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PINE COUNTY FAIR: extra day of fun. P3



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Jazz, sits in front of a recently completed mural at the dog park at Banning RV Park and Campground in Finlayson, Minn. Jazz is owned by Judy Loney. Loney said they chose the campground due to the fenced in dog park that allows Jazz to wander around off leash.

## RV campground gone to the dogs

BY JAMIE LUND  
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Tall trees sway gently in the breeze as campers leisurely clean up after breakfast on a perfect summer morning. A lone woman and her large brown dog amble to the fenced in dog park. A large mural of a variety of dogs welcomes visitors at the far end of the dog area. About 100 RV's are parked on updated sites throughout the peaceful wooded 45 acres in Finlayson. It was not always this way.

The Banning RV Park & Campground located on Highway 23 is under new ownership. Tim and Sue Davis purchased the abandoned campground in 2016 and spent a year cleaning it up and putting it back together.

He said the original owner, Donna Haglund, owned it in the late 1960s and early 1970s. She sold it several times on contract for

deed, but kept getting the property back, Davis explained. He said it eventually became a trailer park, but was abandoned about 15 years before he purchased the property. He said the property was used as a dumping ground for garbage for many years.

"I bought it in the winter when everything was covered with snow," Davis said. "I way underestimated my clean up budget." He found everything from household garbage, to televisions and tires.

He said the original home is still on the property and is cleaned up and remodeled also.

Once the campground opened, several potential customers called and asked if the Davis' allowed pets. Judy Loney was one of those callers. Desperate for income, they said yes. Davis added a fenced in dog park for campers to exercise their dogs. He also set up a few simple agility pieces for the dogs to run on or through for added

exercise. Those additions were the deciding factor for Loney and her husband. The Maple Plains couple wanted a park that had a space for their nine year old Black Mouth Cur, Jazz, to exercise off leash.

Jazz was brought as a rescue from Texas to the Humane Society of Golden Valley, Minnesota several years ago.

"She adopted me, I didn't adopt her," said Loney fondly. She admitted Jazz is a little spoiled.

They moved their RV to the park on Memorial Day weekend and spend most of their summer there. Loney said everyone she has met is very friendly and the kids at the park are very respectful. She noted there is a new basketball court and a play area for kids.

Davis commissioned long time Ogilvie High School art teacher, Lee Ann Falen, to design and paint the large mural on a metal

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## Fun, food and music bring communities together

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National Night Out is a collaboration between communities and law enforcement to help improve the relationship between the two. The evening allows residents the opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

"I think it is a good event to bring law enforcement and communities together as originally designed," said Pine County Sheriff Jeff Nelson. He said members of the sheriff's department will try to stop by as many events as possible Tuesday evening.

NNO was introduced in August of 1984, according to the natw.org website. The first NNO included 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. The event took off and became an annual event in many cities and towns across the nation. Some neighborhoods hosted block parties, while others were centrally located and hosted by the city or local law enforcement and included demonstrations, games for kids, booths and more.

The event has grown to include 16,000 communities over the last 38 years, including 204 cities in Minnesota, from Askov to Zumbrota. NNO takes place Tuesday, Aug. 3 this year.

### LOCAL EVENTS

**Askov and surrounding area:** The event will be held 4-7 p.m. at the Askov fairgrounds. Hot dogs, brats and baked beans are on the menu. A beverage and dessert is also included. The meal will be served by members of the Askov Fire Department.

There will be children's games and prizes as well as a climbing wall, courtesy of the Minnesota National Guard. Other appearances include members of the Pine County Sheriff's office, Life Line Link III Air Transport, Minnesota DNR and Smokey the Bear, North Memorial Air Care and Essentia Ambulance.

**Sandstone:** The event will be held 6-8 p.m. at the train park. The event will feature free food, live music by Rob McGown, comedy, a bouncy house and special guest speakers from various entities. The food is provided by the city and will be cooked and served by the American Legion. The Quarry Lions will serve the dessert. Hot dogs, chips, fruit, cake and a beverage are on the menu.

