent peak for fall colors, according to the website. Residents can find pockets of colors as they drive through the county.

## Single engine plane donated to historical museum

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Ray Johnson, 88, is still passionate about aviation 63 years after discovering the joys of flying. The Pine City native graduated high school in 1950 and joined the military for two years. When he came back to the area his brother introduced him to his newest interest, flying a plane.

"I flew with him and thought, this is great," Johnson said.

Johnson enrolled in an aircraft mechanics school and also got his pilot's licence. Shortly after he began his lifelong career as a corporate pilot for large corporations in the Twin Cities area.

A few years ago Johnson's sister told him about the Pine County Historical Museum in Askov. The siblings toured the building and Johnson was impressed, but noticed something was missing. He asked



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Ray Johnson stands next to the 1954 Beechcraft Bonanza he donated to the Pine County Historical Museum.

if they would be interested in adding a plane to their display. They said yes and Johnson looked until he found

the 1954 Beechcraft Bonanza and donated it to the museum. Johnson began his own plane collection in 1956.

"I always had at least one

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## Eagles do the hustle

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On October 1, 2021, East Central sponsored the 5th Annual Homecoming Hustle. This year's event brought out 75 racers to participate in either a two-mile trail or a one-mile track walk/run. The Homecoming Hustle is organized by the East Central National Honor Society and Wellness Committee, with all proceeds going towards the East Central Backpack Food Program.

This year's top racers were:

Two-mile: Male- Reace Youngberg; Female- Ciara Cekalla

One-mile: Male- Gabe

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# COLORS: Fall colors are fading quickly in parts of state

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but a severe drought has the opposite effect and the colors are more subdued. Instead of the bright colors many people admire, extremely dry summers bring out shades of bronze, auburn and tans. And of course wind and hard rains can change the scenery quickly.

"I've become a big fan of Highway 23 from Fond Du Lac near Duluth down to Sandstone for colors in the last couple of years," Anderson said.

## 1. Moose Lake State Park:

Moose Lake State Park has pretty scenery along the Tall Pines Trail. A boat or canoe is recommended to get even better views on Echo Lake.

## 2. Highway 23 to Duluth:

Meteorologist Dave Anderson said one of his favorite driving routes to view fall colors is along Highway 23 from Sandstone to Fond Du Lac near Duluth, traveling through Askov, Bruno, Kerrick and Duquette along the way.

## 3. Banning State Park:

Banning State Park is in full color as of October 2. Maples are showing with leaves of vibrant red and oranges.

## 4. St. Croix Scenic Byway:

The St Croix Scenic Byway's 34.9-mile White Pines District runs from the Chisago/Pine County line near Rush City on

the south to Banning State Park and Veterans Evergreen Memorial Scenic Drive on the north.

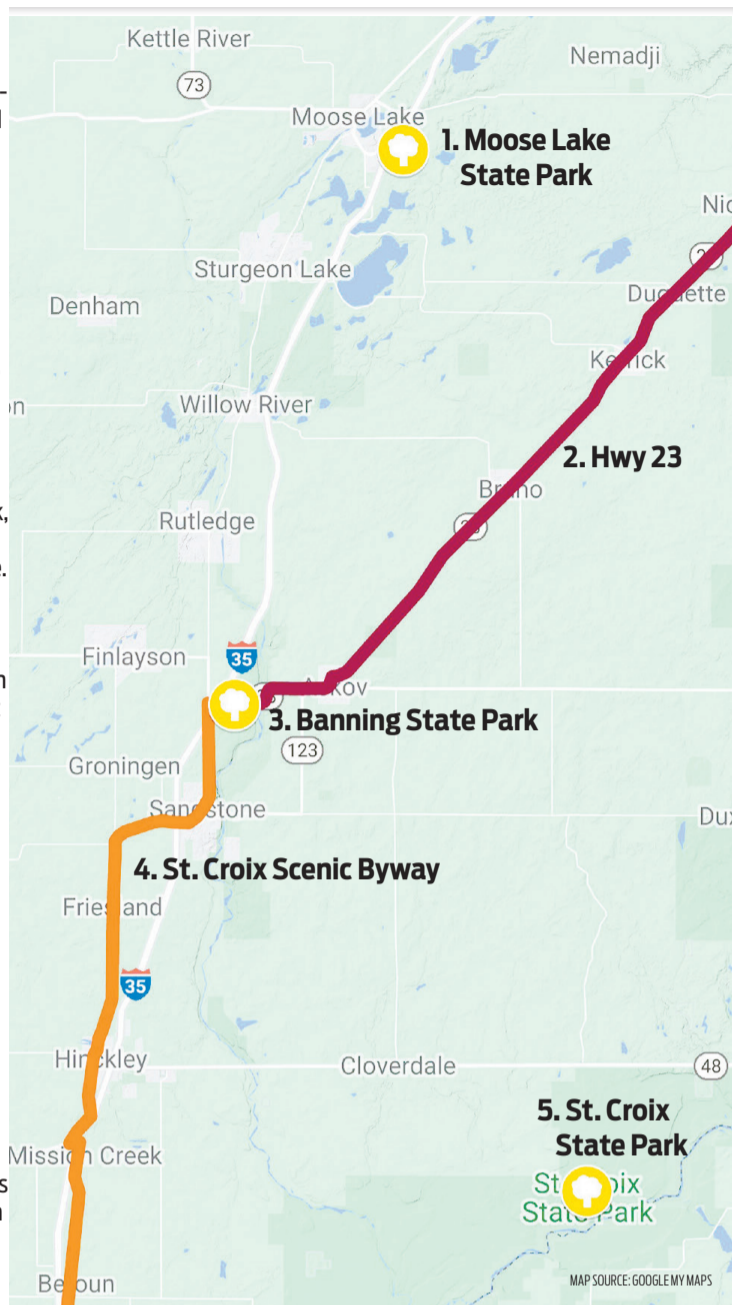
The majority of this Byway segment follows MN Hwy 361 (Old US Hwy 61), which becomes Pine Co 61 to the north of Pine City. Between Hwy I-35 at Sandstone and Banning State Park the Byway continues on Co Hwy 61, which becomes MN Hwy 23 (MN Hwy 123 through Sandstone), connecting again with MN Hwy 23 leading to the Byway's northern terminus.

From south to north this segment passes through or near the communities of Rock Creek, Pine City, Beroun, Mission Creek, Hinckley and Sandstone. At Hinckley the entrance to St. Croix State Park can be accessed by traveling east on MN Hwy 48. From Sandstone north the Byway runs along the west edge of Banning State Park, connecting with the Veterans Evergreen Memorial Scenic Drive and Banning State Park entrance on the north.

## 5. St. Croix State Park:

St. Croix State Park is at 50-75 percent peak as of Thursday, Sept. 30, according to the DNR website. It states that the leaves are falling off fairly quickly and already gone off of the smaller trees, but the entrance to the park is still lined with a few colorful trees. Throughout the park the leaves are turning yellow quickly, with few green trees left.

## GREAT PLACES TO VIEW FALL COLORS



# PLANE: Donation captures attention and brings new people to explore forgotten treasures at local museum

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airplane, sometimes more," Johnson said.

He spent 20 years rebuilding a 1943 Stearman bi-plane, which was one of his top favorites from his collection. He flew over parades and won awards with the plane off and on during the 40 years he owned the plane.

Johnson said he flew the 300 mile trip to his cabin in Ontario, Canada many

times over the years.

"You don't get into a car," Johnson said with a laugh. "You fly if you can." He said it takes him 40 minutes to fly from his home in Buffalo, Minn. to Askov as opposed to driving about two hours.

"Ray is one of the best pilots," said Wayne Flury, fellow aviation enthusiast and friend. He flew with Johnson to Askov to sign the final paperwork to donate the plane to the

historical society. He said the view from 3,000 feet above the ground on a clear, sunny day is beautiful, especially with the fall colors. He said the landscape changes from cities and towns to agricultural patches of land, sprinkled with bodies of water.

