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Severe weather hits Pine County



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Storms pummeled trees and damaged buildings in the Hinckley area on Monday evening.

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A path of severe weather blew through Pine County on Memorial Day.

Power was shut off to over 11,000 residents in the East Central Energy coverage area.

The storm caused damage to trees, homes and businesses throughout the area. Tree services were out immediately after the storm to clear blocked roads and driveways from downed trees.

ECE crews were out all night to restore power with some still out of power the morning of Tuesday, May 31. As of Tuesday at 11 a.m., Andy Olson, ECE vice president COO and incident commander, said that there were still 313 outages.

“We currently have 313 outages impacting 3,300 members,” said Olson. “At our highest point, around 11,000 members were without power. Our system had at least 22 broken poles and countless trees/limbs on lines. As our crews cycle out for some much-needed sleep, we are thankful for the additional help of Dakota Electric Association, Polk-Burnett Electric and Skyline Utility Construction employees.”

He added that during times of crisis, ECE has the desire and ability to pull together like none other. “We want to stress that nothing is more important than working safely. Throughout the restoration process, we ask that employees speak up when fatigued, take time to do each job properly and thoroughly, and remember that your family needs you to come home

safe (if a little tired). Our members are a priority, but safety is THE priority without compromise.”

Pine County Sheriff Jeff Nelson noted that though there were a lot of trees down and many structures impacted, the Sheriff’s Office did not have any significant injuries reported.

“We are just starting the preliminary damage assessment and will be reporting to the state,” said Nelson. “We are asking anyone that has building damage to reach out to Denise from our Emergency Management Office. Please send a text to (320) 438-0309 with your name and address. This will help ensure we know about any issues and can document them well.” He added that this may also help secure federal or state disaster funding.

“I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the outstanding job the county highway department and fire departments did in their response,” added Nelson.

The Pine County Highway Department was out until 4 a.m. Tuesday morning clearing trees, much of which was in the Hinckley area. Pine County engineer, Mark LeBrun, said that the highway department couldn’t get to all the trees since some of them were downed with power lines. He said most of the time has been spent clearing the roads, but many trees are still in the ditches, and that clean-up will come in the near future. “The public can let us know if there is a tree down ... we don’t know unless someone calls us,” he added.

What is a Blue Zone and how can it affect Pine County?

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How many of us have heard of the proverbial Fountain of Youth and imagined what it would be like to discover such a wonder? About 20 years ago, a man had gone in search of discovering what secrets it would hold if it existed. What he found were answers in an unexpected place ... five places to be exact.

Sardinia, Italy; The Nicoya Peninsula of Costa Rica; Okinawa, Japan; Loma Linda, California; and Ikaria, Greece – These are five very different places around the world that have something nowhere else does, the longest living people and the secrets that have gotten them to a ripe old age. These have been penned, the Blue Zones.

On Thursday, May 12, a Blue Zone Kickoff event was held at the Hinckley Casino event center. The purpose of the event was to explore how Pine County residents could improve their health and lead healthier lives. Pine County Public Health is banding together with Blue Zones to try to bring change to Pine County.

Blue Zones expert, Dan Buettner Jr., son of Blue Zones author and founder Dan Buettner, is the spokesperson and Vice President of Business Development for Blue Zones Projects. Buettner Jr. presented the Blue Zones Project to over 130 people from Pine County who wanted to know more about how Blue Zones can bring life-changing benefits to the

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Remembering those who paid the ultimate price

The Sandstone-Finlayson American Legion held their annual Memorial Day service at the Finlayson, Dell Grove and Sandstone cemeteries. Above is Dan Kolker as he played TAPS. The Honor Guard, musicians and attendees all braved the wind and rain to honor our fallen service men and women. See pages 6,8,9 for more photos.



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Congratulations to the Pine County Native American Graduates

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The Native American graduates of 2022 were honored on the evening of Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the Hinckley Grand Casino ballroom. Native American Student Association student council members Jakob Wilson and Marcel Richey opened the evening with a traditional drum and chant performance, both using a drum and Jakob provided the vocals.

Briana Matrious, guest speaker, gave a heartfelt and inspirational speech to the graduates and their families about the next phase of life and most of all, to remember to be yourself, find yourself and never stop learning no matter what direction life takes you.

The graduates from the following schools were honored and provided with a handmade medallion to honor them.

WILLOW RIVER

Ethan Burton and Mizhawk Miller - graduates (not present due to senior trip)

Staff attended: Superintendent Bill Peel, Principle Melissa Johnson, Principle Neil Schiller

EAST CENTRAL

Trenton Fox-graduate; Charles Higgins, Cecile Buzo and Kenrianna Benjamin - graduates (not present)

Staff attended: Principle Stefanie Youngberg, High School Secretary Tricia Rodenborg

HINCKLEY/FINLAYSON

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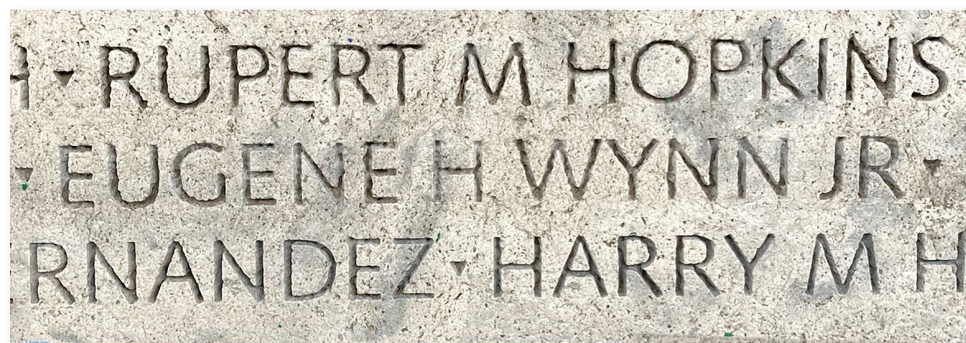
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The Native American Graduating Class of 2022.

Brant, Jonathan Buchanan, Kenidy Cessna, Madelyn Churchill, Savannah Goodsky,

MadisonLynn Jackson, Caiarah LaFave, L Swanson, Damien Parsons, Willow

Thomas, Ethan Tipton.



PROVIDED

Conservation Officer Eugene Wynn's name added to National Peace Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.

Members of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's Honor Guard were in Washington D.C. for Law Enforcement Memorial Day on May 15 to honor Minnesota officers who have died in the line of duty. At the ceremonies, the DNR Honor Guard carried flags for Red Lake Nation officer Ryan Bialke, Itasca County Sheriff Deputy Jamie Williams, Minnesota Conservation officers Eugene Wynn (Pine City, 2019) and Sarah Grell (Grand Rapids, 2021), and represented without flags on behalf of Deerwood Police Department officer Charlie Banks, and New York Mills Police Department officer Ronald Smith. The names of five Minnesota law enforcement officers were inscribed on the National Peace Officers Memorial this year. Itasca County Deputy, Jamie Williams will be added next year as his death occurred late in the year after the name submission date.



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We're proud to introduce *Tawney Maul*, the newest member of our talented team of *Nurse Practitioners*. Tawney comes to Weliam Health after earning her Bachelors Degree in Nursing from North Dakota State University, and her Masters in Nursing from Walden University. She will be serving patients at our *Mora* and *Pine City* clinic locations. In addition to caring for patients, Tawney is proud to be a Licensed Foster Parent. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome to the Weliam Health family!



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JUNE 7

Everyone’s Table

Come to Everyone’s Table for a FREE community meal and a chance to get together with friends and neighbors every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the John Wright Building, 130 Oriole Street East. Drive all the way around to the back of the building. Tex-Mex Casserole, tortilla chips, salad and ice cream on the menu June 7th, prepared by Norma and friends, serving from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Pine County Employees will help with serving. See you for dinner!

JUNE 13

Reception for East Central Superintendent

In honor of Superintendent Andy Almos, East Central Schools will host a reception on Monday, June 13 from 4:30-6 p.m. in the foyer of the East Central School. Supt. Almos has accepted a position in the Elk River School District. All are welcome.

JUNE 17 & 18, 2022

Hinckley Citywide Garage Sale

Hinckley’s citywide garage sale will

be June 17 and 18 this year. Please watch for more information to come in the North Pine County News.

TUESDAYS IN JUNE

Sandstone Arts in the Park

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday’s in June for Sandstone’s Arts in the Park. There will be live music, food available by the American Legion, ice-cream by the Dairy Association, and home-baked good by the Quarry Lions. Remember to thank your Park and Recreation Commissioners for their hard work in

bringing this together for us all to enjoy! The dates are: June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022.

JULY 15 & 16, 2022

Sandstone Citywide Garage Sale

Sandstone’s citywide garage sale will be July 16 and 17 this year. Please watch for more information to come in the North Pine County News.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Orator’s podium

5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline

8. Partner to “oohs”

12. African antelope

14. Indigenous Thai person

15. Monetary unit of Angola

16. Becomes less intense

18. Insurance mascot

19. Tech hub ___ Alto

20. Actress Tomei

21. Airborne (abbr.)

22. Type of smart watch

23. Natives

26. Incompetent person

30. Rare Hawaiian geese

31. Unspoken relationships

32. Passports and licenses are two

33. Claw

34. Status quo

39. Mimic

42. Fur-lined cloak

44. Ancient foreigner

46. In an angry way

47. Ill-intentioned

49. Monetary unit of Serbia

50. S. American plant

51. One or the other

56. An alias for Thor

57. Gratuity

58. In a painful way

59. French commune

60. Promotional materials

61. Greek city

62. Assistant

63. Confederate general

64. Former NJ governor

CLUES DOWN

1. Used by gymnasts

2. “Luther” actor Idris

3. Broad volcanic crater

4. Not for

5. Blur

6. Tots

7. Acted leisurely

8. About the Alps

9. Gets out of bed

10. Town in “The Iliad”

11. Welsh given name

13. Remove salt

17. Fencing sword

24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)

25. Keeps a house cozy

26. Ballplayer’s accessory

27. Southwestern Russian city

28. Pro sports league

29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)

35. Stop standing

36. Utilize

37. Sign language

38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob

40. Being of central importance

41. Ruin environment

42. Dessert dish

43. Sea eagles

44. Fertilized

45. Jerry’s friend Benes

47. Indian river

48. Pass into a specified state or condition

49. Nocturnal rodent

52. A way to travel

53. Iron-containing compound

54. Ancient Greek City

55. NFL signal caller Matt



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!!

