



RUTABAGA FESTIVAL CELEBRATED: Fun was had by all. P 6 & 7

Shoreland ordinance stirs debate with area businesses

BY JAMIE LUND

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Two Sand Lake business representatives expressed concern that a proposed shoreland ordinance is too restrictive and could have a negative impact on shoreland property owners future expansion projects, including businesses.

“The goal is not to stop businesses from doing what they want to do,” said Skip Thomson, chairman of the Pine County Zoning board.

The representatives shared

their concern about the proposed Pine County Shoreland Ordinance 2021-43 and the variance mitigation process with the board during the regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 26.

Caleb Anderson, Pine County Land and Resource Manager, said the proposed ordinance came about due to the 2017 PC Comprehensive Plan. At that time economic development and protecting the county’s natural resources rose to the top of the county

priority list.

Anderson explained that property owners who intend to expand structures that do not conform to setback requirements from lakes and rivers must receive variances to do so. The contemplated variance mitigation requirements would only affect those property owners applying for such variances, said Anderson.

Shoreland is land located within 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water level of a lake, pond or flowage and 300 feet

from a river or stream, according to the shoreland management ordinance website.

County lakeshore owners responded to a survey in February and expressed a concern and desire for increased protection of area lakeshores, said Anderson.

Sand Lake Resort owner and attorney, Mark Lambert, said he was concerned about language in the ordinance and mitigation for the variance to the Pine County Board of Commissioners at their meeting

in August. He suggested some language changes, some of which were implemented, said Anderson.

The commissioners sent the ordinance back to the zoning board to look at the language again.

Moose Lake Golf Club General Manager, Josh Ganst, addressed the zoning board with concerns about the strict variance mitigation process, as did Danielle Hoffman. She is part of the legal team for

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Rutabaga Royalty winners

Zoey Gebhart and Carly Watrin were crowned Miss Askov and Miss Askov 1st runner up during the annual Askov Rutabaga Festival Friday, Aug. 27.

Celebration to be held to show thanks for support

BY JAMIE LUND

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Marty Monette is thankful for the support of the community after he was injured in March.

The 57-year-old Bruno resident was on top of a fuel truck at a service station in Finlayson. He was preparing to fill it with fuel when he remembers hearing a loud explosion. Monette said his next memory is sitting on the ground holding his head.

The sound brought Alisa Pahakla running from her nearby beauty shop. She came around the corner with a service station employee, Terry Clennon, and discovered Monette crawling on the ground on fire. She clarified that the truck did not explode. She raced back to her shop and grabbed towels and her cell phone. She extinguished the fire and helped him walk to the beauty shop and wait for the fire department to arrive.

“There’s a little scar tissue now,” Monette said. “It looks pretty good.”

Pahakla agreed that he looks

much better now.

The state fire marshal said the freak accident was caused by a spark of static electricity combined with perfect conditions such as humidity and temperature, said Wyatt Lucht, Finlayson Fire and Rescue Chief.

Monette fractured his neck, burned about 25 percent of his body and suffered nerve damage on one side of his body.

He was transported to Essentia Health-Duluth where he spent 25 days, then was moved to Miller-Dwan for an additional 12 days.

Monette said he is thankful for everyone who donated to his Go-Fund-Me account to help cover medical bills and the people who came to help work on his house, which is in the middle of construction.

“I feel so humbled,” Monette said.

He is continuing physical therapy at the Community Memorial Hospital in Cloquet and Essentia Health-Sandstone.

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Hemp growers look to the future,

BY MIKE GAINOR

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On Aug. 18, Regen Industrial Hemp USA – a new Pine County business – hosted a workshop at the Kunze family farm near Hinckley to talk to local farmers about the potential hemp holds for growers and manufacturers.

Regen CEO Jane Burnes Leverenz said the business

is about creating a systems approach to growing, harvesting and processing industrial hemp into useful products.

“We’re here to get acquainted with industrial hemp and the different hybrid seeds and their properties – and to find out what is the future and the next third crop for farmers in America,” Leverenz said.

Leverenz and Lois Kunze grew a 22 by 70 foot test plot

with three varieties of hemp plants on it, and invited area producers to come see how a hemp crop could develop in just 80 days of growing in East Central Minnesota.

Officials from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota Extension and other agricultural nonprofits also came to find out more and offer support and information for interested

hemp growers and manufacturers.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen, a Pine County resident, noted that there was once a hemp rope factory not far from the Kunze farm. However, for decades hemp was illegal to grow in Minnesota. That changed when the 2014 Farm Bill contained a provision for states to administer

hemp pilot programs, and lawmakers passed the Minnesota Industrial Hemp Development Act in 2015.

“I worked for many years to get the legislation passed for us to even grow hemp in Minnesota,” Petersen said. “So it’s really exciting to see this. It could be a good niche third crop for many farmers. We n

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Stanley A. Berglund

March 19, 1950 - August 25, 2021

Stanley Adrian Berglund, 71, long-time resident of Mahtowa, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 in St. Luke's Hospice after a hard-fought battle with esophageal cancer. He was born in Moose Lake on March 19, 1950 to Adrian and Elizabeth (Pearson) Berglund.

Stan was raised on the family farm east of Bruno and graduated from Askov High School in 1968. He played basketball and baseball throughout elementary and high school and continued to love sports throughout his life. Stan met the love of his life, Bonnie Schuppman, at Grindstone Lake Bible Camp. The two were married on November 1, 1968 in Bruno. Together, Stan and Bonnie raised four children after they settled in Mahtowa. Stan made his career working for Conwed and Potlach, and retired in 2012. Stan and Bonnie traveled all over together, especially enjoying the sights of Alaska and Sweden. Above the rest, their favorite vacation spot was with family at Little Jessie Lake each summer. Upon retirement, he volunteered many hours to Sonshine Furniture in Moose Lake and St. Croix Hospice. He loved riding his bike with family and friends while picking berries and watching wildlife along the Munger Trail. Stan served in many capacities at Mahtowa Covenant Church and was an avid supporter of all local Barnum sporting events. He loved playing games as much as he enjoyed attending them. Stan was a family man at heart who loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He will be remembered for his humble and calm ways.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Allen Berglund; and granddaughter, Elizabeth.

His memory will be cherished by his wife of 52 years, Bonnie; children, Lorene Berglund, Julianne (David) Duesler, Nicholas Berglund, and Eric Berglund; grandchildren, Kyle, Nic, Karianna (Nate), Nathan (McKayla), Jager, Christian, Mendota, Andrew; great-grandchildren, Joey and Micah; brother, Edward (Bonnie) Berglund; sister, Carol (Bud) Headman; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dearly loved friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Nazarene Well House: www.nazwellhouse.com.

A visitation will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 in Mahtowa Covenant Church. The visitation will continue from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service on Friday, September 3, 2021 in Mahtowa Covenant Church. Inurnment will follow in Mount Salem Cemetery.



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ORDINANCE: preserving PC natural resources

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Sand Lake Resort.

Sand Lake is located in both Carlton and Pine Counties. Carlton County already has a similar ordinance and variance mitigation in place, as does neighboring Aitkin County.

Hoffman said that the proposed variance is more restrictive than the state Department of Natural Resources model.

"The biggest issue is the mitigation point system," said Hoffman. She said the DNR model is more flexible and offers options to work with the land owner. There are several expansion projects planned for the resort in the coming years.

Cities, counties or townships have the option to use the DNR model to help develop new ordinances or amend existing ordinances, according to the DNR website. The DNR model is not meant to be a freestanding set of regulations, but can be adopted as separate sections in existing zoning regulations.

