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East Central volleyball wins three at home

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The East Central volleyball team held Parent's Night for the seven seniors at their home game with McGregor on Monday, October 18. Lily Ackerman, Lily Podlewski, Audrey Harris, Julia Fornengo, Anna Hansen, Aly Huntington, and Lori Grundmeier played their last volleyball game on their home court. They ended the night with a home victory win over McGregor with scores of 25-13, 25-15, and 25-18.

Anna Hansen and Izzy Olson led the team with 3 ace serves; Mallory Hartl, Lidia Fornengo and Huntington each had 2 aces.

Mallory Hartl had 7 kills (hits); Huntington had 4 hits; Gracie Hartl and Harris each added 3 kills.

Abby Priske assisted 11 times and Gracie Hartl had 7 assists.

Mallory Hartl led the team with 8 digs; Aly Huntington 7; Priske and Olson with 6 each.

On Tuesday, October 19, the Eagles played at Ogilvie and lost a close one in four games with scores of 17-25, 25-23, 19-25, and 22-25.



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The East Central volleyball team is all smiles as they pose for a photo after winning the home game against McGregor on Monday, Oct. 18.

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County looking at daycare needs

STAFF REPORT

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Area residents and businesses are being asked to share what they know about child care in Pine County.

The East Central Regional Development Council is putting together a Pine County Child Care Study Survey, and is reaching out for input through two online surveys – one for residents and another for businesses.

“Child care is critical to the health of our communities. It impacts more than children and their parents and is central to community health,” said Michelle Thomas of the ECRDC. “A robust economy relies on the availability of excellent child care,

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New Agent Orange presumptives added to list

BY JAMIE LUND

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Many Veterans have gotten sick with illnesses and cancers years and even decades after coming in contact with Agent Orange while in Vietnam and other areas in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Wayne Petersdorf, 72, was in the Navy 1968-1990 as an Aircrew Survival Equipmentman. His responsibilities included inspecting, maintaining and repairing aircraft. He was stationed in the Philippines in 1972 when he was sent to work at the air base in Da Nang, Vietnam for about two weeks. He knew they were deforesting the area with Agent Orange.

“I was of the mindset that it’s not going to affect me,” Petersdorf said. “They’re just trying to kill weeds. I was 22 years old, I wasn’t worried about it.”

Agent Orange was used as an herbicide to clear leaves and vegetation, according to the va.gov website.

Petersdorf has been bless-

ed with good health for the majority of his life until he was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2010. He struggled to get rid of it for three years.

Agent Orange contained a byproduct chemical called dioxin, which happens during the manufacturing process. It was later found to cause serious health issues, including birth defects and cancers.

“They scraped the cancer out of my bladder and put chemo into it,” Petersdorf explained. He switched from a Duluth hospital to the Twin Cities. He said the new doctor treated the cancer more aggressively. In 2013 they took out his bladder and prostate and he has been cancer free since.

The list of accepted illnesses and cancers caused by Agent Orange are called presumptive diseases. Veterans who served in certain locations were most likely exposed to the herbicide, which is referred to as presumptive exposure. Bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinson’s Disease were add-

ed to the long list of presumptives in 2020.

Petersdorf filed a claim for with the VA in 2017 and was denied. Now that bladder cancer is listed as a presumptive cancer, he hopes that will change.



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Vernon Cross came in contact during his first two tours to Vietnam in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He currently suffers from COPD and prostate cancer.

Vernon Cross, 77, served in the Army 1963-1983. The Pine City resident first came in contact with Agent Orange in 1968 when he was stationed in Phu Bia, which is located in the northern part of south Vietnam.

Cross said he came in contact because he shared cantonment with the 1st Cavalry Division. He explained that means his barrack was near the Cavalry’s barracks on the base. The 1st Cavalry Division was spraying Agent Orange at the Ho Chi Minh Trail at the time. Cross also handled the 55 gallon drums that held the herbicide as well as helped prepare and clean the aircraft that sprayed it.

“It looked like an oily black residue left on the outside of the aircraft after they sprayed,” Cross said. They pressure washed the plane before scrubbing any remaining residue off with a brush.

He said the government did not issue any safety gear or special instructions to handle

Agent Orange.

Cross came in contact with the dangerous herbicide again during his second tour in 1972. He was stationed in Vung Tau, Vietnam for three months, where he was a quality control inspector for the aircraft.

In 1986 Cross was diagnosed with COPD. He said there was a Vietnamese dump near his base that was constantly burning and the smoke often floated to the base.

He filed a claim with the VA twice and was turned down both times because he smoked at the time.

“I have 30 percent use of my lungs,” Cross said. “I’m short of breath and tired all of the time.”

Last summer he was diagnosed with stage two prostate cancer. He filed a claim with the VA and was awarded compensation.