June is National Dairy Month

CHICKEN MARINADE AND DREDGE

- 2-3 lbs. chicken breasts, boneless
- Marinade:**

- 1 c. buttermilk
- 1 Tbsp. Tabasco sauce

Dredge:

- 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
- 1-1/2 tsp. black pepper
- Pinch of cayenne pepper

Trim boneless chicken breasts and slice each breast in half, so that each portion weighs 3-4 oz. Place chicken. Place chicken in a 9x13-inch pan and add marinade. Cover, place in refrigerator, and let sit overnight. Remove from the marinade, shake off excess liquid, and dredge each piece. Pan fry in at least one inch of oil (cast iron skillet is best) or deep fry over medium heat (about 5 minutes per side). Yields about 12 portions, or 4 servings. Can use for fish, shrimp, and vegetables.

SOUR CREAM RHUBARB PIE

- 3 cups of cut-up rhubarb
- 1-9-inch unbaked pie shell
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 c. sour cream
- 3 eggs
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Pour 1/2 cup sugar over the rhubarb in the pie shell. Let this sit. Mix together sour cream, eggs, salt sugar and cinnamon. Beat until well blended. Pour over rhubarb and bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes and then 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until firm.

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Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I put in a new walk to my house. Someone left footprints in the wet concrete. I followed them. Where did they lead? To feet.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE



I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The road I live along is having both destruction and construction work done to it. Now it's a skull-rattling road with lessened traffic. The signs say I should give serious thought to having a tattoo reading, "Road work ahead."

I was daydreaming of a time when the only infectious thing would be our laughter when I heard a quacking from our most familiar duck, the mallard. Only the female mallard quacks. This one was very vocal. As the maniacal Daffy Duck said, "Don't shush me! I'll make all the noise I wanna! WOO HOO! WOO HOO!"

THAT'S GOING TO LEAVE A MARK

I'd donned a gown and a robe. I'm all too familiar with that process, but my experience doesn't lead to a swift completion. I hoped it would be the most troublesome part of my day. I had minor surgery and had stayed somewhat coherent during the entire operation. After I'd been updated, they moved me to a hospital gurney and wheeled me to the recovery room. A man pushed me through a labyrinth of passages. We covered all the directions in our travels. It amazed me how the gurney drivers could travel all those busy halls without colliding with someone or something. A crashed gurney would be good for no one. As I neared the completion of my leisure tour, I thought about a cherry Dilly Bar from Dairy Queen. I realized my prospects were good when my biggest concern was getting an ice cream treat.

I didn't think of methunky. I'd call it a sauerkraut cookie or cracker. I was told while eating a couple of them in northeastern Wisconsin that the Czech snack needed to be chewy, crispy, doughy and sticky. The ingredients are humble: sauerkraut, flour, salt and cracklings (brown pork fat or lard). It's good.

Everybody watches something. Some of us purposely smell things. I'm grateful when the lilacs bloom on Memorial Day. It helps me remember.

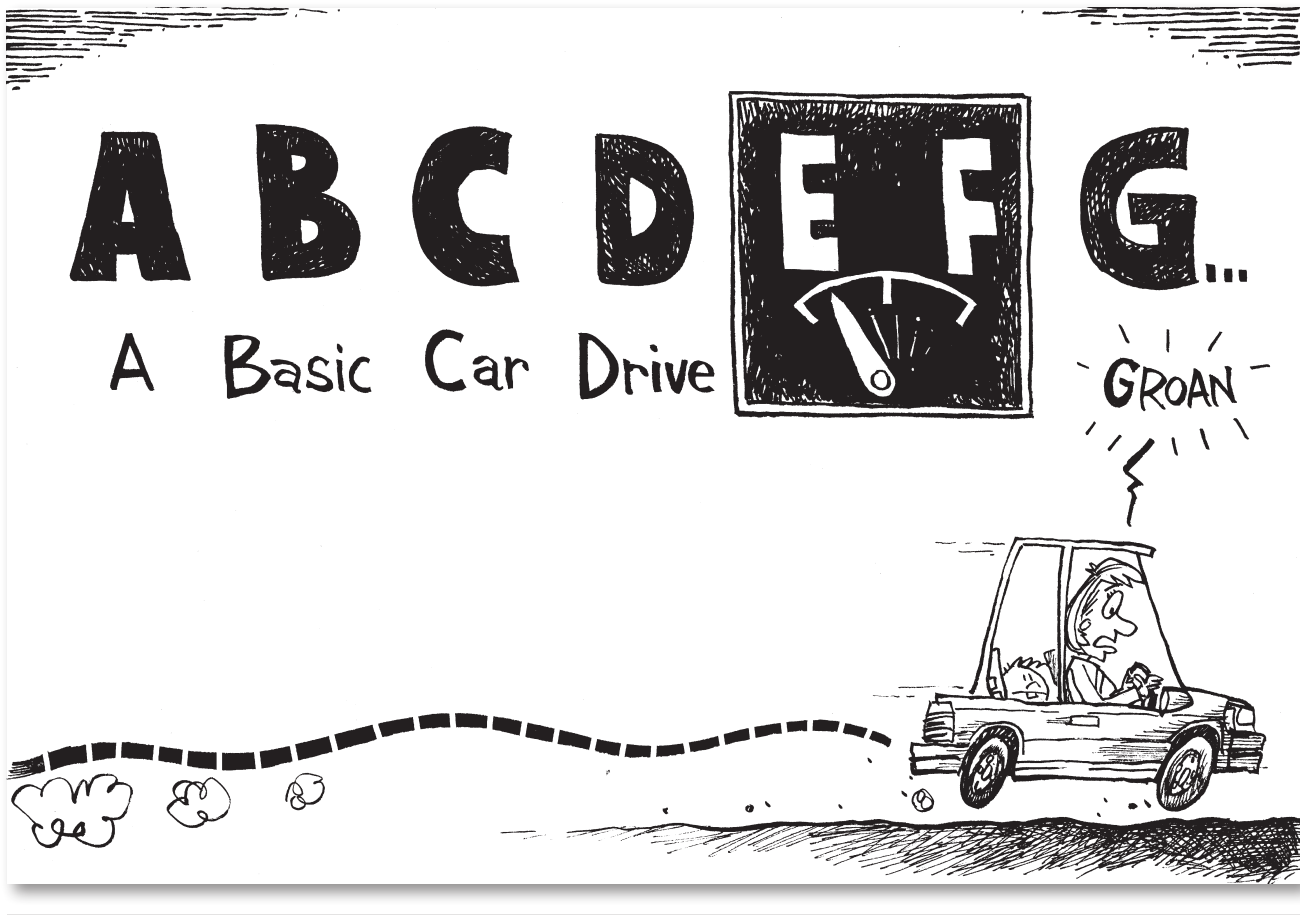
I'VE LEARNED

Air isn't free. Buy a bag of chips and see. With great power comes a great electric bill. I don't want to know whom everyone is voting for. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not become bent out of shape. Wisdom comes to the place where foolishness had been.

THE BAD JOKE DEPARTMENT

What has four letters, never has five and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shame On Us

To the Editor:

I recently drove a two mile stretch of State Highway 23 just North of Askov shortly after a litter pick-up had been done by the group that adopted this section of highway thru the "Adopt A Highway" program.

During a return trip on this stretch of road, I counted no less than TWENTY bags of litter that had been collected and placed along the shoulder for pick-up. It seems these days that people like having things presented in statistics, that's a FULL BAG OF TRASH collected every 176 yards or less than two football fields! This is not a statistic any of us can brag about.

**Corey Holm
Askov, Minn.**

Why combine?

To the Editor:

I do not understand the business aspect of combining the three papers

- Now there is a higher cost to produce and shipment of a larger paper to each of the existing subscription holders
- Now there is less individual city information which will lead to diminishing subscription holders
- Subscription holders in the northern pine county cities will diminish.
- I do not think there would be additional advertising revenue since most of the advertisers had their ads in all three papers.
- Now the subscription holders have the responsibility to recycle a larger paper, that most of the subscription holders are not interested in reading.

**Gary Novak
Medina Minn.**

Thank you Richie

To the Editor:

It's easy to get tunnel vision with all the evil people and groups out there. Like proud boys, oath keepers, white domestic terrorists, Putin, Trump, Rand Paul, Ron Johnson etc., screaming about everything wrong in America.

I read with great interest articles from people I grew up with like the ones Lauren Else wrote about Ginger Carlson trying to get to see the Beatles. I asked a friend where have all the good people like Ginger and Lauren gone. And was told they're still out there, they are just not as loud as the evil ones.

Which brings me to Steven Ray

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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Introducing the “Queen” of the Meyer ranch

Here we are already into June, 2022. We hope your Memorial Day was a safe holiday and that you got a chance to honor those who are no longer with us that served our country. Before you know it, our summer will have

come and gone-no season goes as fast. You, or someone you know, may be interested to note that the Finlayson-Giese Lions will be paying for all Finlayson Elementary students to attend swimming lessons the week of August 8-12. I can't stress enough how important it is for children to learn swimming. This great opportunity is generously paid for by Lions Club so our children can safely enjoy the many lakes here. The bus travels on State Highway 18 from Giese to Finlayson Elementary School, then south on Finlayson Road (County Road 37) to Hinckley.

Sign up soon through the Hinckley-Finlayson Community Education Office. Questions can be directed to Sandy at 320/233-6192.

Tiffany and Thomas Farr, Eden Prairie, visited the Gary Meyer household for the Memorial Day weekend. The 27th was also Tom's birthday so we treated them to dinner and then tried our luck at a casino. I'm sorry to report none of us won a fortune, but it was fun. Tom is an awesome son-in-law, always willing to help us when we need it, and he gives great hugs. Happy Birthday Tom, we all love you.

It was the 24th of May when our Ferrier, Jen Johnson, drove up our driveway, behind her truck was a friend driving a second pickup, horse trailer in tow. I was waiting by the barn, this would be the moment where we see if the smaller (350 lbs maybe), mature pony would be compatible with our 1500 pound, draft mix. I was very anxious to see how this would work. King seemed so sad since his brother passed in January, and his wild deer friends were not reliable to return. Those days

when they didn't come he was very upset.