Toni Nieswaag, executive director of the museum said they are excited to have the small plane.

"We have wanted to get a plane for a long time,"

Nieswaag said. "People stop in when they see the plane to find out more about it." She added that they are making space to set up an aviation room inside the museum. They currently have a Wright Flyer waiting to be reassembled and set up in the new room. It is an exact replica of the Wright plane that made the first flight, Nieswaag said.

# RACE: Proceeds benefit school backpack program

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Thompson: Female- Lorelei Finley

The Backpack Food Program provides a supply of nutritious food to children in need during weekends and holidays when school lunch and breakfast are not available. Each food bag contains two breakfasts, two lunches, two snacks, one vegetable, and one fruit. All food is nonperishable and is provided to children free of charge. This program has also expanded to include a food pantry in both our high school and ALC. It is our hope these resources will support the health, behavior, and achievement of every student that participates.

## OUT & ABOUT -SANDSTONE ASKOV

OCTOBER 11, 2021

### Women's Christian Connection

The Women's Christian Connection will meet on Monday, October 11, 7 p.m., in Tobies' Restaurant Big Kettle Room in Hinckley. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

The theme of the evening is "Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice".

Special Feature will be the new Cloverdale Country Store and Bear Creek Candy Company, presented by owner Tracy Peterson. Music guest will be William Carlson of Sandstone with vocal selections. Guest Speaker will be Gina Stanley from Neenah, Wis. Her topic is "Are You Ready For An Adventure?"

Reservations may be made by calling Maxine at 384-6413. Please DO NOT call Tobies. Although reservations are preferred, walk-ins are welcome.

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### Sandstone Flower and Garden Club

The monthly meeting of the Sandstone Flower and Garden Club will be held at Rich's Bar at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12. We will hold a plant exchange among those in attendance, so bring a couple of plants and a friend or two. All are welcome to attend.

## \*\* REMINDER \*\*

Second Half Property Taxes due by **October 15, 2021**

Must be postmarked by October 15, 2021 to avoid penalty (does not include properties classified as agricultural which are due November 15, 2021)

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Get ready for the fall holidays with these cute festive items!

## Horsing around can cause mysterious injuries to pets

**W**e are still getting rain as I write this, for about 14 hours, a slow soaker most of the time. I'm always glad to see the rain especially after this past summer.



**Finlayson News**  
Maxine Meyer

Ever since I got these two cross-draft horses, once or twice a summer one will greet me in the morning with a limp. There are many problems that horses come up with. And after I got these two years ago it didn't take long for me to under-

stand why performance teams bring an extra horse, you just never know when a horse will suddenly have a leg problem. But, back to my two. I look the ailing horse all over, and when it's Prince, he is capable of providing me with some real doosey's. But thankfully, not this time. So I next cleaned hooves. Sometimes a hoof trim is too much of a trim, or possibly something got into the hoof like a rock, stray metal or glass-but again, not this time.

Most often when I can't see anything wrong on a horse leg it's an abscess that is easily caused from just a kick or hard bump on something. I know the drill, and so does King. King watches over Prince to protect him and encourages him to walk, I medicate him so

he is comfortable, and together we all wait out the days until the pain has subsided and the abscess disappears. I see today King got Prince out to the field to graze the nice wet green grass with him. It's good to see them out again.

Earlier in the week Gary headed out to the barn to replace an electrical socket. It seems one of the horses rubbed the edge of the socket and almost ripped it off the wall. We thought it was far enough out of their reach, but those two keep us on our toes. Now Gary moved it further away. If you ever heard that having horses keeps you young, they are wrong. The reality is they keep you busy and broke. I still enjoy my horses though, and miss the ones who have

passed. Our current fall colors make for great pictures, and every year I go out to snap shots of the dogs in the fallen leaves, and the horses with the backdrop of color. I'm so glad I got the pictures of the horses we lost through the years. No master pieces, but I treasure the memories when I see them.

Janet Halonen stopped over a couple times this past week. She's been busy with her garden vegetables as many of us are and she has been baking a lot. In fact, she shared some of her great homemade breads with us. But we all got a good laugh when Gary asked about her pumpkins this year and she explained she tried new pumpkin seeds called Atlantic Giant Pumpkins. They turned out to get as high as her knee,

and she couldn't even move them. Janet has always had good luck with pumpkins in her garden, this year they were really awesome.

Well, it's that time of year to test out your furnace before you really are counting on it to work. And COVID-19 still is taking lives. Vaccines are easy to track down if you haven't gotten them yet and it's still a good idea to use a mask and sanitize often.

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## Quarry Lions share dessert recipes served during Oktoberfest in Sandstone



**Food N' Friends**  
Mary Ellen Dewey

**IF YOU** have a favorite recipe you would like to share, send it to Mary Ellen at [recipe@pinecountycourier.com](mailto:recipe@pinecountycourier.com). ENJOY!!

### GERMAN CHOCOLATE CARAMEL BARS

- 1 pkg. (18-1/4 oz.) German chocolate cake mix
- 1 c. quick-cooking oats
- 6 Tbsp. cold butter (no substitutes)
- 1 egg, beaten
- Filling:**
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. caramel ice cream topping
- 1 egg
- Topping:**
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans
- 1/4 c. packed brown sugar
- 1/4 c. quick-cooking oats
- 2 Tbsp. butter

In a bowl, combine cake mix and oats; cut in butter until crumbly. Set aside 1 cup. Stir the egg into remaining oat mixture (mixture will be crumbly). Press into a greased 9x13-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes or until almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Combine filling ingredients; spread over crust. For topping, combine pecans, brown sugar, oats, butter and reserved oats mixture until crumbly. Sprinkle over filling. Bake 15 minutes longer. Cool on a wire rack. Refrigerate until firm before cutting.

### GERMAN CHOCOLATE CHERRY DESSERT

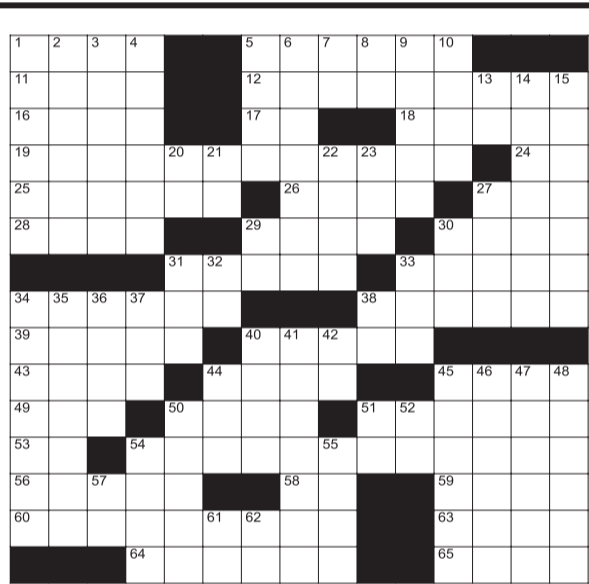
- 1 box dark chocolate cake mix
- 1 can Wilderness cherry pie filling
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- 2 eggs, room temperature, slightly beaten
- Second layer:**
- 1 pkg. 8 oz. cream cheese (softened)
- 1-1/2 c. powdered sugar
- 1 container (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- Topping:**
- Heavy cream, whipped
- Dark chocolate syrup
- Maraschino cherries

Mix cake mix, pie filling, extract, and eggs in a bowl, by hand. Spread in a greased and floured 9x13-inch pan. Bake 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool completely. With a mixer, combine cream cheese and powdered sugar. Stir in thawed whipped topping. Spread on the cooled cake and refrigerate. To serve cut into serving size pieces, place a plate and top with whipped cream, drizzle with dark chocolate syrup and top with a cherry, (preferably one with a stem, just for looks).