Petersdorf recommends veterans keep their original orders, pay records, training

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OBITUARIES

Mary Lou Swanson

July 25, 1931 - October 25, 2021

Mary Lou (Nelson) Swanson, 90, passed away on Monday, October 25, 2021 in Essentia-Health, Sandstone. She was born in Thornton, Iowa on July 25, 1931 to Alma (Pals) and Charles Nelson. She attended a country school until 5th grade when she attended the school in Ventura, Iowa.



Later, her parents moved to Clear Lake, Iowa where she graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1949. She later went with her parents when they went to pastor a church in the Appalachia Kentucky Area. They lived in Bluebird, Ky. in the coal mining hollow

for two years. The family then moved to Burt, Iowa where Mary Lou worked for the Pioneer Seed Company in Quality Control before working for several other Algona, Iowa local businesses. Mary Lou moved to Kettle River in 1954 with her parents where she helped her parents in the church they pastored. She played the piano and sang at many places, on TV, radio, and in church. Mary Lou also worked for three years as a doctor's aide at the Duluth Clinic.

On May 31, 1958, she married Gordon L. Swanson of Askov, Minn. They made their home on the farm there. To this union, two children were born: Corinne Joy and George Charles. Mary Lou and Gordon were dairy farmers. During this time, she served on the Askov School Board and the Askov Mercantile Grocery Store Board. She was voted Pine County Farm Woman of the Year in 1989. Mary Lou taught a ladies neighborhood bible study for 25 years, was devoted to the church's youth, and was also the church pianist. Mary Lou and Gordon retired from family dairy farming in 1989 which allowed them the time to garden, go fishing, and travel the world including stays in Europe, Hawaii, and England.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Lee Swanson; daughter, Corinne Harmon; parents, Charles and Alma Nelson; sister, Naomie Janssen; and brother, Philip Nelson.

She will be lovingly remembered by her son, George (Marie) Swanson; grandchildren, Ben Swanson, Elizabeth (Colin) Blonski, and Lauren Swanson; brother, Paul (LeAnn) Nelson; sister-in-law, Betty Nelson; brother-in-law, Morris Janssen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation to honor Mary Lou's life will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service in West Side Church, Kettle River. Lunch will be served immediately after the funeral and interment will follow at 3 p.m. in Vilstad Cemetery: One Mile Road, Askov.

Arrangements are with Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home

Scot B. Cervenka

September 17, 1963 - October 17, 2021

Scot Ben Cervenka, age 58, of Askov, Minn. formerly of New Prague, passed away unexpectedly on October 17, 2021.



Scot was born on September 17, 1963, to Benjamin and Dorothy (Preslicka) Cervenka in New Prague, Minn., where he lived until August of 1991. He attended New Prague Schools (K-12) and went on to attend Fairbault Area Technical Institute, specializing in marine and small engines. From there Scot attended Dakota Area Technical Institute completing his certification in heavy

equipment mechanics. Scot wanted to put his knowledge to work and opened his own business, Allis Chalmers Sales and Services.

On June 16, 1989, Scot married the love of his life Lori Ann Hrabe at St. Patrick Catholic Church in St. Patrick, Minn. In August of 1991, Scot and Lori made the move to Askov, Minn. where they lived until Scot's death. Scot enjoyed spending time in church and sharing God's love with everyone! He had a passion for hunting throughout his life and passed it down to his children. Scot also shared his passion and knowledge of hunting with all others. He loved taking his wife fishing every chance he had. Scot enjoyed trap shooting and anything that involved guns. Vintage snowmobiles and riding them was another one of Scot's many hobbies. One of the top things that Scot enjoyed was taking his wife out for date night in his '54 Chevy pickup.

Scot is preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Dorothy, his father-in-law, Albert Hrabe, and many aunts and uncles.

Scot is survived by his wife, Lori Cervenka (Hrabe) of Askov, Minn.; his son, Benjamin Cervenka of Askov, Minn.; his daughters, Sonya (Ricky) Koerner of Mora, Minn., Casey (Jordan) Sprouls of Askov, Minn., Hannah Cervenka of Askov, Minn.; brother, Brian Cervenka of Jordan, Minn.; sister, Sherry Cervenka of Farmington, Minn.; mother-in-law, Mary Ellen Simek of New Prague, Minn.; many brother in laws, sister in laws, nephews, and nieces.

A Celebration of Life is being held for Scot at the Church of Victory in Askov, Minn. from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 29, 2021.

Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Sandstone, MN. www.methvenfuneralhome.com

PRESUMPTIVES:

Keep good records

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records and medical records together in a safe place. He said that was one piece of advice he took to heart when he left the military and it came in handy years later when he filed his claim. They could not find a copy of the order to send him from

the Philippines to Da Nang, but he had the original safely tucked away in his fathers Army foot locker.

Veterans who have been diagnosed with any of the new presumptives can contact Pine County Services at 320-216-4250 for more information.

WINNERS: Volleyball

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Huntington was the serving leader with 4 ace serves; Lidia Fornengo picked up 2; Mallory Hartl, Julia Fornengo, and Priske each had 1.