This pony being re-homed was in a bad situation, she needed a place where she would be welcomed. Her current situation just didn't work out for her, folks were expecting that she would merge into their herd and be happy but that just didn't happen. A mule was the dominant lead of the domestic herd and did not like the smaller pony, probably because she was so different. She was not allowed to join and was pushed off, and somewhat abused as a result. She needed to leave before it got worse.

So here she was-now at our ranch, being guided off the horse trailer, and the lead rope was handed to me. In person now, she looked so small. For 19 years the horses I lead were much bigger-the top of my head barely even with the top of the horses hip. This little mare I had on a rope was below my waist and suddenly I was struck with the fear of how bad this could go. Jen immediately read my mind, and assured me, the mare "knew how to defend herself."

When King spotted the smaller version of

a horse he immediately came from across his pasture and right up to the fence where I stood with her. He was trying to fit his big head through the fence to see if she was really a fellow equine, and I noted she did not flinch. Once he got the scent, his head shot up over the top of the fence and his expression was like he couldn't believe his eyes and nose.

Well, he held himself back from looking too anxious, and he waited for me to detach the lead rope. He slowly approached her, his overall stature seemed completely restored, his head held high and he looked bigger than ever next to her. She kicked up her rear legs to give warning she wasn't to be messed with-in response he spun around to face us standing back at the gate and immediately reared up as if to show us all he was delighted.

To me, he seemed like he immediately identified his next, real "purpose" in life, a small horse that needed protection. Us humans standing by just watched in amazement at their immediate connection. The gal who pulled the trailer commented it was an amazing five min-



MAXINE MEYER | SUBMITTED

King and his new friend, a pony who will be lovingly called Queen. King has taken on the role of protecting her and teaching her the ropes.

ute acceptance between the two.

Nowadays the two horses graze together, and at 7:30 p.m. King nudges her into the barn, where they retire to their safe place for the night. During the day they don't leave each other for more than a minute. Gary thought I was crazy and didn't think this was a good idea. Now Gary is amazed how well this worked, and she seems happy to come to Gary

when he calls her. What do we call her you might ask, well-we pretty much think of her as the Queen of the court now, we did have an opening for that position.

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Memorial Day 2022

The Finlayson-Sandstone American Legion Post conducted services at the Finlayson Cemetery on Monday. Pat Makela read the prayers and names of the departed as Commander Dave Will tries to keep her protected from the rain.

Retirement has changed a friend

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

Last night I watched my grandson play baseball and I'm very impressed at the level of organization youth sports events have reached. There are batting coaches, pitching coaches, base coaches and running coaches. I'm surprised there wasn't a laundry coach to instruct parents on how to remove grass stains from uniforms.

One little kid got up to bat and I thought he was Babe Ruth reincarnated. He made a pointing motion towards left field and I assumed he was indicating where he was going to hit the ball. It turned out he was trying to tell his grandma to climb down from the fence and sit in the bleachers.

When the other team scored a couple of runs the coach put my grandson in as relief pitcher. He's a skinny little guy who's the smallest in his age group. He struck out three batters in a row. His pitches were so slow and wobbly the opposing batters swung at anything that looked like it was going to make it to the plate. Three up and three down. Even though the head coach on the other team complained there was nothing in the rule book indicating that us-

ing a lousy pitcher was prohibited.

When my grandson's team was ahead by sixteen runs I went home to walk my dog.

I think kids were better off when they just grabbed their bats and gloves after school and played ball in the closest vacant lot.

Do you think we've gone overboard with parental organization?

Signed, Myrna on Main Street

Dear Myrna,

Learn to embrace progress. The only reason kids used to play ball in vacant lots was because they didn't have anything else to do. Nowadays, if parents don't organize sports for their children, the youngsters would stay in all day playing games on their computers or iPhones. Heaven forbid that they would ride their bikes or go jump in a pond.

Organizing sports has an added benefit. It keeps dads from slamming down a few brews and moms from keeping up with the Kardashians or online shopping.

I'm in favor of organized sports for kids. At least that kid who's grandma was perched on the left field fence knows she loves him enough to show up for his games.

It's all good, Myrna. Enjoy the play-offs and remember, Tante Ingeborg cares.....but not so much.

DO YOU REMEMBER

1947: Bruno bar, cafe, garage sold

100 YEARS AGO MAY 25, 1922

- A" shingling bee" was had at the Christopher Nielsen home east of Askov where four or five neighbors went to lay shingles on his new barn. They laid 6,000 shingles in four hours.

- Jens Jensen, Askov businessman, was united in marriage to Miss Karen Bornhoft of Tyler.

75 YEARS AGO MAY 22, 1947

- There is a total of 642 new laws to go on Statue books for the state of Minnesota.

- Bruno mens softball team won their opener beating Moose Lake Lakers 18 to 4.

- Finlayson High School graduates eight seniors...they are: Evelyn Sprandel, Marion Kanta, Marion Karvo, Leslie Koski, Geraldine Meidlinger, Janice Petry, Martha Randall and Gladys Ryan.

- A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Christensen at the Nedegaard Maternity Home in Sandstone.

75 YEARS AGO MAY 29, 1947

- Peter Hansen was named Valedictorian and Gilbert Clausen was named Salutatorian for Askov High School graduation Class of 1947.

- Miss Laverne Breiland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Breiland of Bruno and Mr. Carl Sandahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sandahl of Askov, exchanged vows at the Danish Lutheran Church in Askov Saturday afternoon.

- Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Storebo of Bruno who are proud parents of an 8 ½ pound girl born in Moose Lake last week. She has been named Linda Marie.

50 YEARS AGO JUNE 1, 1972

- Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Anderson of Moose Lake will be having an open house to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

- Richard "Buzz" Foley of Bruno, was chosen as "Postmaster of the Year" at the convention that was held in Moorhead.

- Eddie Barnick, Dean Ganglehoff and Robin Hattrem were confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson on Sunday May 21st.

- Willow River High School and Finlayson High School both have graduation on Friday June 2...Willow River has 38 seniors and Finlayson has 17 seniors graduating.

25 YEARS AGO MAY 29, 1997

- East Central High School will have 72 seniors graduating Sunday and Willow River will graduate 37 seniors on Friday evening.

- Ivar Parvey of Finlayson passed away at his home on May 23. Funeral service was held on May 27 at Peace Lutheran Church.

- East Central Eagles girls track team wins sub-section 25A meet with five advancing...they are Steph Orstad, Elisha Best, Kendra Carlson, Lisa Volk and Joanna Becker.

10 YEARS AGO MAY 24, 2012

- City of Askov is looking into a new fire truck for their department.

- East Central School names Kris Chryst as the elementary Principal.

- Essentia and Sandstone board renew negotiations regarding hospital issues.

- East Central School PTO host a carnival fundraiser to fund school field trips, school supplies and other needs.

50 YEARS AGO MAY 25, 1972

- Gilbert Clausen and Mrs. Gordon Swanson won the school board of District 566 election.

- Danish Days for the second year in a row will be coming to Askov with a two day event Saturday and Sunday June 3 and 4.

- Congratulations to Barbara Hultgren and David Hanson who were married Saturday at the Kerrick Presbyterian Church.

- Jill Meier was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran in Bruno on Sunday.

- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berglund of Kerrick are proud parents of a baby girl. She will be known as Michelle Renee.

25 YEARS AGO MAY 22, 1997

- Bruno Elementary gets reprove... the school board votes to wait two years before closing the school.

- Gateway Clinic plans to build a new clinic in Sandstone.

- Pine County will be hiring three new deputies with the help of federal funding.

- East Central School presents their final musical concert of the year.

10 YEARS AGO MAY 17, 2012

Rural Post Offices in this area will remain open but will go to reduced hours.

- Arla Budd, Chester Gustafson, Linden Johnson, Patrick Mee, Vern Mikkelsen, Brad Jensen, Chris Thorvig, Philip Pesheck and Anita "Sparky" Nelson were the first inductees of the annual East Central Hall of Fame.

100 YEARS AGO JUNE 1, 1922

Share your area news



**Bruno/
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Last Sunday Derrell and Jean Jensen met Terrah Jensen and Roger Robertson for breakfast at Castaway Resort in Isle. After breakfast they all went to Terrah and Roger's new house in Aitkin across the street from Lake Mille Lacs.

Pine County Museum in Askov will be having a Craft -Vendor and Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday June 3rd and 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Also, at the Museum they have a Father's Day Gift that you can bid on until June 15th...it is valued around \$115.00 and the bidding starts at \$25.00..you can check it out in the Little Mermaid Cafe.

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The Lady Eagles took on the Deer River Warriors in the first round of sub-section playoffs on Monday, May 23. The Eagles walked away with the win, 5-1.

East Central Eagles play three playoff games

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The Eagles wrapped up their season in subsection play last week. Monday, May 23, the fourth ranked Eagles hosted the fifth ranked Deer River Warriors in the quarter final round.

Raina Zaudtke threw for the Eagles, striking out five, with no walks. Offensively, Zaudtke, Lily Ludwig, Chandra Nelson scored for the Eagles with hits from Zaudtke, Gracie Hartl, Nelson, Lidia Fornengo, and Brooklyn Loew. In the end, the Eagles advanced, winning 5-1.

In the semi-final round, the Eagles drew the first ranked team, the Mille Lacs Raiders. Although the Eagles played solid defense, they fell 12-0 behind an incredible pitching performance by conference Most Valuable Player, Jill Thomson of Mille Lacs.

The loss put the Eagles into playbacks, facing third ranked Hinckley-Finlayson. The Eagles kept it close,

but ended up falling 10-6. Loew was 3 for 4 at the plate for the Eagles. In the batter's box, Ackerman, Nelson, and Kenzie Fornengo each got two hits. Mal Hartl, Gracie Hartl, Ludwig, and Lidia Fornengo each with one hit. Zaudtke pitched another complete game allowing 5 walks, striking 2.

"This year's team is the youngest team around. We started one senior (Ackerman), one junior (Zaudtke), two sophomores (G. Hartl, Loew) and five freshmen, (M. Hartl, L. Fornengo, K. Fornengo, Nelson and Ludwig)," said Coach Scott Henn. "Our varsity reserve players included sophomore, Madi Porter, and eighth-graders (Madison Kuhlman, Brooke Cekalla and Sophia Ecklund), who will be joined in high school next year by eighth-graders, Harmony Bradshaw, Michala Degerstrom, Izzy Marshand and Alaina Klocke." Henn ended with "Great progress was made during the year with growth in skill, knowledge, and perseverance. I look forward to next season."