### APPLE PIE BARS

- 3 c. flour
- 1 c. lard
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp. vinegar
- 1 c. water
- 8-10 apples
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- Cornflakes, enough to spread in cake pan
- 1 c. powdered sugar (approximately)

Add salt to flour in a large bowl. Cut the lard into the flour (pieces about pea size). Break egg yolk into 1 cup measuring cup. Save egg white for later use. Whip egg with fork, just to blend. Add water to make one cup and then add vinegar. Gradually work liquid into flour and lard mix. Roll out about 2/3 of this for pie crust mix. In order to lift the crust to the pan, lift baking sheet and gently fold the crust across a rolling pin and then slide pan under the crust. If it breaks apart, don't re-roll, but patch the crust. Once in the pan, place a layer of cornflakes across the bottom (this absorbs the juice and keeps the crust "crusty"). Now layer the sliced apples over the corn flakes. Combine the sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the apples. Roll the remaining dough and place over the top of the apples. Seal edges to keep juice from cooking out. Beat remaining egg white with a fork until frothy and brush across the top of the bars. Bake at 350 degree for 60 minutes. Watch closely the last 10 minutes so the bars don't get too brown. After the bars are baked and still warm, drizzle over the top a thin icing made of powdered sugar and water. Use a pastry brush to cover the bars evenly



### CLUES ACROSS

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|---|---|
| 1. Leg shank                                | 38. Leaseholder                         |
| 5. A way to recognize                       | 39. Frogs, toads, tree toads            |
| 11. "VeggieTales" character                 | 40. Popular dance                       |
| 12. Getting out of by cunning               | 43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _          |
| 16. Mythological mountain                   | 44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.) |
| 17. Atomic #18                              | 45. Mark                                |
| 18. Viscous liquid                          | 49. Health insurance                    |
| 19. 2010 Denzel film                        | 50. Custom clothing brand               |
| 24. 12th star in a constellation            | 51. One who makes suits                 |
| 25. Made better                             | 53. Execute or perform                  |
| 26. Pouches                                 | 54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting |
| 27. Nervous twitch                          | 56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels        |
| 28. This (Spanish)                          | 58. Blood group                         |
| 29. Tennis legend Bjorn                     | 59. Imaginary line                      |
| 30. Hand (Spanish)                          | 60. Hopeless                            |
| 31. Afrikaans                               | 63. Darken                              |
| 33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.) | 64. Spoke                               |
| 34. Treated with kid gloves                 | 65. Work units                          |

### CLUES DOWN

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. A way to fit out                       | 32. Promotional material         |
| 2. Football carries                       | 33. Green vegetable              |
| 3. Force out                              | 34. National capital             |
| 4. Maintaining equilibrium                | 35. To any further extent        |
| 5. Sealed with a kiss                     | 36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node |
| 6. Type of container                      | 37. Anger                        |
| 7. Hollywood                              | 38. Pound                        |
| 8. We                                     | 40. Popular Yugo                 |
| 9. Small freshwater ducks                 | 41. Salt of acetic acid          |
| 10. Norse personification of old age      | 42. Millihenry                   |
| 13. Says who you are                      | 44. Israeli city __ Aviv         |
| 14. Candidate                             | 45. Make wider                   |
| 15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits | 46. Drink containing medicine    |
| 20. Defunct language (abbr.)              | 47. Acknowledging                |
| 21. Take too much                         | 48. Private, romantic rendezvous |
| 22. Iranian province                      | 50. Calvary sword                |
| 23. Records electric currents             | 51. Disease of the lungs         |
| 27. __ and feathers                       | 52. 2001 Spielberg film          |
| 29. Beloved Mr. T character               | 54. Fleshy, watery fruit         |
| 30. More (Spanish)                        | 55. In one's chambers            |
| 31. Beverage                              | 57. Set of information (abbr.)   |
|   | 61. Dorm employee                |
|   | 62. Indicates position           |

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## Never too old to learn

I'm getting old. I admit it...sometimes anyway.

But one thing I know, is that one is never too old to learn. I have lived in this community for my whole life. In the past couple years, I have learned things about this community that I never knew before.



'Pond'er-ings  
Jennifer  
Yocum-Stans

When I was a kid, we didn't learn about the Hinckley Fire, or the Sandstone Quarry. I spent quite a bit of time down in Robinson Park in my teenage years, but never took the time to learn about why it looked the way it did.

This past week, I had the honor of meeting with a few ladies at the Sandstone History Center, as well as Richard VanDerWerf. Wow, are they knowledgeable.

I highly recommend going to the History Center to check out the displays and books they have, not just on the Quarry but all of Sandstone and the surrounding area.

What an amazing history our towns have and we are blessed that we have places like the Pine County History Museum, the Hinckley Fire Museum and the Sandstone History Center to help us learn about what made our area what it is today.

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## Still bringing communities together!



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Feeling Honored

**To the Editor:**

My hometown community of Hinckley, Minnesota (Class of '44) is near and dear to me so being selected as Grand Marshal for this year's Corn and Clover Carnival Parade

was a high honor.

Being a World War II veteran, this year's parade theme, "Salute to the Military" had special meaning.

Huge thank you's are in order for the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce, the Hinckley VFW Post

#4118 and all those who played a part in selecting me as Parade Grand Marshal!

Even though I now live in North Branch, Minnesota, my roots are firmly embedded in the culture and fabric of my hometown. And like many, I

have often returned for the Carnival and its wonderful parade but never one as special as this year! Thank you Hinckley for this tribute.

Sincerely,  
**Michas Ohnstad**  
North Branch, Minn.

## Squash vine borer - don't quit yet!

**KARI HOLMBERG**  
U OF M EXTENSION PINE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

I was waiting this summer for the arrival of the dreaded Japanese Beetle, and I got a few. But the grasshoppers, cucumber beetles, stink bugs, squash bugs, even the super destructive Squash Vine Borer, were a much bigger challenge. Squash Vine Borer damages many winter squash, summer squash and pumpkins.

There is a lot of good information on this pest published by University of Minnesota and all the states surrounding us, through University Extension sites. Try searching "squash vine borer.edu", and you will get lots of good winter reading! This site from Michigan gives a good run down of the insects' life cycle and pictures of the eggs and where to look for them on the plant: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../squash\\_vine\\_borer\\_biology...](https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../squash_vine_borer_biology...)

But before you put your tools away, there is still one thing we can do now (which the above site does not mention). Tilling, or at least turning the soil over, in the areas where you had vine damage. This is because the adult female moths lay eggs in mid-June to late July. "Eggs hatch in about 10 days and larvae bore into vines within hours. Larvae feed for 25-27 days and then leave plants to pupate 1-6 inches under the soil. Moths

emerge from these pupae the next summer."

When you turn the soil, even just a few inches, you have a chance of exposing the pupae to birds and weather. Insecticides are not a good option for home gardeners - there aren't many choices, and most of the insects' life cycle is spent inside the vine, where it is protected. So, a better choice is IPM, Integrated Pest Management, which starts with knowledge before action. Start with

identification so you know what to look for. Then use physical controls like floating row covers, cultural controls like scouting and squishing, vine surgery, tilling, and the forever important crop rotation. If the problem is still ruining your crop, consider taking a year off from susceptible species to let the insects die off, or grow less susceptible species like "Cucurbita moschata, such as butternut squash".

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## BRUNO/KERRICK NEWS

Saturday morning Derrell and Jean Jensen enjoyed breakfast at Dave's with Terrah Jensen and Roger Robertson to celebrate their birthdays. Saturday afternoon Derrell and Jean traveled to River Falls, Wis. for their friend's wedding. Sympathy is extended



**Bruno/  
Kerrick  
News**  
Sylvia  
Schweiger

to the family and friends of Alice Keuhn. Alice, 92, lived all of her life in the Bruno and Willow River area. She passed away on September, 25 at the Sandstone Healthcare Center. A Celebration of Life will be held for Alice on Saturday, October 16 from noon to 3 p.m. at her home in Willow River. Arrangements are thru Methven Funeral Home Sandstone.

If you have any news that you would like to share, please feel free to contact me at: storebol@frontier.com or call me at 320-838-3554.