"This is a very big change," Hoffman said. "It could have a big effect on both business owners and homeowners."

Anderson said the goal of the variance is to allow homeowners and business owners the opportunity to make changes that are consistent with community goals by balancing the changes. For example, if a proposed expansion includes making a structure taller or larger, the owner can offer to screen the structure with trees. The proposed variance will then go in front of the zoning board for approval.



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The Moose Lake Golf Club is one of two businesses on Sand Lake that had a representative express concerns about proposed changes to a county ordinance on expansion projects for lake shore properties.

Anderson noted that the ordinance change will not affect many residents. He said the county has had one business request a variance in five or six years and estimates that the county may see two or three requests a year.

The board voted to table the variance mitigation portion until the next meeting in September.

For more information or questions about the new ordinance or mitigation, contact Anderson at caleb.anderson@co.pine.mn.us or call 320-591-1657.

HEMP: niche crop for farmers

FROM PAGE 1

have about 400 farmers in the state that are growing hemp. Some are smaller plots like this, and some are a couple of hundred acres.

"We're bringing along the processing too," Petersen added. "Farmers are figuring out how to grow it, but we'll have to get the processing going along with it."

While hemp has great potential for use in an enormous variety of products - from construction materials to clothing, and even in the fabrication of batteries - hemp growers need more companies to incorporate hemp into their goods in order to make it a reliably profitable crop.

"Early on we saw a lot of interest in CBD," said Shannon Schlecht, executive director of the non-profit Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI). "We're seeing increased interest in the fiber, and in the food and the feed side."

He noted that hemp still needs to be certified by the Association of American Feed Control Officials before it can be marketed as animal feed.

"It's such a versatile crop," Schlecht said. "And it's in its infancy yet. There is a lot of opportunity that exists [but] having assurances around a market, if you're going to produce hemp, is pretty important."

Leverenz said her company will contract with local hemp farmers and process their crops into components which can then be sent to manufacturers.

"Inside of these plants is a product called 'bast' which [can be made into] textiles and fiber, and 'hurd' which [can be made into] paper, plastics and building materials. The top is where the flowers and the biomass and the grain. So we want everybody to know what there is. What are the possibilities?"

Supporters of hemp are aware of the challenges they have to overcome, but are focused on the economic and environmental potential hemp offers for the future.

"It's going to open up a third crop for the farmers," Lois Kunze said. "Instead of corn and soybeans - hemp. And that would be just wonderful. It's for the farmers."

Leverenz said she hopes to open a hemp processing center in Hinckley, and is also in contact with the city of Sandstone about the possibilities of having manufacturers utilize their industrial park.

"Farmers have figured out how to grow [hemp]," Petersen said. "We've got to figure out and move our processing along in this state. We need people that are innovative and leaders like some of the folks here today."

Find a video edition of this story at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qeyxoy-SD4>.



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Harold Stanislawski, project development director at AURI, explains the benefits of a hemp business and production.

Tax-Forfeited Land Auction



Pine County will be offering tax-forfeited land at public auction for not less than the appraised

price. **Sale commences at**

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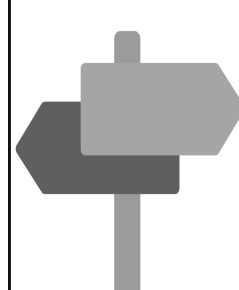
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Modern technology is a blessing and a curse

This is it, Labor Day weekend is here. The White Pine Threshing show, September 4-6, west of town with a barn dance Saturday and Sunday nights. There are also 1 p.m. daily parades (featuring my favorite tractor, the Alis-Chalmers); the Sportsmen Picnic is on Sunday. Take a right on Norway Spruce Road (County Road 36,) starting at noon (food and prizes are always great.) Howie's Mud Bog will be roaring to life on September 2 at 5 p.m. for mud-luv'in, hard driving excitement, just nine miles west of



Finlayson News
Maxine Meyer

town. Have a great weekend. Last weekend the "powers that be" granted us rain. Our rain gauge here counted five inches of rain in two days, other homes in the area got similar results. Another .5 inches came early on Sunday morning. Our 13 year old Brewster, who is fairly deaf, seems to have an internal barometer. It was pitch dark out when he woke me up Sunday morning. His barometer does not give a lot of pre-rain time to spare and I often drag my feet. So, like any good senior citizen, I rolled over and ignored his plea when I heard thunder in the distance. I jumped out of bed and ran the dogs right to the door, arriving just a nanosecond too late. It went straight to dumping water down so hard I couldn't see the barnyard light shining. A few minutes of waiting for the rain

to pause paid off, and the dogs ran out and ran back. I headed back to bed. It was nice to see the rain but it was way too early to be up.

Daily planning for us involves doctors and labs in three different counties. As a result I use our cell phone calendar religiously. It sure is handy for the calls but even more so the planning of appointments, reminders, grocery lists and even alarms for morning wakeup and notes on our timing for departures. What a wonderful tool it has become, until last week, when my great organizer wasn't so great anymore.

My android cell phone needs to be regularly turned off and restarted. If I let my phone stay on too many days, I can't receive phone calls. So, when a reboot failed last week, I looked up on-line another way

to reboot. Let me say right here, don't do that. There was no warning that I was going to completely wipe my phone clean. Not one calendar appointment left, no phone numbers, no birth dates, no pictures. All gone. I called my cell phone service provider for any hope of a "cloud" copy, but I was too clever to send stuff to a backup (cough). With their help I restored an older phone to my current one. The next 3 days I looked up, and called offices and restored much of what was lost. I also signed up for a nightly backup that our provider will execute. I never want go through that again, whew.

Before I sign off I want to wish a Happy Birthday to a former Bremen Township gal, Helen (Arazim) Vik of Anchorage, Alaska. She turned 90 years young last Saturday.

I understand her daughter in Oregon threw a surprise party in her honor. I know it's a bit late, but back here in Minnesota, we are all wishing you the happiest of birthdays.

Hospitals are filling up with the delta variant pandemic patients, and many of those patients are children.

Why take a chance on putting a family in the hospital? Prevent the spread by exercising social distancing when indoors, wear masks, sanitize your hands often and get vaccinated. Then safely enjoy your family and the events offered.

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September is National Honey Month



Food N' Friends
Mary Ellen Dewey



IF YOU have a favorite recipe you would like to share, send it to Mary Ellen at recipe@pinecountycourier.com. ENJOY!!

HAWAIIAN CINNAMON HONEY BAKED BANANA

- 1/2 lemon
- 4 bananas sliced lengthwise
- 2 oz. butter
- 1 oz. chopped macadamia nuts
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Squeeze the juice of the lemon over the sliced bananas. Melt the butter in skillet and add the bananas. Cook over medium heat and turn once until browned and soft on both sides. Transfer to a serving dish. Add chopped nuts to butter remaining in the pan and cook until lightly browned. Stir in the honey and cinnamon and heat through. Pour over bananas and serve immediately. Great with a bit of ice cream.

BLUEBERRY HONEY SAUCE

- 2 c. blueberries
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 c. honey
- 2 Tbsp. butter

In a medium-sized saucepan, combine all the ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Serve this with whipped cream on French toast, pancakes, pound cake, or ice cream.