There will be a variety of booths set up, including the Sandstone Flower and Garden Club, Pine County Veterans Service, Tree House, Everyone's Table and more.

**Hinckley:** The event begins its sixth year 5:30-8 p.m. at West Side Park, with food/refreshments provided by the City of Hinckley employees and city council members. The mayor and city staff will serve the burgers, brats, chips, dessert and beverage. The Riverside Swing Band plays music from the 1940s-1980s beginning at 6:30 p.m. Residents should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to relax and enjoy the music, or they can dance the night away to their heart's content.

## Little Nisse contest underway in Askov

The little Nisse has gone into hiding once again. The mythical creature is historically described as looking similar to a garden gnome. They wear conical or knit hats in gray, red or another bright color, according to Wikipedia. The Nisse are thought to be mischievous and illusionists.

The Little Nisse contest starts this week. Organizers want to remind people that he is hidden

on public property. If you find the Nisse, bring it to the Askov Fair Board Office at the fairgrounds to collect the prize of \$25 in Susan B. Anthony dollar coins.

### FIRST CLUE:

Remember me?  
The Nisse wee?  
I'm going into hiding  
But in your hunt  
(and I'll be blunt)  
These rules you'll be  
abiding.  
I'll not be found

On private ground,  
and I have not been  
buried.

So look for me  
quite carefully,  
your search must not  
be hurried.  
Do not destroy, or  
friends annoy  
by changing things  
around them.  
If you move stuff, don't  
risk rebuff,  
Leave things as you  
found them.



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# Car show to benefit veterans this weekend

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Bring the family and admire the beauty of vintage cars as well as help out local veterans this weekend.

Lost Lamb Community is excited to hold their annual car show once again. They partnered with Tobies, the Mille Lacs Band Gaming Commission, Pine County Sheriff's Office, Keith's Towing, DAV, VFW and the American Legion to create a community based event that benefits Pine County veterans. Last year they collected over five totes of non-perishable food donations for the local food shelf.

The event will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 31 in the south lot of Tobies. There is a

suggested donation of \$10 per car, but any amount is appreciated and put to good use. Spectators are asked to bring a donation for the food shelf. Their goal is to beat last year's total. There will also be a food stand organized by the American Legion, DAV and VFW.

Lost Lamb Community is a volunteer-led 501c3 that serves Pine County veterans as well as other underrepresented and disadvantaged groups. They provide educational classes, gardening, canning, PTSD, equestrian and gear head classic car therapy as well as scholarships.

Since the organization's inception in 2015, the non-profit has built relationships with other groups to help foster and facilitate the needs of those in Pine

County. "We have found there are many unrepresented or under-represented needs, such as a veteran that does not qualify for VA benefits that needs a wheelchair ramp, a single mother that needs fuel money to take her ill child to the specialist in the cities, elderly residents that need help moving or with projects etc. within our county that if unmet could cause serious harm or pain," said Naomi Koenig a foundation leader. Lost Lamb Community is based on the vision and values that we are our neighbor's keeper. "If we do not step up to help each other we will never be able to heal our community."

## OBITUARIES

### George E. Jamison

February 18, 1932 - July 20, 2021

George E. Jamison (89) son of Earl and Mildred (Grace) Jamison, of Sandstone, Minnesota, passed away at home on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. He is survived by his beloved wife of over sixty years, Dorothy



Ann (Fish) Jamison; children, Scott Jamison, Sara (Dan) Neumann and Shaun (Kristin) Jamison; grandchildren, Terran (Katie) Neumann, Faith Neumann, Katrina Jamison and Anika "Ani" Jamison; great grandchildren, Grace and Connor George Neumann. George is also survived by siblings, Coral (Charles) Rippberger, Karen (Pat) Galvin, Lynn (Joy) Jamison, Dwight Jamison, "Little" George (Kathy) Drummond, Harry

(Sue) Drummond and Kenn Drummond.