## WILLOW RIVER NEWS

I am going to miss working with Diane and Kevin at the city of Willow River. Diane was a terrific clerk and a great co-worker. She certainly got baptized in fire when she first started. There was a giant back log of work that hadn't been done when the previous clerk quit. Then we had the computer

crash because of ransomware and had to put everything together by going through paper records. She had to deal with a flood just a short while after she started. In all that time she did her job with a good attitude and was always trustworthy and steadfast. I am really sad about her leaving the city, but I am happy for her that she gets to do things that she wants to do that make her happy. I will definitely miss council member Kevin at the city as well. He has a very good heart and wants the best for the residents. He is not afraid to just jump in and do what needs to be done. He has helped a lot with fire department events, and other city functions. He really cares about this community and he will be missed on the council. At least he will still be at city events and volunteering for things, so I can give him a hard time. Thanks Diane and Kevin for making Willow River a better place to live (and work).

Clare Taft sent me some lovely news, several members of the Willow River graduating class of 1951

and their guests gathered at Gamper's on August 28 to celebrate their 70th class reunion. They enjoyed good food, pictures from days gone by, and lots of visiting. There are fifteen graduates still living from a class of thirty-four, and they're hoping for more reunions. There is nothing like good friendships to brighten life.

At the school: Fall conferences will be October 26 - 28 from 3 to 6 p.m., November 8 is no school, Monthly PTO meeting November 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. meeting virtually please email pto@isd577.org for more information, the end of the 1st quarter is November 12.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: For church info you may go to the new website for our three individual parishes "moose-lakecatholiccommunity.com". Thursday Mass will be at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 - 5 p.m. every Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 5 p.m. The Knights of Columbus pray the Rosary at St. Isidore's Church every fourth Sunday of each month before Mass. If you are interested in going to confession during the week, you may let Fr. Francis know and he will be happy to hear your confession after daily Mass or by appointment. He will be doing Confessions on First Fridays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. at Holy Angels. Thursday, October 14 will be the next Catholic Charities food distribution at St. Mary's Church. This event will be held outside of St. Mary's Church from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

## Memory issues can be hereditary

**Dear Tante Ingeborg,**

My neighbor Siggy is getting so forgetful! This morning I went out to put a card in my mailbox for the postman to pick up and Sig was standing next to his with two letters in his hand. He said he couldn't remember whether he was picking them up or dropping them off. I told him to check to see if the stamps were canceled, then he'd know if he was picking them up. Do you think a person loses his memory quickly? Like maybe it



**Ask  
Tante**

gets sucked out of you like dust bunnies get sucked up by a Dyson? Siggy could be out getting the groceries and forget how to get home.

Is forgetfulness something that happens to everyone? Let me know because maybe I should start wearing a tracking device so my kids can find me if I forget to check in with them.

**Signed, Sam on Sjudahl**

**Dear Sam,**

My mother lived to be 101 and her mind was as sharp as a tack. She remembered every one of my shortcomings beginning with my refusal to stop sucking my thumb until I was three. She remembered grudges she held against people who passed away

during prohibition. She remembered every one of my father's faults and all of the times I got checks on my report cards for tardiness.

Forgetfulness has a lot to do with genetics. So if Siggy's parents were short on remembering he and his siblings might be also.

If you want to stay sharp you need to get lots of exercise because neurologists say it makes a huge difference. Do things that stimulate your brain. Take extra omega 3 vitamins and when you go to the mailbox, sprint. Then try to remember that Tante Ingeborg cares...but not so much.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

## Couple drown in Pine Lake while fishing

100 YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 4, 1921

- The Great Northern Railroad Co. had a crew of men in Askov Saturday and Monday widening the crossing at the local depot from 16 feet to 32 feet.

- Maynard Larson, 15, of Sandstone was overcome by gas while playing in an empty gasoline tank car in the Sandstone railway yards when the lad was missed. The tank car was traced to Omaha where his body was found. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson.

75 YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 4, 1946

- The Minnesota State Geologist Society enjoyed a successful field trip on the rock formation near Denham on Sunday

- John Carl Zebrasky of Bruno, born July 28, 1890, dies of a

heart attack near his home last week. He is survived by his wife, Martha, and two children John Donald and daughter Bernice.

- Couple drown in Pine Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Reinhert Jahn of St. Paul drowned when their boat capsized while fishing.

50 YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 7, 1971

- With the coming of fall with raking leaves and gathering other material, a burning permit will be necessary.

- Motorcycle fatalities are on the increase. They are already greater than the entire year of 1970.

- The Home Economics class of Askov High School visited the Betty Crocker Kitchens in Minneapolis.

- Nels Lundroff and sons, Jim and Rob, caught a 19 lb 41 inch Northern on Grindstone Lake September 29.

25 YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 3, 1996

- Congratulations to Wendell and Wendy Robinson who got married recently.

- Mercy Hospital is participating in the American Cancer Society low-cost mammograms program for eligible women.

- Congratulations to Marty and Orville Youngberg who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

- The Taste of Sandstone ethnic food fest is Saturday in Sandstone. Other things to enjoy are plane rides, garden market and history exhibits.

- Leah Erick and Matt Nye were crowned the 1996 Homecoming King and Queen at East Central High School.

## EAST CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

## Thursday, October 7

**Blue line:** Chili, bread stick, corn, apple sauce, and milk

**Silver line:** chicken/rice hotdish, bread stick, corn, applesauce, and milk

## Friday, October 8

**Blue line:** Chicken Nuggets (6), fries, carrots, and milk

**Silver line:** Pizza, bread stick, applesauce, and milk

## Monday, October 11

**Blue line:** BBQ chicken sandwich, fries, corn, and milk

**Silver line:** Turkey sub, chips, pineapple, and milk

## Tuesday, October 12

**Blue line:** Burrito, chips and cheese, mixed veggies, and milk

**Silver line:** Taco/shell, beans, Mandarin oranges and milk

## Wednesday, October 13

**Blue line:** Pizza hotdish, bread stick, green beans, fruit cup, and milk

**Silver line:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, bread stick, tropical fruit, and milk

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**ATTENTION**  
**Willow River Residents:**  
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If you have any questions, contact the city office, (218) 372-3733, during normal business hours.

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# EC football team faced Deer River for Homecoming

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Deer River, with a QRF ranking of tenth, out of the 61 teams in Minnesota State Class 1A, traveled to East Central for Eagles' Homecoming football contest. The Deer River Warriors are number one in the Northeast Silver District standing. Their defensive line held the EC Eagles scoreless, winning 49-0. Only two teams have scored on Deer River this year.

Running with the Football Homecoming Event started at Mahtowa this year. The first group of cross country runners, traveling on the Munger Trail included, Sophia Watrin, Wyatt Clark, Bryce McClain, Curtis McClain, and Teddy Shervheim. The second group met at the Moose Lake Hockey Arena. Jemi Keranen, Lily Ludwig, Arabella Presley, Cloe Eberhardt, and Ramsey Keranen ran on the Munger Trail from Moose Lake to Rutledge. Raina Zaudtke, Sophia Gutknecht, Becca Wiener, Avila Burch, Mazie Gebhart, and Tiffani Klocke were in the third group. They started at the Rutledge Community Cen-

ter, running on County Road 61 to bring the football to the Bruce Harding Field to start the game. The drivers were Angie Presley, Heidi Keranen and Jodi Gutknecht. This event is an annual tradition.

For the Eagles' football team, Crosby Keranen led the squad with ten tackles. Seth Monson was named "Player of the Game" for his efforts. Monson had 4.5 tackles and a quarterback sack.

Eagle's Coach Terry Fawcett said, "The kids got a good look at what the standard for excellence is in our league. Deer River is the best." He also shared some goals for Eagle football, "It didn't happen overnight for them. We have to be as committed to excellence in the classroom, in the weight room, and on the field to get to where they are at."

