

RUNNING TO WIN: Ausmus takes lead as boys cross country named Great River champs. P2



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Emma Willhite (back center) and members of the Pine City Leos are ready for post-Halloween pumpkin pickups with "Take Back Jack."

Pine City primed for pumpkin pickups with 'Take Back Jack'

BY MIKE GAINOR
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A group of young Pine Citians are working to make the post-Halloween cleanup for residents a little easier and more ecologically friendly with a city-wide project they call "Take Back Jack."

The students will pick up pumpkins within the city limits on Nov. 6 – and those outside the city limits can bring their pumpkins to a drop-off zone at a local business. The students will then take all the pumpkins to be reused as feed on local farms.

Emma Willhite is a Pine City resident, and a student at Minnesota State University Moorhead. She said the inspiration for the Pine City edition of "Take Back Jack" was a similar event on her campus.

"Since I am ... living far from campus I wanted to set up a 'Take Back Jack' for our local community," Willhite said.

She signed up the Pine City Leos to help with the project, and they will be picking up the pumpkins together.

Willhite noted that there is not going to be a sign up for the project. Oct. 4-8, residents inside the

city limits can show their interest by marking their pumpkins, and students will be picking them up on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"To signify you would like us to pick up your pumpkins, mark them with a black 'X' and set them out by your mailboxes," Willhite explained.

Those outside the city, and anyone who missed the pumpkin pick-up can bring their pumpkins to a drop zone at Minpack (400 2nd Ave. SE) on Nov. 6-7.

"The drop zone is on the south side of Minpack near the loading dock area," Willhite said. "A huge thank you to Bob Thompson for allowing us to use this area as our drop zone."

She said she is grateful for the Pine City Leos help with the work, and is feeling positive about people's participation in the pumpkin pick-up project.

"I am excited that we are saving pumpkins from going to landfill and taking them to be reused as feed on local farms," Willhite said. "I think 'Take Back Jack' [is] a great opportunity for our community to make a positive impact on the environment."

Local efforts aim to bring better connections to area

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Pine County is ranked near the bottom of the state when it comes to high-speed internet access, but local efforts are underway to bring residents faster connections through a \$100,000 grant – and with the help of a new AT&T cell tower.

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"The pandemic has shown us that access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet is no longer a luxury," said Pine County Economic Development Coordinator Lezlie Sauter.

She noted that Pine County is currently ranked 86th out of 87 counties for having access to wireline internet with download speeds of 25 Mbps and upload speeds of 3 Mbps.

A report generated by Connected Nation shows that out of 11,373 households in the county, only 52% have access to wireline service with those speeds. And speed tests conducted this spring show there may be more households unserved than this.

Pine County officials are inviting the

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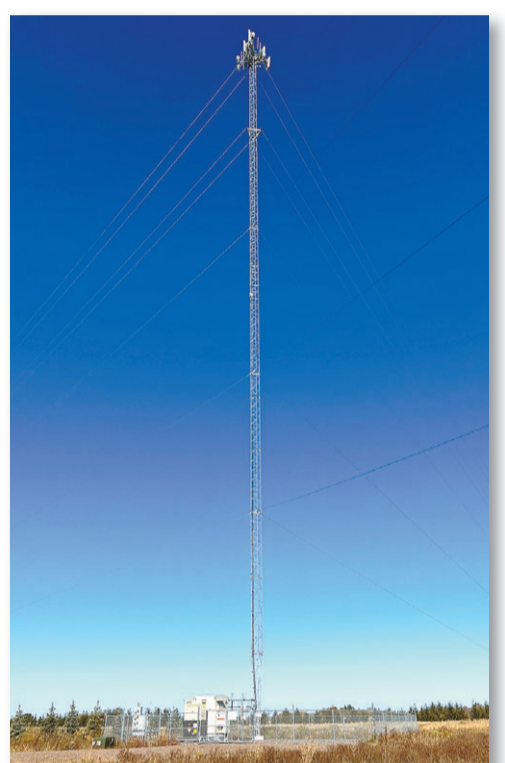


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AT&T has built a new tower near the intersection of White Oak Road and Homestead Road.

Share knowledge in Pine County Child Care survey

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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, 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."

• 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/WJWTPFQ>

"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

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Dragon cross country boys win Great River Conference championship

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Sunshine and cheering crowds greeted the Dragon cross country squads at the Great River Conference Championship, and those runners responded with outstanding performances.

“Our kids all ran hard and gave it their all,” said Coach Jared Clementson. “It was great to see a lot of our runners competing and having success.”

GIRLS: The Dragon cross country girls team placed second with a score of 44 points. The top seeded Hinckley-Finlayson scored 29 points to beat Pine City for the second year in a row.

Pine City had three girls place in the top 10 and earn All-Conference honors: Eva Johnson, Emma Belsheim and Rachel Brown.

Eva Johnson ran her best race of the season and placed second with a time of 21:15. This is the fourth straight year that Johnson has placed in the top three in the GRC. Emma Belsheim has had a breakthrough year and placed fifth with a time of 22:25. Rachel Brown bettered her 10th place finish last year and placed seventh in a time of 22:43 for her second All-Conference honor.

Gracie Larson placed 16th in a time of 23:43 with teammate Paige Gray not far behind in 17th with a time of 23:50. Peyton Perreault placed 18th with a time of 24:17. Sophia Olson rounded out the varsity squad, finishing 22nd in a time of 26:15.

“I am very proud of how these girls have progressed over the season,” Clementson said. “For most of the season, Hinckley-Finlayson was very dominant and would beat us by a large margin. Even though our girls weren’t able to come out victorious, they fought hard and made it a battle. I am very grateful to coach such a great group of hard-working girls.”



KRIS CLEMENTSON

The Pine City High School Boys Cross Country Team are the Great River Conference Champions, with Charlie Ausmus the overall winner of the meet. Running were Sean Skluzacek, Eli Fromm, Bohden Valvoda, Weston Clementson, Charlie Ausmus, Roman McKinney and Ethan Aagaard.

In the girls 3200m junior high race, Bella Schneider placed third with a time of 17:13 with teammates Ella Schlichting (17:37) and Madi Perreault (17:56) finishing not far behind in fourth and sixth. The girls JH won by one point over Mille Lacs.