George served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and was stationed in Japan. He married Dorothy Ann Fish in 1960. He started working as a correctional officer at the FCI in Sandstone the same year. George loved hunting, fishing, canoeing, art, gardening, volleyball, competitive shooting, dominos, telling stories and corny jokes. He was a member of the local Wood Carver's Club, American Legion, Old School Arts Center and the Rod & Gun Club. He was active in the Sandstone United Church of Christ. After retirement, he was very active creating and displaying art. More recently he worked with woodcarving, but enjoyed many mediums from painting to poems to political cartoons.

George is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Earl, Jr. and Roland.

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

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

\*Please note that Osprey Wild Environmental Learning Center requires masks for unvaccinated people.

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

# CAMPGROUND: RV Park is dog friendly

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shipping container for the dog area. She said the mural depicts 27 dog breeds, including the Davis' poodle.

"Grizzly, who is a white dog with a full tail, standing towards the right top area of the mural is a breed called Kuchi hound," said Falen. She said he was adopted by a relative who was stationed

in Afghanistan and given the dog as a gift.

She said the project was fun, but a challenge due to the corrugated side of the container. The project took 11 sessions or roughly four weeks to complete and over 30 colors of paint, including "John Deere Green" for the grass.

"The German Shepherd, Maverick, has over eight colors in his

fur alone," Falen said. Falen will be starting as the new Mora High School art teacher in the fall.

There are currently 130 completed camper sites and several in the works.

Visit the website for more information or call 1-612-390-0414.

## OBITUARIES

### Marian L. Voit

Marian Lillian Voit (Karvo), age 91, formerly of Finlayson, Minn. passed away on March 1, 2021 at Sterling Point Senior Living in Princeton, MN.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Marian on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, with Pastor Philip Hoppe officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church.

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Worthington, MN	Fairbault, MN
<b>AUG. 29</b>	
Kenny Krona - Cambridge, MN	

We will be following updated guidelines for appropriate health & safety protocols provided by the MN Dept. of Health.

### Jareld M. Thompson

May 7, 1941 - July 25, 2021

Jareld M. Thompson, age 80, of Willow River died July, 25, 2021 at United Hospital in St. Paul.

A private graveside service will be held 10 a.m.



Thursday, July 29, 2021 at Woodlawn Cemetery with Father John Meyer officiating. The service will be live-streamed on the funeral home website.

Jareld Mike Thompson was born May 7, 1941 in Bruno, Minnesota to Floyd and Floretta (Day) Thompson. He moved to Minneapolis and was employed by Special Parts of New Hope. On August 11, 1962 Jareld was united in marriage to Judith J. Bissonnette at St.

Ignatius Catholic Church in Annandale, Minnesota. They lived in South Minneapolis prior to moving to New Hope to raise their three children: Gregory, Jeff and Joey. After their children were grown, they lived in Moundsview and Willow River. When their health began to fail, they moved to Augusta Mercy Care Center in Moose Lake. Jareld enjoyed gardening and taking walks in the woods to listen to nature and talk to his four-legged friends.

Jareld is survived by his granddaughter, Abigail Thompson; sisters and brothers, Annie, Vera, Shirley, Dale, Marge, Jennie, Linda, Wayne and William. He is preceded in death by his wife, Judy; sons, Gregory, Jeffrey and Joseph; several siblings, Eldon, Clifton, Juanita, Arnold, Dorothy, Norma and Milton; and his parents.

Obituary, Guestbook and Funeral Webcast online at [www.dingmannfuneral.com](http://www.dingmannfuneral.com)

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# COMMUNITY

## Pine County Fair returns with extra day of fun

BY MIKE GAINOR  
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After a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pine County Fair is back in business in 2021. And to mark the occasion, the Fair kicks off a day early – on Tuesday, Aug. 3. “We’re opening at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, and we’ll have entertainment in the Bandshell and the Event Center,” said Fair Board President Pete Leibel. “We’re excited to have a fair this year – and the extra day, hopefully to spread things out a little bit.”