Mallory Hartl finished with 12 kills, Harris had 7, Olson 6, Huntington 4, and Gracie Hartl 3.

Gracie Hartl assisted 13 times and Priske had 11.

The players with two blocks each were

Gracie Hartl, Mallory Hartl, and Olson.

Huntington led the team Tuesday night with 14 digs, Mallory Hartl 13, and Gracie Hartl with 10.

East Central is in Section 5A Pod D. Braham is first in Pod D, Mille Lacs second, Ogilvie third and EC is fourth. In the second round of Section 5A playoffs, EC will play Braham at Braham on Friday, October 29, at 7 p.m.

Volunteers needed to bring vets to doctors

BY JAMIE LUND
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Many veterans in Pine County utilize the Veterans Services van for transportation to medical appointments.

Army veteran, Dan Larson, 73, said the van service is important for veterans.

"Most of us can't afford to drive to the VA," Larson said. Larson has used the service off and on for many years. The Sandstone resident said he took the van once a month for a while, but currently uses the service once every six months.

About 100 Pine County veterans take advantage of the low cost service, said Mindy Sandell, veterans services officer. "We're in desperate need of

volunteers to drive the county van," Sandell said. "They don't need to be a veteran, they just need to have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a physical.

Dennis O'Brien is a Navy Veteran. He enjoys driving the van and meeting fellow veterans.

"I also do it as a service for veterans who may not be able to drive themselves," O'Brien said. He said his family has a long history of military service and he felt it was his duty to help others.

For more information or to volunteer to drive the van visit the Pine County Veterans Services website or call 320-216-4250.



Navy Veteran, Dennis O'Brien enjoys driving the Veterans Services van and getting to know veterans and hearing their stories.

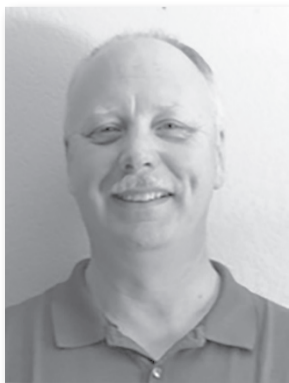
VOTER'S GUIDE

This profile should have ran in last week's edition of the Askov American. Due to technology it was inadvertently missed. Don't forget to vote November 2 for East Central School Board.

Richard Thomsen

City of Residence: Askov

Tell us about yourself: I grew up in the area and graduated from



Askov High. I am the Service Manager at Sebald's Ford in Askov. I am married and have three daughters and

six grandchildren with another one coming in February.

What motivated you to run for EC School Board? I feel the education of our children is of utmost importance and I am honored to represent individuals in the

community as decisions affecting education opportunities are made.

What challenges do you feel the district is facing and how would you address them? Learning challenges continue to surface as the district is returning from distance learning. We have seen a decline in test scores and now we, as a district, are tasked with ensuring students have the resources to bounce back from these past obstacles. The district has hired additional teachers and continues to support current teachers/staff as they guide students through the education recovery process.

Anything else you would like voters to know? The world is ever changing and we have to provide the best education possible to prepare our students for success.

SURVEY: Daycare shortage

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but East Central Minnesota faces shortages. East Central Regional Development Commission is assisting in addressing these challenges by beginning with a Child Care Study in Pine County to gain an accurate picture of current conditions."

First Children's Finance, a national nonprofit is partnering with Pine

County and the East Central Regional Development Council to develop a child care study for Pine County and the need for child care throughout the county.

Pine County businesses are asked to take this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWPV3YM>

Pine County residents are asked to respond to this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJWTPPFQ>

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"The more people take the survey, the more accurate a picture we can paint," Thomas said. "Thank you for your help with this."

The survey will be open until Friday, Nov. 5.

For questions, contact michelle.thomas@ecrdc.org

Dog uses unusual technique to remove dreaded "cone of shame"

Brewster, our senior canine, has another wound which required wearing a cone. A swollen bump on his paw was spotted while we were on our trip. The veterinarian said it was nothing to worry about. The veterinarian doesn't have to live with Brewster wearing a cone. That dog has moves. When we returned home Brewster ran straight to a support post

for an awning, slammed the side of the cone on the post and off popped the cone and he was running happy.

Tiffany and Tom Farr, Eden Prairie, had to tolerate that crazy dog and his cone

while we were away, and they also had Sampson, our German Shepherd. I heard Sam showed off some of his skills with opening doors, and went out their front door to greet a young neighbor girl coming to visit the dog. Sam couldn't wait for them to reach the door and once he saw them coming to the front door he pulled the door handle down and ran out to greet them. He loves visitors, especially children so he licked the little girl silly. She will probably be needing therapy for some time. Poor Tiffany and Tom really had it with our two dogs, it put a real strain on them, not to mention a neighbor or two. I can't thank them enough for enabling us to travel.

