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'It must be my family heritage'

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When asked, to what do you attribute your longevity, Marjorie Hawkinson replied, "It must be my family heritage." She named many family members that lived into their 90s. Her father lived to be 93, and her mother was 95 when she passed.

Marjorie was raised on a farm in Nebraska. She had two older brothers and two younger sisters. She and her siblings had to milk cows before they could go to school in the morning. Her family bought a farm near Brook Park just before Pearl Harbor



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Marjorie Hawkinson

happened.

Marjorie met and married Kenneth Hawkinson in 1948. Their family consisted of their oldest son Dick who succumbed to cancer in 2011, second son, Cory, daughter Barb,

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Enchanted evening at PCHS

Pine City High School held it's 2022 prom last Saturday, May 7 at the Pine City High School gymnasium. The theme was 'Enchanted Garden.' Pictured above left are Gavin Schueller and Ashley Peters. Making a special appearance were 'Dumb and Dumber,' Jason Thiemann (in orange) and Cole Waxberg (in blue).

Pine City area townships, cities moving closer toward a fire district



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Townships and cities gather at the May 3 Pine City Council meeting to express concerns over fire contracts.

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Townships and cities who contract fire services with Pine City Fire Department attended the most recent Pine City Council meeting on May 4 to address issues concerning their contract

with the City's fire department.

The following townships who contract with the city fire department, Chengwatana, Mission Creek, Munch, Pine City, Pokegama, and

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Pine City Schools parts ways with superintendent

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Pine City Schools have parted ways with Pine City School Superintendent Paula Foley as of Thursday, May 4. A separation agreement was drafted to allow Foley a paid leave of absence through the remainder of her contract on June 30.

Also as part of the agreement, Foley will receive 18 days of vacation. Foley, as part of the agreement, which will be presented to the school board on Friday for a special meeting, will have to release the school district, along with current and former school board members, its current and former officers, employees, agents, representatives, insurers, attorneys, and other affiliates from any and all liability.



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Pine City School Board meets for a special meeting on Friday, May 4.

Foley has the right to rescind her release of claims in writing within 15 days after signing the agreement. If she rescinds the agreement, this separation agree-

ment states that Foley will remain on leave but such leave will be unpaid.

The separation agreement states that the two parties are entering into

the agreement in order to avoid any dispute over Foley's employment with the District, and

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PLA generosity

The Pokegama Lake Association donated \$1,000 to the Pine County Sheriff's Office for their K-9 Program. Pictured are Office Supervisor Denise Anderson, Marietta Jacobson (from PLA) and Chief Deputy Scott Grice.

Below, the PLA recently donated \$600 to A Place For You, located in Pine City, for their upcoming fundraiser. Pictured are PLA member, Marietta Jacobson, APFY Executive Director, Vicki VanderVegt, and board member, Linda Setterlund.



Buy Local

Friends and Family found in first job

BY DIANE ENGELSTAD
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Brent Weiss knew what he wanted back in 1987 when he drove into Pine City for his interview at the elementary school for a physical education position. Having grown up in Crookston, Minnesota, where the nearest lake was twenty-five miles away, he immediately fell in love with the lakes and river surrounding the town.

At the time, Weiss had just graduated from Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minnesota. During his first couple of years at Moorhead, Weiss was undecided as to a career path. What he was sure of was that he loved watching and playing sports and had always been interested in coaching.

These interests eventually led to his major in K-12 physical education with a minor in health, a licensure for adaptive physical education and a coaching certification. With those credentials, Weiss got his first teaching job. As it turned out, thirty-five years later, it would be his only teaching job.

Weiss started his career in Pine City teaching kindergarten through second grade, but after his first year,



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Pine City Elementary teacher, Brent Weiss, retires after 35 years.

the position to teach upper elementary became available, and Weiss took over second through sixth grade physical education. He says, "I never looked back," and has remained at that position for the past thirty-four years.