HONEY GARLIC CHICKEN

- 1/2 c. apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 c. honey
- 1 c. ketchup
- 1/2 stick butter, melted
- 2 tsp. garlic salt
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2 c. cubed fresh pineapple
- 1-1/2 c. red bell pepper strip (about 2 large peppers)
- 1 Tbsp. minced parsley
- 1 Tbsp. toasted sesame seeds
- Cooked rice

Preheat oven to 400 degrees and position the oven rack 6-inches from the broiler element. Whisk together the vinegar, honey, ketchup, butter, garlic salt, and garlic until well combined. Put chicken thighs on one side of sheet pan. Pat them dry with paper towel. Drizzle with oil and salt and pepper. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and place the pineapple and peppers on the other end of the pan. Baste the thighs with 1/2 cup sauce and bake for 10 minutes. Turn the oven to broil (do not remove the pan) and broil until the chicken is charred in several places, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer the chicken, pineapple, and peppers to large bowl and toss with the remaining 1/2 cup remaining sauce. Top with sesame seeds and parsley. Serve over rice with remaining sauce on the side. Makes 4 servings.



OUT & ABOUT

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Everyone's Table

Everyone's Table is happy to announce the first free community meal that we will serve in September will be at the John Wright Building in Sandstone (101 Oriole Street) on Tuesday September 7. We will be serving meals from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Meals for pick-up or in person dining will not be served prior to 4:30. Help us keep everyone safe by choosing meals with curbside service if you have not yet received the vaccine for COVID-19. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Women's Christian Connection

The Women's Christian Connection will meet on Monday September 13, 7 p.m., in Tobies' Restaurant Big Kettle Room in Hinckley. The evening's theme is "Let's Go to the Fair", and will feature the popular, annual SILENT AUCTION. Ladies are encouraged to arrive early with donations of baked goods, preserves and produce, craft items, etc., and then to participate in the silent bidding. The proceeds go to the international organization of Stonecroft Ministries, as well as a small portion kept locally for the local group.

In addition special music will be provided by Jeannette Shute of Sandstone, with selections on the accordion. Guest Speaker will be Linda Berg of Superior, Wis. She will share her account, "Becoming an Author Was Not My Plan."

Reservations are important, and may be made by calling Maxine at 384-6413, or Mary at 245-2783. Please DO NOT call Tobies'.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Pine County Genealogy Society

The Pine County Genealogy Society will meet for lunch on Wednesday September 15 at noon at the Pine County Historical Museum in Askov. A history of the Bethlehem Cemetery will be presented followed by a headstone cleaning demonstration at the cemetery. Visitors are always welcome!

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Sandstone Flower and Garden Club

The Sandstone Flower and Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Lions Park Pavilion. Please join in creating a scenic downtown area. They care for the barrels downtown, the Veteran's Memorial and the Main St. Gardens in front of the Post Office. The next meeting will be on September 14, 2021 at 1 p.m.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the best interest of Americans?

To the Editor:

Focus on the repercussions this great nation now suffers resulting from administration policies that effect domestic tranquility and international standing.

In seven months the Biden administration has seriously diminished the domestic tranquility. A rash of executive decisions designed to undo policies of the previous administration have left the people to deal with uncertain social and economic conditions. Administration support for an extreme left wing agenda amplifies social division and unrest. The gross infringement of inalienable human rights in response to the COVID pandemic is the most egregious feature of the first seven months.

The current national disgrace unfolding in Afghanistan is either the creature of a diabolical design, presidential refusal to follow the good advice of a professional national security team or gross incompetence within the executive branch. Our national security as well as domestic tranquility are compromised by an open border. Hordes of illegal aliens pour into the country. Dangerous enemies of the U.S.A. have been released in Afghanistan; soon en-route to South America and, ultimately, our southern border.

I ask, what motivates this administration? In seven months; inflation is rampant, crime and homelessness in large metropolitan areas are out of control, our constitutional right to privacy and speech is compromised and our country has been unnecessarily humiliated. One cannot make a case that favors these outcomes as in the best interest of the American People. So who benefits?

**Arthur Olstead
Finlayson, Minn.**

Avoid Medicare Advantage hucksters

To the Editor:

Persistent, annoying junk mail and TV ads pressure older adults to call NOW. Low premiums, dental and eyewear benefits: "Don't lose out!" Callers get connected to a salesperson shilling Medicare Advantage.

At the Seven County Senior Federation, we prefer to share the whole story. Forgive my fishy theme.

- Dental and eyewear benefits sure make for an attractive lure, but know they are baited onto a sharp hook!

- By biting that lure, you would replace your Original Medicare (& current other plans) with their Medicare Advantage plan for a calendar year.

- As the fish, you might get fried financially if you get stuck with a plan that is a bad fit for your health & drug needs.

- As the fish you might get steamed as you receive bills for care while in the plan's limited network and even bigger bills for "out-of-network" care.

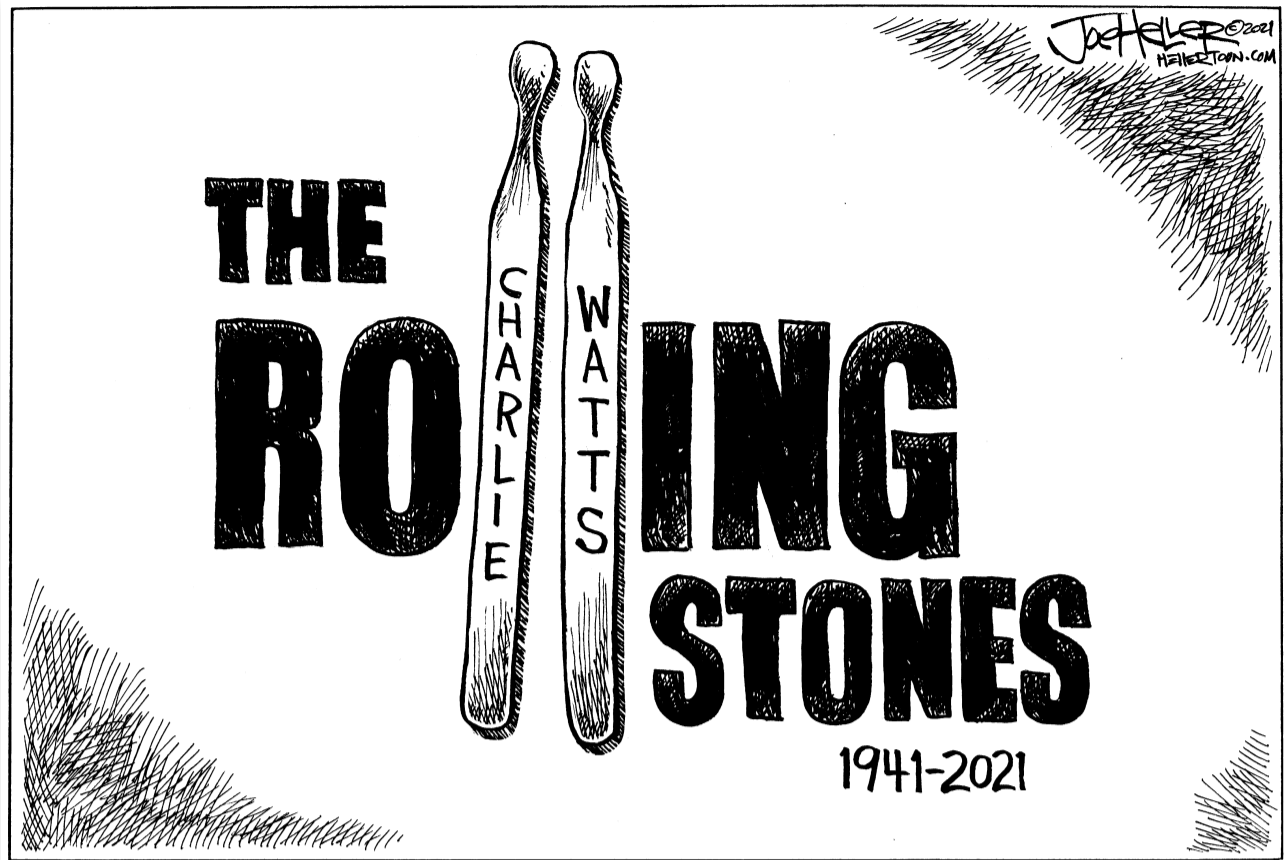
- A muskie could swim through the big holes in the "net"-work of providers offered by some Advantage plans; network information is often only online.