BOYS: The boys team dominated the competition winning with a great score of 21 points. This is the eighth time in the past nine years that the Dragon boys have won the GRC title. Rush City placed 2nd with 39 points.

The top six boys placed in the top 10 and earned All-Conference honors: Charlie Ausmus, Roman McKinney, Ethan Aagaard, Weston Clementson, Bohdan Valvoda and Eli Fromm.

Charlie Ausmus defended his GRC title in dominant fashion, winning by 58 seconds in a time of 18:08. Ausmus became the third male in school history to win the GRC in back to back seasons, following in the footsteps of Easton Foss (2013 and 2014) and Tommy Ryan (2017 and 2018).

Roman McKinney ran a great race and set a new personal best time of 19:09 to earn a third place finish, which bettered his sixth place finish from last year. Ethan Aagaard fought off a Rush City runner to place fourth in a time of 19:21. Weston Clementson ran a solid race and ran a time of 19:54 good for sixth. Bohdan Valvoda was consistent as usual, and placed seventh in a time of 20:07. Eli Fromm found himself struggling, but managed to fight off a crowd to place eighth in a time of 20:16. Sean Skluzacek rounded out the varsity squad by placing 13th in a time of 20:46.

“We had a lot of turnover from last year and only Ausmus and McKinney ran in the varsity race at the GRC in last year’s victory,” Clementson said. “It was great watching these young boys come out and run so well and take care of business. Our top nine boys consist of all eighth and ninth graders. These boys will be fun to watch over the next few years as they gain more experience and strength.”

The Dragon JV boys won with a near perfect score of 16 points. Sawyer McDaniel won the JV race in a time of 20:27 which would have been good for Honorable Mention in the varsity race. Milo Rydberg (20:49) placed 2nd and Colin Miche´ (21:35) placed third.

The JH boys placed second with Grant Larson placing second in the 3200m race with a time of 14:51.

This meet concludes the junior varsity and junior high season.

NEXT UP

The Section 7AA meet will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Cloquet golf course. The Dragon girls will race at 3 p.m. and the boys will race at 3:45 p.m. The top two teams and the top six individuals will qualify on to the State Meet held in Northfield on Saturday, Nov. 6.

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To learn more about the Line 3 Replacement Project, visit enbridge.com/line3us.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29

Mystery at the Fur Post

Performers of the Baker Street Circus return to Snake River to delight, mystify and amaze. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with the event starting at 7 p.m. and running until approximately 9 p.m. at the Snake River Fur Post (12551 Voyageur Lane, Pine City).

Can you decipher the clues, unravel the secrets and figure out who is up to no good? Who stalks the big top?

Tickets to the Mystery at the Fur Post can be purchased online at <https://cart.mnhs.org/60668/60669>.

Costumes, Crafts and Cliffhangers

Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes for Halloween crafts and stories from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Pine City Public Library (300 5th Street).

Participants will hear a few not-too-spooky stories, make crafts, and march in a Halloween parade inside the library and, if weather allows, through the library grounds.

This event is geared to kids of preschool and school age, and snacks will be provided. Registration is required, beginning Oct. 8 on the events calendar at eclib.org or by calling the library 320-629-6403.

Rush City Citizen of the Year

Join the Rush City Chamber of Commerce to celebrate Todd Johnston's being name 2019 Citizen of the Year. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. in the Spare Room at Chucker's Bowl, followed by dinner at 7 and a program and dancing at 8.

Tickets — available only in advance — can be purchased at Hair Do or Dye, Hermann Insurance, Olson Chapel or Perreault Chiropractic.

For more information, call 612-695-6495 or email rushcitychamberdirector@gmail.com

PTCC Foundation Donor Appreciation

Pine Technical & Community College Foundation will hold its annual Donor Appreciation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the campus in Pine City (900 4th Street SE).

The foundation will be thanking donors and honoring the achievements of scholarship recipients. Appetizers and beverages will be served, entertainment will be provided, and a raffle is planned.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the PTCC President's office. Proceeds benefit the PTCC Foundation. For more information, contact carlises@pine.edu or call 320-629-5140.

Halloween Crafts and Stories

Enjoy some Halloween fun at the Pine City Public Library (300 5th Street SE) from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. where some not-too-spooky stories will be told, crafts to take home will be made, and a Halloween parade inside the library will commence. Parents are welcome to accompany their kids, and snacks will be provided. All are encouraged to wear costumes. Recommended for kids of preschool and elementary school age. For more information and to register, visit <https://eclib.libcal.com/event/8388430> or call 320-629-6403.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30

Flames Trunk-or-Treat

The Hinckley/Pine City Flames Snowmobile Club invites kids to Trunk-or-Treat at 2 p.m. at the Flames' Clubhouse in Beroun (24784 Main Street).

For more information or to volunteer to hand out candy from a decorated vehicle, visit the Flames Facebook page at facebook.com/HPCFLAMES.

Pine City .320K Run-Walk-Crawl

Join the community for the Pine City .320K Run-Walk-Crawl.

Check in is from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Village Bar and Grill (245 Third Avenue SE). Run/Walk/Crawl in waves starting at 11 a.m. from the Village to Three Twenty Brewing Company with a halfway hydration station stop at Froggy's.

Must be 21+ on event day to participate. ID is Required at Check in.

Profits from this event will be donated to the Honor Guards of the Pine City American Legion Post 51 and Pine City VFW Post 4258.

For more information about tickets and registration, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pine-city-320k-run-walk-crawl-tickets-196614207387>

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

American Legion French Toast Breakfast

Pine City American Legion Post 51 will host its Sons of the American Legion French Toast Breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion in Pine City (525 Main Street N).

Made-from-scratch French toast, scrambled eggs and sausage are on the menu, along with coffee, milk and juice.

Tickets can be purchased at the American Legion or from any SAL member. Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds from the event will go to the SAL Scholarship fund.

Drive Thru Trunk or Treat

Pine City Evangelical Free Church will host its 11th annual Drive Thru Trunk or Treat from 3 to 4 p.m. on the PCEFC Campus (625 Golf Avenue SW).

For more information, contact the church at pinecityefree@gmail.com or call 320-629-2584.

Sandstone Family Fun Night

The public is invited to a Family Fun Night Halloween Party from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sandstone Fire Hall (113 Main Street).

A light supper and goodies will be served, and kids of all ages can enjoy games, treats and prizes.

