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SPORTS TEAMS WIN, STRUGGLE: COVID-19 affects local team numbers. **P8**

Sandstone Ice Park attracts enthusiast climbers

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Ice! shouts a person clinging about 50 feet up on a slippery slag of white and opaque aqua colored ice. The shout is followed by the sound of ice shattering as it makes contact with the frozen ground. The quiet chatter stops for few seconds as people look towards the sound.

The Sandstone Ice Climbing Festival buzzed with activity as groups of people walked excitedly carrying crampons, ice axes, harnesses and more.

People of all ages were dressed in various stages of ice climbing gear as they prepared for their turn to scale the 100 foot high cliff. Friends stood in groups and talked amongst themselves, comparing gear or the latest new item.

Attendance was down from the 2020 fest, said Kendra Stritch, Minnesota Climbers Association president.

“With COVID-19 still making a significant impact in Minnesota, we didn’t host large indoor evening events and some people are still choosing to not attend festivals,” Stritch said. “We still had about 200 climbers in the quarry this weekend and a couple dozen that camped.”

She said ages ranged from an eight-year-old to a man in his 70s.

Brent Monfort attended with his twin boys. One

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Top: Several ice climbers check their equipment as they prepare to climb the 100 foot tall ice cliffs during the Sandstone Ice Climbing Festival.

Right: Logan Monfort, 10, successfully climbs a portion of the tall ice cliff. He said the hard ice created by the recent cold weather made climbing a challenge.



Get involved in politics, join a local caucus

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Political caucuses are coming up February 1, 2022. What is a caucus you might ask? A caucus, or precinct caucus is a meeting for those interested in participating in and influencing the election of candidates. Caucuses kick off the next two years of political activity.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE/ATTEND?

According to Minnesota State Statute (202A.16) a person can participate and vote at a precinct caucus if they: Are or will be eligible to vote in the next general election, reside in the precinct on the day the caucus is held, agree with the political party and its principles and have not or will not participate in another political party’s caucus in the same year.

If a person does not want to participate, they can still attend. The only requirement to attend is that the observer must sign a registration form.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A CAUCUS?

The caucus meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m. Attendees are asked to register when they arrive. According to the Secretary of State website there are three main activities at a precinct caucus.

Choosing volunteers who will organize political activities in the precinct. This could include maintaining contact lists, holding political meetings and helping with campaign efforts.

Discussing issues and ideas for the party

to support. A person can present an issue or idea for the party to support, called a resolution. If they convince other attendees to support their resolution, it will be taken to the next political convention. Eventually, the resolution could become part of the official party platform.

Choosing delegates and alternates who will endorse candidates at future conventions. At future conventions, party delegates will endorse state and federal candidates, including for Governor. Political parties have different ways of choosing delegates at the precinct level caucus—contact the party for more information.

WHAT DOES A PRECINCT DELEGATE DO?

The elected delegates will meet with other delegates from around the county/district at the county/district party conventions and represent their precincts for a two-year term. Different tasks are performed depending on if it is an even or odd year. When meeting in the even year, they: 1) elect delegates and alternates to represent the county/district party at district conventions and the state convention; 2) consider resolutions from the precinct caucuses to amend the state party’s platform; and 3) endorse a State House candidate and a State Senate candidate. When meeting in the odd year, they: 1) elect the executive committee of the county/district party; 2) amend the county/district party’s constitution as needed; 3) elect delegates and alternates to represent the county/district

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NLX slowly gains steam

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The Northern Lights Express (NLX), a proposed higher speed passenger rail project that would provide rail service between Minneapolis and Duluth and operate on approximately 152 miles of existing BNSF rail corridor, may be gaining steam according to officials within the organization.

The NLX Technical Advisory Committee, along with other interested parties, met on Dec. 13 and announced a couple new developments: MnDOT is in the process of appointing a representative to the NLX after taking a two year hiatus and some local entities have renewed their support for the project.

Jill Brown, NLX public relations director, said at the meeting that there have been recent successes with some chambers, including Duluth and Anoka, renewing their support and that they are now trying to re-engage county commissioners and other stakeholders along the corridor.

Financially speaking, the group is hoping to gain access to some of the \$66 billion designated for “rail” funding as part of the federal infrastructure bill. Specifically, NLX could apply for part of the \$12 billion designated for Amtrak/State

partnerships. “Shovel ready” projects are expected to get priority, and the NLX project has jumped through a number of hoops, not least of which have been the environmental assessments which have given the project a stamp of approval by MnDOT.

John Ongaro, St. Louis County intergovernmental relations director, said, “Downtown Minneapolis needs a shot in the arm right now. They have a perception problem with public safety. We are hoping to approach the Minneapolis chamber to sign an OpEd.”

Brown added that the Pine City Chamber had endorsed them in the past but are currently not taking a position and would like to see the organization engage county commissioners and elected officials in the area first. “One county commissioner comes to all the meetings,” noted Brown.

Jeff Anderson, of Costin Group, a government and public affairs consultant, noted that Minnesota is in a good place financially with a surplus, and there will likely be more cash for the legislature to spend. He added, “January will be a key month for us as we ramp up for the legislative session in engaging with some of the elected

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OBITUARIES

Martha M. Pelto

Martha Marion Pelto, age 89, of Finlayson, Minn. passed away Sunday, January 9, 2022 at her home with her family by her side.

A funeral service is planned for Martha at St. John’s Lutheran Church on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 1 p.m. in Finlayson, Minn., with Pastor Gary Zikan officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place later in the spring.

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Pam Lewis

May 20, 1965 - January 2, 2022

Pam Lewis, 56, of Finlayson, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2022 surrounded by her loved ones.

Pam was born on May 20, 1965 to John and Maggie Lawrence. She worked alongside her mother at the Colonial Café, before purchasing the restaurant herself, which then became Pam’s Place. She loved the fast pace of her day and working with her children. After that, she sold the restaurant and became the Deli and Subway Manager at Chris’ Food Center. Her next career venture was a Sales Representative at Sysco. She missed running her own business and interacting with people daily. Her dream was to become a real estate agent as people were her passion. She went back to school to obtain her real estate license in Minnesota and Wisconsin and purchased a building in Sandstone which has flourished ever since.