Leibel said that the Fair Board member spent the past year making changes and upgrades to the property. He noted that they put in fencing for the cattle, fixed a leaking roof and put insulation in the ceiling of the exhibition building to try to keep that building cooler. There’s also all-new lighting in two of the exhibit buildings and in the horse barn as well.

“We’ve done a lot of improvements around the fairgrounds,” Leibel said. “The year off, we were able to get

some things done.”

Music starts on Tuesday evening at both the Bandshell and the Event Center, with a range of rock tunes, country songs and polka favorites that will continue for all six days of the Fair. Teenage up-and-comer Maddy Braun will travel up from Nashville back to her home state of Minnesota, and make her Fair debut on Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m., with a repeat performance on Friday, Aug. 6 at 8:30 p.m.

As usual, the Fair Grandstand will welcome visitors to the truck pull on Wednesday night, the tractor pull on Thursday night, and the demolition derby (including the Chrysler Imperial championship event) on Friday and Saturday nights. All events start at 7 p.m.

Starting at noon on Sunday will be a “Sunday Funday” full of events especially for the kids, including balloon animal and yo-yo performers, money scramble, pedal pull, power wheels derby and much more.

“It’s going to be great,” Leibel said. “We have just a huge amount of community

support for that. We just can’t thank the businesses and the community enough who have donated.”

The only two Fair favorites which will still be on hold this year are the 4-H breakfast stand and – possibly – the bingo hall.

Leibel said that they are still hoping that a group will come forward in time to take over the bingo operation.

“We’re not going to stop pursuing bingo there,” Leibel said. “A lot of people come out just for the bingo – it’s a great place to sit, play a few hands and let the kids ride on the rides.

“A lot of organizations have some older folks that take care of some of that stuff, and I can understand that some of those are a little bit leery to come out and be around all of those people,” he said. “I totally get that.”

Leibel noted that the Fair has taken some extra measures – including hand sanitizer and handwashing stations – to help keep things clean in the face of rising COVID numbers.

“We understand that people may still have anxiety about



CHLOE GAVIN

**Braelynn Giampolo and Mitchell Norton had a great time at the 2019 Pine County Fair, which returns next week to the Pine County Fairgrounds.**

the COVID situation,” he said. “We are open 100%, just like normal years at the Fair. We would ask that people that aren’t comfortable with that, maybe the Fair’s not the best place for them. We just want people to use common sense.

“We’re excited to see the smiling faces of the kids,” he said. “That’s why the Fair Board members are on the Fair Board – because it’s all about the kids for us. I think this year it’s going to be a great

turnout. People are ready to let loose a little bit and come out. We’re super excited to have the Fair.”

The 2021 Pine County Fair will be held from Tuesday April 3 through Sunday, Aug. 8. As always, the Pine County Fair is both a free gate and free parking event. For more information visit the Pine County Fair Facebook page or [www.pinecountyfair.com](http://www.pinecountyfair.com).

## July is National Hot Dog Month



**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!!

### GRANDMA'S HOT DOG

- 6 wieners
- 1/2 c. beef broth
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 serrano chili pepper, seeded, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 6 hot dog buns
- 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Add wieners to broth in medium skillet; bring to boil. Cook 5 minutes or until the wieners are heated through. Remove wieners; set aside. Stir vegetables into remaining broth; cook on medium-high heat until broth evaporates. Add butter and sugar; cook 5 minutes or until onions are browned, stirring occasionally. Spread cut sides of buns with mayonnaise; place cut-sides up, on baking sheet. Bake 3 minutes or until lightly browned. Fill with wieners and onion mixture. 6 servings.

### REUBEN HOT DOG

- 4 bun-length beef franks
- 3 pretzel hot dog buns, split, toasted
- 1/4 c. Thousand Island dressing
- 4 Havarti cheese slices, cut diagonally in half
- 1/2 c. sauerkraut, well drained

Heat the grill to medium heat. Grill ranks 5 to 7 minutes, turning occasionally. Spread the buns with dressing; fill with franks and cheese. Top with sauerkraut. Serves four.