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Memorial Day 2022

The Finlayson-Sandstone American Legion Post conducted services at Dell Grove and Spring Park Cemeteries on Monday. Pat Makela read the prayers, Samantha Yocum sang the National Anthem and God Bless America and at the Sandstone service, Pine County Veterans Services Officer Mindy Sandell was the guest speaker.

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“Chang” to descend onto Hinckley’s parade route during Carnival

PRESS RELEASE

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Watch out for “Chang” at this year’s Corn and Clover Carnival Parade. The Carnival Committee is happy to announce that The Osman Shrine Temple’s Dragon Patrol will be participating in the parade on July 9.

The Dragon Patrol is a unit of the Osman Shrine Temple in St Paul. “Chang” the beast was created for approximately \$6,000 in 1982, by Maggie Bell Calin who did prop work for the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre.

Chang attended his first parade on August 14, 1982 in Chatfield’s Western Days.

It was first thought that the head could be carried, it was soon decided to add wheels.

The Dragon Patrol averages 25 parades per year. There are approximately 50 members. “Chang” is hauled in a 28’ trailer by a Ford 450 Bus that seats 15 Nobles.

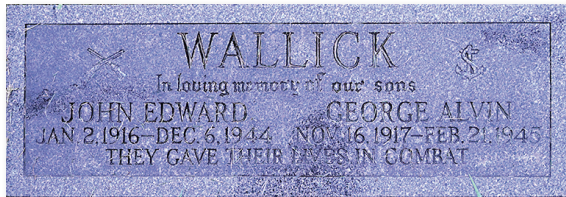
Two Nobles are in the dragon’s head, with four Nobles in the body. Two to four nobles are on the golf cart and one Noble drives the truck. One Noble is in the baby Dragon.

Chang has paraded in Imperial parades in: Toronto, Atlanta, Las Vegas, St. Louis and Minneapolis.

The Dragon Patrol has attended every Midwest summer session since it’s inception. The Dragon Patrol was the first unit from Osman to win the President’s trophy from the summer Midwest Parade.

“Chang” has won many awards from local parades and has been featured on the front page of many newspapers. “Chang” has four Co2 tanks that provide the smoke.

Because he is people powered “Chang” can go almost anywhere, and has been known to stray from the parade route.



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Memorial Day

Service members who lost their lives in service to our country were honored all over the area on Monday. Pictured above is the Hinckley American Legion Honor Guard and the Hinckley Memorial Day service. Pastor Vic Elfstrum was the guest speaker and Sally Milano and sons, Jim and Michael placed the wreath. Pictured below is the Brook Park cemetery where veterans were honored. Both the Hinckley and Brook Park ceremonies were moved indoors due to the rainy weather.



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Jags softball heading to section finals

JOE RANGER
H-F SOFTBALL COACH

It's not the path Google Maps would take you, but as destiny (or the 5A subsection of the MSHSL) dictates, the road to Brainerd leads through Mora for the Lady Jags softball team each year. On Thursday, the Hinckley-Finlayson varsity softball traveled to Mora for a day of 5A subsection tournament ball that historically was met with scorching heat. This year, the Jags sported their warm-up jackets in preparation to face the 4th seeded East Central Eagles. The Jags (3rd seed) were coming off a loss to Hill City (2nd seed) on Tuesday and therefore were entering this double-elimination tournament with their backs against the wall facing sudden death elimination.

While the Jags ultimately led the whole game, the East Central Eagles played a stiff game. Anna Degerstrom had the most explosive offensive play of the game with a triple. The Jags shared their RBI's like sunflower seeds around the dugout with Brant, Rice, Churchill, Reese, Degerstrom and Painovich all knocking in runs. Raechel led the Jags in RBIs (2). The

Jags offensively scattered 9 hits, 5 walks and struck out only 3 times. Joey Hopkins earned the win as she threw 6 1/3, walking only one and striking out 9. The Eagles hung tight but were no match. The 10-6 victory allowed the Jags to earn their spot in the second game, on a field with an actual scoreboard, with hopes of defeating the Hill City Storm in order to advance to the Section tournament next week.

Hill City came into the day 10-3 on the season but had just lost their first game to a gritty Mille Lacs team. The Jags had revenge on the mind as Hill City had handed Hinckley-Finlayson their two most recent playoff losses (earlier this week, and also one to end H-F's season in Brainerd in June 2021). The Jags were only able to muster 2 runs earlier this week up in the eerily quiet hills of Hill City. The H-F sticks would need to come alive in order to earn a victory.

To lead off, hockey-ice-in-her-veins Painovich walked. Natalie yet-another-clutch Stafne earned a timely 2 out single to advance Raechel to third. From third, Raechel was able to sneak in on a passed ball to take the early 1-0 lead (Stafne went to 3rd on that play).

Then Bella-stretch-arm-strong Brant battled and earned a walk. Anna all-she-does-is-hit-dingers-Degerstrom is suddenly up to bat. Coach Ranger motions a mystifying series of signals to instruct Degerstrom to hit and Brant to run. Anna says "OK, coach" and willingly swings at the first pitch. Some say they could tell it was gone from the moment they heard the "BAM" of the pulverized ball. Coach Richter at first, enthusiastically sent Degerstrom to second, yelling "Go! Go!" He was simply doing his job since the speedy Anna was well on her way past first base before the ball was even able to land safely and clearly over the centerfield fence. Roars erupted. Anna was able to cruise at less than sprinter-speed over to third and then home where a sea of Jaguars met in early excitement. After Hill City's pitcher, Neary, held the Jags to 2 runs on Tuesday, the Jags had a 1st inning 4-0 lead. Game on.

Hill City scored their own run in the bottom of the first when Tilly's ankle was apparently as meaty of a target as home plate, making it 4-1. The Jags added 3 in the fourth inning, Reese singled, Chur-

chill doubled, Painovich doubled (2 RBI), Rice singled (RBI), to extend the lead 7-1. Hill City begins to gain some momentum, cutting the deficit to 7-3 in the bottom of the 5th. With 2 outs in the 5th, looking to continue their offensive scoring run, Hill City's #6 batter crushes a liner out to right center field. But by now, the savvy HF outfield had Hill City scouted out as if they were siblings in a pickup basketball game of HORSE. Ava Anderson stood in exactly the perfect spot to run up on a tricky bullet-train line drive. There was lunging, there was diving, and there was rolling. Was the ball in her glove? Or perhaps cradled in her stomach? No one could really tell for sure, but there was excitement. Some men in their 30s were jumping higher in the air than they could in their teens. This exact kind of well-timed and cursedly located hit, all year, had seemed to bite the Jags's otherwise stellar defense. Instead on this day, there was no such luck, the Jags played the could-have-been-back-breaker to perfection halting Hill City's offensive momentum. In the top of the 7th, the Jags hulk-smashed



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Anna Degerstrom, and presumably Coach Ranger were all smiles after Degerstrom hit a three run homer in the Jaguars game against Hill City last week. See story page 10.

5 more runs. Prater and Tilly reach, Churchill clears the bases with a 2 RBI triple, Painovich singles to center to drive in Churchill, Reese doubles, Rice hits a sacrifice grounder over to first base to score Painovich, and Stafne drives in Hartl.

The local H-F Softball historians account that the Jags have now won

7 straight games in the traditional Mora location of subsection 5A play, a run spanning 4 seasons resulting in now 4 trips to Brainerd. Take that, Google Maps. We know our own way to Brainerd.

The Jags resume Section 5A tournament play next Tuesday, May 31 in Brainerd.



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Jaguar's Ammerman heading to state in golf

After posting a two day total of 173 strokes with rounds of 83 and 90, Hinckley-Finlayson golfer, Makayla Ammerman, is the section 4A Girls Golf Champion, and will be moving on to State at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker on June 14-15. After starting the first round with a three over par triple the day looked like it would be a long one for Ammerman. She did not let this set her back. On the second hole she pumped a nearly 300 yard drive, stuck her approach shot to five feet from the hole, and sank the putt for birdie! After day one of the section tournament Ammerman had an eight stroke lead with a front nine score of 39 and a back nine score of 44 resulting in an 83 for the day.

Ammerman's second round started in similar fashion with a three over triple bogey to start the round. But once again she bounced back with adversity and rattled off two quick pars to maintain her eight shot lead. Ammerman did not look back and maintained her lead all day for a comfortable victory and a ticket to the 2022 Girls State Golf Tournament.

Jaguars baseball locks up #1 seed

JAY KREGER
H-F BASEBALL COACH

RUSH CITY

The Varsity baseball team split a pair of games yesterday in the GRC. In the first game, the Jaguars were led by a great pitching performance by Lane VonRueden to beat the Rush City Tigers by a score of 6-3. Lane struck out 7 Tiger batters and only allowed 4 hits. Mac Storlie led the way offensively with 2 hits and also came in relief of Lane to secure the win.

In the second game, the Jaguars ran into one of the better pitchers in the area and struggled to get anything going offensively. They fell to Pine City by a score of 5-2. Mac

Storlie started on the mound for the Jaguars and pitched well enough to keep the Jags in the game. However, the team had a few defensive miscues that allowed Pine City to extend their lead. Offensively, Griffin Stiel led the way with two hits. Randy Skaff and Lane VonRueden each contributed a hit in the loss.

OGILVIE

The Jaguars wrapped up the regular season yesterday in GRC conference play by defeating Ogilvie by a score of 5-0. Once again, the Jaguars pitching was fantastic. Jordan Masterson got the start on the mound and Trey Visser came in on relief of Jordan. Both pitchers combined

to shut down the Ogilvie offense by allowing only 6 hits. Jacob Grice continues to be an offensive juggernaut for the Jaguars. He contributed two hits in the win. Trey Visser got the offense going in the second inning with a timely hit that drove home two Jaguar runners. Griffin Stiel, Mac Storlie, Jordan Masterson, Brody Froehling, Lane VonRueden and Cody Klein each contributed a hit in the win.

With the win, the Jaguars have locked up the #1 seed for the Section 5A East division. First playoff game is scheduled to be at home next Thursday vs an opponent to be determined.