In 1982, she married the love of her life, David Lewis. They have four children, Amber, Andrea, Amanda and Dave. Pam truly cherished every moment with her family whether that was hosting gatherings, taking a motorcycle trip with David, going on vacation, spending time at the lake or dancing the night away. Because of her smile, contagious laugh and zest for life, she made a lasting impact on every single person she met and will be missed by many.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, John and Maggie Lawrence; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Kenny and Marian Lewis. She is survived by her husband, David Lewis; daughter, Amber Lewis; daughter, Andrea (Mitch) Cabak; daughter, Amanda Lewis; son, Dave Lewis. She also leaves behind eight grandchildren, five siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends and colleagues who played very important roles in her life.

A visitation was held at the Sandstone Evangelical Free Church on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

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Kenneth Ladd

April 18, 1947 - December 13, 2021

Kenny (Kenneth) Ladd went to be with his LORD and Savior Jesus Christ on December 13, 2021, in his home surrounded by his family and in the care of hospice. He was born on April 18, 1947, in Benson, Minn., to Alvin and Louise Ladd. In 1953, he moved with his parents and younger brother, Merlin, to the farm south of Cloverdale. He graduated from Hinckley High School in 1965. He studied electronics at St. Paul Vocational School and worked his entire forty-five year career for Control Data/General Dynamics as a computer parts inspector in the Metro area. Ken is survived by his wife, Corrine, daughter Zoe and son Nelson, all of Minneapolis; brother Merlin (Patti) of Hinckley, sister Nancy (Mark) of Carlington, N.D.; several nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Allen.

A memorial service will be held January 15, 2022, at 11:00 at Park Avenue Methodist Church in Minneapolis. Anyone wishing to send a card, please send to: Cori Ladd 3201 E. 53rd Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Lorraine C. Petersen

December 15, 1934 - December 25, 2021

Lorraine Christine Petersen, age 87, of Askov, Minn. passed away peacefully on December 25, 2021, at Sandstone Golden Horizon Assisted Living Center in Sandstone, Minn.

Lorraine was born on December 15, 1934, to Leonard and Lydia Petersen in Askov, Minn. She grew up in Askov, graduating from Askov High School. During her high school years Lorraine kept busy with her job at the Askov bank. After graduation Lorraine moved to the Minneapolis area working at a bank. On November 18, 1956, Lorraine married Donald



Petersen. They moved back to the Askov area where they made their home, living in the same house for 60 years, until Lorraine needed to move into Golden Horizons. Throughout her life Lorraine was always a member of the church and enjoyed singing in the church choir and when she moved back to Askov, she attended bible study groups with her friends. Other hobbies that brought joy to Lorraine were gardening, reading, listening to music, her dogs (now Sadie), drives to Duluth and being close to Lake Superior. Friends were a big part of Lorraine’s life and she always loved to attend and host garden parties and tea parties too.

Lorraine is preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Lydia; her brothers, Leonard (sister-in-law Joyce Lund) and Leslie; and her son, David.

Lorraine is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Donald; her son, Michael Petersen of Askov, Minn.; her daughter, Lisa (Bob) Wright of Savage, Minn.; grandchildren, Cody Petersen, Sarah and Caleb Anderson and Rachel Wright.

The family of Lorraine would like to thank the staff at Sandstone Care Center, Sandstone Golden Horizons and Ecumen Hospice.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Lorraine on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran with Clara Edin, S.A.M. officiating. Visitation will take place at the church one hour prior to the service.

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Pat Jorgensen

August 30, 1934 - December 28, 2021

Pat Jorgensen, 87 passed away unexpectedly at Augustana Mercy Care Center in Moose Lake, Minn. She was preceded in death by her husband Ted.

Pat was an amazing cook. She started out cooking for the farm hands on the family farm in Bruno Minn. She then married and moved on a small dairy farm also in Bruno. She worked at Banning Junction as a cook for 20 plus years. Pat loved her home in the country. Her favorite thing was to be out in her yard planting a vegetable garden or her many flowers. She also had many apple trees and



would pick apples for pie and many other yummy desserts.

While in the nursing home she loved doing crafts. She made bird houses, painted etc. with her room mate and friend Evy.

She is survived by her 4 children Nancy, Karen (Dennis), Tom (Linda), and Tim. Also seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She also has one brother Robert Waletzko and a sister Ann Rupkalvis.

A memorial service was held for Pat on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Church of Victory in Askov, Minn. with Pastor Degerstrom officiating. No burial is planned at this time.

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FESTIVAL:Ice festival attracts record youth

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sipped on his warm drink next to a fire pit. The other checked his climbing gear with the help of his dad, then started up the ice.

“It’s pretty exciting,” said Logan Monfort, 10. “It was a little scary at first.” He said his family stays busy by rock climbing in the summer and mountain biking. Brent explained that the family drove two hours from Boyceville, Wisc. for the youth ice climbing clinic. He said the class was a great deal for the price as it included free use of the gear for the boys.

Noah also said he enjoys ice climbing as well. “I like when I get to the top,” Noah said. He said he likes the views at the top of Winona Ice Park better and there are easier routes for climbing than at Sandstone. The brothers agreed that it is easier to climb when the weather is warmer as the ice is softer. It’s more difficult to get the ice ax in when the ice is hard. It was about 20 degrees at the festival and the ice was solid.

“The festival is hosted by the MCA and all of the money raised from the clinics, gear rental and raffle goes to stewardship and infrastructure projects at climbing recreation areas,” said Stritch. “The MCA also runs the Sandstone Ice Park, so a lot of the money goes back into making sure we can make great ice for the ice climbing community. There’s also rock climbing in Robinson Park and we hope to do some trail improvement and sustainability projects this summer.”

The ice park is free and open to the public from late December to early March, as long as the weather cooperates.

Next year’s festival dates are already set for January 6, 7 and 8, 2023.

TRAIN:Finances in place for long time transportation project

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leaders.”

Brown said that she felt the opportunity with federal money is very refreshing and they are hearing from constituents, from college students and from traveling nurses who go back and forth on the corridor and that people are interested in the project.

Frank Loetterle, MnDOT freight and rail planning supervisor, said of the project status that MnDOT supports the project and has completed the preliminary engineering and other studies and has received environmental clearance from the Federal Railroad Administration.