- Corporations reel you in by offering hefty sales commissions to the sales agent, whom you may never hear from again.

- Corporations offering Advantage plans always win, getting \$800 per month from the Feds for every fish on their stringer.

- Not all the Medicare Advantage plans stink, but there is a lot of compost in the marketplace,

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Blue Ribbon quilt symbolizes community

It was a busy weekend as I attempted to mesh the Askov Rutabaga Festival & Fair with my 41st high school reunion. I helped out a bit on Friday morning at the fairgrounds until I needed to go home and pack my treasures for the display for my reunion. I graduated from Taylors Falls High School in 1980. Clearly, we could not have a 40th reunion, so we had to wait. Taylors Falls has a history of an annual reunion for every class that would celebrate a reunion of 40 years or more. I was the president of my class, so I was involved in preparing for the event. I was asked to introduce my classmates to the other alumni with a short speech. If you know me at all, you will know that public speaking and entertaining a crowd



**Julie
Domogalla**

is "my jam" as they say. It went well. Friday night turned out to be a night of quiet calm and intermittent deluges of rain. I wondered what the weather was like at the Rutabaga Festival back home in Askov.

I had a pleasant evening as I gathered with 11 of my former classmates. There were sweet stories and funny ones. There were tears and laughs. While there were over 200 people in the banquet hall, we primarily stayed close as a class. It was strange how the details I recalled were not familiar to some others and other memories were unfamiliar to me. In my short speech, I began by looking at the tables where my classmates sat. I paused, reflecting and remembering them as small children with sweet faces in first grade. My eyes got a bit misty as I remembered how tentative we were. Throughout our elementary grades we were almost always all together in one class. We knew each other well. The hugs and laughs were easy. We felt like fami-

ly. We felt like community. As I drove home with my husband, I had so many thoughts on my mind. I was grateful for my time with these people, but my mind shifted to the Askov event. I woke early in the morning to check out the beginning of the Rutabaga Road Race. Then I enjoyed a quick breakfast of Aebleskivers... Yum! I prepared for the parade where I was honored to be the emcee. The parade included the local American Legions where the colors were presented, and we paused in honor of all who have served and fallen. This was particularly poignant as we remembered the 13 recently fallen Marines. A beautiful rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Kirsten Ecklund. I held my hand over my heart and let the tears flow. We have suffered in many ways over these last years.

ly. We felt like community.

The remainder of the parade included Grand Marshall Judy Nelson, several local businesses,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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BRUNO/KERRICK NEWS

Sylvia Schweiger was among the many that attended the Askov Fair over the weekend. I enjoyed the good



**Bruno/
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News**
Sylvia
Schweiger

food and was lucky enough to win a few games of bingo. It was also nice to see a few of my classmates from the Askov class of 1971 even though we didn't have a gathering or reunion. I also had nice chats with Wanda Clark and Marilyn Aho.

I talked to family friends, Bob and Helga Wallner, Jerry Wallner and daughter Carol Akes.

It is always fun to see family and friends at these events.

The Bear's Den in Bruno will hold their fifth Annual Veterans ATV ride Saturday, Sept. 11. Come and enjoy!

Condolences to the family and friends of Stanley Berglund. Stanley, age 71, of Mahtowa passed away on August 25 from cancer. He grew up in the Bruno area and graduated from Askov High School in 1968. Arrangements are by Hamlin, Hansen, Kosloski Funeral Home in Moose Lake.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS

Volunteers are needed by the City of Willow River. They're requesting volunteers to work on our City Park by the Rock Arch Rapids on September 11, 2021 starting at 9 a.m. to assist with getting the fence back up and to move the perma bond. They are requesting that volunteers bring their own shovels, wheelbarrows etc.



**Willow
River News**
Kathi
Bennett

We plan to go to the Finlayson-Giese Sportsman's Annual Sunday Labor Day Picnic on Sunday, September 5 at noon. Brats, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, and more are on the menu. There will be a trap shoot, bean bag toss, bingo, kids games, saw dust pile, door prizes, raffles, and more. I can't wait.

A cute gray tabby kitten has decided to move into the bus garage at the school. She is sweet, snuggly, and playful. If you lost her, or if you are interested in giving her a home, please contact Tara at the school.

The schools open house will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. They will have a free spaghetti dinner, prizes for dropping off your green sheet, inflatables, and games in the big gym. There will also be a COVID-19 vaccine clinic from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. during open house. Please see the link online to register ahead. The school is looking for more paras, bus/van drivers, and a community education coordinator. September 7th - 8th is the first day of school. Also, check out the Willow River Area School Early Childhood Programs. They have programs for every age under five years. Contact Ms. Chas at the school at 218-372-3131 extension 169.

St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 - 5 p.m. every Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 6:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus pray the Rosary at St. Isidore's Church every fourth Sunday of each month before Mass. 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 the first Friday and Saturday at 4 p.m. at Holy Angels.

Thursday, September 9 is the next Catholic Charities food distribution at St. Mary's Church. This event will be held outside of the church from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is a need for lay ministers. Anyone who is willing to be ministers of ushering, altar serving, reading, singing, Eucharistic ministry and musicians who are interested and willing to be involved, please stop after Mass in the back of the churches for the next three weekends. This includes all three parishes. Someone will help you get signed up to the ministry of your interest.

Family Pathways Aging Services are wonderful programs and are available to our area and surrounding areas to assist those who may be in need of a little extra help. Sadly, many of the aging population are not aware of the availability of this service. They provide in-home social visits (non-medical), assisted transportation appointments, groceries, church, etc. Also, light housekeeping, laundry, menu planning/meal prep. There is also a caregiver consulting program. They offer caregiver support groups, a time to share and listen to others who are also caring for others. Also offered is in-home social respite, memory cafes, information and referral, education. Volunteers are needed to help with all of these programs. Please call 320-364-1115 to become part of making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Some residents have too much fun at fair

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

One year during the weekend of the Askov Fair and Rutabaga Festival I went to let the dog out and noticed something on the road.



**Ask
Tante**

That's not unusual because sometimes people driving too fast hit skunks or possums and the whole area stinks to high heaven. This happened a year or two

before COVID-19.

But this particular time it didn't look like a small rodent so I did a closer inspection. Turned out the object was a short leather skirt. It was in perfect condition but since I'm well past the age for wearing leather miniskirts I gave it to a friend who made a nice tote bag out of it.

People have been known to hang around too long at the Fire and Rescue beer stand and you can see some very fancy polka dancing and Texas Two-Stepping as a result but I don't remember hearing about clothing being discarded in the dance area. I'm thinking the object in question was probably misplaced on the way home.

This year folks will be ready to kick it up a notch at the Fair because it was cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

Do you think the Disabled American Veterans should put their green donation bin at the railroad crossing leaving town just in case someone wants to peel down and cool off?