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Spotlight on Faith
Pastor Mike Metzler

you were alone. And when we see a man holding a woman’s hand, especially for a married couple, that feeling of comfort and safety is joined by a feeling of love. At the same time, back when you were a kid, remember that sometimes you didn’t want to hold onto mom or dad’s hand because you felt that you could handle it on your own. And when they wouldn’t let go, you’d get mad at them and try to ‘get away.’ Hey, remember dad’s grip? Like an iron vise! And that was sometimes accompanied by that ‘dad look.’ Now, having gotten older, we understand why they did what they did and we appreciate

what they’ve done for us. They didn’t do it for the fun of it, they did it because they loved and cared for us. Now, as adults we can handle everything on our own, right? Well, maybe ... but I want to point out not only that you don’t have to, but often we shouldn’t try to. God the Father is not only always willing, but is always ready to walk with you and hold your hand as you take your walk through this life on earth. While it’s true that God takes care of all of us, providing for all His human creatures need to live every day, God is very pleased and heaven rejoices when His children ask Him to hold their

hand and guide them. And by Him guiding us, I mean in all parts of our life, not only when things are going badly but when things are going well, too, we stay safe and protected. God wants us to turn to Him in all things. God our heavenly Father didn’t just give His only Son to die for our sins for the ‘fun of it’ or because He had to. He did it because He wanted to. He did it because that’s how much He loves us. And in the same way a good and loving father does, God wants to guide us and hold our hand to help us. God the Father wants only good things for His children. Check this out! God provides

an even better comfort than just holding your hand. God holds you in HIS hands and wraps you up in His arms keeping you safe, and comforted, and giving you strength to believe in His Son, Jesus the Christ. And through Jesus, we receive eternal life where we will be safe not only in His presence, but in His comforting hands forever. May God richly bless you, today and every day!

MIKE METZLER is the pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hinckley, Minn. He can be reached at 320-384-6267

Worship guide

Bible Baptist Church of Hinckley
209 Old Highway 61 N
Hinckley, 320-384-7879
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. service,
Thursday: 7 p.m. prayer and song service.
Matthew Moris, Pastor

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
6318 Kirke Alle, PO Box 188
Askov MN 55704
320-838-3191
www.blcaskov.com
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Worship 10 am
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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Askov, Larry Johnsen Branch
President
EQ, RS, YM, YW & Primary 9:30-10:20 a.m., Sunday School 10:30-11:10, Sacrament meeting, 11:20-12:30, in the chapel

Clover Community Church
15 miles east on Highway 48, next to St. Croix Park entrance,
320-384-6639.
10:45 a.m. Worship.

Community Worship Center
114 Minnesota Street
Sandstone, 320-245-2464
On-line live stream on Sunday at 10:30 am
Facebook address: community worship center or /
www.cwcfamily.com

Church of Victory
68479 Beaver Tail Road
Askov MN, 55704
320-838-3602
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

Danforth Community Chapel
Pastor Peter Dobson
320-245-2813
57092 Wolf Creek Rd, Bruno
Facebook Danforth Community chapel
Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. service.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible study.

Emmanuel Lutheran
16726 Grindstone Lake Road,
Dell Grove
Pastor Cynthia Gray
320-245-2449
Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School (Communion every Sunday) Fellowship coffee prior to worship.

Evangelical Free Church Hinckley
320-384-6387
Pastor Vic Elfstrum
Sunday: 8:45 Prayer Service

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
10:30 Worship
Wednesday: 5:50 p.m. AWANA,
Thursday: 6 p.m. Men’s Group

Evangelical Free Church
Sandstone, Pastor Chris Cundiff
320-245-2459
Sunday: 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. worship, 9 a.m. Education hour.
Wednesday: Awana, ages 3 yo to 6th grade. 6-7:30 p.m.

Faith Baptist Church and Academy
601 2nd Street SE, Hinckley,
320-384-6312, Reed Owens, Pastor,
384-6274.
Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. worship, 6 p.m. worship.
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Midweek Prayer service
Thursday: 1:45p.m. (Oct.-Apr.) Release Time

Finlayson United Methodist Church
Finlayson, 2197 Hwy. 18,
Pastor Penny Bonsell,
320-216-7169
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. worship
(Communion first Sunday, Coffee fellowship following)
Youth group meetings: Contact pastor for schedule.

First Lutheran Church
Rev. Brenda Wicklund,
301 Lawler Ave. So., Hinckley
384-6393
firstlcpastor@scicable.com
• Sunday: 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:30 am Worship with Communion
• Visit us on the WEB and FB for our church service.

First Presbyterian Church
Hinckley, Pastor Dan Brendsel, 1813 Fire Monument Rd., Hinckley, 384-6440
www.firestreshinckley.org
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. worship service, 11:15 a.m. coffee fellowship.
(June August): 6:30 p.m. Southern Gospel concerts

Grace Lutheran Church
339 Division St., Sandstone,
320-245-2449
Pastor Cynthia Gray
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship/Sunday School (Communion every Sunday); 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Bible Study and coffee

House of Hope Community Church
105 N. Blair Ave., Hinckley
Pastor Cory Carlson,
320-384-0696
Sunday: 10 a.m. worship

Living Grace Church
Cloverdale Senior Center
38736 Cloverdale Rd., Hinckley
320-279-7528
Lead Teaching Pastor:
Tony LeTourneau
Sunday Service at 10 a.m.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
825 Golf Ave SW Pine City
320-629-2985
9 a.m. Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School
In-person
Live Online (www.orlpcpc.com)
Live Radio (WCMP 106.5FM or 1350AM)
Picnic Church
Wednesdays in Robinson Park
Starts June 15 ~ Ends Aug 10
6:00 p.m. Meal ~ 6:30 p.m. Service

Peace Lutheran Church
2177 Hwy. 18, Finlayson
Vacancy Pastor
Rev. Donald Polege
320-384-6646
Sunday Services: 9 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Study:
Sept. May 10:15 a.m.

River of Healing
Meets at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Hinckley American Legion Hall.
Pastors Duane and Susan Olson,
218-343-2799

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
114 Elm Ave., Moose Lake
218-485-4517
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship

St. John’s Lutheran Church Kroschel,
Pastor Tim Schiller
Parsonage 320-384-9968
Sunday: 9 a.m. worship (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays)
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. quilting
Confirmation Wed. 6-7:30 p.m.,
Wings Group Wed. 6-7:30 p.m.,
LWML third Thurs., 1:30 p.m.

St. John’s Free Lutheran Church
6461 Finlayson Road,
PO Box 175
Finlayson, MN 55735
Pastor Gary Zikan
Phone: 320-233-6462
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:20 a.m.
children released during service
Communion: First Sunday of the Month

St. Patrick’s Church
Hinckley, Fr. Joseph Sirba, Pastor
Saturday: Confessions 4 to 4:45 p.m. , Mass 5 p.m.
Sunday Confessions 8 to 8:20 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m., Religious education classes for pre-school 6th grade, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Religious education classes for grades 7-12, 6:30 p.m. to

7:45 p.m.
Daily Mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m., Friday 6:30 p.m.
St. Luke’s Church, Sandstone
Hinckley, Fr. Joseph Sirba, Pastor
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
On Hwy 18, five blocks west of Hwy 61 and downtown Hinckley, 405 2nd St. NW
320-384-6267
email: st.paulhinckley@yahoo.com
Pastor: Mike Metzler
Sunday: 9 a.m. worship,
10 a.m. fellowship, Sunday School.
Communion 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
Little Lambs pre-school - Tuesday & Thursday mornings
Wednesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study (Sept. - May)
Germanfest, second weekend in October

The Cross Church
206 Main Ave, Sandstone
Pastor Darren Sedler,
612-751-3291
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. worship
Wednesday 6 p.m. Supper & Bible study

Seventh-day Adventist
Hinckley, Pastor Jude Senatus
320-384-6167
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Bible study,
11 a.m. worship
Radio Station 96.3 FM
Visitors welcome.

Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS
Box 656 Commercial Avenue,
Sandstone, Pastor Richard Langhorst, 218-273-6248
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship

United Church of Christ
210 Commercial Avenue, P. O. Box 642, Sandstone,
Pastor Penny Bonsell
Sunday 11:15 a.m. worship followed by coffee fellowship. (Communion is the first Sunday of the month)

Zion Lutheran Church
38523 State Highway 48
Cloverdale
320-384-0096
Sundays 9 a.m. Worship
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
10a.m. Coffee Fellowship 2nd & 4th Sundays
Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

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WORSHIP

OBITUARIES

Dale C. Frye
June 27, 1928 - May 23, 2022

Dale Chester Frye was born at home near Cloverdale, Minn. on June 27, 1928, to Lester and Ellen (Opsahl) Frye. Waiting for his birth was his older brother, Vance Frye, and older sister Joyce (Frye) Libra. The entire family worked on the homestead and made a good life. Today, a part of that homestead is Frye Tree Farm. Dale worked those fields all of his life.

In his youth he attended the rural Crosby School and also went to Hinckley High. In 1951 he volunteered his service to the U. S. Army; after basic and specialty training he was shipped to South Korea and was engaged in the Korea War. He made his way back home, to the farmstead.

In 1953 Dale met the love of his life, Margaret Ann Roberston. They have been together for 68 years. To this union, eight children were able to call Dale, daddy or dad. Dale and Margaret bought the farmstead next to his parents in 1956. They raised chickens, eggs, milk cows, and hogs; selling the milk to the Hinckley creamery and eggs to the Co-op store.

Throughout the years Dale worked off the farm starting with driving a school bus. Dale was an excellent welder and worked in Duluth for several years coming home on weekends. In 1967 Dale was hired as the first VT Welding Instructor at the federal pris-

on in Sandstone, MN. He was proud to teach the inmates a vocation he knew would serve them well after release. He worked there for 22 years. He also taught VT Welding classes as a part of Pine Tech's community education.

Dale was a proud member of the Hinckley American Legion Post serving one term as Commander and helping with numerous projects and functions. He was a true patriot. Dale loved most to be with his ever-expanding family. He counted all the new babies' toes and would declare "Yep, those are Frye toes." He really enjoyed teaching his children and some of the grandchildren how to fish, hunt, camp, dance, laugh and plant trees. He liked a good joke and to pull pranks once in a while. He was slow to anger and laughed easily. He believed in hard work and dedication to the job. After the work, however, was rest and relaxation.