Kids Halloween Pizza Party

The Floppy Crappie Lakeside Pub (10762 Lakeview Shore Drive, Pine City) and Dennis' Smoke BBQ Joint will host a kids Halloween pizza party at 5 p.m. For more information, call 320-322-4020.

Teen Halloween Party

The Pine City Leos will host a new event this year especially for teens. All teens ages 13 and up are invited to Robinson Park (229 5th Street SE, Pine City) for this year's Teen Halloween Party with food, games, costume contest, and inflatable obstacle course.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 1

Winter Parking Rules in Effect

Winter parking rules for Pine City go into effect today. No parking on city streets will be allowed from 2 to 6 a.m. until March 31, 2022.

Vehicles left on streets during this time are subject to being towed at the owners expense.

For more information, visit the city's website at <https://pinecity.govoffice.com> or call or call 320-629-2575.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4

Glass Etching at Sandstone Library

The Sandstone Library (119 4th Street) is offering a glass etching class from 6 to 7 p.m. Each attendee will create two customized glasses.

The class is recommended for ages 18 and up, and registration is required on the events calendar at eclib.org. Space is limited.

For more information, call the library at 320-245-2270.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5

Movie in the Park

Join Pine City Parks and Recreation for a movie in the Park starting at 6:30 p.m. at Voyageur Park (700 1st Avenue NW). The movie playing is Disney Pixar's "Coco". For more information, visit: <https://pinecity.govoffice.com> or call 320-629-2575.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5-NOVEMBER 6

Fall Gift of Grace

Support local artisans and crafters at the Pine City Senior Center (670 Main Street S) on Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come explore gifts, crafts, treats and more.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Dinner

All Veterans are invited to a dinner in celebration of Veterans Day at the Pine City Legion (525 Main Street N.) at 12 p.m. The dinner is free for all Veterans, one Veteran guest, Auxiliary and SAL. Sponsored by: American Legion Post 51, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51, Pine City VFW Post 4258 and Auxiliary, and Heath Perkins SAL.

Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast and Matinee

Pine City High School Theatre (is performing "Cinderella" free for senior citizens. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. before doors open for seating at 9 a.m. For more information, visit <http://pinecitychamber.com/community-event/senior-citizen-matinee-returns-november-11th/>

MEETINGS

FRIDAY 10/29

AA: 10 a.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

AA: 7 p.m., Rush City Lutheran Church, 980 W 4th Street. Call David 612-387-6094

Weecovery: 7:30 p.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

SUNDAY 10/31

AA: 7 p.m. Evangelical Free Church, 625 Golf Avenue SW. For information call 320-438-9121.

MONDAY 11/1

Celebrate Recovery: 6 p.m., Journey North Church, Pine City

Blue Star Moms Chapter 16 6:30 p.m. Pine City VFW, 600 1st Avenue NW.

AA: 7:30 p.m., Our Redeemer Church, 825 Golf Avenue SW, Pine City

TUESDAY 11/2

Weecovery: 10 a.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

WEDNESDAY 11/3

Living Sober AA: 7 p.m., Henriette Free Methodist Church, 21004 MN-107, Grasston. Contact Willie 320-629-3745

Rock Creek AA: 7 p.m., Rock Creek City Center, Pine City

Women only AA: 7 p.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

Please contact the *Pine City Pioneer* with questions, or to make other changes to the meeting schedule. Contact 320-629-6771 or publicnotices@pinecitymn.com

SENIOR DINING

October 25-28

Monday: Beef Swiss Steak w/ tomato gravy, sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat bread

Wednesday: Oven-baked chicken, parsley potatoes, beets, dinner roll, cookie

Currently milk and bread will be included depending on availability

Call the Pine City Senior Center at 320-629-3024 between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with any questions.

The Pine City Pioneer does not guarantee publication of community events. Space limits the size and number of articles. Out & About deadline is 3 p.m. Monday. If your information must be published, consider placing an ad.

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To Go Available

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

Thurs., Oct. 28	Shrimp Po' Boy Sandwich w/ Fries & Coleslaw
Fri., Oct. 29	Pork Carnitas
Sat., Oct. 30	Grilled Cheese & Soup
Sun., Oct. 31	BLT w/ Fries & Pasta Salad
Mon., Nov. 1	Chicken Bacon Ranch Melt w/ Fries & Pasta Salad
Tues., Nov. 2	Baked Ziti w/ Salad & Garlic Bread
Wed., Nov. 3	French Dip w/ Fries & Pasta Salad

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Looking ahead

Twelve years ago I was hired for the best job I've ever had.



Editor's Soapbox
Mike Gainor

I was nervous. I was excited. I was determined to do the best I could with the trust I had been given and the opportunity to make a difference in this community, my home.

Right now, I feel that way again. On Oct. 15, I was offered the position of Community Development Director for the City of Pine City. I accepted. It's an opportunity to use my skills, learn new ones, and to continue to serve this city I love. Last Thursday the city council approved my hire. My last day at the *Pioneer* will be Friday, Nov. 12.

I'm happy – thrilled, actually – to say that we have already hired the next *Pioneer* editor. She's a local resident who cares deeply about this community, and a skilled writer with years of newspaper editorial experience. Traci LeBrun will be starting on Nov. 19, and she'll make this job and this newspaper her own.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work here, and to share with you the stories of our town and its people. There's something magical about working for a small town's newspaper, and there have been a lot of days when I was pretty sure I had the best job in the world. I'm feeling a lot of gratitude right now, so I hope you won't mind if I spend a lot of time thanking people over the next couple of weeks.

And let me start with you, our readers. Thank you.

But, looking ahead, I can't wait to start working for the people of Pine City in this next phase. Pine City is a remarkable place, and when I describe to folks I know in the Twin Cities all of the things that volunteers and public-spirited citizens are making happen in our small town, it blows them away: free summer sports programs for kids, three different arts organizations, two-year scholarships for every Pine City senior to Pine Tech. The story of our town is one that people beyond Pine City need to hear, and I'm excited that I'm going to have the chance to tell it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legendary lost train of ... Hay Creek?

To the Editor:

Thank you for putting the Devils Lake train story to bed. It's a little sad to see a good legend proven false. But before we put the stories of Pine County's lost trains to rest, let's not forget the story of the Hay Creek steam engine, sitting at the bottom of this little river in Clover Township east of Hinckley.