Signed, Betty on Beaver Tail Road

Dear Betty,

If you attend the Askov Fair and Rutabaga Festival this year I think you can expect to see some extra exuberance from

the other attendees. Folks love those Aebleskiver and rutabaga sausages that are made the old fashioned way. They also love the beer stand. More than once I've had to peel my eyebrows off the roof of a concession stand late Saturday night watching some of the rowdies in their top form.

To be honest, I don't think the DAV should move their donation receptacle. But if the Pine County Sheriff's Department wants to have a busy night they should station a couple of deputies at the roads leaving town.

It's better to haul folks off to the slammer for excessive drinking than it is to try picking them up with a blotter off the highway.

You have a good time getting together with the Danes and remember, Tante Ingeborg cares.....but not so much.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Emergency funds to provide new city, county, jobs

**100 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 30, 1921**

- Peder Erickson and son Clifton of Duquette left Monday for Minneapolis where Clifton will enter the Dunwoody Institute.

- Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Woosgaard of Askov returned from a four month sojourn to their native country Denmark.

- Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen's little son, Clarence, had his arm badly bruised in a wringer washer machine.

**75 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 29, 1946**

- Use of sugar stamps has been extended. The stamp was good for five pounds of sugar and was given out on May 1 and set to expire on August 31, but now has been extended to September 30.

- More drivers training and safety courses in schools has been recommended at the Governor's Training and Safety conference held in Duluth.

- Maurice Bennett of Rutledge was in the Moose Lake hospital recently suffering from an

attack of malaria in which he contacted while in the Pacific during the war time.

- A boy was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Madsen and a girl was born on Monday to Mr and Mrs, Clifford Madsen . Both are from Askov and were born at the maternity home in Sandstone.

**50 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 2, 1971**

- Minnesota will have a 50 day duck season this year starting October 2 and closing November 20.

- Pine County will receive \$162,712 in the Emergency Employment Act of 1971. The funds will be used to provide new public service jobs at the city, county and state level.

- Miss Marcia Ulsrud and Mr. Bruce Stottrup vows were spoken Saturday, August 28 at Bayport.

**25 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 29, 1996**

- The children of Michael and Mary Gibson of Askov held a 25th wedding anniversary celebration at the Community Center in Askov .

- Trent Alleman of Finlayson has entered Army basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

- Bob Hansen has turned the big 5-0. Happy Birthday from the Sandahl's and the Hansen's.

- Seven people have filed for two Pine County Commissioner positions in district 4 and 5. They are: Everette Koecher, John Wright, Gary Koland, Janet Ashmore, Tom Heffman, Frank Skaff and Tim Pebbles.

**10 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 25, 2011**

- Gerry and Mona Knapp will be honored as Grand Marshals at this years Askov Fair. Road work will begin in September on Hwy 66 and Hwy 33 in Askov.

- Happy Anniversary on the 29th to Mark and Renee Sagvold of Duquette.

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The overall winner of the rutabaga race was Jemi Keranen with a time of 22:12, a high school student at East Central School. Mazie Gebhart, also a student of EC was the second placed woman with a time of 25:22. The leaders of the men were Jeff Hartl 23:12 and Luke Keranen 23:25. This popular race offers beautiful views for walkers and runners. Each participant receives a free t shirt.



JENNIFER YOCUM-STANS | ASKOV AMERICAN

A row of food vendors wait for the rush of hungry customers before the Rutabaga Festival begins.



JENNIFER YOCUM-STANS | ASKOV AMERICAN

This year the Fair Board added a unique opportunity for individuals to join in a painting contest. Wooden blanks shaped like a rutabaga were sold for \$10 each. The artists painted them and returned them to the "Askov Rutabaga Field" at the fairgrounds. It was a delightful addition to the festival.



After considerable and difficult judging, Alyce Jorgensen of Sandstone was the winner with Linda Kvasnicka taking second place. Both received a cash award. Congratulations to all the artists.

We're engaging with Minnesota Tribes and creating opportunities for their citizens and communities to benefit.

How are Tribes being involved in this project?

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Most importantly, we've been listening. From the start, we respected the wishes of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to route the new Line 3 around their reservation. We've also signed a 20-year easement renewal with the Fond du Lac Band and made further route changes.

Learn more at enbridge.com/tribalinclusion.





Little Miss Askov Kylie Good

Rutabaga Festival enjoyed by all

Residents of all ages gathered together to enjoy the Rutabaga Festival for the first time since 2019. There was contests for royalty, racing and rutabaga painting. A group of girls and teens pulled out their fancy dresses to compete for the crown in their age groups. Hair and make-up was done to perfection as the nervous young girls went up on stage until one was chosen.

Wooden rutabaga cutouts were sold for \$10 each for the opportunity to paint custom designs of the artists choice.

Food, dancing and the parade were all a hit with residents who were happy to be out and about again. They didn't even let a little rain dampen their enthusiasm.

Dancers swung around with partners as musicians played and sang. Residents enjoyed their perennial favorite foods as they caught up with friends and families.



PHOTOS BY MIKE DRAHOSH



BRUNO: appreciation

FROM PAGE 1

“The people are amazing,” said Monette. “I still have some aches and pains but I am getting closer to my normal self.”

Friends and family members of Monette invite the community to a thank you celebration at the Bears Den in Bruno from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 4. Food and beverages will be provided until they run out.

LETTERS:

FROM PAGE 4

My advice:
• If a company is working that hard to move a product, there must be a catch.

• These are not the companies you want to do business with. Just ignore them.

It's almost time to rethink your optional coverage choices, all designed to fill Original Medicare's holes. The Annual Open Enrollment is October 15 to December 7, 2021. You can add, drop or change plans during that period and the new choices take effect in 2022.

Want to really understand your options for Medicare? Chat with a trusted source. The Senior Federation (866) 679-4700 and the Senior LinkAge Line (800) 333-2433 are your local “explainers.”

Lisa Krahn,
Executive Director of Seven
County
Senior Federation

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COMMUNITY: quilt project provides solace during isolation

FROM PAGE 4

Askov Royalty and local towns' royalty, our local school-East Central, classic cars, tractors, local Lions club, nonprofit groups, political parties and of course the fire trucks and rescue rigs. There was a joy in the air as children scooped up handfuls of candy. Friends in the parade waved at one another. We were, once again a community gathered together.

The day unfolded with events and music. A plethora of food stands were available and provided an invite for me to eat more than I needed! The exhibits were displayed in the Askov Community Center. This fair is unique to small town gatherings. Large sunflowers, caramel rolls, gladiolas, leather working, quilting, canning, garden vegetables, and children's exhibits filled the ballroom. The center of the room is made of a rectangle of tables for the children's paintings, Legos and

projects. The creativity was amazing. As I walked by the exhibits, noting the ribbons, I listened to people speak of the generations of people who have brought in their items, some of them for three or four generations. Here too was community, a sense of family.

One of my blue ribbons was my quilt. The quilt is made from squares and strips entitled the “Ribbon Quilt”. Each square is 16 pieces. I made the quilt during the isolation of COVID-19. It was a difficult and intricate process. I would set a goal of five squares and then take a break. I found the work to be creative, something that sustained me in finding some beauty in a world of darkness and fear. The isolation of the pandemic affected me. I could not visit my mother or children. I felt that I lost a great sense of community. The quilt was a deterrent from thinking of my isolation. The Rutabaga Festival was canceled last year. It was a sad time for

all of us. I pray we will not have another long, isolating winter.