Dale is preceded in death by one

Grandson, Michael Mount; one Great Granddaughter, Faith Frye, and son-in-law Albert Tendrup. He is also preceded by his parents Lester and Ellen Frye, brother and sister-in-law Vance and Gertrude Frye, sister and brother-in-law Joyce and Ray Libra, Sr., and in-laws Mike and Lena Robertson.

Dale is survived by his wife Margaret; children Peggie, Pamela, Patti (Chris), Jim (Dodie), Amy, Sarah (Doug), Andy (Shelia), and Emily (Jimbo). He is also survived by 17 Grandchildren, 40 Great Grandchildren, and 6 Great-Great Grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Funeral arrangements are set for Saturday, June 18th at Zion Lutheran Church, Cloverdale, MN. Visitation will be from 10-11 A.M. Services will start at 11 a.m. followed by the Legion Honor Guard, and a luncheon.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Lester H. Johnson
April 1, 1938 -
December 10, 2021

A memorial service will be held at Clover Community Church, Hinckley, Minn. on June 11, 2022, at 2 p.m.

SENIOR DINING MENU

Catholic Charities provides meals to those 60 plus in the Hinckley, Askov, Sandstone, Finlayson and Bruno areas.
Please call 320-384-6557 for more information.

Remember to call ahead (320-384-6557) if you plan to attend our monthly birthday and anniversary celebration on the second Tuesday of each month.

Senior Menu Sponsored by:
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LETTERS CONTINUED

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Richardson on Sunday we celebrated the life of one of the good ones. I have watched Richie put together concerts in the quarry, I have helped build stages cook chili peel sweet corn whatever it took to lend a hand.

All to watch Richie's dreams come true, to have good people come together to play good music, eat good food and drink cold beer. When I reflect on these gatherings over the years, I see many of the really good people Richie has brought

together. I wanted my grandchildren there so they could be with a group of good people honoring a good person if only for one day. Thank you Rachel and Charlie for the venue and caring to help us celebrate Richie's life. In today's world you may not find a better group of people than were there Sunday. I would hope maybe we could have a Quarry Days music fest to keep Richie's dream alive or just go to the sand rocks for good music with good people.

Rick Volk
Sandstone, Minn.

Knights host pair of league games this weekend

STAFF REPORT
HINCKLEYNEWS@SCICABLE.COM

The Hinckley Knights head into the weekend with a 2-0 league record and will take on two Eastern Minny League opponents, starting with the Mora Blue Devils Friday at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Rum River Bandits Saturday at 7 p.m.

In Hinckley's first division game of the season, the Quamba Cubs made the short trip to Brennan Field last Friday for a game under the lights to start off the Memorial Day weekend.

Before the game, longtime player Gary McFerran was inducted into the Knights Hall of Fame with Hall of Fame members Dennis Brennan, James Brennan, Joe Jarvis, Blaine Miller and Tom Miller in attendance. McFerran was a member of Knights teams for more than 40 years, known as a prodigious hitter with excellent speed. He also spent countless hours working at Brennan Field keeping it in fine condition and a great place for future generations of Knights to play, and was honored for his dedication to amateur baseball and the community.

On a comfortable evening, both pitchers kept the scoring fairly low in the early going with Hinckley starter Lucas Willis coming in with a 2-0 record, and Quamba starting their ace, Chase Oslin for their first league game of the year.

An error and a string of hits got the Cubs a run in the first inning, but they were kept in check through the second and third. Quamba employed a similar formula in the fourth, adding two more runs with a combination of hits and a fielding error, going up 3-0.

The Knights offense got to work the second time through the batting order and got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when catcher Trevor Johnson walked, second baseman Cory Schmidt was hit by a pitch and pitcher Lucas Willis reached on an error to load the bases. An Isaiah Hasz sacrifice fly to right scored Trevor to cut the lead to 3-1. Hinckley then tied it up in the bottom of the sixth when Trevor Johnson and Schmidt both singled, a bunt from baseman Shawn Ausmus moved the runners up, and a sharp single from Hasz scored both runners and leveled the score at 3-3.

The Knights got a runner in scoring position in the bottom of the eighth, as Schmidt got an infield hit and Ausmus made his second sacrifice bunt of the night. Schmidt scooted to third on a passed ball giving Hinckley a runner on third, but a groundout ending the inning to keep the game knotted at 3 apiece. Hinckley brought in reliever TJ Johnson to pitch the ninth and he was able to get the side out clearing the way for the Knights to get something going in the bottom of the inning. Shortstop Jacob Perrotti singled to start the in-

ning. Trevor Johnson singled and Perrotti was thrown out trying to stretch it to third allowing Johnson to move up to second. After a pop-up for the second out, TJ Johnson was intentionally walked putting two runners on, but the inning ended on a strikeout, sending it to extras.

In the tenth, the Knights had runners on the corners, but neither team scored. Trevor Johnson opened with a single in the bottom of the eleventh and moved up to third on an error by the right fielder and Dez LeTexier stepped in as a courtesy runner putting a Hinckley runner on third with nobody out. Outfielder Max Sickler got an infield hit to push LeTexier across the plate and pick up an important league win, 4-3.

Five Knights had two hits apiece in the game, including Trevor and TJ Johnson, Sickler, Schmidt and Hasz, with pinch hitter Jarrod Brennan adding one more to the team total of 11. Hasz had 3 RBIs, and Sicker got the last. Starting pitcher Lucas Willis threw 125 pitches, 84 of them for strikes, giving up no earned runs on 8 hits, and striking out 2. Reliever TJ Johnson got the win surrendering just 1 hit and 1 walk, and striking out 6 of the 11 batters he faced.

A scheduled game last Wednesday against the East Bethel Bandits was rained out, but will be made up later in the summer. This week, the Knights were scheduled to



Long time Knights player, Gary McFerran was inducted into the Knights Hall of Fame before Friday night's game.

play an exhibition game against the Blaine Fusion with a score coming in too late for press time. Look for the score in next week's edition of the

North Pine County News. Follow the team online at HinckleyKnights.com, or on Facebook and Twitter @HinckleyKnights.

NOTICES

Land Patent Benefit Notice
I, Martin Thomas Rainer, am bringing forth my Land Patent Benefit. If Interested see https://minnesota-assembly.net/public-notice
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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 12, 2018
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,935.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Ethan Buchholz, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 20, 2018 as Document Number A544104 in the Office of the County Recorder of Pine County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association by assignment recorded on February 10, 2020 as Document Number A551527 in the Office of the County Recorder of Pine County, Minnesota.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 8, Block 23, Townsite of Sandstone Quarries, Pine County Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 518 PARK AVE, SANDSTONE, MN 55072
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pine County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$143,321.86
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 455425000
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1008671-0000114028-2
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Pine County Sheriff's Office, Pine County Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 100, Pine City, MN 55063.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2022.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED

FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: March 24, 2022
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee
TROT T LAW, P.C.
By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Sung Woo Hong, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(20-0742-FC04)
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 07, 2022 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Pine County Sheriff's Office, Pine County Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 100, Pine City, MN 55063.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 9, 2023.
Dated: May 20, 2022
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee
TROT T LAW, P.C.
By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Sung Woo Hong, Esq.
25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102
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(20-0742-FC04)
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 13, 2006
MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$300,240.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Mary Hoefler and Gerald Hoefler, Wife and Husband
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: October 16, 2006 Pine County Recorder
Document Number: A459259
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company
Dated: September 19, 2017
Recorded: September 19, 2017 Pine County Recorder
Document Number: A535511
And assigned to: Mortgage Assets Management, LLC
Dated: February 10, 2022
Recorded: February 10, 2022 Pine County Recorder
Document Number: A567806
Transaction Agent: Not Applicable
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable
Lender or Broker: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: PHH Mortgage - Reverse
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pine
Property Address: 423 Chadwood Ln SW, Pine City, MN 55063-2105
Tax Parcel ID Number: 260488000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of Government Lot 4, Section 32, Township 39, Range 21, Pine County, Minnesota, which lies North of the South 447.4 feet and East of the following described Line "A"
Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Government Lot 4; thence on an assumed bearing of West along the South line of said Government Lot 4, a distance of 605 feet; thence on a bearing of North 447.4 feet; thence on a bearing of West 1607 feet, more or less to the South Shore of the Snake River and Line "A" there terminating and
The North 397.4 feet of the South 447.4 feet of the East 605 feet of said Government Lot Four (4)
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$95,891.37
THAT all pre-foreclosure require-

ments have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 635 Northridge Drive NW Pine City, MN 55063
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on July 21, 2023, or the next business day if July 21, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
DATED: May 31, 2022
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 5, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$94,149.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Carol Ann B Feltus, married
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1008597-3000001375-7
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Impac Mortgage Corp.
SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 2, 2015, Pine County Recorder, as Document Number A519247, thereafter modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on September 9, 2016 as Document Number A528796
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 140.0 feet of the South 733.0 feet of the West 333.0 feet of Government Lot 4, Section 22, Township 39, Range 21
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1606 Airwaves Road NE, Pine City, MN 55063
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 280312000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pine
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE

DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$69,760.38
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 14, 2022, 10:00AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, 635 Northridge Dr. NW, Pine City, MN 55063
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on January 14, 2023, or the next business day if January 14, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
Dated: May 13, 2022
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Assignee of Mortgagee
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP BY
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
Gary J. Evers - 0134764
Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070
Attorneys for Mortgagee
LOGS Legal Group LLP
1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210
Eagan, MN 55121
(952) 831-4060
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MINUTES

EAST CENTRAL ISD #2580 UNAPPROVED SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
May 23, 2022
The East Central School Board held a special meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022 in the Community Board Room to conduct superintendent interviews.
Members Present: Rich Thomsen, Julie Domogalla, Doug Ecklund, Judy Loken, Pete Brown, Angie Presley, Genny Swenson, Andy Almos. Others Present: Kris Chryst, Kristi Zemke, Jenny Nelson, Kari Wentworth, Mary VonRueden, Jane Brown, Jeannie Kester.
1. Chair Domogalla called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.
2. The board interviewed three candidates for the superintendent position. A series of 14 questions were asked to each candidate. Following the questions, the board opened it up for candidates to ask questions.
a. Stefanie Youngberg – 3:00 pm
b. Darren Kern – 4:00 pm
c. Jeremy Schultz – 5:00 pm
3. Open discussion of information from the interviews. The board discussed strengths and growth areas of each candidate.
4. Discuss, decide, and schedule the steps necessary to enter into a contract negotiation for EC superintendent.
a. Motion by Brown to offer the superintendent position to Darren Kern. A second by Judy Loken.
b. The board continued discussion and some board members expressed needing more time to make the decision.
c. The board narrowed down the candidate selection to Stefanie Youngberg or Darren Kern and recessed for a short break.