The Eagles will be traveling up to Chisholm on Friday, October 8, to play the 3-2 Blue Jackets at 7 p.m. The remainder of their regular season schedule has them playing Braham at Braham on Friday, October 8. They host North Woods on Tuesday, October 19, in an early 5 p.m. contest.



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Top photo: East Central's quarterback, Kyle McDonald, on keeper avoids the Deer River defender in the 2021 Homecoming game last Friday.

Bottom photo: Junior Crosby Keranen (No. 23) gains yards with the help of Nic DePaulis (No. 76) and crew. Keranen also was a leader for the Eagles with ten tackles.

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# EC plays tough volleyball contests for homecoming

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The East Central Eagles' volleyball team played back to back games, Monday and Tuesday, against two of the strongest teams in the conference. On Monday, September 27th, they hosted the Braham Bombers (1A). Coach Marki Hansen said "they put up a good fight but came out on the bottom (0-3) with scores of 14-25, 16-25, and 20-25."

Gracie Hartl led the team with 4 ace serves; Anna Hansen 2, Mallory Hartl, Julia Fornengo, and Aly Huntington had 1 each.

Hartl had 9 assists; Huntington, Izzy Olson, Brenna Miller each added 1.

Miller and Huntington finished with 11 digs; Hartl and Carly Watrin with 8; and Mallory Hartl with 6.

On Tuesday, September 28, the Eagles traveled to Rush City (8-2). Rush City is a Class 2AA school. Their team is 5-0 in the Great River Conference. EC went 0-3 (9-25, 11-25, and 9-25).

Mallory Hartl and Lidia Fornengo each had 1 ace serve.

Olson led the team with 3 kills; Gracie Hartl had 2.

Gracie Hartl had 2 assists; Huntington and Lidia Fornengo each had 1.

Mallory and Gracie Hartl finished with 7 digs; Olson with 5; Lidia Fornengo and Huntington 4.

On Tuesday, October 12, Hinckley-Finlayson will play the Eagles at East Central 5:45/7:00 p.m.



Aly Huntington and Lori Grundmeier go up for the hit in the Eagles game against the Braham Bombers. The Eagles played well, but were defeated by the Bombers.

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## Cross Country team runs ball in Homecoming tradition

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## Louzek has 199 career victories: MLWR ranked number one in the state

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The Moose Lake Willow River Rebels' football team handed the Mesabi East Giants their first loss of the season in a one-sided contest, 64-0 on their new, impressive artificial turf stadium on homecoming night. The home-side stands were filled with alumni that were introduced before the clock started. There were three food trucks and a kettle corn stand greeting the spectators as they approached the field.

After the varsity and junior varsity games were canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions and quarantined athletes, the Rebels were ready to run, and run they did, for 407 rushing yards to the Giants three yards. Sophomore quarterbacks, Adam Neumann and Luke Dewey, threw for only 56 yards, because the run game was working. The Rebel defense allowed the Giants only 29 total yards and accumulated their twelfth consecutive quarter of shutout football. No team has scored on the Rebels since their first win against Hermantown (AAAA school).

Eight of their nine touchdowns were credited to this year's senior squad. Senior Logan Orvedahl led all Rebels offensively with 242 yards and three touchdowns. Seniors Henry Ribich, Landin Kurhajetz, Ethan Burton, Duane Broughton took it into the end zone for the score. Sophomore Kaden Robbins started the game off with a reception from Neumann for six. Kurhajetz returned a punt for his second touchdown.

On the defensive side, Dewey and Robbins were at the top with tackles and assists, followed by 14 other hard-working defensive players.

The Rebels still had nine players out due to quarantine, but they all are back to full strength this week. "The team really stepped up," said Coach Louzek, after the game. "I'm real proud of them. It was good for the players to get more reps than they would have gotten, if the other players had been there."

The MLWR football team is ranked the top Class 2AA football team in the state of Minnesota as of September 27th with a QRF of 63.3. Teams are ranked according to their Quick Reaction Force (QRF) which is a way of giving the team proper credit for games and how the team has played already. It is not a predictor of what will happen. QRF calculates a predetermined value of the number of opponent's wins and number of games played. Eden Valley Watkins is second with QRF of 60.8 and Minneapolis North (56.9) is third.

The Rebels (4-0) will be coming back home to Frank Magdziarz Field in Willow River on Friday, October 8 to take on the Braham Bombers (0-5). Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m. The MLWR homecoming game will be on Thursday, October 14, against the Hinckley-Finlayson Jaguars.

The win on Friday night against the Giants marked Coach Louzek's 199th career win. Don't miss a chance at witnessing history, when the Rebels go into battle this week in an attempt to grab number 200.

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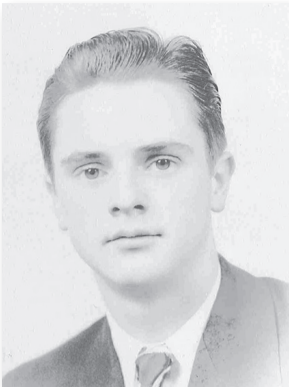
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## OBITUARIES

### Donald T. Naylor

Donald (Kelly) T. Naylor, of Sturgeon Lake, Minn. passed away on January 19, 2021, in Yuma Ariz. with daughter Molly at his side. He was 90 years young.



Don was born and raised in Willow River, Minn. he was a graduate of Willow River High in 1949, and he was a member of several school sports teams. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was employed by Wonder Bread, Smith Welding and Unisys.

Don was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Barbara Lois Sorving Naylor, his parents Joseph and Anna Naylor, and his siblings; Clyde, Irene, Ross, Evelyn, Walter, Esther, Grace, Joe and Rosemund.

He is survived by his daughters Nancy Naylor, Molly Naylor Olson and her husband Larry Olson, grandson Jason Knight, great-grandchildren Damian Knight and Jenna Sullivan, and many nieces and nephews.

### June D. Huber

June 7, 1933 - September 27, 2021

June Delores Huber (Hautala), age 88, formerly of Duluth, Minn. passed away at Sandstone Health Care Center on September 27, 2021.



June was born in Finlayson, Minn. on June 7, 1933, to Edward and Selma (Wiljakkala) Hautala, she was affectionately known as "June Bug" throughout her life. June graduated from Finlayson High School. During June's move to the cities, she met and married her husband, William Huber. She worked most of her life as a nursing assistant

between Northern Pacific Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., Mt. Sini Hospital and Abbott Northwestern in Minneapolis, Minn. June loved her job, helping and caring for people. In 1998 she retired from Abbott Northwestern Oncology Department. She loved music and would go to many musicals and concerts in the Twin Cities and Duluth.

June is preceded in death by her husband, William Huber of St. Paul, Minn. and her parents, Edward and Selma Hautala.

June is survived by her children, Laurie (Kevin) Henkel of Finlayson, Minn., Carla Hall of Mankato, Minn., and Ben Wilson of Duluth, Minn.

The family would like to thank Sandstone Health Care Center and St. Croix Hospice staff for their excellent care of June.

A memorial service is being planned for June at a later date.

Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Sandstone, MN. [www.methvenfuneral-home.com](http://www.methvenfuneral-home.com)

### Robert F. Nolan

March 13, 1954 - September 24, 2021

Robert "Bob" Frank Nolan passed away at the age of 67 with his loving wife of 43 years by his side on September 24, 2021, as their nine children watched in a separate room via live stream, due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Robert was born to Norbert and Emma Nolan(Jensen) on March 13, 1954 in Rush City, Minn. along with his twin sister, Carolyn. On June 24, 1978 he married Dorothy Frehse in McGrath, Minn. They resided in various areas in central Minnesota until they settled in McGrath, Minn. where they raised their nine children.

Robert grew up in Sandstone, Minn. and graduated from "The Rock" in Sandstone. Throughout his life he worked in various fields of manufacturing, roofing, and as a sawyer which he was most passionate about.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, visiting with friends and reminiscing about their younger years. Most of all, he loved spending time with his kids and grandchildren.

He fought COPD for many years. The family will be forever grateful for the young person's donation of a lung as they were able to have him on this earth for six more years.