Apparently this log hauler was too small to pay the expenses to ship it to Duluth for scrap, so it was abandoned along Fleming Road, where it lies to this day, hidden from view for a hundred years. Or not.

Matt Maida
Pine City

Vaccinations should be required

To the Editor:

To prevent further spread of the coronavirus, we should require everyone to get fully vaccinated (including a possible third dose) – unless exempted by a sincerely held religious belief or medical condition. We should write to our legislators and executives at all levels of government.

Alvin Blake
Pine City



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Schools offer services to be proud of

The School Board continues to deepen the focus of our work in our District. As part of the District 578 strategic direction, the Board has created "Board Standards" that help to refocus the expectations and performance of all who serve our students. I would like to take this opportunity to share some information about our Nutritional Services Department with you. We are proud of the service our staff provides. Some fun facts:

- Our food service program is primarily funded by the federal government.
 - Our staff serves approximately 1,100 students per day.
 - Approximately 27,000 apples are consumed for lunch each school year!
 - Staff packaged nearly 19,000 distance learning meals to students last 2020-2021 school year.
 - The Department instituted a catering program with affordable, nutritious and delicious opportunities for our teams, groups and individuals to have food that is "COVID safe" at their events.
 - The Department provides students with "taste test" opportunities and input.
- October hosted "National



Paula Foley
Pine City Schools
Superintendent

School Lunch Week." Carrie Staples, our Nutritional Services Director and her staff do remarkable things for our students each day. We are grateful to each of them for their contributions to PCPS.

In addition, we are proud of our students and their teachers. The students that we teach today are very different from the students I taught when I began in this profession 37 years ago. Technology, changing societal values, COVID and many factors have turned our learners from people who took in and processed information to learners who have information at their fingertips and whose learning is about problem solving, creating new options, and applying what they know to various situations. Our teachers have had to adjust their teaching methods and pivot from delivering information TO our students, to becoming teachers who learn WITH our students. It is not about what we teach anymore, rather about "who" and "how". It is a remarkable transformation and it is something that we continue to seek to understand and develop as educators. I will share various examples with you in the weeks ahead.

Mr. Schlichting, the Pine City Industrial Technology teacher, helped inspire his students' learning when he took a group of 30 students on a manufacturing tour this past month. PTCC hosted the event and gave students a tour of their campus along with

a rundown of the programs and opportunities they offer. They also toured Atscott Manufacturing and MinPack in Pine City to explore careers in manufacturing and learn about the great things created right here in Pine City. It is great to have teachers who expand the walls of their classrooms to broaden the experiences of our students. It is equally gratifying to have our local educational partners and businesses partner with us to share the many opportunities and options for careers that are available right here in Pine City.

Our PCHS students are learning about manufacturing on their tour of Pine City.

Thanks to all for the positive feedback regarding sharing PCPS news with you in this column. I appreciate hearing what you want to learn more about our schools and the incredible things that occur here every day. I ask and encourage you to share any thoughts regarding anything you would like to learn more about with me at pfoley@isd578.org.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Pine City High School Tennis Team for earning their place in the Minnesota State High School League's State Girls Tennis Tournament. We are proud of each girl, coach and family that supports these young ladies. They are truly a class act.

Thanks to all for your support. It is a great day to be a Dragon!



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The Dragon doubles team of Addison Sell and Allison Unverzagt took home a third place medal in the section tournament.

Sell heads to individual state tournament for Dragons

STAFF REPORT
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The Pine City High School girls tennis team continued to play hard this past week. The team as a whole practiced for their trip to the state tournament on Oct. 26 while members of the team competed in the individual section tournament.

Ella Sell and Brooke Boland represented the Dragons in singles and Addison Sell/Allison Unverzagt and Claire Emmons/Malia Mikyska represented the team in doubles for the individual section tournament.

Coach Kristin Unverzagt said the girls battled hard and represented our

team proudly. Ella Sell earned a section place finish and a trip to the state tournament, while the team of Addison Sell/Allison Unverzagt took home a third place medal.

"I am so proud of their efforts as they shifted gears to new positions in this tournament," Unverzagt said. "The girls had intensity, worked hard, and were fun to watch."

The team had a few days of practice before the Dragons headed to Minneapolis for the state tournament, taking on Litchfield in the first round on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Ella Sell will compete in the individual tournament on Thursday, Oct. 28.

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Dragons pull away from Mora 22-12

STAFF REPORT
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The Pine City High School varsity football team took on Mora in an Oct. 20, and came away from the back-and-forth contest with a 22-12 victory.

The scoring started in the first quarter as Jacob Lindahl got into the Mora end zone with a three-yard run.

Mora managed to even it up in the second quarter, after a 38 yard run from the Mustangs notched them six points on the scoreboard, leaving the score at halftime all tied up at 6-6.

The Dragons had a scare in the third quarter after the Mustangs broke open a 65 yard run to earn another six points. The failed two-point conversion left the score at 12-6.

However, the Pine City squad showed resilience, and Jacob Lindahl once again ended up in the end zone, this time on an impressive 23-yard run. Jimmy Lindblom managed to punch in the two-point conversion, and the Dragons took the lead.

Heads-up defense led to a score in the fourth quarter. Brody Clark picked up a Mustang fumble and lit out for a 30-yard run and another six Dragon points. Kameron Juszczak passed it to Lindblom to make the two point conversion, and a 22-12 win.

The win put the Pine City squad at 4-4 for the season, while the Mustangs dropped to 1-5 as both teams headed into the playoffs.

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Halloween Safety Tips

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury. On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

Walk Safely:

- Cross the street at corners and use crosswalks if available.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing streets and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

possible.

- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween

and may move in unpredictable ways.

- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.



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Young hunters take down mighty big bucks

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Last weekend's youth hunting opener was awfully kind to these local hunters, who took their best shot and brought home a trio of prizes.

(left) McCoy McConnell shot a 14-point buck on Friday on his first time deer hunting with his uncle.

(bottom left) Caden Wiener, took down this 12 point, 214 pound buck.

(bottom right) Owen H Anderson got a eight-pointer weighing in at 150 pounds on Saturday.