### SIMPLE DOGS-CHOPS-BEANS CASSEROLE

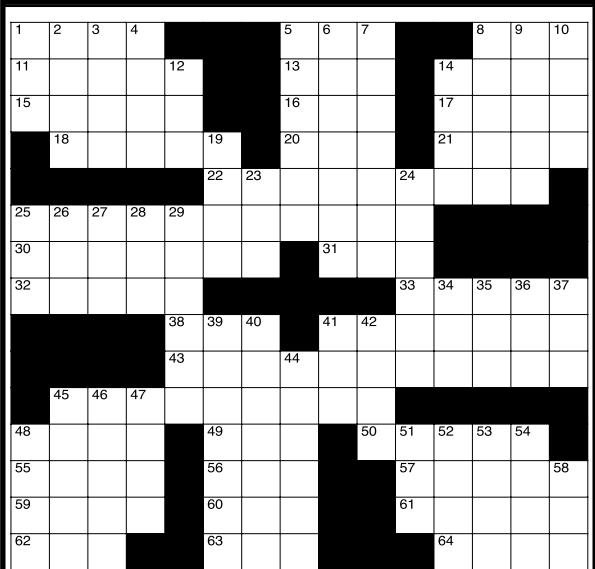
- 8 pork chops
- 1 lb. hot dogs, diced
- Salt and pepper
- Garlic powder
- 1 can (3 lb.) can pork and beans
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4-1/3 c. barbecue sauce
- 3/4 c. ketchup
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 1 pinch cayenne

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown the chops in a frying pan on both sides with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Fry up the hot dog pieces. Grease a Dutch oven or an oven-proof casserole dish (large enough to hold all the ingredients). In a bowl mix together the pork and beans, chopped onion, chopped green pepper, BBQ sauce, ketchup, brown sugar, and cayenne pepper. Layer half of the bean mixture on the bottom of a Dutch oven. Lay the pork chops and hot dogs on top of the bean mixture. Top with remaining bean mixture. Bake covered or uncovered for about 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until the chops are tender (if a thicker sauce is preferred then bake covered half of the time and finish baking uncovered). Serves 6-8.

### GYRO HOT DOG

- 4 beef hot dogs
- 1/2 c. cucumber Ranch dressing
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh dill
- 2 pita breads, cut in half, warmed
- 12 thin cucumber slices (about 1/2 cup)
- 2 small plum tomatoes, each cut into 4 slices
- 1/4 c. crumbled Feta cheese

Grill hot dogs 5 to 7 minutes or until heated through, turning occasionally. Remove from grill. Mix dressing and dill until blended. Pull pita pockets open; fill with franks, cucumbers, tomatoes and cheese. Drizzle with dressing mixture. Serves 4.



### CLUES ACROSS

- |                                            |                                               |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Language group with Iranian influence   | 32. Small drum                                |
| 5. No seats available                      | 33. Alters                                    |
| 8. Health insurance organization           | 38. General's assistant (abbr.)               |
| 11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste   | 41. Venezuelan capital                        |
| 13. Defunct European economic organization | 43. Free of deceit                            |
| 14. Dutch word for "language"              | 45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation           |
| 15. Hard to penetrate                      | 48. Competition                               |
| 16. When you'll get there                  | 49. Launch an attack on                       |
| 17. Iranian city                           | 50. Cavalry sword                             |
| 18. Small fishes                           | 55. Spiritual leader                          |
| 20. Dry white wine drink                   | 56. One point east of due south               |
| 21. Turkish city                           | 57. Afflicted                                 |
| 22. U.S.-born people                       | 59. Database management system                |
| 25. Synthetic resin                        | 60. Snakelike fish                            |
| 30. Major nerve in human body              | 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation |
| 31. Type of recording                      | 62. Small drink                               |
|                                            | 63. Not wet                                   |
|                                            | 64. Impudence                                 |