Robert is preceded in death by his father Norbert, mother Emma, daughter Janet and brothers Francis and John.

He will forever be loved and deeply missed by his wife, Dorothy, their children Travis Nolan, Joshua Nolan, Tasha (Matt) Abrahamson, Derek Nolan, Garet (Becky) Nolan, Cody Nolan, Emily Nolan, Molly (Josh) Pritchard, Trever Nolan, grandchildren Aiden, Alaya, Bridget, Adam, Gavin, Ethan, Hayden, Macy, Marvel, Opal and Brooklyn, his twin sister Carol (Dan) Born and oldest sister Judy(Arne) Hoverstad and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Services will be held at Methven Funeral Home in Sandstone, Minn. on Thursday October 7 at 1 p.m., visitation will be one prior to the service. There will be a gathering/luncheon following the service, details will be provided at that time.

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### Alice M. Keuhn

March 25, 1929 - September 25, 2021

Alice Mae Keuhn, age 92, of Willow River, Minn., passed away on September 25, 2021 at the Sandstone Health Care Center.

Alice was born in Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota to Forest and LaVina Gray. She lived all her life in the Bruno, Willow River area.

She was a cook and clerk at various restaurants and stores in the area. She enjoyed gardening and knitting. One of her favorite things to make was cloth balls. She always had time for her neighbors. Alice was the happiest when her kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren would come and visit.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Forest and LaVina Gray, her ex-husband Chester Keuhn, her daughter Sharon, her son Gary, her long time companion Norm Blumke and several brothers and sisters.

Alice is survived by her daughters; Judy (Paul) Kowitz of Sturgeon Lake, Minn., Janice (Mel) Gafaney of Stacy, Minn., son, Rick (Nancy) Keuhn of Ham Lake, Minn., brother, Lyle (Sandi) Gray of Bruno, Minn., many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 12 - 3 p.m. at Alice Keuhn's house, 8104 Willow St, Willow River, Minn..

Arrangement by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services, Sandstone, Minn., [www.methvenfuneral-home.com](http://www.methvenfuneral-home.com)

### Robert D. Ketchmark

October 15, 1940 - October 1, 2021

Robert D. "Bob" Ketchmark, 80, of Willow River, Minn. passed away Friday, Oct. 1, 2021.

He was born in Sturgeon Lake to Anna and Tony Ketchmark on October 15, 1940.



Bob graduated from Willow River High School and was a proud member of the United States Army serving in Germany and owned the Corral Bar in Willow River for nearly 39 years. Bob married Mary Lou Johnson on January 26, 1963. Together they raised four children. Bob loved to socialize and make

people laugh. Owning the bar was the perfect outlet for that. He will be remembered for his quick wit and one liners. He loved his family especially being a Grandpa and great Grandpa. He loved to golf, hunt, play cards and watch westerns on television. He was a dedicated Twins and Vikings fan and loved to follow the local Rebels football team. Bob was passionate about his military service and proudly served in American Legion Post 361 where he was Commander in the past.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Anna and Tony; wife of 43 years Mary Lou, sister: Fran Abrahamson; two brothers: Raymond and Dale.

Bob is survived by his daughter: Deonne (Allen) Lingle of Circle Pines; three sons: Scott of Glendale, Arizona; Bryan (Julie) of Sturgeon Lake; Chris of Willow River; granddaughters: Sara, Jenna, Stefanie, Alexandra, Kallysta and Adrienne; grandsons: Jacob, Adam, Tristan and Anthony; eight great grandchildren; three sisters: Irene Berger of Moose Lake; Barb Larson of Willow River; and Pat (Ron) Prachar of Willow River; two brothers: Frank of Wahkon and Eugene (Pat) of Garrison; numerous nieces, nephews and scores of friends and extended family. Bob will also be lovingly remembered by his special friend, Sharon Zimmer of Askov who made his last two plus years of life very happy and memorable.

A very special thanks to all who cared for and treated Bob, those offering comfort, sharing a joke and stories.

Per Bob's wishes there will be no public services. Private burial with military honors to be conducted in the future. The family would like to invite friends and family to a special celebration of Bob's life at the Corral Bar, Willow River on Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 1-4 p.m.

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

### Ann Marie Olson

March 16, 1951 - September 23, 2021

Ann Marie Olson, age 70, of Askov, Minn., passed away on September 23, 2021, from complications with her long battle of diabetes. Ann was a very loving mother of two loving sons, Tony and Jacob. Ann was also a loving wife, married for 43 years, to her very loving partner, Bruce. Ann has resided in the Askov community for a number of years, she worked 14 years at Grand Casino Hinckley in the security department. She then retired, and enjoyed cooking, knitting, reading and her two wonderful grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Homer and Donna Lucken, as well as her sister Jean.

Ann is survived by her husband Bruce, of Askov, sons Tony Olson of Minn. and Jacob (Tammy) Godfrey of Md., grandchildren Isabella and Brayden Olson and "Little Jake" Godfrey, sister Mary (Larry) Pleasant of Katy, Texas, and niece Karen Pleasant of Katy, Texas.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 30, 2021, at Methven Funeral Home, Sandstone, Minn., with visitation 1 hour prior. Burial at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, St. Paul, Minn. Arrangements by Methven Funeral Home, Sandstone, Minn. [www.methvenfuneralhome.com](http://www.methvenfuneralhome.com)

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# Sheriff asks for public's help in search for Ashley

BY MIKE GAINOR  
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The search continues for Ashley L. Miller (Carlson), who has been missing since Friday, Sept. 24.

Pine County Sheriff Jeff Nelson said the status of the search is that it is ongoing as information comes in.

"We have searched areas by foot as well as using our drone when possible leads are identified," Nelson said. "We have worked to identify possible 'sightings' as they have been called in. Burnett County in Wisconsin is also doing the same in their

jurisdiction." Nelson said the Pine County Sheriff's Office is actively working with Burnett County and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to follow up on any information as they receive it.

"Right now, the best thing the public can do is continue to call in any information they might have or any sightings that we can follow up on," Nelson said. "Somebody knows where she is and what she is doing and we need people to contact us with anything they might think is relevant."

**Reported missing**  
On Sept. 27, the sheriff and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension issued a statewide missing person alert for Ashley Carlson, age 33. Her last known location was east of Hinckley on Friday, Sept. 24.

According to the sheriff's office, it is unknown what Carlson was last wearing or her direction and means of travel. She does not have her personal belongings with her.

Carlson is approximately five feet nine inches tall and weighs about 217 pounds. She has brown/auburn hair and her eye color is hazel.

**'We need help from the public'**  
Anyone with information is asked to contact the Pine County Sheriff's Office at 320-629-8438, contact Crime Stoppers through the sheriff's office website (www.co.pine.mn.us/departments/sheriff/index.php), or to reach out to Investigator Mikal Anton from the Burnett County Sheriff's Office at 715-497-5648.

"We need help from the public to help bring Ashley home," Nelson said. "We will continue to track down all information that comes in."