The quilt is like a metaphor of the weaving of colors that harmonize and others that contrast. That is my sense of community. We all come from different places and opinions. Sometimes there is discourse and particularly the year 2020 was decisive. I believe, at least in part, this happens when we cannot sit together in conversation. We need to gather and share stories. The weaving of the colors of the quilt demonstrated that to me. So we gathered and embraced at the Taylors Falls reunion and we gathered and embraced at the Askov Rutabaga Festival & Fair. It was a wonderful weekend of connecting with others. May the stories and gatherings bring you joy and a precious sense of community. We need one another. We need to be in community.

‘The root cellar can save us’

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On September 1, 1894 Hinckley and the surrounding areas were engulfed by a firestorm we now know as the Great Hinckley Fire. Although there were many tragic stories that day there were a few amazing stories of survival.

On that fateful day in 1894 Minnie Samuelson and John DeRosier were preparing to exchange wedding vows at Minnie's family home (John and Hattie Samuelson's) near Skunk Lake. Family and friends were gathered to share in the couple's happy day. Inside the home final preparations were being carried out, there was conversation, joking, laughing and loud music. No one could hear or was prepared for what was happening outside.

Just an hour before the wedding ceremony was to begin, the fire hit, and hit all at once, dropping out of the sky and igniting all of the house. The fire sucked the air from the parlor and those who moments earlier were celebrating, laughing and joking were screaming and pushing for the door. Outside they realized the severity of the situation as they were surrounded by flames. Someone screamed “The root cellar can save us!” The wedding party and their guests all rushed for the nearby root cellar slamming the door and locking it behind them.

They would soon realize their decision may cost them their lives. Inside the root

cellar it was nearly complete darkness, with the exception of the orange glow from the flames that could be seen under the door. It was hot and getting hotter with each passing moment and people were bumping into one another and some even falling down. The flames licking at the door caused it to smoke, char and pieces began falling off.

The crowd moved towards the back wall when someone felt something cold and wet behind them. It was a large milk can, there were 20 all together, full of fresh milk from the Samuelson's cows. The cans were brought to the door and they used their hands to ladle milk on to the door where it burned. The smell of scorched milk filled the air inside the root cellar, but they continued splashing the door, keeping it intact.

As the fire roared outside it baked the earth that covered the root cellar. It quickly grew more and more unbearable and the group began pouring milk on each other. In the book “Eld-Cyklonen” one of the survivors is quoted as saying “I have always detested the stench of scorched milk, but in this cellar we inhaled it through our nostrils as the most precious perfume.”

The members of the wedding party all survived that day in the root cellar. The next day they boarded one of the rescue trains to Duluth. Three days later, on September 4, 1894 Minnie Samuelson and John Derosier were married in the Bethel



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The root cellar that saved a wedding party during the Great Hinckley Fire of 1894 is still standing near Skunk Lake between Hinckley and Sandstone.

Meeting Hall. The bride wore a dress given to her by the ladies of Duluth with orange blossoms and a veil in her hair. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend C.C. Salter, Duluth's Chief of Police stood in as the best man. Many other fire survivors witnessed the couple exchange their vows and sat down with them at a wedding feast feeling lucky to be alive.

Squirrel hides winter stash in squad

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@PINECOUNTYNEWS.COM

The Pine County Sheriff's Office reports that an encounter between a deputy and a small woodland animal got a little nutty this week.

According to the sheriff's press release, an officer was driving down the road when a squirrel popped up out from underneath the computer on his squad vehicle and jumped out onto the dash.

The officer said the squirrel gave him a quick stare down, then it ran across the dash and along the drivers' side window – which was closed – and went somewhere behind him.

The officer pulled over and opened all of his doors to get the squirrel out, but it was nowhere to be found.

However, further investigation revealed that apparently that the squirrel believed that the back of the patrol unit was a good place to store its winter food.

“These nuts have now been placed in evidence,” read the press release. “If anyone sees a squirrel looking for his food, we are looking for said squirrel for questioning in relation to this incident.”



CONTRIBUTED

An industrious squirrel went for an impromptu ridealong with a Pine County Deputy. The squirrel made it's presense known during the ride, much to the surprise of both. The deputy discovered the rodents winter stash hidden in the squad.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT AND JAIL ROSTER

SHERIFF'S REPORT
Sunday, August 22, 2021
 1:19 a.m. Disturbance, State Hwy 48, Hinckley
 4:11 a.m. Structure Fire, Beaver Tail Rd, Sandstone
 6:19 p.m. Vehicle Theft, Hinckley Rd, Hinckley
Monday, August 23, 2021
 10:23 a.m. Theft, Mission Creek Cir, Hinckley
 11:42 a.m. Trespass, Morris Ave S, Hinckley
 3:15 p.m. Damage To Property, 1st St NE, Hinckley
 9:37 p.m. Threats, Larkey Rd, Hinckley
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
 9:27 a.m. Theft, Wise Owl Dr, Hinckley
 10:25 a.m. Fraud/Scam/Id, County Hwy 61, Hinckley
 10:25 a.m. Damage To Property, Barry Ave, Hinckley
 3:09 p.m. Theft, Grindstone Ct,

Hinckley
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
 4:05 p.m. Shoplifting, 1st St NE, Hinckley
Thursday, August 26, 2021
 3:42 p.m. Overdose, 1st St NW, Hinckley
 3:50 p.m. Theft, Fire Monument Rd, Hinckley
Friday, August 27, 2021
 1:43 p.m. Found Drug, Fire Monument Rd, Hinckley
 1:51 p.m. Theft, Fire Monument Rd, Hinckley
 2:59 p.m. Burglary, Markville Rd, Sandstone
 5:22 p.m. Drug Incident, Hinckley Rd, Hinckley
 6:46 p.m. Damage To Property, Von Rd, Hinckley
Saturday, August 28, 2021
 9:18 p.m. Miscellaneous Fire Call, Lady Luck Dr, Hinckley
JAIL ROSTER
August 23

AVILES, ANTHONY ROBERT
 Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
BELISLE, LOUIS FRANK
 Convicted - Receiving Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult
NAASTAD CANGI, VANCE EDWARD
 Probable Cause - Receiving Stolen Property- Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor- Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death
NICHOLS, MICHAEL PATRICK
 Pre-Trial Supervision Violation - Possess Ammo/ Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

August 24
STEFFEN, BRUCE ARLEN
 Probable Cause - Traffic-DL- Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety
VANDEVERE, SHEILA STARR
 Parole/Probation Violation - Assault-2nd Degree- Dangerous Weapon
MILLER, TARLENA KAY
 Hold For Other Agency: Bench Felony warrant issued
August 25
BROWN, DAVID WILLIAM JR.
 Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence - Arrest of Adult - Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult-Confined But Not Convicted - Probation Violation - Arrest of Adult

Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Assault-2nd Degree- Dangerous Weapon - Arrest of Adult - Domestic Assault-Felony - Arrest of Adult
OPPERUD, RODNEY ALLEN
 Probable Cause Parole / Probation Violator - Harassment; Restraining Order - Violate w/in 10 yrs of 1st of 2 prev dom violence convictions/adjud - Arrest of Adult - Harassment; Restraining Order - Violate w/in 10 yrs of 1st of 2 prev dom violence convictions/adjud - Arrest of Adult
RAKOWIECKI, FRANK JOHN
 Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Order for Protection - Arrest of Adult
ROSELAND, FELICIA ANN
 Convicted - Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Arrest of Adult
August 26
BALLENTINE, MICHELLE MARIE
 Hold For Other Agency: Bench Felony warrant
CARLSON, KENNETH WAYNE
 Pine County Warrant: Bench - Misdemeanor warrant - Disorderly Conduct
JABE, JACOB JOHN
 Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Damage to Property-4th Deg-Intentional Damage- Other Circumstances - Arrest of Adult - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
OIYOTTE, LOUIS RALPH
 Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Trespass-Return to Property Within One Year - Arrest of Adult - Trespass-Return to Property Within One Year - Arrest of Adult - Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer - Arrest of Adult - Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult
PETRY, JACLYN KAY
 Pine County Warrant: Bench Felony warrant - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess - 3 grams or more heroin
THIELBAR, DEANNA LEE
 Probable Cause: - DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described
YANG, TOUA FUE

Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Arrest of Adult - Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence - Arrest of Adult
August 27
FURQUERON, JAMES GENE
 Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation - Arrest of Adult - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Arrest of Adult - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult
ODEGARD, MARK LEE
 Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic - DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Breath or test refusal or failure - Arrest of Adult
SCHUMANN, CURTIS DANIEL
 Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
YANG, TOUA FUE
 Confined But Not Convicted - Predatory Offender - Knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement - Arrest of Adult - Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult
August 28
ARNOLD, JEFFREY GENE
 Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described - Arrest of Adult - Traffic -DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours - Arrest of Adult - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol - Arrest of Adult
August 29
BURCH, MOLLY CHRISTINE
 Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Arrest of Adult - Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult
ELLING, GERALD THOMAS
 Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
August 30
HUNTER, DAVID BRADLEY
 Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm - Arrest of Adult

CARLSON, JONATHON DAVID
 Parole/Probation Violation - Traffic - DWI - Second-Degree Driving While Impaired; 2 or more Aggravating Factors
ELLING, GERALD THOMAS
 Confined But Not Convicted -Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Sale - Marijuana mixture except small amount of marijuana with no remuneration - Arrest of Adult - Possess Ammo/ Any Firearm - Previous Felony Conviction - Arrest of Adult - Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
GRUNDMANN, BRANDON
 Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Disorderly Conduct - Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000 - Arrest of Adult - Introduce Contraband-Drug/ Liquor into Jail/Lockup/ Prison - Arrest of Adult - Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk - Arrest of Adult
HENSLEY, JEANNIE MARIE
 Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Sale - Marijuana mixture except small amount of marijuana with no remuneration - Arrest of Adult - Possess Ammo/ Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence - Arrest of Adult
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NOTICES

Finlayson Township Special Meeting

Along with the regular monthly meeting Finlayson Township will be holding a special meeting to discuss Reuer Road on September 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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CITY OF WILLOW RIVER NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND THE LIQUOR ORDINANCE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Willow River will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 8099 County Hwy 61, Willow River, at 7:00 P.M. on September 7th, 2021, to approve an amended liquor ordinance. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed amendment of the liquor ordinance will be heard at this meeting.

Diane Nelson
City Clerk

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF PINE DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: Quiet Title SUMMONS

Court File No. 58-CV-21-417
John Tellin and Jacqueline Tellin,
Plaintiffs,
vs.

David George Shannon (deceased) and the unknown heirs of David George Shannon, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED.

The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's 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:

Ledin & Hofstad, Ltd.

Kevin A. Hofstad
539 Main Street South
Pine City, MN 55063

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 20 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.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY

located in Pine County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows: Part of Parcel #22.0018.001 The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 44 North, Range 19 West, Pine County, Minnesota. (Hereinafter referred to as the "the property").

The object of this action is to obtain a judgment determining that Plaintiffs are the Owners in fee simple title, of the property, and that none of the said defendants have any estate or interest therein or lien thereon.

557.03 NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 557.03 you are hereby served with notice that no personal claim is made against you and that any defendant upon whom this notice is served who unreasonably defends this action shall pay full costs to the plaintiff.

Ledin & Hofstad, Ltd.

Dated: August 20, 2021
Kevin Hofstad
Attorney for Plaintiffs
539 Main Street South
Pine City, MN 55063
Attorney Reg. #12445X
(320) 629-7537
kevinh@ledinandhofstad.com

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE:

December 20, 2004

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL

AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:

\$122,720.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Chad T.

LeMay and Lori J. LeMay,

Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage

Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc., as mortgagee,

as nominee for Decision One

Mortgage Company, LLC, its

successors and assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF

RECORDING:

Recorded: January 04, 2005

Pine County Recorder

Document Number: 440136

ASSIGNMENTS OF

MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: HSBC

Mortgage Services, Inc.

Dated: May 20, 2006

Recorded: June 30, 2006 Pine

County Recorder

Document Number: A 456310

And assigned to: U.S. Bank

Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8

Master Participation Trust

Dated: September 23, 2013

Recorded: November 04, 2013

Pine County Recorder

Document Number: A511494

And assigned to: Wilmington

Savings Fund Society, FSB,

not in its individual capacity

but solely as Owner Trustee of

CSMC 2020-RPL2 Trust

Dated: May 11, 2021

Recorded: May 24, 2021 Pine

County Recorder

Document Number: A561688

Transaction Agent: Mortgage

Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage

Identification Number:

100077910003217110

Lender or Broker: Decision One

Mortgage Company, LLC

Residential Mortgage Servicer:

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

Mortgage Originator: Not

Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH

PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pine

Property Address: 10696 Pine

Bough Rd, Pine City, MN

55063-4599

Tax Parcel ID Number:

29.0019.001

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF

PROPERTY: The West 290

feet of the North 982 feet of

the Northeast Quarter of the

Southwest Quarter of Section

1, Township 38, Range 22, Pine

County, MN

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED

TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF

NOTICE: \$151,665.67

THAT all pre-foreclosure

requirements have been

complied with; that no action or

proceeding has been instituted

at law or otherwise to recover

the debt secured by said

mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power

of sale contained in said

mortgage, the above-described

property will be sold by the

Sheriff of said county as

follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:

September 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 635 Northridge Drive NW

Pine City, MN 55063

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 30, 2022, or the next business day if March 30, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG

OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: August 06, 2021 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2020-RPL2 Trust

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300

File Number: 029863F04

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MINUTES

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. BOARD ROOM, PINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr and Terry Lovgren. Also

present was County Administrator David Minke. Due to an out-of-town commitment, Commissioner Matt Ludwig joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Commissioner Ludwig was seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means and participated from Staybridge Suites, 2350 Commerce Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901, a location open and accessible to the public. County Attorney Reese Frederickson was present via electronic means. Commissioner Waldhalm was absent (excused).

The public was invited to join the meeting in person, by phone, by WebEx 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 amended Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the Minutes of the July 20, 2021 county board meeting and Summary for publication and Minutes of July 21, 2021 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – July 2021 Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. Approve Resolution 2021-58 authorizing Jesus Muchacho, former owner, to repurchase the property described as 67262 Beaver Tail Road, Askov, on a 4-year contract. Approve an exempt permit for Minnesota Deer Hunters Association-Quad Rivers for an event on October 9, 2021 at the Doc's Sports Bar & Grill, 34427 Majestic Pine Drive, Sturgeon Lake, MN.