### CLUES DOWN

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Father                                | 28. Chinese hoopster Ming      |
| 2. Performed perfectly                   | 29. Layers of rock             |
| 3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid            | 34. Patriotic women's group    |
| 4. Thin, compact object                  | 35. Solid water                |
| 5. One attempting to find something      | 36. Shade of brown             |
| 6. No longer working                     | 37. Very fast airplane         |
| 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument            | 39. Put clothes on             |
| 8. Book of Genesis character             | 40. Quality of one's character |
| 9. Volcanic craters                      | 41. Time zone                  |
| 10. Brand of American automobile (slang) | 42. Primates                   |
| 12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe                | 44. Pleasantly                 |
| 14. Bangladeshi monetary unit            | 45. Metrical feet              |
| 19. Self-immolation by fire ritual       | 46. Rogue                      |
| 23. Family of genes                      | 47. German river               |
| 24. Et ___; indicates further            | 48. Relieves from              |
| 25. Pacific Standard Time                | 51. Swiss river                |
| 26. S. American wood sorrel              | 52. Prejudice                  |
| 27. Women's ___ movement                 | 53. Actor Idris                |
|                                          | 54. Those who resist authority |
|                                          | 58. Criticize                  |



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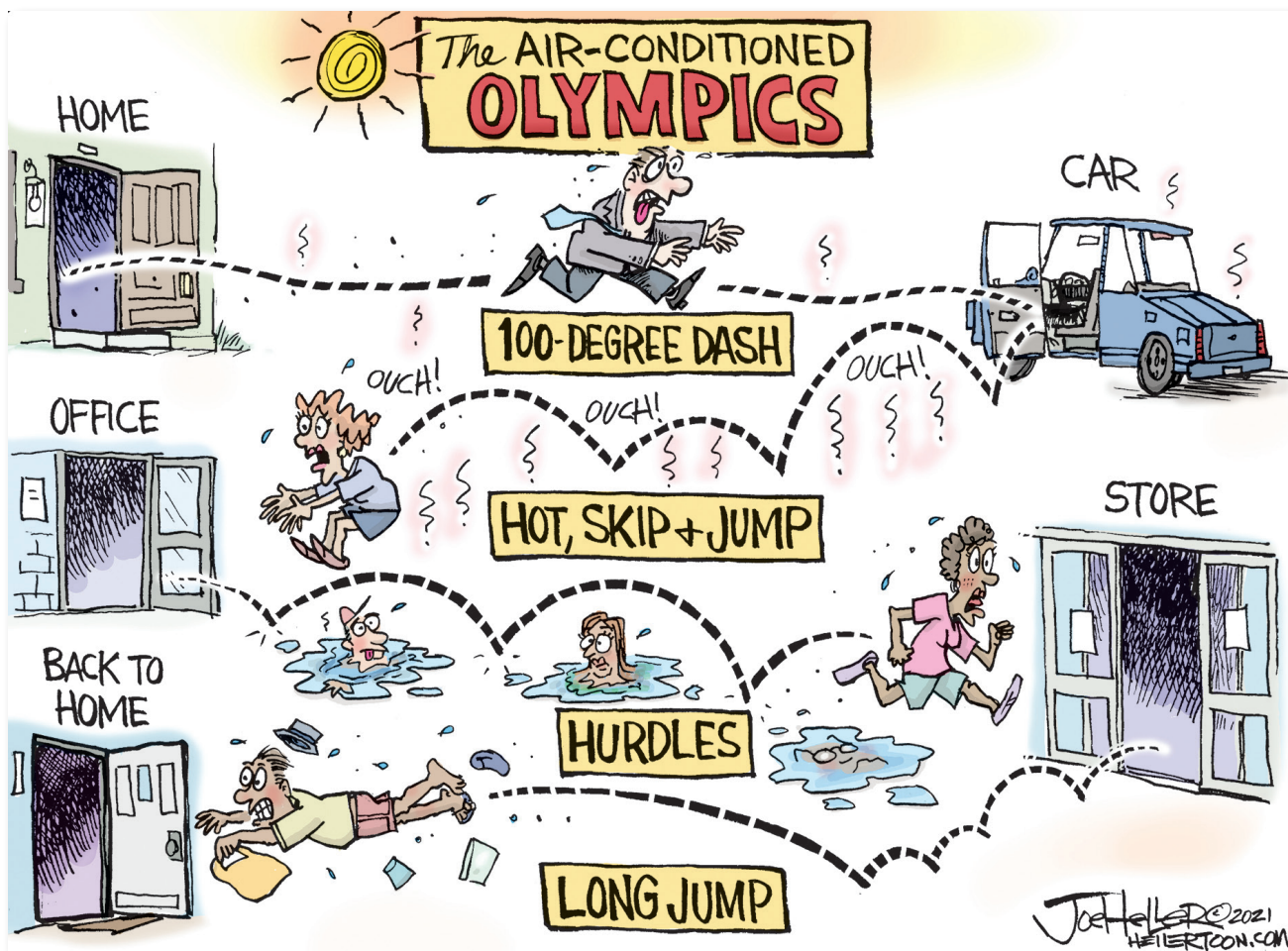
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Essentia Hospital a blessing to our community