Ashley L. Miller

## SHERIFF'S REPORT AND JAIL ROSTER

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**  
**Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021**  
12:00 a.m. Disturbance, Well St., Hinckley  
10:14 p.m. Fight, Lady Luck Dr, Hinckley  
10:18 p.m. Vehicle Theft, Fire Monument Rd, Hinckley

**Monday, Sept. 27, 2021**  
3:59 p.m. Found Drug, N State Hwy 123, Askov  
4:36 p.m. Theft, Lady Luck Dr, Hinckley

**Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021**  
9:05 a.m. Property Lost/ Found, Main St E, Hinckley  
1:01 p.m. Hit and Run Property, Morris Ave S, Hinckley  
3:15 p.m. Hit and Run Property, Main St E, Hinckley

**Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021**  
4:52 p.m. Damage To Property, Partridge Dr, Askov  
5:43 p.m. Disturbance, Groningen Rd, Sandstone  
6:08 p.m. Unknown Trouble, Division St, Sandstone

**Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021**  
2:10 a.m. Drug Incident, Quarry Pl, Sandstone  
8:56 p.m. Overdose, Sikkink Rd, Hinckley  
9:50 p.m. Fight, Ashley St, Sandstone

**Friday Oct. 1, 2021**  
7:35 a.m. Theft, Carriage Hill Dr W, Hinckley  
8:32 a.m. Shoplifting, 1st St SE, Hinckley  
2:12 p.m. Theft, 1st St NE, Hinckley  
3:38 p.m. Disturbance, School St N, Finlayson  
3:58 p.m. Vehicle Recovered, Tamarack Forest, Sandstone

**Saturday Oct. 2, 2021**  
11:20 a.m. Threats, Dahlstein Rd, Finlayson  
1:28 p.m. Found Drug, Hinckley Rd, Hinckley

**JAIL ROSTER**  
**September 27**  
**BROWN, MATTHEW MICHAEL**  
Probable Cause - Receiving Stolen Property - Theft-Take/ Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent- Obstruct Legal Process-Lawful Execution Legal Process - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Machine Guns and Short-Barreled Shotguns-Acts Prohibited- Own/Possess/Operate

**GUSTAVSON, DANIEL JOHN**  
Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

**LARSON, JOHNATHAN**  
Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Probation Violation - Arrest of Adult

**LOGAN, PATRICIA LYNN**  
Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

**KULENKAMP, KRISTLE DAWN**  
Probable Cause - Theft-Take/ Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Machine Guns and Short-Barreled Shotguns-Acts Prohibited-Own/Possess/ Operate - Obstruct Legal Process-Lawful Execution Legal Process - Receiving Stolen Property

**REED, BURT LYLE**  
Hold For Other Agency: Arrest - Gross Misdemeanor warrant - Theft-Take/Use/ Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

**SOENS, KENNETH JAMES**  
Pine County Warrant Convicted - Domestic - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult

**THIRY, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT**  
Probable Cause - Traffic - DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; 1 Aggravating Factor

**September 28**  
**BOONE, JAVON EARL**  
Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Misdemeanor warrant - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

**CRIST, SCOTT GORDON**  
Hold For Other Agency: Bench Felony warrant issued

**FEIGUM, DERICK JAMES**  
Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation - GM warrant issued by Pine, MN - Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation

**MERCHANT, MITCHELL**  
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol - Arrest of Adult - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Arrest of Adult - Traffic - DWI - Second-Degree Driving

While Impaired; 2 or more Aggravating Factors - Arrest of Adult - Drivers' Licenses - Driving

**September 29**  
**CARLSON, JONATHAN DAVID**  
Pre-Trial Supervision Violation - Traffic - DWI - Second-Degree Driving While Impaired; 2 or more Aggravating Factors

**HALLSTROM, RODNEY PAUL**  
Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear warrant issued by Pine, MN - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

**WHITE, DERRICK WAYNE**  
Pine County Warrant: Bench Felony warrant issued by Pine, MN - Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin

**KORVELA, KARLIN EDWARD**  
Hold For Other Agency: Failure to Appear warrant issued

**ST JOHN, SHANISE RAE**  
Pine County Warrant: Bench - Misdemeanor warrant issued - Trespass-Premises of Another-Refuse to Depart

**September 30**  
**ANDERSON, THOMAS DAVID**  
Probable Cause - Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor

**KRITHERS, CASIMER**  
Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Public Safety Motor Vehicle; - Predatory Offender - Knowingly commits act or

**TUURA, TIMOTHY STEVEN**  
Pine County Warrant: Bench - Gross Misdemeanor warrant - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance -

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

**October 1**  
**BENJAMIN, BRANDON**  
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted- Domestic Assault-Felony - Arrest of Adult - Domestic Assault - By Strangulation - Arrest of Adult - Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Foreseeable Risk Bodily Harm - Arrest of Adult - Domestic Assault - By Strangulation - Arrest of Adult - Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor - Arrest of Adult

**BENTLER, TYLER JOSEPH**  
Under Sentence Convicted - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

**DEYOUNG, AMANDA CHRISTINE**  
Probable Cause - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation

**LONGEN, ROBERT PHILLIP**  
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Predatory Offender - Knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle

**PANTLIN, JOSHUA LEE**  
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

**STONE, RACHEAL RENEE**  
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic

**October 2**  
**DUTCHER, BARRY D**  
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described - Arrest of Adult - Traffic - DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; Refuse to submit to chemical test - Arrest of Adult - Carrying Pistol While Under Influence of Alcohol-Concentration less than 0.10, but more than 0.04 - Arrest of Adult

**FLAHERTY, TERRANCE**  
Under Sentence Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Arrest of Adult

**JONES, CYNTHIA LEE**  
Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Harassment; Restraining Order - Violate w/in 10 yrs of 1st of 2 prev dom violence convictions/adjud - Arrest of Adult

**VORK, JESSICA ERIN**  
Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

**October 3**  
**VAUGHN, GWYNDOLYN**  
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult

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## NOTICES

### CITY OF DENHAM PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing to discuss the vacation of multiple alleyways and roadways throughout downtown Denham. Meeting will be held on Monday October 25th at 7:00pm at Denham Run Bar & Grill. Please email denhamcity@gmail.com for additional information.

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### STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF PINE

**TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: Quiet Title**  
Court File No. 58-CV-21-469

### SUMMONS

City of Askov, a Minnesota Municipal Corporation, and Rocky Kroon, Personal Representative of the Estate of Henry Kroon Plaintiffs,

vs.

J. Albert Johnson, also known as Albert J. Johnson (deceased) and Hattie Johnson (deceased) and the unknown heirs of J. Albert Johnson and Hattie Johnson, Clarence Morgensen also known as Clarence Glenn Morgensen (deceased), Eva Morgensen (deceased) and the unknown heirs of Clarence Morgensen and Eva Morgensen.

Phyllis E. Morgensen (deceased), and the unknown heirs of Phyllis E. Morgensen, Edward Eaton, also known as Edward Laverne Eaton (deceased) and Carol Eaton (deceased), Theresa Barton, Thomas Quinn, Douglas Eaton Lori Bertram, Scott Eaton, Wanda Strandmark, and Wendy Kezar and the unknown heirs of Edward Eaton and Carol Eaton; Jimmy Lee Kroon, Northview Bank,

also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

### 1. YOU ARE BEING SUED.

The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

### 2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

Ledin & Hofstad, Ltd. Kevin A. Hofstad 539 Main Street South Pine City, MN 55063

### 3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO

**EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

### 4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.

If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

### 5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

### 6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

### 7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY

located in Pine County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows: [SEE EXHIBIT A attached hereto] (Hereinafter referred to as the "the property"). The object of this action is to obtain a judgment determining that Plaintiffs are the Owners in fee simple title, of the property, and that none of the said defendants have any estate or interest therein or lien thereon.

### 557.03 NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 557.03 you are hereby served with notice that no personal claim is made against you and that any defendant upon whom this notice is served who unreasonably defends this action shall pay full costs to the plaintiff.

### Ledin & Hofstad, Ltd.

Dated: September 22, 2021 /s/ Kevin A. Hofstad Kevin A. Hofstad Attorney for Plaintiffs 539 Main Street South Pine City, MN 55063 Attorney Reg. #12445X (320) 629-7537 kevinh@ledinandhofstad.com EXHIBIT A

That part of Lot 15, AUDITOR'S SUBDIVISION of the East Half of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 19, Township 43, Range 19, according to the recorded plat thereof, Pine County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Lot 15; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 57 seconds West (Minnesota County Coordinate System,

Pine County, 2011 Adjustment) along the east line of said Lot 15, a distance of 13.00 feet to the north line of the South 13.00 feet of said lot 15; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 03 seconds West along said north line of the South 13.00 feet, a distance of 92.00 feet to the west line of the land described in said Book 134, page 467 of Deeds, on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Pine County, Minnesota and the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 39 minutes 03 seconds West along said north line of the South 13.00 feet, a distance of 33.00 feet to the easterly line of easterly line of Document Number 172162, on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Pine County, Minnesota; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 57 seconds West along the east line of said Document Number 172162, a distance of 55.10 feet to the south line of the land described in Book 138, page 444 of Deeds, on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Pine County, Minnesota; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 03 seconds East along the south line of said Book 138, page 444 of Deeds, a distance of 33.00 feet to the west line of the land described in said Book 134, page 467 of Deeds; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 57 seconds East along the west line of said Book 134, page 467 of Deeds, a distance of 55.10 feet to the point of beginning.