FOUR SEASONS PHOTOGRAPHY

Volleyball Dragons fired up vs. Raiders

STAFF REPORT
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The Dragon volleyball team hosted the Mille Lacs Raiders – a co-op team which includes Onamia and Isle – on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Coach Tami Nelson said the Dragons played well all night, defeating the Raiders 3-0 (25-8, 25-15, 25-9).

Leading the team in serving were Kloey Lind (#3) with five ace serves, Sage Staber (#11) with three ace serves and Karly Jusczak (#18) who was 100% from the serving line – no missed serves for the night.

The team was led offensively by Lind with 12 kills, Jusczak with seven kills, Emma Hermanson (#10) with six kills, Staber with five kills and Arissa Rydberg (#5) with 25 set assists and three kills.

Leading the team defensively were Lind with two blocks and six digs, Rydberg with 10 digs and one block, Hermanson with two blocks, Staber with four digs and one block, and Abby Agaard (#2) with 10 digs.

This week playoffs begin, with the Pine City team hosting the Mora Mustangs on Wednesday, Oct. 27.



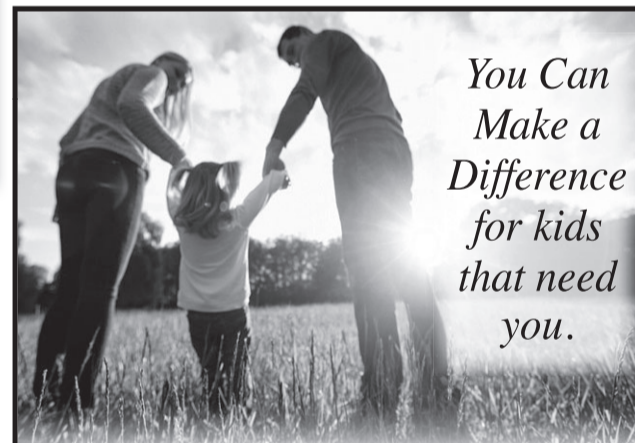
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Fresh strawberries still growing in October 1921

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10 Years Ago, 2011

IMAGE Art Show winners included Kristin Webster's "Lemon Zest," Dean Baker's "The Western Wind," Barb Dreyer's "Triptych" and Amber Shuey's "Inspire: A Charcoal Self-Portrait." Peg Skalicky's "Life's a Birch" won the People's Choice Award and Jessie Decorsey won Best in Show for her piece "The Passion."

Some hunters have good days. Some have great days. But it's safe to say, not many have a day like Luke Hegge had on Oct. 20. While out bow-hunting with his friend Dan Moon, Hegge shot two ten-point bucks.

Pine City School Board candidates Wally Conna-ker, Tim Geisler, Wendy Leibel, Bonnie Menigo and Roger Rutgers will compete for four seats in the upcoming Nov. 8 election.

Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce President Sara Helseth spoke on the importance of pursuing one's passion at the Chamber's annual meeting at the North

West Company Fur Post.

25 Years Ago, 1996

He parachutes into the Alaskan wilderness to fight fires. He has climbed to the summit of Mount McKinley. A passion for outdoor life courses through the veins of Rush City native Bruce L. Nelson. He has put his love for hunting into words, publishing a book called "Hunting Big Whitetails" which has received good reviews from major hunting magazines.

Dragon tennis players Molly Sloan and Ali Mach made it to the state doubles competition. The girls have a combined record of 57 wins and 13 losses in their high school careers.

Mary A. Andersen of Pine City has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions International.

New Pine County Parole Officer Terryl Arola was hired in January to help reduce its high probation caseloads. "I try, as much as possible, to be an optimist," Arola said, and "can't believe ... that people can't change."

50 Years Ago, 1971

Ed DeRocker, Hinckley, caught a 17 and one half pound Northern a week ago Saturday while fishing on Pokegama Lake. The fish measured 39 inches long.

75 Years Ago, 1946

On Monday, Oct. 14, the Church of Immaculate Conception was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Sylvia Pangerl was united in marriage to Clarence Pierce.

Pine City's Dragons racked up their fourth straight championship by defeating a rugged Barnum club 27-18. The Dragons have won three titles outright and shared the championship with Barnum in 1943.

100 Years Ago, 1921

H.S. Atwood of Bruno drove to Sandstone Monday night to have a bullet extracted from his shoulder. During an altercation with his son he received the bullet from a 32 cal. revolver in his right shoulder. It was

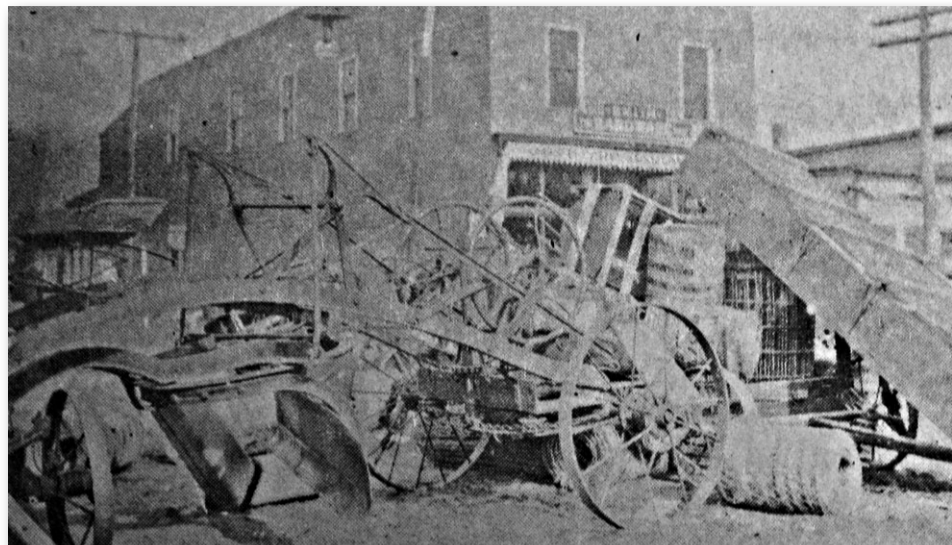


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Street barricaded during 1905 Halloween

Kids have always been kids, and the young folks pulled quite a few Halloween pranks in the early days of Pine City. This barricade was found on Main Street the morning after Halloween night (photo faces northeast). How the tricksters accumulated so much stuff is anybody's guess.

not a serious wound, but it might have been if it had hit a little lower. The young man has left for parts unknown after receiving a much-deserved trouncing from his father.