So last week rain came and went, then the frost came and has all my flowers looking pretty sad, even though I covered them. My trees to the north are naked. The trees to

the south aren't much better. This can only mean one thing—it's time to get ready for the firearm deer hunting season. Gary got his license and is dusting off his hunting shack. He is ready.

With the vegetables now all in from our garden and the temperatures dropping, I resumed making soups. So far Gary is still eating them. My first step is getting a beef roast and tossing it in the crock pot with a handful of vegetables. The price of those roasts is crazy so I'm into stretching them out. For years I have been grateful to my generation for the crockpot. I've even taken the crockpot in our camper to Florida, and made pot roasts for supper as we spent the days at Disney World. A great, cheap, nutritious way to feed a family while on vacation. I still use that handy appliance and it's rare, but occasionally the meat doesn't get tender in 6-8

hours, then I take a step back and use my mom's favorite cooking method, the pressure cooker. If that doesn't tenderize a piece of meat, you should consider your roast to re-sole worn out shoes you have.

Thankfully the pressure cooker has been redesigned in recent years and is much safer to use. My first exposure to the old style pressure cooker was in 1970. I still don't know what I did wrong, but you can't imagine the surprise you get when the weight at the top blows off and is stuck into the ceiling. I never used it again. In recent years the pressure cooker was redesigned and safer to use, I couldn't wait to get one. That method of cooking is faster and does not require using salt, or grease in the cooking process. And, it does a great job tenderizing meats, however I don't pressure cook vegetables because they turn to mush. Overall, I

prefer using the slow crock pot as the meal has more flavor that way.

After our first meal of the tender roast, the rest is put into soup. Besides the vegetables, I add barley, lentils, and other grains that I have picked up, sometimes it's Amish noodles instead of grains. No two soups are the same. If the soup is not a noodle type soup then the second soup meal I add homemade dumplings in the soup. Well, that's my own little soup-salute to my mother for all her years of pressure cooker use without blowing the top off (that I can remember.)

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Finlayson News
Maxine Meyer



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!!

October is National Pork Month

COUNTRY STYLE BBQ RIBS

- 3 lbs. country-style pork ribs
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 Tbsp vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 3/4 c. ketchup
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp. chili powder
- 3/4 tsp. paprika
- 1-1/2 c. water

Brown the ribs under the broiler or in a fry pan. Place in casserole. Combine the remaining ingredients; pour over ribs. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Serves 4.

SLOW COOKER PORK CHOPS WITH DRESSING

- 4-6 pork chops about 1-inch thick boneless or bone in
- Pork chops seasoning (Chris' Food own brand)
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- Half of 14 oz. bag seasoned poultry stuffing mix
- 1 c. sliced celery
- 1/2 c. thinly sliced carrots
- 10 oz. frozen whole green beans
- 1 can (10.75 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 c. chicken stock, divided
- 1 envelope country-style gravy or chicken gravy

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the oil. Season chops and brown the pork chops on both sides; remove from pan and set aside. Pour 1/2 cup of stock into pan to deglaze. In a large bowl, mix the stuffing mix, veggies and 1 cup of chicken stock. Place in 5 or 7-quart slow cooker. Lay the pork chops on top of stuffing and drizzle the liquid from the skillet over the top. In small bowl, mix the soup, gravy mix and the remaining 1/2 cup of the stock. Spread over the pork chops. Cover and cook on low 5-6 hours, or high 3-5 hours. Times are approximate as all cookers cook differently. Check for doneness at the minimum time. The amount of chicken stock gets a very soft stuffing texture. Use less stock for more firm stuffing. More can be added during cooking if too dry. Serves 4-6.

SWEET AND SOUR PORK CHOPS

- 8 pork chops
- 1 can (13.5 oz.) chunk pineapple, drain (save juice)
- 1 can (11 oz.) Mandarin oranges, drain (save juice)
- 12 maraschino cherries with some juice
- 1/2 c. molasses
- 1/2 c. vinegar
- 1 tsp. water
- 1/2 tsp. soy sauce
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1 carrot
- 1 green pepper, cut in 1/2-inch squares

Season pork chops and bake 2 hours in 350 degrees oven in a flat pan covered with foil. Boil carrot for 10 minutes, add the green pepper squares. Boil 5 more minutes. Drain. In a saucepan, heat molasses, vinegar, soy sauce, cornstarch and ginger add reserved fruit juice. Combine the vegetables, fruit and sauce and spoon over chops the last 5 or 10 minutes of baking.



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A wedding in the Hills

A snowstorm is always a welcome addition to an outdoor wedding...or maybe not. My husband Scott and I traveled across Minnesota and South Dakota to the Black Hills on the western border. We watched the weather and were less than delighted to note we were driving in to the end of the snowstorm. Lead, South Dakota was our destination where we were met by 14" of fresh snow! The date was October 14th; yes 14 "of snow on the 14th. Scott and I settled in to our historic bed and breakfast, texting Savannah and Mary with great excitement; about the wedding not the snow!