However, funding has been an ongoing issue and efforts, primarily through legislative allocation of money in order to apply for federal funding, is ongoing.

If or when full funding for the NLX project has been secured, Loetterle said the next step would be reaching an agreement with both BNSF Railway and Amtrak; at that point, the final design for the passenger rail would be completed.

“From the time a full funding plan has been completed, it will take about two and a half years to begin operations,” said Loetterle. “MnDOT is excited about the prospect of additional funding for NLX and looks forward to helping make the project a reality.”

Ken Buehler, Technical Advisory Committee chairman, said, “This is the most active engagement, with dollars behind it. I think we’re in a very, very good place right now, but it won’t be easy. There is a huge surplus, but when you have a surplus, the fighting can go on forever.”

COMMUNITY

Stories of the historic 1918 fire handed down through generations

ots to discuss here at the Meyer household. And, yes, it's cold enough for us. Uffdaa. If you read last week, you know we were waiting on labs and biopsy results for Gary's day at the University of Minnesota hospital. It took four days before we heard those "overnight" results. (ha!) But, Gary is ok, to sum it up. There are results that changed back to "no problem," and others that were off a bit. The changing values are making the doctors think his body is fighting a couple antibody issues that came with his donor's heart. Their conclusion: we will continue watching.



Finlayson News
Maxine Meyer

You may remember the October vehicle accident about our truck. Well, this was the week Gary's truck was completed. Parts all located, installed and the truck looks and works great. But for three days he looked over the back of that truck and finally figured out what bothered him. The corner built-in bumper step. On that 2016 model Chevy there was a black rugged material that prevented a foot from slipping when used, but now one side of his truck has a no grip pattern on the step. A minor difference, but he is going back to ask them about it. (Nope, not my issue. It's transportation, not a loved one, but I know another guy who has issues with just a scratch.) And, good news on our dog Brewster, he finally let his paw heal. Of course, that was after our daughter put an Elizabethan collar on him, and paired it with a cone. Poor boy would

bang that cone into the back of my legs just to make a point he was mad, I think. But, the idea worked and five days ago we took it all off and he is one happy senior pup, and so are we. As I mentioned last week here is the first installment of my family's story of the farm and the log cabin store west of Willow River: As I've mentioned before, I grew up living in the back of that country store and I was there until 1963. In my first 13 years I was close to my great-grandmother Theresa Mecl, she and other family would occasionally repeat their story of surviving the 1918 Moose Lake fire. To confirm my memories, I called my cousins to double check the following details as we know them to be true. So, I'll start with that beautiful windy, sunny October day in 1918. The men at the Mecl family home were off working,

logging we expect, apparently somewhere to the south. The three women left at the family farm were doing their kitchen work. There wasn't a clue that the day would be any different from days before. That summer weather was much like our latest summer of 2021, very dry and no rain. Logging was the big money maker, and much of the state was being logged. In fact, so much that small fires broke out often and people became used to seeing smoke. The 12th day in October, the winds came out of the north and a large fire was beginning to take shape. With the help of the wind it began making it's way south and west from as far north as Cloquet. Some folks thought the origin was as far north as just below Duluth, but so many small fires were already going. Due to the gusting wind the fires merged. A monster disaster formed, rolling

right towards our "neck of the woods." It grew bigger and bigger, faster and faster as it blew through Moose Lake. It leveled most of the town, and other smaller towns in it's path were completely eliminated. In it's path, although nearing the end of it's run, was the James Arthur Mecl family farm, 8.5 miles west of Willow River, just ¼ mile east of a town called Ellson. It was indeed devastating. (More next week.) Please remember to be considerate of your family, friends and community and get vaccinated, wear masks and keep sanitizing. It helps us all.

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January is National Soup 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. ENJOY!!

WILD RICE HAM SOUP

- 3/4 c. wild rice, washed
- 1-1/2 c. water
- 1/2 c. cooked ham or bacon diced
- 1/4 c. diced onion
- 2 c. diced potatoes
- 2 c. diced carrots
- 2 c. peas
- 2 c. water
- 1 can cream of potato soup
- 1-pint milk
- 1/4 c. butter
- 2 c. shredded American cheese

Boil rice in 1-1/2 cups water until rice is tender and water is gone. Set aside. In 4 to 6-quart pan put ham, onion, potatoes, carrots, peas and 2 cups water. Cover and simmer, stirring often, until vegetables are tender. Add soup, milk, butter and cheese. Stir in cooked rice. Serve when cheese is melted.

CREAMY TOMATO BASIL SOUP

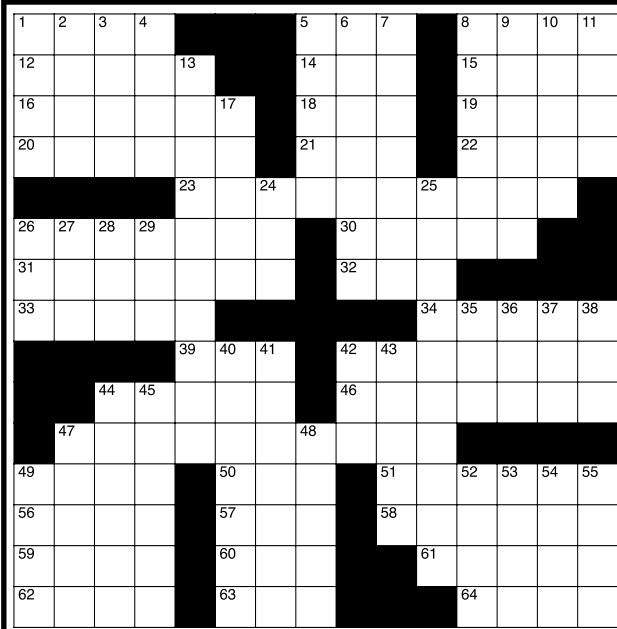
- 1/4 c. butter
- 1/4 c. flour
- 1/4 c. yellow onion, diced
- 1/4 c. carrots, diced
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 Tbsp. basil
- 1-1/2 milk
- 3 c. heavy cream
- 2 Tbsp. chicken bouillon
- 2 c. water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 c. tomato juice
- 2 cans (14 oz.) diced tomatoes with juice

In a medium stock pot, sauté onions and carrots in the butter. Add paprika and basil sauté until tender. Add flour to make a roux. Add water, milk, cream and chicken bouillon and bring to a simmer. When soup starts to simmer add tomatoes and juice. Bring soup back to simmer and taste, add salt and pepper to taste. Serves approximately 12 servings. Can substitute 2 cups of chicken stock for the chicken bouillon and water.