Liquor License – ON/OFF Sale Sundays (and/or/all) Wild Horse Tavern-Kerrick Township; Doc's Sports Bar & Grill Inc.-Windemere Township; Floppie Crappie Lakeside Pub LLC-Pokegama Township; Wings North Inc.-Pokegama Township; Lake Appel-Pokegama Township; Nemadji Enterprises Inc.-Nickerson Township; Country Side Campground LLC-Sandstone Township; Rocking K Lazy E (Banning Lounge)-Finlayson Township; Rocking K Lazy E (Banning Off Sale)-Finlayson Township; Red's Liquor Box-Pokegama Township; Bear Creek Tavern-Arlone Township; Moose Lake Golf Club-Windemere Township; Pine City Country Club Inc.-Pine City Township; Badlands Entertainment LLC (DBA Maverick's)-Chengwatana Township; Beroun Crossing Country Store-Pokegama Township. Approve Resolution 2021-57 extending a special assessment to Joseph Kamath and Hannah Kamath, \$17,345; Chad Staber and Tally Jo Staber, \$8,526.34; and Jason A. Rehn and Valerie M. Rehn, \$17,250.

Approve the Contract Agreement for Administration of the Local Septic Fix Up Fund between Pine County and Lakes and Pines C.A.C. The term of the grant program is August 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022, and Contract Amendment with Lakes & Pines for their past administration of the low income septic grant program January 1, 2017-July 31, 2021. Approve Resolution 2021-54 entering into a \$10,000 grant agreement program with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Accept a \$1,000 donation from the family of David Garnier and designate to the Benjamin Neel Gun Range. Approve the promotion of Office Support Specialist Stacey Bisek to the Eligibility Worker position

effective August 16, 2021. Grade 6, Step 1, \$20.09 per hour. Approve the promotion of Corrections Officer Ashley Luedtke to Systems Coordinator effective August 15, 2021. Grade 9, Step 5, \$28.08 per hour. Approve the promotion of Deputy Sheriff Tom Nygard to Investigator effective August 29, 2021. Grade 11, Step 7, \$35.17 per hour. Approve the promotion of part-time Corrections Officer David Pangerl to full-time Corrections Officer effective August 15, 2021. Wage and grade remain unchanged. Approve the hiring of Karla Pankov and Kevin Stibbe as part-time dispatchers, effective August 9, 2021, Grade 7, Step 1, \$21.34 per hour. Approve Child Support Supervisor Jodi Blesener to attend the MN Supervisor's Conference. Total cost: \$696. Approve Case Aide Angela Boelman to attend the Minnesota County Health & Human Services Accountants' conference. Total cost: \$806. Approve IT Manager Ryan Findell to attend the 2021 MNCITLA Annual Conference. Total cost: \$477. Approve Human Resources Manager Jackie Koivisto to attend the Minnesota Public Employer Labor Relations Association conference. Total cost: \$250. Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Resolution 2021-55 approving the terms and conditions and the 2021 Public Land Sale listing, and Resolution 2021-56 approving the terms and conditions and the 2021 Sealed Bid Adjoining Landowner Land Sale listing. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to scheduling a public hearing for August 17, 2021 to consider an ordinance to manage public uses within the memorial forests. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the purchase of the commercial module from Marshall and Swift for \$23,000 and approve the Software as a Service (SaaS) Agreement with Tyler Technologies. The one-time \$310,100 costs (Tax/CAMA program and Marshall and Swift module) are anticipated to be paid out of the Recorder Compliance Fund. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the Final Plat of L&L Hegge Estates. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Ludwig abstaining. Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to appoint the following individuals to the Personnel Board of Appeals: Connie Mikrot, one-year term, January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022; Amy Kruse, two-year term, January 1, 2022-December 31, 2023; and Lynda Wolfe, three-year term, January 1, 2022-December 31, 2024. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Commissioner Mohr to enter into a 4-year contract with Anoka County for Medical Examiner services. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 4-0. With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 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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Application: Applications are available on www.eastcentral.k12.mn.us and in the District Office. East Central School District, Attn: Kristi Zemke 61085 State Hwy. 23, Finlayson, MN 55735
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KATHRYN FIKES Second Grade Teacher



- I have taught Pre-K thru First grade.
- This will be my 25th year teaching. I have taught in Alabama, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia.
- I graduated from Columbus State University in Columbus GA.
- I live in Sandstone with my husband of 28 years and one of my sons. I have three wonderful children. Jacob served in the Navy. Zachary is currently serving in the Air Force and is stationed in California. Sydney is a senior at Lamar University in Beaumont Texas. We have 2 dachshunds and 1 pit bull.
- My hobbies include reading and spending time with my family.
- My favorite thing to do is to watch Alabama football. Roll Tide!
- I also like collecting flamingos.



SARAH PALMER Sixth Grade Teacher



- Previously taught at Cloquet School District.
- Attended College in UWS - Elementary Ed major, Special Ed minor.
- Husband, 3 kids at home, Irish Setters, older kids in the area.
- Enjoys traveling, kids sports, snowboarding, hiking, cooking.
- One of my favorite things is coffee.
- I am excited for this new adventure!



CHRISTINA FORGA English Language Arts



- I taught for 6 years at Bruce Vento Elementary in St. Paul, then for 10 years at Woodbury Middle School in Woodbury.
- I attended MSU-Moorhead for my undergraduate degrees and Hamline University for some graduate studies.
- My husband is Russell Forga, we've been married since 2013. My step-son RJ is in 11th grade, my son Benjamin is in 2nd grade, and my son William is in pre-school.
- I enjoy reading, writing and journaling, gardening, camping, drinking tea, sewing, baking, and playing table-top RPGs. I play the piano, flute, guitar, and also like to sing.
- My favorite books are: Harry Potter, Narnia, Ranger's Apprentice, Little House on the Prairie, and Watership Down.
- My favorite movies are: The Matrix and The Princess Bride.
- My favorite bands are: Alanis Morissette, Dropkick Murphys, Storyhill, and Chopin.
- My favorite color is green.
- My favorite candy is Swedish fish.
- My favorite musical is RENT.
- My favorite animal is a lion.
- I am in Gryffindor.
- I strongly dislike coffee, but love black tea, iced or hot, unsweetened.
- I am a La Leche League Leader.
- I am the oldest of six children, my youngest sister and I are 20 years apart.
- It is a life goal to travel to all 50 states. I have been to 27.



CHELSEA FISHER Art Teacher



- Previous work experience includes Paraprofessional at EC, Graphic Designer, Production Designer and Customer Service.
- Graphic Design degree from Western Technical College.
- Grew up in La Crosse, WI.
- Recently bought a house in Sandstone with boyfriend Jacob.
- Hobbies include watching movies, reorganizing the rooms in my house, playing with my dogs, being with friends and family and reading.
- Favorite things are my dog Mylo, Halloween, chicken strips with dairy-free mac and cheese.



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MARTHA LEHMAN Early Childhood SPED Teacher



- I completed my student teaching last fall at EC in 5th grade and Special Education. Once I finished student teaching, I worked as a substitute teacher until the end of the school year. I am excited to start my teaching career at East Central!
- I started my college career at the College of Southern Idaho, I received my Associates degree in political science. I went back to college after I moved to Minnesota, I attended Anoka Ramsey Community College to complete my generalists for my teaching degree and then transferred to the University of Wisconsin- Superior where I received my Bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education in December 2020.
- I am happily married to my husband Jeff, we have two kids, Elliott and Scarlett.
- I am originally from Washington State and moved to Idaho when I was in 3rd grade. My family is now scattered throughout the Northwest.
- I enjoy traveling home to visit my mom, siblings and their growing families whenever I get the chance.
- In my free time, I love to spend time with my family and friends. I enjoy getting outdoors and exploring. Some of my favorite activities are swimming, fishing, hiking and traveling.
- I also enjoy reading, game nights and watching movies.



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