Julie Domogalla

Despite the weather, we were determined and delighted to witness the marriage of Savannah (Franklin) and James Eastman. Savannah is the youngest daughter of Tim and Mary Franklin, who owned our local newspapers for many years. She chose to attend college at Black Hills State University in Spearfish. Tim and Mary moved to South Dakota a few years later.

Certainly there were changes to the wedding plans. The wedding was held inside. We arrived at the venue, a beautiful white barn in Belle Fourche, near Spearfish. We were greeted and delighted to have time to visit a bit before the wedding. Savannah wore a sleeveless gown with a full skirt. She was gorgeous and her groom enthusiastically agreed! The bridal party included siblings and friends with the bride's sister Emilee and Amanda Ripley, high school friend from Sandstone as bridesmaids. Tim walked his daughter down the aisle in a black suit and white Converse styled shoes. Classy Tim, very classy.

The wedding was set with large cathedral windows against a backdrop of the blue sky with the piercing sun streaming in. The contrast of the crisp white sparkling snow in the sunshine was breathtakingly beautiful. A reception with dinner and dancing finished the night including inside fireworks for their first dance. It was a joy to be part of this celebration. Savannah and Jim live in Rapid City where they are employed.

Scott and I also had opportunity to visit former Askoviate Philip Pescheck and his wife Linda. We drove to Sundance, Wyo. to have a lovely dinner and visit. I believe we have not seen them for ten years. It was a true delight. Of course, Phillip's dad owned the last rutabaga warehouse business in Askov so there was some chatting about rutabagas!

Each morning of our trip I donned my winter coat and hiking boots and trudged through deep snow to see the beauty of the Black Hills in the winter of fresh snow. Of course, I had my camera backpack replete with an additional lens and tripod. Again, the pristine snow covered the ground against a back drop of azure blue sky and emerald trees. I truly enjoyed the opportunity and even snuck in a hike with Amanda the day after the wedding. We decided to hike to one of Savannah's favorite spots in Spearfish Canyon, the Roughlock Waterfall.

It was a quick trip with long hours of travel, but the joy of seeing dear friends and participating in the culmination of the sweet love story of Savannah and Jim was so precious. Congratulations to the Eastman couple. God Bless you!



Milkweed plant plays critical role for bees, birds, butterflies

Where do bees, butterflies and birds converge? If we talk about the Bumble Bee, the Monarch Butterfly and the American Goldfinch, then the answer is the humble Milkweed plant. For years now we have been made aware of the critical role this one plant plays in the life cycle of the Monarch, but the bee and bird also have connections to the plant and its survival.



Wingin' It
Kate Crowley

As an understanding of and appreciation for this particular plant has grown, so has the understanding of the essential role pollinators perform for this and so many other plants of our prairies, fields, gardens and crops.

In the U.S. there are close to 50 native bumble bee species. They are especially important for crops such as blueberries, cranberries, and clover and they are almost the only insect

pollinators of tomatoes. They are even more effective than honey bees when it comes to some crops. The economic value of pollination services provided by native insects (mostly bees) is estimated at \$3 billion per year in the United States.

Milkweed plants are not designed to make it easy for pollinators. They have hood-like shaped petals that conceal clusters of packed together pollen, rather than loose pollen grains. Bumble bees have been observed sticking their legs far into the flowers thereby attaching the pollen clusters and carrying them to the next flowers they visit. This includes the common milkweed and butterfly weed. Different bumble bees are active from mid-spring to mid-fall which allows them to pollinate throughout the growing season. Because they have fluff covered bodies they are more resistant to cold and fly both earlier in the day and earlier in the growing season than many other bees

or pollinators.

Many bumble bee populations have been showing declines due to many factors, such as habitat loss and pesticide use. The Rusty Patched is one that is now considered endangered. Bumble bees absorb toxins directly through their exoskeleton or through contaminated nectar and pollen. The Rusty Patched nests in the ground and so may be more susceptible to pesticides that have been applied to agricultural fields or lawns.

There is great concern among the scientific community, but also among lovers of flowers and food crops about the future of these insects and how we can reverse declines. One solution is to increase floral resources in cities and towns. The push for more planting of milkweed can be a double win for the bumble bees and the Monarch butterflies. Reducing pesticide use would be a great help. Various conservation organizations are working to identify ways that urbanization is impacting bumble bee species and ways that individuals can improve their survival through yard practices.

As for the American Goldfinch – it too depends on milkweed plants in its life cycle, mainly for the feathery seeds that appear in late summer when the seed pods burst open and release the seeds to the wind. It is at this time that the goldfinch gathers the milkweed seeds to line their nests and later as food for their young and themselves. Goldfinches are strict vegetarians, unlike most other species of songbirds that occasionally eat insects during part of their life cycle. In their use of milkweed seeds they help disperse seeds to other places where they may take root and spread.