BEEF DUMPLING SOUP

- 1 lb. beef stewing meat, cubed
- 1 envelope dry onion soup mix
- 6 c. hot water
- 2 carrots, peeled and shredded
- 1 tomato, peeled and chopped
- 1 celery rib, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil
- 1/4 tsp. dill
- 1 c. buttermilk biscuit mix
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped parsley
- 6 Tbsp. milk

Place meat in slow cooker. Sprinkle with onion soup mix. Pour water over meat. Add carrots, celery, tomato, basil, garlic and dill. Cover. Cook on low 4-6 hours, or until meat is tender. Combine biscuit mix and parsley. Stir in milk with fork until moistened. Drop dumplings by teaspoonfuls into pot. Cover. Cook on high 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Requests

5. Calendar month

8. Invests in little enterprises

12. Bird sound

14. S. American plant cultivated for tubers

15. Car

16. Bullfighter

18. Hill (Celtic)

19. Strong criticism

20. Detector

21. When you hope to get there

22. Having the skill to do something

23. Legendary MLB broadcaster

26. Vulcanite

30. C. Asian mountain range

31. In a way, healed

32. Midway between east and southeast
33. Small appendages of insects

34. __ Greene, "Bonanza" actor

39. A place to bathe

42. Postal worker accessory

44. Classical music

46. A way of wrecking

47. Terminator

49. You eat three a day

50. Pointed end of a pen

51. NATO official (abbr.)

56. Genus of clams

57. Boxing's "G.O.A.T."

58. A colorless, odorless gas used as fuel

59. Covered thinly with gold paint

60. Bachelor of Laws

61. Red fluorescent dye

62. Engineering group

63. Female sibling

64. Adjacent

CLUES DOWN

1. What a thespian does

2. Footwear

3. Adjust spacing between

4. Witnesses

5. Who shows excessive fondness

6. Distinct form of a plant

7. National capital

8. Hunting expedition

9. Related to medulla oblongata

10. European country

11. Cola

13. Excluded from use or mention

17. Speak

24. Bloodshot

25. Make better

26. Keyboard key

27. Type of degree

28. Paddle
29. Peacock network

35. Not young

36. Baseball stat

37. One's grandmother

38. Breakfast food

40. Bathroom features

41. Disease-causing bacterium

42. NY ballplayer

43. Got up

44. Prophet

45. Part of the mouth

47. Unnatural

48. Acronym for brain science study

49. Three are famous

52. Languages spoken in Patagonia

53. Freedom from difficulty

54. Widely used OS

55. Many people pay it

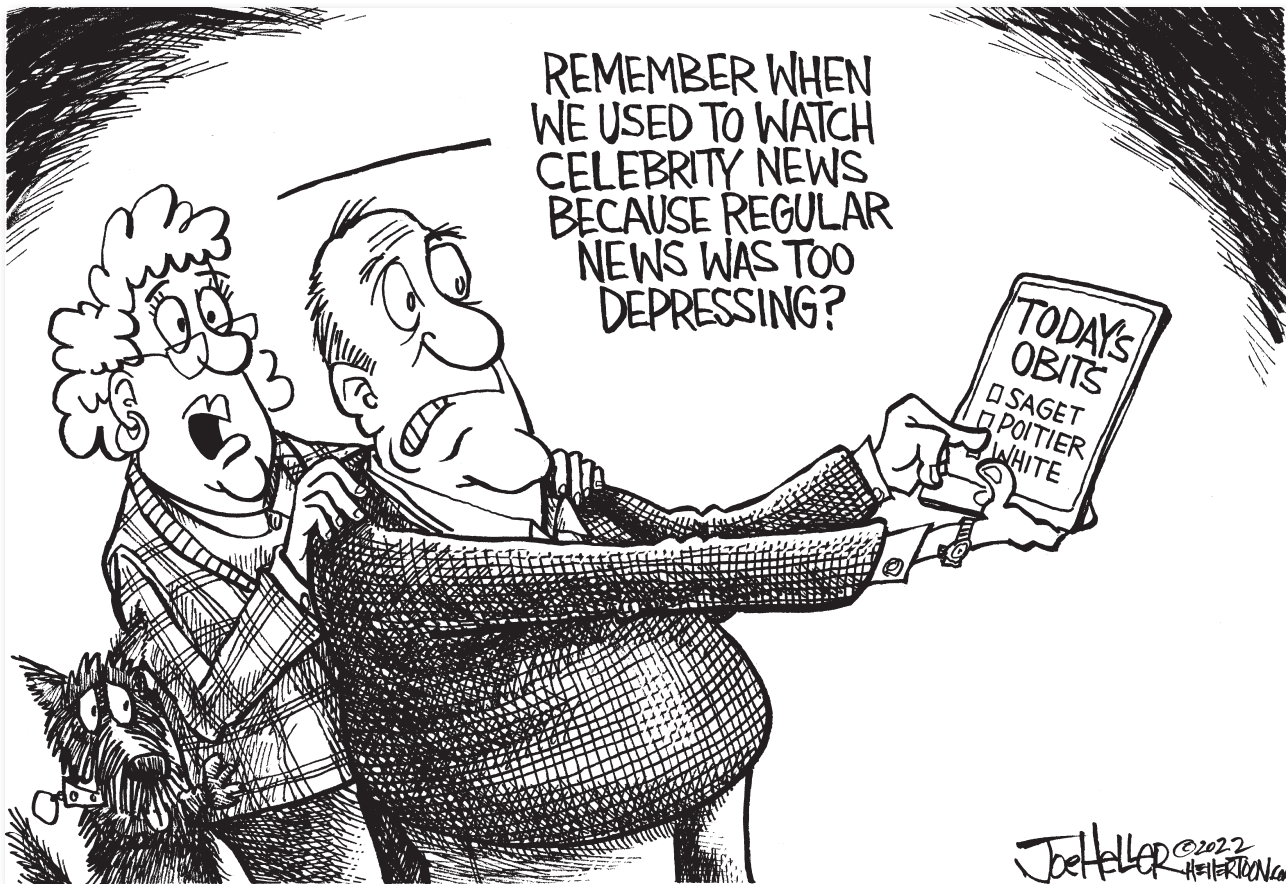
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gas Prices

To the Editor:

If anyone can explain to me why the gas prices in Hinckley are so high, I will be glad to listen. The prices in Pine City and Sandstone are generally 8 to 10 cents a gallon cheaper than in Hinckley. I was in Mora on Friday the 7th of January. The price of gas in town on highway 65 was between \$2.51.9 to \$253.9 at every station. Why is gas in Mora, 20 miles away, 66 cents a gallon cheaper? I understand that Hinckley is on the freeway and raising the price a little gets a little “extra” money from people passing through but 66 cents a gallon sounds excessive to me. Again, Why are gas prices in Hinckley so much higher than the surrounding town????