#### To the Editor:

I am wondering if the people of Pine County know the gift they have? How fortunate we are to have it? What a blessing we have with the Essentia Heath Hospital Sandstone. I remember when people were against this hospital, and what a shame that was.

I was in the hospital for four days and my room was right by the ambulance entrance. I could see the driveway up to the ER entrance. First off, the service I had was beyond the call of duty, I have hard veins so it took a few tries to get an IV started. The nurses felt so bad for all the pain it caused, they had to redo the IV two more times before it finally stayed put.

On Saturday night there where five or six ambulances that came in between the hours of 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Now once the hours are done for visitors, people were driving up that drive to the ER entrance and I counted nine cars.

The doctors and nurses all work long shifts, and do not always get to leave when their shift is over. However, they keep coming back. We should be praying for them all the time, because when we need them they have our backs.

I asked how things were through COVID-19 and they said I didn't want to know. But now we have the virus coming back and have a chance to help our emergency workers and I pray that you are doing your part. If you did not get your COVID-19 vaccine you are putting all of them at risk. Your friends and family as well. And why? Because of all the bull out there. Please stop and think about it.

I pray you thank the Lord for Essentia Health Hospital Sandstone. They give you everything they have to help you, and I know I have been there with a stroke, my husband

had COPD and has been there a few times, the services does not change.

If this hospital wants to add on, support them all the way because they need more space. And it's for you. It was so nice that they had a bed for me there and could take care of what was wrong with me. Otherwise I would have had to go up to St. Mary's. Well, I have to say Sandstone is beyond everything I could have imagined. It was so nice for my husband to be able to stay at home and yet be close to me. Lets everyone give them our support. I was recently at the Mayo Clinic St. Mary hospital and they have amazing service there as well, but Sandstone is one up on them. And they do so much for you its crazy.

Thank you all so much.

**Maria Nichols  
Hinckley, Minn.**

### Column jogs memories

#### To the Editor:

I would like to thank Max-

ine Meyer from the Finlayson News for the wonderful memory jogger in her column in the July 8 issue. I too remember the past years at holiday events when we got to see those smilin gfaces of long gone grandpas, grandmas, moms, dad, aunts, uncles, cousins, classmates and friends. Many we only got to see during those special days.

Now I'm old, but I still have the memories of all those now missing people. I can still see them, all though, only in my mind's eye. For me they'll never really be gone from their favorite spots at the parade, picnics at the lake, fishing and camping trips or just the holidays at home.

To quote Willie Nelson, "Ain't it funny how time slips away."

Cherish the fun family times everyone. They slip away to fast. Thanks again Maxine.

**Bruce Spicer  
Duquette, Minn.**

### No such thing as free

### money

#### To the Editor:

In all my 80 years, I have never seen sugc a thing as "free money"- except for welfare. Money has to be paid back. In one way or another the government will get their money back.

You will see your taxes jump up, your gas prices, your groceries and all other items you need go up. Your "free money" will stop coming and you are broke. You need to totally depend on the government. They know exactly how much money they have given you. Now you are owned by the government, nothing belongs to you.