This fall as you wander trails in our parks or nature reserves, be on the lookout for milkweed pods. Gather some of the downy seeds and toss them to the wind or take them home and scatter them where you would like to see more butterflies, bees or birds.



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Moose Lake/Willow River beat 7-0 Tigers 40-6

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On a cold, wet, rainy Wednesday night, the Moose Lake Willow River Rebel football team defeated Rush City 40-6 on the Tiger's turf on October 20.

The Rebels' kicker Sam Knenezvich started the game with a boot to Rush City's own 26-yard line. The Tigers ran a keeper after losing 2-yards on third down. On fourth down, in a punting situation, the Tigers faked a punt to keep their drive alive. They continued to use up the clock on offensive almost the entire first quarter with the help of an illegal shift and pass interference on the Rebels. With 1:32 left in the first quarter, MLWR got the ball back on a fumble

recovery by Nick Jusczak.

On MLWR's fifth offensive play, Logan Orvedahl went 77-yards to the end zone. Kenezvich's kick for the point after touchdown was good, Rebels on top 7-0.

In the second quarter, after a couple more penalties, Tigers' ball, Coach Louzek took a time out. Rush City had the ball on their own 23-yard line and 1:36 left until halftime, Tigers' pass was intercepted by Jackson Thompson for the second Rebel touchdown. The kick after touchdown was not good. Rebels led 13-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the rain started coming down harder and the ball was slippery to handle. With 9:30 left in the third quarter, Orvedahl ran

it in 22-yards for his second touchdown and also took in the two-point conversion. Rebels led 21-0.

To finish out the third quarter, Thompson scored on an 8-yard run with 9:03 left in the third quarter and a 48-yard run with 5:45 left, to go ahead 34-0.

Thompson scored his fourth touchdown of the night in the fourth quarter, to put the Rebels ahead 40-0. The game had a minute left to play when the Tigers passed for a 5-yard touchdown, the conversion failed. Game ended with a Rebels' victory 40-6. Rebels finished their 2021 regular season undefeated. The last undefeated regular season was in 2013.

Orvedahl and Thompson led the offensive ground attack for

the Rebels with a combined 376 yards and all six Rebel touchdowns.

Thompson was on top defensively with 5 tackles and 12 assists. Myca Helfman, Ethan Burton, Nick Jusczak, Zach Danelski, Duane Broughton, Jimmy Walker and Alex Watrin along with 16 other players helped keep the Tigers out of the end zone.

The men in stripes blew the whistle seven times for Rebel violations, calling back several touchdowns.

With this win, Coach Louzek becomes the winningest coach in Laker/Rebel football history with 201 victories. In Wednesday's game, Orvedahl surpassed the 1000-yard rushing mark in only six games this 2021 regular

season. Congratulations!

The number one seeded Section 7AA MLWR Rebels' football team (6-0) will play at home one last time this season at Frank Magdziarz Field in Willow River, Saturday, October 30, at 2 p.m. They will play the winner of the 7AA Quarterfinal matchup between number 4 International Falls (2-6) and number 5 Crosby-Ironton (1-6). During the regular season, the Rebels defeated International Falls 55-0 on September 10. The Rebels' game with Crosby-Ironton was canceled due to COVID protocol. Prior to Saturday's game, a short ceremony recognizing Coach Louzek on his 200th career win will be held on the field.

Conference meet held at Grand National

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The Great River Conference cross country meet was held on Oct 19, Tuesday, at the Grand National Golf Club in Hinckley. East Central's Jemi Keranen and Bryce McClain were named All-Conference and Sophia Watrin and Avila Burch received honorable mention.

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JH Boys 3200 Meters
Wyatt Clark 8th 17:31

JV Girls 5000 Meters
Lily Ludwig 3rd 26:20
JV Boys 5000 Meters
Teddy Shervheim 4th
21:52
Ramsey Keranen 9th
23:34
Varsity Girls 5000 Meters
Jemi Keranen 3rd 21:21
Sophia Watrin 11th 23:18
Avila Burch 13th 23:19
Arabella Presley 23:38
Becca Wiener 25:52
Varsity Boys 5000 Meters
Bryce McClain 9th 20:16
Curtis McClain 21:48
East Central's varsity

girls' team won third in the conference.

Cassie Gaede coaches the youth cross country for East Central. Two EC runners, Clara and Addie placed first and second in the youth race.

The Section 5A meet will be held in Pierz on Thursday, October 28th. The section meet is a varsity only meet and will determine who runs at the State Cross Country meet to be held in November at St. Olaf.

Colton and Boggs put points on the board

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Parent's Night for the East Central football team was held on Tuesday, Oct. 19, on their home turf before their last regular season game at 5 p.m. with North Woods. North Wood's has two losses in the regular season and are ranked second in the 7A section. North Woods dominated the game winning 52-7.