Ed Hattenberger
Hinckley, Minn.



New Laws Taking Effect in 2022

There are several new laws taking effect as of January 1, 2022. Below is a listing of a few of them by subject area:



Legislative Update
Senator Jason Rarick

FAMILY - PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS

An employer with 15 or more employees will be required to provide “reasonable accommodations” to an employee for health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth upon request, with the advice of a licensed health care provider or certified doula, unless the employer demonstrates that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the employer’s business.

Examples may include a temporary transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position, seating, frequent restroom breaks, and limits to heavy lifting.

COMMERCE - OPIOID SCREENING LIMITS REPEALED

Medical Assistance must cover screenings and urinalysis tests for opioids without lifetime or annual limits.

The provision is part of the omnibus commerce and energy finance and policy law, which also contains several Commerce Department requirements effective January 1, 2022, that apply to reinsurance contracts renewed or entered into on or after that date.

TRANSPORTATION - DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION

Beginning January 1, 2022, a person’s driver’s license cannot be suspended following a conviction for driving after suspension, driving after revocation, or based solely on a person’s failure to pay a traffic ticket, parking fine, or surcharge following a conviction for a vehicle operation or parking citation.

PUBLIC SAFETY - PROPERTY FORFEITURE REVISIONS

The omnibus public safety and judiciary policy and finance law revises Minnesota’s forfeiture system for property seized in relation to criminal activity.

- A vehicle is not subject to forfeiture if the driver fails to appear for a scheduled court appearance and fails to voluntarily surrender

within 48 hours of that required appearance;

- Forfeiture notices must contain a warning to a person — other than the driver — who may have an ownership interest in a vehicle that has been seized how to assert an innocent owner claim;
- A forfeiture proceeding in relation to a DWI offense is stayed in certain circumstances if the driver becomes a program participant in the ignition interlock program;
- Identifying specific ways a law enforcement agency or prosecuting authority can use forfeiture obtained money;
- Personal property and real property, other than homestead property exempt from seizure, is subject to forfeiture if it is an instrument or represents the proceeds of a controlled substance offense;
- Money totaling \$1,500 and any precious metals or stones are subject to forfeiture if there is probable cause to believe they represent the proceeds of a controlled substance offense;

- A vehicle is subject to forfeiture if used in transportation or exchange of controlled substances intended for distribution or sale and the controlled substances had a value of at least \$100.

In addition, the legislative auditor’s office is to conduct an audit on the efficacy of forfeiture and ignition interlock in DWI cases and report to the Legislature by January 15, 2025.

STAY IN TOUCH

I am always available to answer your questions or concerns. Please email me anytime at sen.jason.rarick@senate.mn or call my office in St. Paul at 651-296-1508.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you in the Minnesota Senate!

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Sylvia
Schweiger

Sharon Ring and Sylvia Schweiger enjoyed supper at Jeanette Swenson’s home Tuesday evening.

In conversation with my sister, Linda, on Sunday, January 2, she stated they were to have 4 to 8 inches of snow Sunday night into Monday. Linda and hubby Gary Shaw live in the state of Virginia. It turned out that they ended up with about a foot of snow/ice with many trees down on their property and were without power from Sunday night through late afternoon on Thursday. They did have a generator that they used on and off, which helped somewhat. Their youngest daughter and family who lives nearby was also without power until Wednesday and oldest daughter and husband live about 40 miles away didn’t lose power but were going to try and help them on Monday but were unable to because I-95 was closed. All are fine but now have the cleanup .

Condolences to the family and friends of Lorraine Petersen. Lorraine, 87, of Askov passed away on December 25 at Golden Horizons Assisted Living in Sandstone. Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Askov. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements by Methven Funeral Home Sandstone.

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My uncle Ducky loves to go ice fishing. He’s a fanatic. In preparation for this season he bought a new ice house made from styrofoam so it would be easy to haul out to the middle of the lake. He didn’t take into account that Muskie Lake is very windy even on a sunny day. No sooner did he get his fishing shack to the edge of the lake when a gale force wind blew the thing out

Ask
Tante

on the ice and approaching the opposite shore at warp speed. Ducky was in hot pursuit in his F150. By the time the wind died down his styrofoam fish house was in small pieces wrapped around Bob’s Bait and Tackle Emporium, a fixture for sportsmen living in several counties near Muskie Lake.

I wonder if Ducky can pack up the pieces and send it back to the manufacturer for a refund. What do you think his chances are?

Signed, Ducky’s nephew Don

Dear Don,

I suspect that anyone who would purchase a styrofoam fish house

has been taken, hook, line and sinker.

I noticed on the copy of Ducky’s receipt, which was included in your letter, that the name of the manufacturer is Hookem Stiffem and Dumpem Recycling. Ducky should have done some online research of this company before he bought the fish house. I doubt he’ll get a refund before the ice comes off Muskie Lake. Wish him the best for me; there’s always next year. And remember Tante Ingeborg cares....but not so much.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Ice on area lakes thin for ice fishing, check thickness

100 YEARS AGO
JANUARY 10, 1922

- Ludvig Mosbaek of Askov is attending the short course this week at the State University Farm.

- In response to numerous inquiries, taxpayers are advised that certain taxes, among them the so-called “nuisance” and “luxury” taxes are replaced effective January 1, 1922 by the Revenue Act of 1921.

- Elmer Galvin and Vandetta Emmert were united in marriage. They will make their home on the groom’s farm in Wilma.