We have had the late apple blossoms and the peanut bushes and we

thought this was doing pretty good, but Frank Stuck came along yesterday with some nice ripe, juicy strawberries that he had just picked in his garden.

125 Years Ago, 1896

Capt. Seavey received a carload of nice apples as ever came to town on Monday, which he disposed of to our citizens at very reasonable rates.

guide

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OBITUARIES

Gene Johnson

Gene Johnson passed away Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021 at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids at the age of 67.

Gene Alan Johnson was born June 16, 1954 to Glenn and Joyce (Kalsback) Johnson in Mora.



Gene was the youngest of six children; he had four brothers and one sister. The family lived in Hinckley until 1965 when they moved to Colorado. In 1968, Gene and one brother moved back to Hinckley with their father.

In 1972, Gene graduated from Hinckley High School as did his future wife Elizabeth "Beth" Jensen. Gene and Beth were married Dec. 28, 1985; they were truly each other's world.

Although they didn't have children there were many four legged ones who were like their children. The Boxers were Gene's babies for sure. They made their home in Hinckley and in 2013 moved to Brook Park.

Gene was a meat cutter for 20 years and a carpenter for 21 years. In August of 2020 he retired. He enjoyed feeding the birds and checking out the many different varieties visiting his home. He continued woodworking making many handmade items; benches, shelves, counter tops and toys just to mention a few things.

Gene loved his family and friends and always made you feel welcome. He looked forward to deer hunting season because he not only got to hunt he entertained many family and friends. It would become a party when family and friends brought their deer to "Buck", using his meat cutter expertise cutting the meat in his garage.

He is already greatly missed.

Gene is survived by his wife Beth; siblings Darrel Johnson, Brenda (David) Vohs, Gregg (Nancy) Johnson, Scott Johnson; many nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents Glenn and Joyce Johnson; brother Lynn Johnson; mother-in-law Nina Baldwin; nephew Mark Ziegler; sister-in-law Arlene Jensen.

A celebration of Gene's life was held Monday, Oct. 25th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Swanson Funeral Chapel.

Funeral arrangements for Gene Johnson are entrusted to the: Funeral and Cremation Service of Pine City, Swanson Chapel

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Kenneth Howard

Kenneth J. Howard, age 78, passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 16, 2021. Preceded in death by his parents Arlow and Irene Howard. Survived by his wife Bonnie, children Holly (Dean), Bill (Dawn), Lance (Tracy), Karl (Stacy), Kay, Beth (Greg), Adam, Paul (Erica). Grandchildren Johnathan, Brandon, Hunter, Bradlee, Jaycob, Dylan, Avery, Laura, Linnea, Libby, Jax, Anna, Logan. Brothers Michael (Sally), Dennis (JoLynn).



Funeral services will be held on October 30, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 13655 Round Lake Blvd., Andover, MN 55034. Visitation will be one hour

prior to service.

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Kathy Doenz

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10/23	49	26	0
10/24	48	28	0

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October 18, 9:45 p.m., report of **burglary**, Fairway Road SW, Pine City

October 20, 12:41 p.m., report of **shoplifting**, Evergreen Square SW, Pine City

October 23, 1:11 p.m., report of **burglary**, Steven Lane, Pine City

Miscellaneous

October 18, 11:12 a.m., report of **personal injury accident**, St. Croix Road, Pine City

October 18, 12:54 p.m., report of **search warrant**, Northridge Drive NW, Pine City

October 18, 4:43 p.m., report of **disturbance**, Black Spruce Road, Pine City

October 19, 4:01 p.m., report of **search warrant**, State Highway 70, Pine City

October 20, 9:26 p.m., report of **damage to property**, Main Street S, Pine City

October 20, 6:53 p.m., report of **damage to vehicle**, 5th Avenue SE, Pine City

October 21, 9:54 p.m., report of **dead body**, 560th Street, Pine City

October 22, 9:07 a.m., report of **crim sex conduct**, Northridge Drive NW, Pine City

October 22, 9:23 a.m., report of **crim sex conduct**, Northridge Drive NW, Pine City

October 22, 4:38 p.m., report of **attempt pickup**, State Highway 70, Pine City

October 22, 5:08 p.m., report of **child protection/neglect**,

9th Street SW, Pine City
October 22, 6:46 p.m., report of **attempt pickup**, Freedom Road SE, Pine City
October 23, 7:30 p.m., report of **personal injury accident**, Henriette Road, Pine City

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October 18

Draves, Aubrey Lynn

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Matuseski, Kelsey Raye

Hold For Other Agency: Arrest-Misdemeanor Warrant

Naastad Cang, Vance Edward

Probable Cause: Domestic Abuse No Contact Order-Violate No Contact Order-Misdemeanor-Machine Guns and Short-Barreled Shot Guns-Acts Prohibited-Own/Possess/Operate

October 19

Anderson, Justin

Pine County Warrant-Confining But Not Convicted-Burglary-2nd Deg-Building-Possess Tool-Arrest of Adult

Belgarde, Arnold Jon

Pine County Warrant: Bench-Misdemeanor Warrant-Contempt of Court-Fail to Pay Ordered Child Support

Cornwell, Destiny

Pine County Warrant-Confining But Not Convicted-Drugs-3rd Degree-Possess 10 Grams or More a Narcotic Drug Other Than Heroin-Arrest of Adult

Fisher, Jamie Lynn

Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear Warrant Issued by Pine-Check Forgery-Offer/Possess With Intent to Defraud

Prozinski, Keven Joseph

Probable Cause: Burglary-4th Deg-To Commit Misdemeanor

Rolph, Allyson Vee

Probable Cause: DWI-Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described

October 20

Litz, Michael Dean

Pine County Warrant: Probation Violation-MS Warrant Issued by Pine-Disorderly Conduct

Mesker, Donovan David

Pine County Warrant: Arrest-Gross Misdemeanor-Counterfeiting of Currency-Uttering or Possessing

Sjolie, Zeronica Dayle

Pine County Warrant-Confining But Not Convicted-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4-Not Small Amount Marijuana

Waagen, Blaze Rafferty

Probable Cause: Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling

October 21

Carr, Nicole Marie

Probable Cause-Domestic

Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Degroat, Floyd Dale

Pine County Warrant-Confining But Not Convicted-Give Peace Officer False Name/Birthdate/ID Card-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Arrest of Adult

Nickaboine, Randall Wayne Jr.