The Eagles leading rusher in Tuesday's game was Gage Mikrot

with 11 rushes for 88 yards, 3 kick returns for 67 yards, and 10 tackles as a linebacker.

Patch Gustafson chipped in 3.5 tackles, a tackle for a loss, and he sacked the quarterback.

Hunter Colton took it into the end zone from two yards out for 6 points and Senior Damien Boggs' point after touchdown kick was good.

Section 7A playoffs for the East Central Eagles seeded seventh started on Tuesday,

Oct. 19, in Cook at 6 p.m. against the North Woods Grizzlies.

The winner of the Tuesday's game will play on Saturday, October 30, at 2 p.m. against the winner of the Barnum and Mille Lacs game at the field of the team with the higher seed. North Woods is seeded second, Barnum third, Mille Lacs sixth, and East Central seventh. The Eagles first playoff game was after this paper's deadline. Look for the results next week.

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BRUNO/KERRICK NEWS

Maddie and Bauer Borchardt spent some of their MEA time off from school with Grandpa and Grandma Doug and Sue Blechinger. Doug also, has been working on deer stands to get ready for the upcoming hunting season.



**Bruno/
Kerrick
News**
Sylvia
Schweiger

Neil Swenson, age 65, long time resident of Bruno, passed away on October 14. Neil worked for Graco for 38 years. After retiring from there he then worked for East Central School District. His funeral service was held on Saturday, October 23 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bruno. Arrangements are by Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home in Moose Lake, you are also able to view the funeral service on the website. Sympathy is extended to Neil's family and friends.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bruno will be have their Annual Hunter's Meatball Supper (TAKE-OUT/CURB SIDE ONLY) on Friday, November 5

from 5 to 8 p.m. Free will offering. The Bruno Legion will conduct a Veterans Day program on Thursday, November 11 at 11a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church Bruno. The public is welcome. After the program the Auxiliary will serve refreshments.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS

The way things are now politically, it is easy to feel powerless. One way you can be a part of keeping your



**Willow
River News**
Kathi
Bennett

community a safe and decent place to live is to get involved with your local government and school board. If you have some time to give to your community

and are interested in being a member of the Willow River city council, please submit a letter of interest to city hall before the November 1st city council meeting. Please remember that the City of Willow River has a leash law and you must have your dog on a leash when walking them on city streets. There have been numerous complaints about dogs being loose around the bank, post office, and down by the Dollar General. Please keep them under your control when out in public. People don't like being scared by dogs growling at them, jumping on them, and even biting them. This ordinance is not only to protect the public. This also protects the dog from people who might get angry with the dog and protect themselves in a physical way, which would be their right.

The WRFD Fall Gun Raffle fundraiser will be held on November 20, starting at 6 p.m. at the Squirrel Cage Bar and Grill. The drawing for the big guns will be at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at businesses around the area and from Willow River Fire Department members. They have fifteen guns on the drawing list.

The monthly PTO meeting November 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. is virtual, please email pto@isd577.

org for more information. There will be a Halloween costume parade on Friday, Oct. 29, at the school starting at 1:30 p.m. Students will exit the door Y and go around the outside of the school. Families are welcome to line the area around the school and come watch the parade.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021 and Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021. Bishop Felton will be here to celebrate the weekend Masses. On November 6 at 7:30 p.m. there will be the annual Deer Hunter's Mass at the St. Joseph Church (Split Rock Area). There will be a reception after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Angels to meet the Bishop. Please join us for fellowship and coffee and to make Bishop Felton feel welcome. St. Isidore's CCW will meet at 6:30 p.m. on November 9 at the parish hall. They will meet to discuss the future including the structure and activities for the next few months. Please attend as we need everyone's ideas. If you are interested in going to confession during the week, you may let Fr. Francis know and he will be happy to hear your confession after daily Mass or by appointment. He will be doing confessions on first Fridays' and Saturdays' at 4 p.m. at Holy Angels.

Thursday Mass will be at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 to 5 p.m every Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 5 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary on the 4th Sunday of the month at St Isidore's Church. The religious article cabinet at St. Mary's Church has been updated with many new items. Please call Rose at 218-372-3284 to come take a look or to purchase items.

Permanent eyebrows, butt-lifts, oh my!

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

Yesterday at lunch one of my friends told me that she had eyebrows tattooed on her face.



**Ask
Tante**

I was really impressed because they looked very natural. I can hardly keep up with the latest beauty fads.

She also divulged that during COVID-19 she gave her husband his haircuts. Not only did she cut his hair but while she was at it, she shaved him. Once he moved suddenly and she nicked his nose and removed

both of his eyebrows. He calmed down when she reminded him he wasn't going anywhere in the near future anyway. That got me starting to think. Maybe I should schedule a spa day and get my eyebrows tattooed, my facial hair removed, some Botox injections, and a butt lift. I still work from home a lot and could get this done without anyone knowing it. What do you think?

Signed, Sarah Sue in Sandstone

Dear Sarah Sue,

Wow! That's a lot of work to get done in one day. You might have to look at taking a couple of days off.