75 YEARS AGO
JANUARY 9, 1947

- Miss Martha Kump becomes the bride of Mr. Orville Youngberg on December 23.

- Helvig Serritslev purchased the livery and trucking equipment and along with the buildings and property from Peter Jepsen of Sandstone.

- What a New Years’s present. Laura Gertrude arrived at the home of Lawrence and Mrs. VanGuilder of Kerrick on New Year’s Eve.

- A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Ames of Ker-

50 YEARS AGO
JANUARY 13, 1972

- Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomsen of Askov celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with family and friends at their home. It was hosted by their children.

- The clerks office in Pine City now has the new equipment for driver’s license. It now requires an eye exam and a colored photo taken of every person applying for a license.

- Many spectators watched the donkey basketball game at Askov High School. The firemen won 14-12 against the faculty.

25 YEARS AGO
JANUARY 9, 1997

- Two local youths die in a

rick, making number three for the family, the last two being 13 years apart.

- Little Dennis VanGuilder, son of Harry VanGuilder, fell down the cellar steps and cut his forehead and requiring several stitches.

- A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Lundgren. The little miss has been named Marie Hanna.

snowmobile crash on January 1. The victims are Brian Buhl and Richard Edwards Jr.

- Raylene Rippentrop daughter of Mich and Elaine Rippentrop of Askov, completes the U.S. Navy basic training at Great Lakes, Ill.

- About a foot and a half of snow hit northern Pine County on January 3 and 4.

- Amber Buhl, age 6 and Steven Johnson, age 8 are this weeks Reader of the Week at Bruno Elementary.

- Pearl Nolan, formerly of Askov, will be celebrating her 80th birthday at the Frederic Care Center.

10 YEARS AGO
JANUARY 5, 2012

- Anglers are warned, please be very cautious. The ice is still very thin on the lakes.

- Minnesota’s gray wolves will be removed from the Federal government threatened species list and return to state management in January .

- As of December 30th Pat Krogh is retired from the bank. She worked there for 34 years. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement.

EAST CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Thursday, January 13

Blue line: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, bread stick, corn, apple, and milk

Silver line: Pizza hot dish, bread stick, corn, apple, and milk

Friday, January 14

Blue line: Chicken fajita, chips, carrots, orange, and milk

Silver line: Stroganoff, bread stick, carrots, orange, and milk

Monday, January 17

No School-Teacher Workshop

Tuesday, January 18

Blue line: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple, and milk

Silver line: Cheese burger,

Wednesday, January 19

Blue line: Pancakes (2), sausages (2), peaches, juice, and milk

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DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-21-88
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Terry D. Johnson, a/k/a Terry Dennis Johnson, Decedent
Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated April 3, 2009. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Lois M. Johnson whose address is 10834 Farm to Market Road, Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.
Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.
Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent. Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: January 5, 2022
BY THE COURT
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MINUTES

EAST CENTRAL
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UNAPPROVED SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
January 3, 2022
The East Central School Board held a regular meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022 in the Community Board Room.
Members Present: Rich Thomsen, Julie Domogalla, Judy Loken, Pete Brown, Angie Presley, Genny Swenson, Andy Almos. Absent: Doug Ecklund.
Others Present: Stef Youngberg, Kris Chryst, Jenny Nelson, Kristi Zemke, Jamie Nord, Cindy Stolp, Lori Grundmeier
I. Chair Thomsen called the meeting to order at 6pm.
II. Open Forum - no comments from the public.
III. OATH OF OFFICE FOR BOARD MEMBERS - Chair Thomsen read the responsibilities of taking the

Oath of Office;
Genny Swenson, new board member publicly affirmed her Oath of Office. Other board members signed the
Acceptance of Office (Rich Thomsen, Judy Loken, Julie Domogalla, Angela Presley).
IV. Motion by Loken, second by Brown to approve the agenda. Motion unanimously approved.
V. OFFICER ELECTION:
A. Chair - Thomsen calls for nominations; Brown makes a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the same offers as 2021; Recommendation to individually approve each position per MSBA; Discussion; Motion by Brown to nominate Thomsen as Chair; Motion by Presley to nominate Domogalla as Chair; Discussion; Roll call vote for Thomsen - In Favor: Brown, Thomsen; Not in Favor: Presley, Loken, Domogalla; Abstain: Swenson. Roll call vote for Domogalla - In Favor: Presley, Loken, Domogalla; Not in Favor: Brown, Thomsen; Abstain: Swenson. Motion carried to approve Domogalla as Chair.
B. Vice Chair - Domogalla called for nominations; Loken nominates Thomsen; Thomsen declines; Presley nominates Ecklund and he is voted in by acclamation.
C. Clerk -Domogalla called for nominations; Domogalla nominated Presley and she was voted in by acclamation.
D. Treasurer - Domogalla called for nominations; Presley nominated Loken and she was voted in by acclamation.
VI. Motion by Loken, second by Presley to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion unanimously approved.
A. January Bills
B. Minutes for the December meeting
C. Employment
i. Connie Ecklund, Paraprofessional, 6.25 hours daily, AFSCME Class III, Step 1, effective January 3, 2022.
D. Contracts (annual approval)
i. Mental Health Provider – Therapeutic Service Agency (TSA)
ii. Mental Health Provider – Monarch Counseling Services
E. Increase Minimum Wage from \$8.21 to \$8.42/hour for student workers effective January 1, 2022.
F. Increase Minimum Wage from \$10.08 to \$10.33/hour for adult community education workers effective January 1, 2022.
G. Official Newspaper
i. Askov American
ii. Pine County Courier