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### MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING SPECIAL MEETING AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/BUDGET COMMITTEE

### SEPT. 14, 2021 - 9 A.M. NORTH PINE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1602 HWY. 23 NO., SANDSTONE, MINNESOTA

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren, and J.J. Waldhalm. Also present were County Administrator David Minke, County Attorney Reese Frederickson, and County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder. Due to an out-of-town commitment, Commissioner Matt Ludwig joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Commissioner Ludwig was seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means and participated from Staybridge Suites, 2350 Commerce Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901, a location open and accessible to the public.

The public was invited to join the meeting in person, by phone, by Zoom or watch via live stream on YouTube.

The pledge of allegiance was said. Local officials from the cities of Askov, Bruno, and Sturgeon Lake, and townships of Bruno, Fleming, Kerrick, New Dosey, Nickerson, Norman, Park, Partridge and Windemere had been invited to the meeting. Windemere Township Supervisor Mark Dunaski thanked the county board for the financial contribution by the county toward a feasibility study on the high-water levels on Sturgeon Lake. The contribution was from ARPA funds. Mr. Dunaski also commented on recent criminal activity in their parking lot.

Chair Hallan requested the following revisions to the agenda:

1. Change in Order of Agenda: Move Item #9 (Opioid Settlement Update) to #10 and move #10 (2022 Budget Discussion) to #9.
2. Additional Information:
  - a. Item #6-Economic Development Update: PowerPoint slides
  - b.(new) Item #10-Opioid Settlement: Recommendation to go into close session under attorney/client provision in Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) to discuss the case *Pine County v. Purdue Pharma*

*L.P., et al., No. 19-CV-01907.*  
c. (new) Item #9-2022 Budget: Memo outlining potential adjustments to preliminary budget.

**Motion** by Commissioner Waldhalm to approve the amended agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

### 2021 Strategic Plan Update

County Administrator David Minke reviewed progress on the county board's 11 strategic plan goals.

### Economic Development Update

Economic Development Coordinator Lezlie Sauter provided an update on recent activities relating to broadband, the American Rescue Plan Act, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Development Authorities, and development/structure of surrounding county HRA-EDAs. The county website will be updated to create a more robust tool for economic development information.

Chair Hallan called a recess at 10:09 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

### Solid Waste Ordinance

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson stated the current Solid Waste Ordinance hasn't been significantly reviewed since its adoption in 1990. Anderson recommended the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the ordinance to recommend updates and improvements. The committee will be comprised of two county commissioners, a zoning board member, city representative, township representative, MPCA representative and local solid waste industry representative.

Commissioners Hallan and Ludwig stated their interest to be commissioner representatives, and MPCA Compliance and Enforcement State Supervisor Heidi Kroening, who was in attendance, offered to be the MPCA representative. Chair Hallan stated commissioners should think about representatives for the other seats and let him know.

### ATV Ordinance Review

Sheriff Jeff Nelson provided an overview of Pine County Ordinances 2016-03, adopted in 2016. This ordinance provides for the management of Class 1 ATVs in the public right-of-way of roads within the county's jurisdiction. No revisions were suggested to the ordinance. Commissioner Waldhalm commented on the ATV usage and environmental concerns at the Willow River dam site. The Sheriff's Office will contact the Highway Department to add signage to the area.

### 2022 Budget Discussion

County Administrator David Minke reviewed the memberships/costs of the various organizations the county has membership in. Commissioners discussed the preliminary budget and property tax levy. The county board will set the preliminary levy at the September 21, 2021 county board meeting.

County Administrator Minke reviewed the procedure for conducting a closed meeting.

### Closed Meeting - Attorney/Client Privilege

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing the case *Pine County v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., No. 19-CV-01907* in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(b), attorney/client privilege. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The open meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m.

The closed portion of the meeting convened at 11:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Hallan, Mohr, Lovgren, Waldhalm, and Ludwig; County Administrator David Minke; County Attorney Reese Frederickson; Sheriff Jeff Nelson; IT Manager Ryan Findell; County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder; and Health & Human Services Director Becky Foss. Ludwig and Foss joined via electronic means, all others were present in the meeting room.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to open the closed meeting. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. A Roll Vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Ludwig/Aye. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m. Stephen M. Hallan, Chair Board of Commissioners David J. Minke, Administrator Clerk to County Board of Commissioners

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### SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. PINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 635 NORTHRIDGE DRIVE NW, PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren and J.J. Waldhalm. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. Due to an out-of-town commitment, Commissioner Matt Ludwig joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Commissioner Ludwig was seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means, at a location open and accessible to the public, and participated from Staybridge Suites, 2350 Commerce Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

The public was invited to join the meeting in person, by phone, by Zoom or watch via live stream on YouTube.

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 Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2021 County Board Meeting and Summary for publication, and Minutes of the August 24, 2021 and August 31, 2021 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole (Budget). Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence Pine County Zoning Board Minutes of May 27, 2021 and July 22, 2021

Department of Public Service (DPS) Driver Licenses Exam Stations correspondence - August 24, 2021

Land Surveyor Monthly Report - August 2021

**Motion** by Commissioner Mohr to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve the application for exempt permit from the Safari Club International Minnesota to conduct Minnesota lawful gambling on September 11, 2021 at Wings North, 19379 Homestead Rd., Pine City, MN. Approve Resolution 2021-63 extending special assessments as follow:

- Gordon L. Eaton, PID 05.0213.000, \$14,961.77; Steven T. Bede, PID 30.0143.000, \$16,703; Zane Swenson and Sheri Swenson, PID 36.5101.000 & 36.5105.000, \$12,800; Jeffrey J. Fitzgerald, PID 15.0005.002, \$16,975; William T. Dukek, PID 08.0050.000, \$13,750.

Approve Resolution 2021-62 authorizing administration of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for the term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

Approve the agreement between Pine County Health & Human Services and Wellness in the Woods to provide certified peer specialist services. Term of the contract is October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; the cost of services will be no more than \$14,725.

Approve the internal transfer of Social Worker Kelly Becker to the vacant social worker position (MNChoices Assessor), effective September 13, 2021. No change in grade or pay. Approve granting regular employment status to Eligibility

Worker Angie Horton, effective September 9, 2021.

Approve the hiring of Child Support Office Specialist Brittney Hemsworth effective September 8, 2021, \$15.92 per hour, Grade 2, Step 1.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve adoption of Ordinance 2021-43 Amending County Land Use Ordinances to include:

A. Kettle River Wild and Scenic River Ordinance: include vacation rental by owner (VRBO) usage along the Kettle River through a conditional use permit.

B. Shoreland Management Ordinance: (i) clarify standards for permitting guest quarters in accessory buildings; (ii) clarify language for when structures may have an altered ordinary high water level (OHWL) setback due to the presence of structures on both adjacent lots; (iii) shoreland map amendments near First Lake, Devils Lake, and Unnamed Basin 58-146; (iv) amend minimum lot widths for recreational and general development lakes with public sewer; (v) additional standards for riprap and beach sand blank installation; and (vi) additional language for nonconforming uses, to align with state requirements.

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Mohr to appoint Henry Fischer as District 2 representative to the Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to fill the remaining term of Claudia Bloom who has resigned. The term expires October 4, 2024. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

### Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole Meeting/September 14, 2021

The location of the 10:00 a.m., September 14, 2021 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole has been changed to the North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone.

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 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](http://www.co.pine.mn.us)). Copies may also be requested from the administrator's office.

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