If we were smart we would send those checks back and say no thank you. But it is very handy when they are deposited right into our checking accounts.

Be smart, go back to work and take care of yourself as long as you can.

**June Anderson  
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Deb and Wayne Stadin had dinner with Michelle Lap-pegard and Jim MacDonald at the Moose Lake golf course club house Friday. Friday morning Derrell and Jean Jensen along with Bill and Sandy Schmidt from Coon Rapids left for Grand Maris on their motorcycles. They stayed for the weekend in Tofte. Jeanette Swenson and Sylvia Schweiger attended the Pine County Genealogical Society meeting held at the Bears Den on Wednesday afternoon. It was informative and met some members of the group. There will be an Ice Cream Social 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 8 at the Vilstad Church in Bruno. Come and Enjoy.

# Be part of the solution, stop pollution

**Dear Tante Ingeborg,**  
Boy-oh-boy I think we’re going from bad to worst. I overslept this morning and so did Herman because it was still dark out at 6:30. The sun was up but it was blocked by the atmosphere and the haze was so thick you could cut it with a butter knife. When I turned on the news, Belinda the Weather Bunny was advising everyone to stay inside as much as possible because the air quality was very poor. That put the kibosh on hanging the



laundry outside so I ended up hanging it in the basement. It’ll take forever to dry but if I hung it outside I’d need to wash it again because of the smoke in the air. I’m worried about my grandson because he is a firefighter in Oregon and the whole state out there is on fire. I hate to be pessimistic but the eastern part of the country is not a lot better. They have so much rain it’s pouring down the streets and into the subways. My youngest grandson called this evening and told me I was in danger because his mother told him the bad air is hard on old people. I assured him I’d hold my breath until the situation improved.

Do you think the end is near? I’ve let a lot of things go thinking I had plenty of time left but now I’m starting to sweat like a sinner in church. What’s this world coming to?  
**Signed, Sigrid on Skolgade**  
  
**Dear Sigrid,**  
It’s always a good thing to take stock of where you’re at and make a course correction if necessary. While we’ve certainly made a mess of things, I’d tell you that it’s better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. But lighting even one candle would only add to the problem. Folks should have paid attention to Greta Thunberg when she sailed from home in Scandinavia and battened down her

hatches in New York Harbor. She was on a mission to have people take global warming seriously and show more reverence for our Mother Earth. It might not be too late but we’re certainly in the ninth inning on this issue. Plan to do your best to stop polluting right now. No more burning outside. Drive as little as possible. Don’t be wasteful. Recycle. Use less paper. There are hundreds of ways to help the situation. Remember, if you’re not part of the solution you’re part of the problem. Tante Ingeborg doesn’t care about a lot of things but about this she cares. Very much.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS



The cucumbers and tomatoes are busy producing and the hose is running a lot. We are busy wrapping up the last graduation parties and class reunions. The month of August is always busy with all the things you have to do

and planning for the fall. The school shopping, the canning of food, the cleaning out of garages are all things yet to do. I feel a little overwhelmed with it all and maybe a short trip to the north shore might be in order. This is an interesting time. All of the things going on in the world make us feel a bit powerless at times. One way to have a sense of control in an uncontrollable world is to get involved in your local government. It is important for us to feel a sense of cooperation as

well as getting rid of that “I can’t do anything” feeling that is prevalent. One way to help your local governing body is to serve on the Planning Committee for the City of Willow River. They have not had one for a few years and are going to institute one. If you are interested in helping your community with infrastructure and other planning, and how your tax dollars will be invested, and could donate a few hours of your time; please contact the city office and let Diane know that you would like to be on the

Planning Committee. This is one way that you can do something to help your community. The requirements are that you have to be a resident of the City of Willow River (live within city limits). National Night Out will be held 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 3 at the Willow River City Park. There will be a potluck, so bring a dish to share. The Willow River Fire Department crew will be there with their trucks. They will be grilling

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