H. Official School Financial Depositories
i. Northview Bank
ii. MN Trust/PMA
iii. MN Liquid Asset Fund
I. Superintendent Authorization
i. Invest and transfer funds
ii. Pay district bills prior to board meeting time to avoid late charges/fees
iii. Approval of contracts under \$10,000
J. Facsimile Signatures: for 2022
K. Legal Counsel – Superintendent, Board Chair, and Vice Chair authorized to contact legal counsel:
i. Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger
ii. Knutson, Flynn & Deans
VII. REPORTS
A. St. Croix River Education District (SCRED) – Jamie Nord, Executive Director reported on Organizational Updates, Support Highlights, Future Systems-Level Work and Legislative Advocacy.
B. Community Education – Cindy Stolp, Director reported on 550 participants this school year, popular classes, upcoming classes, swimming pool updates and rentals.
C. Superintendent Almos reported on COVID-19 Update, OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), Roof Project and EPIC Professional Development.
D. High School Principal reported on completed cycle of grade level meetings, initial evaluations of non-tenured staff complete, curriculum update connected to discipline, student council food drive, great band and choir programs, FAST testing, SCRED team continue to work on identifying needs and planning support for staff and recommendation of The Lion Heart documentary 20/21 on youtube.
E. Elementary Principal reported on winter data testing, EPIC conference, PBIS planning sledding for 2nd quarter celebration, Science Rocks event in St. Cloud, two staff members attending Gifted & Talented conference and upcoming Rapid Cycles rotation.
F. Business Manager reported at the end of the calendar year W-2 and 1099 reporting, ACA 1095 forms, federal COVID grants and funding and budget revision.
G. School Board Committees (as approved below):
i. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) – Brown, Loken (alternate Presley)
ii. St. Croix River Education District (SCRED) – Domogalla (alternate Presley)
iii. Minnesota School Boards

Association (MSBA) – Domogalla
iv. Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) – Thomsen
v. East Central Minnesota Education Cable Cooperative (ECMECC) – Swenson
vi. Resource Training & Solutions – Almos
vii. Safety & Security Committee – Ecklund, Brown
viii. Facilities Committee – Presley, Thomsen, Brown
ix. Finance Committee – Loken, Ecklund, Domogalla
x. Student Representative – Grundmeier HS raised 400 pounds of canned goods for the food shelf.
xi. MASA Board – Almos
xii. New Board Member Orientation - Swenson
H. Set meeting dates
i. Facilities Committee - January 25th at 3:00pm (ICS - roof options)
i. School-County Leadership Network - March 23rd at 6:00 pm at North Pine Govt Center
VIII. COMMUNICATIONS
IX. OLD BUSINESS
A. Almos presented the first draft of 2022-23 School Board Goals. Motion by Presley, second by Loken to approve the 2022-23 goals. Motion unanimously approved.
i. Immediate: Student Learning, Buildings and Grounds.
ii. Short-Term: Student Attendance, Extracurricular Activities, Marketing-Communications, Innovation.
iii. Long-Term: Student Achievement, Financial Health, Buildings & Grounds, Innovation.
X. NEW BUSINESS
A. Eagle Pride:
i. East Central music department for terrific holiday concerts. Thank you Miss Hippen and Mrs. Pauly!
B. Motion by Brown, second by Presley to approve the following School Board Committees. Motion unanimously approved.
2022 Board Committee Assignments:
Finance Committee Loken, Ecklund, Domogalla
Facilities Committee Brown, Thomsen, Presley
Negotiation and Grievance Domogalla, Ecklund, Loken (non-cert)
Brown, Thomsen, Swenson (certified)
Safety Committee Brown, Ecklund
Marketing-Communications Domogalla, Presley
2022 Board Appointments:
Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) Brown, Loken (alternate Presley)
St. Croix River Education District (SCRED) Domogalla (alternate Presley)

East Central Minnesota Education Cable Cooperative (ECMECC)
Swenson
Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Domogalla
Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Thomsen
Meet and Confer Almos
Superintendent Evaluation Board Chair
Note: The board will create ad hoc committees as it deems appropriate.
C. Motion by Presley, second by Thomsen to approve the following Regular Meeting Dates – Third Monday of the month, with exceptions listed below. Meetings to be held in the East Central Community Room/413 at 6:00pm unless otherwise noted below.
i. February 14, 2022
ii. March 21
iii. April 18
iv. May 16
v. June 13 (moved a week earlier)
vi. July 25 (moved a week later)
vii. August 15
viii. September 19
ix. October 17
x. November 21
xi. December 19
xii. January 9 (reorganizational meeting)
xiii. February 13, 2023 (third monday is President's Day)
D. Motion by Thomsen, second by Loken to approve the following per diem rates. Motion unanimously approved.
i. Breakfast = \$15.00
ii. Lunch = \$15.00
iii. Dinner = \$20.00
E. Motion by Brown, second by Loken to approve mileage at \$.585 cents per mile in the tax year 2022 to align with the new IRS rate. Motion unanimously approved.
F. Discussion on rough draft of the 2022-23 School Calendar. A draft will be sent out to staff and students for feedback with another draft for review at the February meeting.
G. Discussion on MSBA Model Policy 491 MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION OR TESTING AND FACE COVERINGS. Motion by Loken to approve MSBA Model Policy 491 contingent on U.S. Supreme Court findings; second by Presley. Roll call vote - In Favor: Domogalla, Loken, Brown, Presley, Swenson; Opposed: Thomsen; motion passed.
XI. Chair Domogalla adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm
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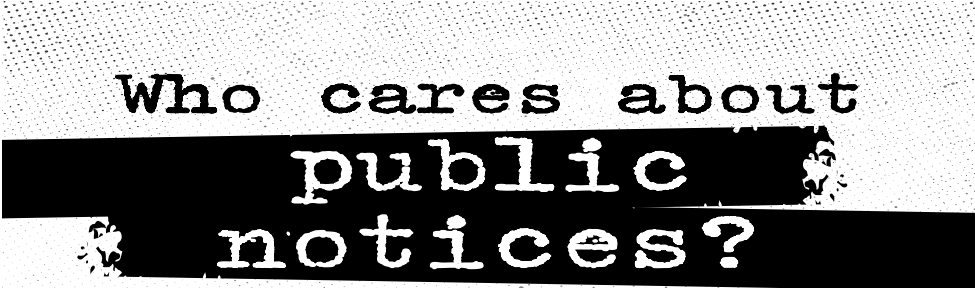
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Eagles squeak win past Braham Bombers

BY COACH DARREN FOGT

Last week the East Central Eagles only had one game. They played the Braham Bombers on Tuesday, Jan. 4. It was a close game throughout. The Eagles took a three-point lead into halftime and the game ended with EC winning by three, 55-52. This was a huge conference victory for the boys, hopefully it gives the team some confidence.