Hold For Other Agency: Bench Felony Warrant

Wyatt, Arica Lynn

Hold For Other Agency: Bench-Misdemeanor Warrant

October 22

McBride, Stephen

Convicted-Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation-Arrest of Adult

Mooney, Michael Shane

Pine County Warrant-Confining But Not Convicted-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere With Peace Officer-Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm-Hold For Other Agency-Confining But Not Convicted-Assault-5th Degree-Fear of Bodily Harm or Death-Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent-Arrest of Adult

Sterry, Nicholas Wesley

Hold For Other Agency-Confining But Not Convicted-Possess Ammo/Any Firearm-Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence-Arrest of Adult

Theis, Peter Joseph

Pine County Warrant-Convinced-Traffic-DWI-Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test; Breath or Test Refusal or Failure-Arrest of Adult

Thomas, Mardell Marie

Probable Cause-Confining But Not Convicted-Disorderly Conduct-Brawling or Fighting-Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon-Arrest of Adult

Watkins, Nicole Lee

Hold For Other Agency-Confining But Not Convicted-Traffic Regulation-Vehicle Registration/Permit/Plates Required-Drugs-5th Degree-Possess-Check Forgery-Falsely Endorse-Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle-Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours-Arrest of Adult

Weyaus, Travis Wayne

Hold For Other Agency-Confining But Not Convicted-Giving Peace Officer False Name-Of Another Person-Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Cancellation-Pine County Warrant-Confining But Not Convicted-Traffic-DL-Driving After Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety-Traffic Regulation-Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance When Operating Vehicle-Arrest of Adult

Willert, Travis Jo Claire

Probable Cause-Confining But Not Convicted-Domestic-Domestic Abuse-Violate Order for Protection-Arrest of Adult

October 23

Beadry, Michael

Probable Cause-Confining But Not Convicted-Traf-

fic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Miltz, Zachary Ryan

Probably Cause-Confining But Not Convicted-Traffic-DWI-Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test-Traffic-DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minich, Demitre Leonard

Probable Cause-Confining But Not Convicted-Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere With Peace Officer-Traffic-DWI-Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test; Breath or Test Refusal or Failure-Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle-Arrest of Adult

October 24

Conrad-Duchi, Jason

Probable Cause-Confining But Not Convicted-Drugs-Possess Over 1.4 Grams Marijuana In Motor Vehicle-Dangerous Weapon-Metal Knuckles/Switch Blade-Arrest of Adult

Mariette, Nicholas

Probable Cause-Confining But Not Convicted-Traffic-DWI-Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test-Traffic-DWI-Second-Degree Driving While Impaired; Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test-Arrest of Adult

Woullet, Adam Lloyd

Probable Cause-Confining But Not Convicted-Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm-Disorderly Conduct-Brawling or Fighting-Arrest of Adult

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PINE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 58-PR-21-64 NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

Estate of
Marian Jean Manson,
Decedent
A Petition for Determination has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property. Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court, prior to or raised at the first hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given that the Petition will be heard on 11/1/21, at 9:15 a.m., by this Court via Zoom, Pine City, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: September 24, 2021
/s/ Patrick W. Flanagan
Patrick W. Flanagan
Judge of District Court
Amy Willert
Court Administrator
Attorney for Petitioner
Robert J. Everhart
Everhart Law
13055 Riverdale Drive NW
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ANNUAL MEETING PINE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Pine County Agricultural Society will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday November 10th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds in Pine City. The annual report will be presented and an election to the board will be held. The following members terms are up in 2021; Dave Deutschlender, Stephen Hallan, Pete Leibel, Jason Skluzacek, Terry Bombard, and Brent Thompson.
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

PINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
635 NORTHRIDGE DRIVE NW,
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr and Terry Lovgren. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. Due to out-of-town commitments, Commissioners Matt Ludwig and J.J. Waldhalm joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Commissioners were seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means, at locations open and accessible to the public, and participated from:

Commissioner Ludwig: Staybridge Suites, 2350 Commerce Drive NW, Rochester, MN

Commissioner Waldhalm: 904 Calle Cruz Roja, Barrio Obrero, Arecibo PR

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to adopt the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2021 County Board Meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

Land Surveyor Monthly Report – September 2021

Vernon Valvoda correspondence – September 13, 2021

Pine County Zoning Board Minutes – August 26, 2021

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Order Approving Rate Increase and Granting Rule Variances dated September 24, 2021

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

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

Approve the exempt permit from the Sturgeon Lake Relief Association to conduct Minnesota lawful gambling on November 19, 2021 at Doc's Pavilion, 24427 Majestic Pine Dr., Sturgeon Lake, MN.

Approve Resolution 2021-66 extending a septic fix up special assessment as follows: Ronald W. Lyon and Catherine E. Lyon, PID 12.0005.000, \$15,300; Richard A. Rhoades and Lisia K. Rhoades, PID 17.0052.000, \$16,850.

Approve acceptance of the following donations from Grand Casino Hinckley to be used to offset the expenses of the Sheriff's Office: December 9, 2020 for 1st Quarter 2021: \$23,000; March 12, 2021 for 2nd Quarter 2021: \$23,000; June 14, 2021 for 3rd Quarter 2021: \$23,000.

Approve the 2021-2022 Prosecution Contract with the City of Sturgeon Lake for the period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. The rate is \$100 per case filed submitted for review or charging of violation of ordinances.

Approve the following

agreements:

A. Cooperative Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the Pine County Veterans Service Office. Effective upon full execution of the Cooperative Agreement through June 30, 2025.

B. 2022 and 2023 Child Support Program Interagency Cooperative Agreement.

C. Biennial Service Agreement and Agreement to Provide MFIP/DWP Services Between Pine County and Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc. for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Acknowledge the 17 tracts offered for sale consisting of 396 acres at an appraised value of \$419,200; 13 tracts sold with bids totaling \$517,910.

Approve Human Resources Manager Jackie Koivisto to attend the Minnesota Counties Human Resource Management Association Fall Conference October 6-8, 2021. Total cost: \$656.