We all got a little lax with our grooming when we were quarantined. During Zoom meetings

many folks were caught, literally, with their pants down.

I'd be very careful about having a total overhaul on the chassis. Fads come and go and dramatic eyebrows might be really in now but out tomorrow. And I certainly wouldn't get junk in your trunk just because big butts are fashionable; so were bustles but in no time at all women were wearing flapper dresses and very short hair.

I'd go as far as styling up my clothes and coiffure but you better play it safe with your body. Some things aren't worth the hassle. And besides, having body work is expensive.

Good luck with the changes and remember, Tante Ingeborg cares.....but not so much.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Askov Octoberfest a success

**100 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 25, 1921**

- Hans Koed sold his 80 acre farm three miles east of Askov to Knud Plesner for \$5,200.
- Johannes Juhl and son Marinus of Askov left last week for Morten where they will work at ditching for Jorgen Juhl.
- The Swedish Lutheran Ladies Aid of Bruno will serve a roast chicken dinner with potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, and corn along with tomatoes and spaghetti, pie, salad, coffee and cake all for 35 cents on Saturday night.

**75 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 24, 1946**

- Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Nelson of Bruno celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends.
- Those from Bruno who were confirmed from Emmanuel Lutheran Church were Barbara Anderson, George Ball, Timothy Billman, Mildred Jorgensen,

Doug Nelson, Georgia Nelson and Dwight Peters.

- Received word from friends in the Sand Creek area of the marriage of Miss Margaret Sahlen and Wilbert Glienke that took place October 16 in Minneapolis.

**50 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 28, 1971**

- Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ketchum announce the engagement of their daughter Jacqueline to Mr. James Ogilvie. A January 8 wedding is planned.
- Ricky Borchardt a junior at Willow River school was chosen the winner of the Pine Soil and Water Conservation District speech contest.
- Sharon Sagvold of Duquette is recovering from appendectomy surgery that took place Sunday evening.
- Love Story is now playing at the Vogue Theatre in Sandstone.

**25 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 24, 1996**

- Askov's Octoberfest celebration that was held October 11th and 12th went well with good music and good food.
- Linda Kari received an award from the United States Postal Service for her role in saving the life of a rural Finlayson man in June.
- Dave Klinski has been hired as the new city clerk in Willow River starting October 1st.
- Lawrence and Darlene Wallner of Fairbanks, Alaska have been visiting family and friends here in Minnesota.

**10 YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 20, 2011**

- "Footloose" is playing at the East Central School November 17th - 20th. The production consists of 53 members.
- Physical Education teacher, Judy Paulson, retires from Willow River School after 35 years.

EAST CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- Thursday, October 28**
Blue line: Sub sandwich, chips, orange, lettuce, and milk
Silver line: Taco/shell, beans, orange, lettuce, and milk
- Friday, October 29**
Blue line: Pizza, bread stick, pears, mixed veggie, and milk
Silver line: Chicken nuggets (6), fries, pears, mixed veggie, and milk

- Monday, November 1**
Blue line: BBQ chicken sandwich, chips, peaches, corn, and milk
Silver line: Pork chop, mashed potato, peaches, corn and milk
- Tuesday, November 2**
Blue line: Taco/shell, refried beans, tropical fruit, carrots, and milk

- Silver line:** Burrito, chips and cheese, tropical fruit, carrots, and milk
- Wednesday, November 3**
Blue line: Chicken wrap, chips, pineapple, mixed veggie, and milk
Silver line: Pizza burger, fries, pineapple, mixed veggies, and milk

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 Dated: August 16, 2021
 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
 By /s/ Julie Domogalla
 School District Clerk
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STURGEON LAKE TOWNSHIP 2021-2022 SNOWPLOWING NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given: The Town Board of Sturgeon Lake Township has set the fee for snowplowing a private driveway at \$35.00 each time and a deposit of \$140.00 is required by November 1st, 2021. If the

deposit is received after the 1st of November, 2021, deadline: the fee for snowplowing a driveway will increase to \$40.00 each time and a deposit of \$160.00 will be required. If the township has completed snowplowing of township roads and driveways and a resident requests to have their driveway snowplowed, the fee for snowplowing their driveway will be \$80.00. This fee will be charged each time this occurs. The township reserves the right to not plow driveways that have obstacles in the way

of grader. The township will contact the homeowner by a letter informing them of the obstacles. The homeowner will be given a 30 day notice to remove these obstacles and if they are not removed, the driveway will not be snowplowed. The township will not be held responsible for any damages that may occur when snowplowing a private driveway.
 Please send your snowplowing deposit to Sturgeon Lake Township, 86917 Spring Creek Road, Willow River, MN 55795.

If you would like to know the balance on your account or have any questions in regards to this notice, please notify the clerk at 218-658-4437. This notice is given by my hand on this 21st day of October, 2021.
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