The star of the game was Nathan Zielinski, who led the Eagles with 29 points and gave the Braham defenders fits throughout the game. Zielinski also had six rebounds and four steals. It was a coming out party for Jacob Dixon. He had 11 points, 11 rebounds and six blocked shots. Showing signs of being the dominant force that we hope he can

be. Hunter Colton had 10 points, with nine rebounds. Kyle McDonald had three points with six rebounds and Charlie Higgins had two points with eight rebounds. East Central was missing Ben Carlin for this game, so with being short-handed, it was even a bigger win.

The game against Swanville had to be rescheduled to Monday, Febr. 14, due to them having COVID-19. The Monday, Jan. 10, game against Moose Lake Willow River was rescheduled due to them not being full strength because of COVID-19.

East Central will have a Thursday, Jan. 13, game at Mora (8-2) and a huge Friday game against a conference rival, the Hinckley-Finlayson Jaguars (4-6). January 18, Tuesday, the Eagles have a road trip to take on the Pine City Dragons (5-5).



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East Central played an aggressive game against Braham and was rewarded with a narrow win as both teams fought for possession of the ball as well as the game.

Laursen scores big points against Aitkin

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The East Central Eagles girls' basketball team had a road trip to Braham on Tuesday, Jan. 4. They faced Aitkin in their home gym on Thursday, Jan. 6. Braham defeated the Eagles 52-25. It was Aitkin (5-5) over East Central 46-33.

At Braham Izzy Olson and Katelynn McAbee each had 6 points, combined with 12 rebounds, 4 steals, and 4 blocks. Lori Grundmeier, Aly Huntington, and Josie Ford each had 3 points. Carly Watrin and Elsie Laursen had 2 points each.

On the Eagles' home court against Aitkin, Elsie Laursen

led the team with 17 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 steals. Kenzie Ludwig had 9 rebound to go with 4 points. Lori Grundmeier had 4 points, Aly Huntington and Izzy Olson had 3 points each and Josie Ford had 2 points.

The Eagles will go down the road to the Hinckley-Finlayson 7AA (4-8) gym on Thursday, Jan. 13. Friday, Jan. 14, the Eagles will travel to Wrenshall 7A (1-6). On Monday, Jan. 17, Mora 6AA (4-7) will play the Eagles at East Central. The Eagles will host Pine City 6AA (8-3) on Tuesday, Jan. 18.



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The East Central girls basketball team struggled to keep possession of the ball during a recent game against Braham.

Rebel boys struggle

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Moose Lake Willow River boys' basketball team was plagued by COVID-19 protocol for the unvaccinated, leaving the Rebels' varsity team without eight of their athletes. The Rebels were scheduled to play Cromwell-Wright at home on Friday, January 7.

It was decided to go ahead and play Cromwell with the players that were still left on the team. With two seconds left in the game, the Rebels led by two. It wasn't enough, because Cromwell's ninth-grader, Dylan Nyberg, hit another three from the corner to give the Cromwell Cardinals the win with no time left of the clock 63-62.

After the first half, the Rebels were down 24-31. In the second half, the Rebels outscored the Cardinals 38-32.

Phillip Sheetz led all players with 30 points, Logan Orvedahl had 21, Adam Neumann 4, Sam Dewey 3, Luke Dewey and Kaden Robbins 2. The Rebels were 7 for 14 for 50 percent from the charity stripe. Sam Dewey had 6 of the Rebels' 14 assists. The MLWR team finished with 19 rebounds. Orvedahl had 6, Sam Dewey 4, Luke Dewey 3, and Sheetz 2. Sheetz had six made baskets from beyond the arch and Orvedahl had one. Cromwell sunk eight threes.

For Cromwell-Wright, Nathan Eliason had 19, Noah Foster 14, Dylan Nyberg 13, Tanner Collman 9, and Michael Zoeller 8.

MLWR was scheduled to play at East Central (3-7) on Monday, January 10. The game has been postponed to Monday, January 31, at 5:45/7:15. The game at Rush City on Tuesday, January 11, is still on the schedule. Rush City is 6-2. They have lost to Spectrum in overtime and Pine City. On Friday, January 14, MLWR boys' and girls' basketball teams will play a double header in Silver Bay (0-5) at 4:45/6:15. On Tuesday, January 18, the Rebels play Eveleth-Gilbert (4/4) in Moose Lake.

Rebel girls suffer tough losses, short players

BY PEGGY GRANQUIST

The Moose Lake/Willow River Rebels lost two more games this past week against Duluth/ Marshall on Tuesday and Cromwell on Thursday.

Duluth Marshall drew first blood and quickly took an 8-3 lead. The Rebels came within 1 point (8-7) but it was all Hilltoppers after that. DM took a 17-9 lead but the Rebels pulled within 5. That was the closest ML/WR was able to get the remainder of the game. The Rebels only mustered 13 points the remainder of the half to the Hilltoppers

25. Duluth Marshall took a 42-20 lead into the locker room.

The Rebels' woes continued into the second half as the Hilltoppers stifling defense again shut down ML/WR's offense. The Rebels defense had a hard time controlling the DM offense. The Hilltoppers outscored the Rebels in the stanza 40-22. Final score was 82-42 Duluth Marshall. The Rebel JV also lost with 45-38.

Maci Kukuk lead all Rebel scorers with 13 points, Natalie Mikrot contributed 11, Alivia Mallory (8), Sarah Christy (4) and Lexi

Kliniski, Lilly Petty and Ava North each had two points.

"Duluth Marshall caught us by surprise. They shot really well and drove and dished the ball well. They were hard to defend. We had to play better defense to stay in the game," said Coach Mathson

M L/W R travelled to Cromwell on Thursday, Jan. 6 to take on the Cardinals. The night consisted of piecing together a Rebel squad of both junior varsity and varsity players due to a number of girls being quarantined. Cromwell took advantage of that off

balanced Rebel attack and handed another defeat to ML/WR 87-29. Lilly Petty was the Rebel high scorer of the evening with 8, Maci Kukuk 5, Ava North 4, Jocelyn St. Pierre 3, Hannah Roach 3, Maddie Volk 2 and Marta Guajaro 1. JV lost 52-17.

"I hate to blame COVID-19. We had some players out this game. I think that some players stepped up with other players out. I do think that we can always do better obviously, but I also see some good things going forward. Cromwell is a good team," said Coach Mathson.



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