d. The board reconvened at 7pm and discussed candidates Stefanie Youngberg and Darren Kern.
e. On a roll call vote the board voted as follows in favor of entering into a contract negotiation with Darren Kern as superintendent. Genny Swenson = No, Pete Brown = Yes, Angie Presley = No, Judy Loken = Yes, Julie Domogalla = No, Doug Ecklund = No, Rich Thomsen = No; Motion failed 2-5.
f. Motion by Ecklund to enter into a contract negotiation with Stefanie Youngberg as superintendent. Presley seconded the motion. On a roll call vote the board voted as follows. Genny Swenson = Yes, Pete Brown = No, Angie Presley = Yes, Judy Loken = No, Julie Domogalla = Yes, Doug Ecklund = Yes, Rich Thomsen = Yes; Motion passed 5-2.
5. Chair Domogalla adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm. She will follow up with all three interview candidates following the meeting and ask Stefanie Youngberg to enter contract negotiations.
Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Presley, Clerk
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SANDSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MOTION SUMMARY MAY 18, 2022

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Peter Spartz, Valerie Palmer, Julena Rahier, Randy Riley
Members absent: Cassie Gaede
Staff present: Administrator Kathy George, Community Service Partner Sirena Samuelson
Others present: Sandstone Firefighters Chaz Mann and Ross Degerstrom, Pine County Courier Editor Jennifer Yocum Stans, SEH Engineer Greg Anderson, MN DOT Engineer Doug Kerfeld, Sheriff Jeff Nelson, PeopleService Manager Paul Christensen, Andy Grice with BerganKDV, Denise Anderson
Motion Riley, second Palmer to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Rahier, second Riley, to open the Public Hearing to consider an application from WBE of Sandstone Inc. for an on-sale and Sunday liquor license at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried 4-0. No comments from the public were received.
Motion Rahier, second Riley, to close the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Spartz, second Riley to approve the on-sale and Sunday Liquor Licenses for WBE of Sandstone, Inc. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Spartz, second Rahier, to approve the 2021 Financial Statements as presented by Andrew Grice with BerganKDV. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Palmer, second Rahier to approve minutes from the April 19, 2022 Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting and from the April 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, as well as the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust Liability Coverage Waiver Form. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Spartz, second Riley to adopt Resolution No. 20220518-01 accepting donations for Panther Park from various entities and persons in the total amount of \$1,125.00. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Riley, second Rahier to approve liquor license renewals for Sandstone Area Golf Course, El Mexico Bar & Grill, Sandstone Lanes, and SandRocks, pending receipt of all required fees and documentation. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Rahier, second Riley to adopt Resolution No. 20220518-02 approving MN DOT Agreement No. 1050633 to provide payment by the State to the City for use of Minnesota Street and Pine Avenue as a detour route during the construction on Trunk Highway 123. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Spartz, second Palmer to adopt Resolution No. 20220518-03 Opposing the Detachment Petition of Sack's LLC. Motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Riley abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.
Motion Palmer, second Riley to appoint Chaz Mann as the Sandstone Fire Chief effective June 1, 2022. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Palmer, second Rahier to adopt Resolution No. 20220518-04 regarding the State Library Construction Grant. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Spartz, second Rahier to adopt Resolution No. 20220518-05 approving a Regional Legacy Connecting People to the Outdoors Small Grant application to fund extending electricity to the climbers shed at Robinson Park. Motion passed 4-0.
Motion Palmer, second Rahier to ap-

prove hiring Gerald Erickson to work Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Compost Site for \$14.00 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion Palmer, second Riley to approve the April financial reports: Cash Balance, Revenue & Expenditure Report; the Total Residual Income/Loss Report; and A/P Clerk Claims in the total amount of \$332,411.58. Motion carried 4-0.
The following reports were received: Engineer, Community Service Partner, City Administrator, Public Works Director, Sheriff's Deputy, Fire Department, Library, Economic Development Authority, Park & Rec Commission, Building Inspector, PeopleService, Financial.
Motion Riley, second Palmer to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.
Attest: Kathy George, City Administrator
Peter Spartz, Mayor
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SANDSTONE EDA MEETING - MOTION SUMMARY MAY 25, 2022

Call to order: 5:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Peter Spartz, Val Palmer, Julena Rahier, Matt Anderson, Randy Riley, Cassie Gaede, Tim Schmutzer
Members absent: None
Staff present: Executive Director Kathy George
Others present: Mindy Leger, David Rasmussen
Motion Schmutzer, second Rahier to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
Motion Rahier, second Riley to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022 Regular EDA Meeting and the May 18, 2022 Special EDA Meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
Motion Rahier, second Riley to adopt Resolution No. 20220525-01 Authorizing Conveyance of Property to the State of Minnesota. Motion carried 7-0.
Motion Spartz, second Gaede to (1) allow a 30-day extension of the Due Diligence Period to Sandstone Development LLC for the smaller lot (parcel 45.5649.000), (2) hold the Public Hearing on July 27th, (3) close on the sale by September 26th, (4) EDA retains the earnest money for the larger lot (parcel 45.5650.000), and (5) allow Developer to work directly with the EDA on the larger lot if something develops within the next 18 months, rather than working through a broker. Motion carried 7-0.
Quarry Kids Child Care Center has passed inspection and will open May 31st.
Motion Riley, second Gaede to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
Attest: Kathy George, Executive Director
Valerie Palmer, President
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MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Highway and Road Tour Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Board Room Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren, JJ Waldhalm, and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Engineer Mark LeBrun, Assistant County Engineer Aaron Gunderson, and County Administrator David Minke.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
1. **2022-2023 Construction**
County Engineer Mark LeBrun provided an overview of the 2022 construction projects and funding. Approximately 24.5 miles of road resurfacing, two culvert replacements and two bridge replacements are planned at a cost of \$11.5 million.

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BATT: Colder weather brings more birds

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sometimes has nine?
The corgiolis effect means a breed of small dogs wags its tail to the left in the Northern Hemisphere and to the right in the Southern Hemisphere.
I walked through the dessert section of a potluck with whom I think was one of the Hansen boys, but I'm not sure. I've been through the desserts with a Norse with no name.
As you rip, so shall you sew.
Cookie Monster's favorite band is Oreo Speedwagon.

NATURE NOTES

The cold, late spring has made birds more evident for folks with feeders. Trees without highly developed foliage made the birds more visible and the lack of abundant food made hungry birds appear tamer.
I helped birders from Utah find Waldo amid a slew of warblers at a state park. The beauty of the warblers (mostly American redstarts and yellow warblers, but many other warbler species), orchard orioles, indigo buntings and Swainson's thrushes enthralled

us. I didn't have enough eyes to go around.
In the land of 14,380 Lakes (according to a DNR database), the deepest natural inland lake in Minnesota is Lake Saganaga in Cook County at 240 feet.
Dennis Distad of Albert Lea asked where birds sleep at night. Birds seek spots protected from weather and predators inside dense foliage in trees, shrubs or vines. Others sleep in cavities, birdhouses and niches. Many birds perch close to tree trunks, which might hold some of the sun's warmth and block the wind. Some take advantage of sheltered places like barns, roofs and ledges to roost. Waterfowl sleep floating in the water and wading birds like herons and egrets sleep standing in the water or on land. Birds that live in open fields or shores might hunker down where they are. There are birds, like most owls, that work the night shift and during nesting seasons, birds will sleep in their nests at night to provide eggs and young with warmth and protection.

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UPCOMING 2022

SUMMER GOSPEL NIGHTS CONCERTS

JUNE 5

NORTHERN LIGHTS ~ REVISITED

JUNE 12

CRAIG DAHL & THE NEIGHBERZ BAND

JUNE 19

GARY TIMBS & THE SCHIMPPS

JUNE 26

TROY FLEMMING

JULY 3

THE SLEWFOOT FAMILY BAND

JULY 10

MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR

JULY 17

THE BENSON FAMILY SINGERS

JULY 24

THE ROLLER FAMILY BLUEGRASS BAND

JULY 31

THE PAUL FAMILY BLUEGRASS BAND

AUG 7

THE HOLY HOOTENNANER'S

AUG 14

THE HIGHVIEW BLUEGRASS BAND

AUG 21

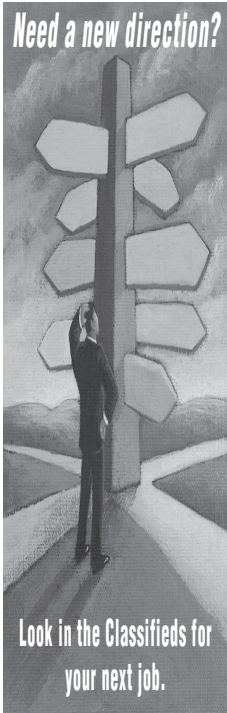
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ZONES: Working to keep Pine County healthy

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community. Each attendee went home with a copy of Dan Buettner's latest book, "The Blue Zones Challenge" prior to its release. The book provides a four-week plan for a longer and better life through this unique lifestyle design that has been inspired by the world's longest living people.
Before the presentation started, Pine County Public Health employees enthusiastically greeted guests as they checked in and directed guests to the ballroom for dinner. The dinner consisted of a beautiful spread of a wide variety of food, and every dish, including beverages, were made from the Blue Zones recipes. The favorite among guests at one table was the chicken tamale with a tropical fruit salsa.
As dinner wrapped up, Steve Hallan, Pine County commissioner, took the stage and briefly spoke about what brought this new health mission to Pine County. Every five years the county conducts a community health assessment, and the results are used to create a community health action plan. The assessment was completed and then COVID-19 happened.
The results showed that social connection, mental health and health economic security were top concerns, so when the pandemic occurred, it was more important than ever to find a way to address these concerns. The question presented was, "What will be our recovery story post-COVID?" Blue Zones was the answer.
Twelve years ago, Albert Lea, Minnesota, was

the first location for Blue Zones, and since then, life span and community physical activity rocketed up and have been maintained for a full decade. The first change made in Albert Lea was to reduce the speed limit on main street. This one little change created a safer environment for more foot traffic, bikes, handicap mobility, and families with strollers. Soon walking paths developed and main street storefronts started filling up again. Today Albert Lea is thriving and has become one of the happiest and healthiest places in Minnesota.
Research has found nine common denominators among all Blue Zones, which they call "The Power 9" and include the following:

- Move Naturally (take the stairs, be active 60 minutes a day or more)
- Purpose (having a purpose in life, a reason to get up and go)
- Downshift (stress reduction)
- 80 Percent Rule (stop eating when 80% full)
- Plant Slant (More plant based eating and less meat, smaller portions of meat)
- Wine at 5 (have a glass of wine at 5pm)
- Belong (Faith-based or spiritual involvement with others)
- Loved Ones First (family first always)
- Right Tribe (find five friends you see or talk to regularly and can count on)

As Pine County prepares to bring the Blue Zones into action, there

are plenty of ways to get involved and begin living better and longer. To learn more about Blue Zones and how you can start leading a healthier life go to www.bluezones.com where you will find an abundance of resources from recipes to online tests to help you know what to focus on first. You can find Blue Zones on social media platforms at: www.facebook.com/bluezones/; Twitter @BlueZones; and Instagram @DanBuettner.
Blue Zone books are available wherever books are sold. More information can be found at www.natgeo.com/info.
Finally, enjoy the recipe below for a refreshing and delicious beverage just in time for summer. Even the most simple changes can make a big difference. In the words of Mr. Spock (played by Leonard Nimoy, a Minnesota native) of Star Trek, "Live long and prosper."
Ginger Lemonade
Ingredients:
½ inch fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
Juice from 3 fresh lemons
3 tablespoons of sugar
¼ cup honey, dissolved in 2 tablespoons warm water
6 cups of water
Lemon zest and sliced lemons for garnish
Directions:
Combine ginger and lemon juice in a blender. Add all other ingredients except for lemon garnish. In a pitcher, pour out liquid and strain out ginger pieces. Serve over ice with lemon zest and slices for garnish. Note: you can substitute lime for lemon for a ginger limeade.

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

2023 constructions projects include 12.89 miles of overlay/paving and resurfacing, one bridge replacement, trail construction on CSAH 9, and culvert replacements, at an estimated cost of \$8.325 million. The board discussed the CSAH 9 road project/bridge replacement/ trail project; a public open house is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at the Courthouse.
2. **Road Tour**
At 10:36 a.m. the commissioners, County Engineer LeBrun, Assistant County Engineer Gunderson and County Administrator Minke boarded a bus for the road tour. The tour included roads east of Pine City, Hinckley, north to Sandstone and Askov. The bus returned to the courthouse at 1:35 p.m.
With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.
Stephen M. Hallan, Board Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners
David J. Minke, County Administrator Clerk to Pine County Board of Commissioners
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Pine County Board Room, 635 Northridge Drive NW Pine City, Minnesota
Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Terry Lovgren, J.J.

Waldhalm and Matt Ludwig. Also present was County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. Commissioner Josh Mohr was absent (excused).
The public was invited to join the meeting remotely by phone, 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 Ludwig to adopt the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2022 County Board Meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0.
Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence
Pine County Surveyor's Monthly Report – April, 2022
Insurance Committee Minutes of April 18, 2022
Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion carried 4-0
Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0.
Approve the following applications:
A. Exempt Permit
Authorize Auditor-Treasurer to send a letter of approval to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board for the following:
i. Roxie's Hope to conduct

Minnesota lawful gambling on December 31, 2022 at Maverick's Saloon, 29410 Beroun Crossing Rd, Pine City, Minnesota
B. 3.2 On/Off Sale and Wine License with Strong Beer Endorsement Authorize Board Chair and County Auditor-Treasurer to sign wine license with strong beer endorsement for the following:
i. Aufderhar & Aufderhar, LLC (Ray & Marge's Resort), 36700 Lakeland Rd, Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota
C. 3.2 Office Sale License
i. Duquette General Store, 88235 State Hwy. 23 No., Duquette, Minnesota
D. Abatement
i. Jimmie & Becky Gulgowski, Parcel 25.0292.001, exclusion was incorrectly removed for taxes payable in 2022, but should have been removed for taxes payable 2023 and forward.
ii. Ferrel & Kara Nelson, Parcel 18.0042.000, property should have been linked to owner's main parcels for homestead purposes for taxes payable in 2022 (this will also increase the agricultural credits on Parcels 35.0009.000 & 35.0002.000).
iii. Mark & Laura Ferdelman, Parcel 28.0290.000, homestead should have been removed for taxes payable in 2022 and property should have been classified as seasonal.
iv. Glenn Sobert, Parcel 42.0086.000, homestead was incorrectly removed for taxes payable in 2022 due to post office notification of change of address, but owner did not move.
v. Daniel Rodecap, Parcel 42.5670.000, exclusion was incorrectly input and did not calculate for taxes payable in 2022.

Accept the following donations:
A. \$1,000 donation from the Pokegama Lake Association designated to the Pine County Sheriff's Office K-9 Program.
B. \$5,000 donation from the East Central Energy Operation Round Up designated to the Pine County Sheriff's Office Drone Program.
Award the 2022 Equipment Rental Bids. Bids were opened April 28, 2022.
Approve the Cooperative Agreement between Pine County and the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, for Waste Pesticide Collection, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.
Ratify the reassignment of Sergeant James Reiser to Jail Programs Coordinator effective May 2, 2022. This position will be a Grade 9. Employee will be moving from a current Grade 10 position to new position/Grade 9; pay will remain frozen at \$33.69 per hour until the new Grade 9/Year 10 scale becomes greater than his current wage.
Authorize the hiring of Amanda Torgerson, Daren Brackenbury, Adam McClure, Kay Himmer, Missy Quisberg, and Hunter Kelash as part-time corrections officers, effective May 9, 2022, Grade 7, Step 1, \$21.77 per hour.
Approve Social Workers Nicole Vork and Angela Ripley to attend the MN Child Welfare Training Academy in Duluth. Total cost: Approx. \$3,005.
Public Hearing: Ordinance 2022-26 On Behalf of Arlone Township Regulating Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (to commence at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable)

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson stated Arlone Township has elected to defer regulation of subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS) to Pine County.
Chair Hallan opened the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. and called for public comment. Arlone township resident Terry Croup, inquired if existing septic systems would be grandfathered in or if inspections would be necessary. Mr. Croup stated he felt if there was a need for new systems with this change, it would be a financial burden to the residents. Anderson explained that typically an inspection is only required at the time of sale or if an addition is constructed. Arlone township resident, Ailene Croup, inquired as to mound system requirements. Anderson reviewed the process for determination of septic system requirements. There being no additional public comment, Chair Hallan closed the public hearing at 10:18 a.m.
Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Pine County Ordinance 2022-26 on behalf of Arlone Township, rescinding all prior ordinances and amendments to ordinances regulating subsurface sewage treatment systems within these townships. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to authorize County Administrator David Minke to enter into an Agreement with the University of Minnesota-Extension to provide up to \$160,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the youth engagement project. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner

Lovgren to approve the Voting Equipment Grant Account Grant Agreement. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Order Form with Pictometry International Corp. for aerial photos to be flown in the Spring 2023 under the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative purchasing agreement. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Broadband Grant Program and timeline which includes an allocation of \$250,000 for the first round, opening on May 3, 2022 and closing June 17, 2022. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 4-0.
With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota.
Stephen M. Hallan, Chair Board of Commissioners
David J. Minke, Administrator Clerk to County Board of Commissioners
The full text of the board's Minutes are available at the County Administrator's Office and the county's website (www.co.pine.mn.us). Copies may also be requested from the administrator's office.
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7-12 PRINCIPAL

East Central School District is seeking applicants for a full-time Middle-High School Principal for the 2022-23 school year and beyond. Position also includes oversight of the Alternative Learning Center housed on the high school campus.



Responsibilities: Provide educational leadership and management oversight including educational programming, curriculum, instruction, staff evaluation, and safety protocols. Position works closely with the Superintendent, Elementary Principal, Activities Director/Dean of Students to carry out the mission and vision of East Central Public Schools.

Qualifications:

- Minnesota Principal License required
- Teaching experience
- Proven leadership and conflict management skills
- Problem solving skills

Salary/Contract: A competitive compensation and benefits package will be based upon the successful candidate's background and experience.

Application Process: To apply, please submit the following via email to: kzemke@eastcentral.k12.mn.us

Applicants should send a letter of interest, personal resume, copy of teaching license, three current letters of reference, and college transcripts. Contact 320-245-6000 with any questions or visit www.eastcentral.k12.mn.us for more information about our school district.

Application deadline: June 10, 2022

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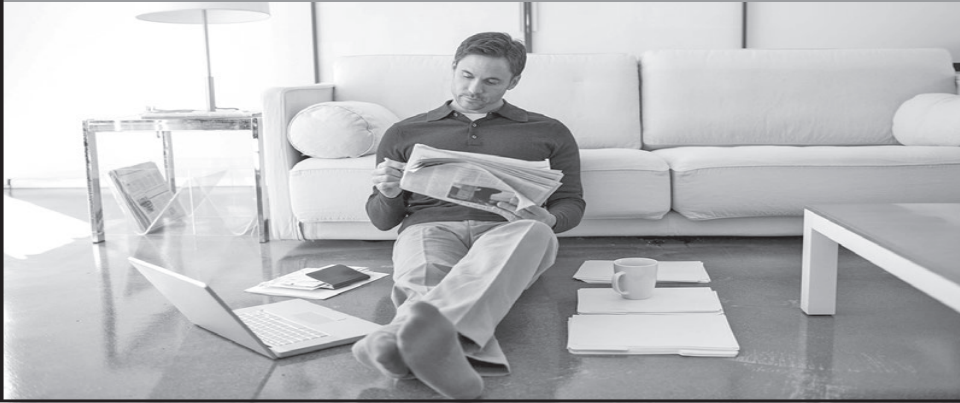
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