Approve attendance at the AMC Annual Conference (December 6-8, 2021), for any commissioner desiring to attend, and County Administrator David Minke. Cost per attendee: Registration: \$375; Lodging: \$125 plus tax per night.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve Resolution 2021-67 declaring the month of October 2021 as Manufacturing Month in Pine County. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with East Central Regional Juvenile Center. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Sandstone to continue to use the property at 145 Robin St., Sandstone for the Central Pine Recycling Center through December 31, 2024. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to affirm Commissioner Ludwig's appointment to the Kettle River/Upper St. Croix One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee and appointment Commissioner Waldhalm as the alternate. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the following representatives to the ad hoc committee to review the Pine County Solid Waste Ordinance:

Seat 1 County Commissioner Steve Hallan

Seat 2 County Commissioner Matt Ludwig

Seat 3 County Zoning Board member Dirk Nelson

Seat 4 City Representative Kathy George/City of Sandstone

Seat 5 Township Representative Terry O'Rourke / Nickerson Township

Seat 6 MPCA Representative Heidi Kroening

Seat 7 Local Solid Waste Industry Representative Terry Peterson, All Season Services

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

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to authorize the ordering of 2022 vehicles starting in 2021. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Chair

Hallan adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota.

Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners
David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board of Commissioners

The full text of the board's Minutes are available at the County Administrator's Office and the county's website (www.co.pine.mn.us). Copies may also be requested from the administrator's office.
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Pokegama Township Board of Supervisors will be changing the November Regular Board Meeting from Thursday November 11th, 2021 to Thursday November 18th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This change is due to the Veterans Day holiday that falls on November 11th, 2021. This meeting is open to the public and will still be held at the Pokegama Town Hall located at 18336 Town Hall Road, Pine City, Minnesota.

Christy Belsheim
Administrative Clerk
Pokegama Township
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PINE

DISTRICT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 58-CV-21-269
Case Type: Contract/Replevin
Amended Summons

U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee For Townd Point Mortgage Trustee Asset-Backed Securities, Series 2019-MH-1, Plaintiff,

v.
Rebecca Smith, Cheryl Fredrick, Carrie Gerou, Steven Smith, Unknown Heirs of Jeannette Smith, John Doe and Mary Roe, Defendants.

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

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at:

Adam Soczynski
Usset, Weingarden & Liebo, PLLP
4500 Park Glen Road, Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55416

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

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and

the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

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

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

Dated: September 23, 2021
USSET, WEINGARDEN & LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

/s/ Adam Soczynski
Adam Soczynski, #0264805
Attorney for Plaintiff
4500 Park Glen Road, Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PINE

DISTRICT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 58-CV-21-508
Case Type: Declaratory Judgment
Summons

John R. Jansen and David Blackshear, Plaintiffs v. Timothy W. Rono; the unknown spouse of Timothy Rono, if any; Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety, Defendants.

AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST OR LIEN IN THE REAL PROPERTY OR MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED HEREIN,

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS.

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

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John M. Cabak
CABAK LAW, LLC
243 Main Street S
Pine City, MN 55063

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7. REAL PROPERTY. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in PINE County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot Twenty-six (26), Block Two (2), Highwood Shores, Pine County, Minnesota

Said property is also identified by its Property Tax ID Number of R28.5265.000 and is located at 19234 Highwood Shores Road, Pine City, Minnesota, 55069.

The object of this action is to award judgment establishing title to the manufactured home located on the above property in name of the Plaintiff, and ordering that the manufactured home is to be deemed a fixture on the real estate and no Certificate of Title is necessary.

NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §557.03, the Plaintiffs hereby give notice that no personal claim is being made against any of the defendants. However, if Defendants unreasonably defend the action, Plaintiffs are requesting an order of the Court directing that the defendants shall pay costs and attorney fees to Plaintiffs.

CABAK LAW, LLC
Dated: October 13, 2021
/s/ John M. Cabak
John M. Cabak
Attorney for Plaintiffs
243 Main Street S
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 629-2529
Attorney Reg. #0388929

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF MISSION CREEK

Notice is hereby given that Mission Creek Township will be holding a public hearing for the purpose of public comment on a proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan on November 10, 2021, at 7 p.m. at the Mission Creek Townhall. The proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be available for public inspection by request. If unable to attend public comment may be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk. All written comments should be submitted no later than 5 pm November 8thth.

Stacy Hancock, Clerk
320-279-1649
missioncreek@gmail.com
Mission Creek Township
PO Box 706
Hinckley, MN 55037

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CONNECTIONS: New grant, new tower

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public to attend a Blandin Broadband Community Vision meeting where priorities will be determined, and projects developed to improve internet access and use.

"Pine County was named one of six new Blandin Broadband Communities, a program that provides planning, technical and financial support to communities that demonstrate the determination to bring the benefits of a broadband-enabled economy to their communities," said Sauter. "These six communities will have access to a special grant fund, but projects will have

to meet Blandin Broadband standards to be funded."

All interested community members can join a Zoom meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 15 to help identify Pine County's strengths and gaps, and again on Monday Nov. 22 to brainstorm project ideas and make decisions about potential projects.

Once those projects are determined, local non-profits, schools and governments will have the opportunity to apply for up to \$100,000 in total grant funding over two years.

To join the effort, complete a pre-registration survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/KDBLCR2 or contact Lezlie

at 320-591-0019 or lezlie.sauter@co.pine.mn.us by Nov. 12 to receive a survey.

NEW CELL TOWER

AT&T has added a new cell tower in the Pine City area to improve coverage and to offer residents and first responders faster, more reliable wireless service. The new tower was built near the intersection of White Oak Road and Homestead Road.

"From connecting family and loved ones to helping first responders during a crisis, AT&T is committed to investing in Minnesota to build state-of-the-art infrastructure that will keep people connected," said AT&T Minnesota President Paul Weirtz. "We are pleased to make this network investment in Pine City."

"Wireless connectivity is critical

for our residents, families, businesses and first responders, especially during these unprecedented times," said State Senator Jason Rarick. "This investment in Pine City's network infrastructure is great news for our community."

"Investments in mobile technologies help foster connections," said Representative Nathan Nelson. "Wireless investments in communities like Pine City help support connectivity and growth."

According to AT&T, these upgrades will also benefit public safety and first responders on FirstNet – public safety's dedicated communications platform and give Minnesota's first responders access to always-on, 24-hours-a-day priority and preemption across voice and data.

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