Weiss's coaching career also started immediately upon being hired in Pine City, and through the years, he has coached softball, boys' basketball, football and baseball. This past year has been the only year that Weiss has not coached some sport. In addition to teaching and coaching, during Weiss's second year at Pine City, he was asked if he would be interested in teaching drivers education, so he completed the certification and has taught

classroom and behind the wheel ever since.

Somehow even with all the teaching, coaching and drivers education, Weiss still found the time to meet and woo lovely, hometown girl, Laura Schuler. They married in September of 1990 and raised an "incredible" daughter and now have two "awesome" grandchildren.

As Weiss looks forward to retirement, he will not be leaving all of his responsibilities behind. He plans to continue teaching drivers education for awhile yet, while doing some of the things he hasn't had much time for over the last three and a half decades. He has a list of home improvement projects to get to and will definitely be spend-

ing more time with the grandkids. He and Laura enjoy camping and will now be able to do more of that in the fall when the mosquitoes and humidity are more tolerable. He will also have more time for ice fishing, hunting and wine making. He says he might even try golf again, which according to him, is something he failed at miserably years ago.

Looking back on his career, Weiss says teaching becomes part of your social being if you are at it long enough, and the relationships that are formed are irrefutable.

He says, "I think what kept me in Pine City all these years was the great friendships with other teachers and coaches." But for Weiss, it goes even deeper than friendship. He says, "The relationships I have had with my students and athletes are like they are an extended part of my family."

Weiss would like to thank the community for allowing him to become part of their families through his teaching and coaching, but mostly he is grateful that they were willing to share all their awesome children with him over the last thirty-five years.

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THURSDAY MAY 12
Pine County Blue Zone event

Come learn more about what it could look like to bring the science of Blue Zones and longevity to Pine County on May 12 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Casino in Hinckley in ballrooms 1 & 3. Learn about the research behind Blue Zones, and how it can be used to make sustainable changes with partners such as worksites, schools, restaurants, faith-based communities, and others. Free dinner will be provided! Call (320) 591-0793 to register. See future editions of the Pioneer for more information on registration. A QR code will be provided with a link to register.

Magnificent Red Hatters

On Thursday, May 12 the Magnificent Red Hatters of Pine City will enjoy lunch at the American Legion. Gather at 11:30 a.m., lunch is at noon. All ladies age 50+ are welcome. We would love to see some new faces. RSVP by May 10 to Mary Flesher at 320-438-0797 or Jill Spinler at 763-245-6536.

Elementary Band and Choir Spring Concerts

The Pine City Elementary School music department will be presenting its Spring Concerts beginning with the Elementary Band Spring Concert on May 12. The Elementary Choir Spring Concert will follow on May 17. All concerts are held at the high school Auditorium and begin at 6:30 p.m.

Chamber Happy Hour

The Pine City Chamber invites you to attend the next Chamber Happy Hour networking event at Lake Appeil on beautiful Pokegama Lake from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We are hoping for great weather and look forward to seeing you there!

SATURDAY MAY 14
Citywide Garage Sale

Citywide garage sale is scheduled for May 14, 2022. The Citywide map and all individual garage sales will be listed in the Pine City Pioneer May 12 edition.

Potlucks & Politics

Come share ideas for moving us forward Saturday, May 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Frechette Farms, 19695 Elder Drive, Hinckley. <http://olsonmnhouse.com>

CareerForce Hiring Event

CareerForce is holding an in person hiring event Thursday, May 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. City Center Mall, 140 Buchanan St NW Cambridge. Opportunities across East Central Minnesota in Healthcare, Manufacturing, Social Services, Accounting, Banking, Education, Retail/Fulfillment, and Corrections. Entry, Career, and Professional Positions Available Local Jobs, Great Wages and Benefits, Rapid Start, Training and Advancement Opportunities Start, Change, or Advance Your Career.

A Tribute to Roy Orbison at Pine County Museum

The Pine County Museum is hosting Roy Orbison tribute. Two shows May 14 at 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. Sat. David K shares historic tidbits of Roy Orbison's tragic but also legendary career. This show has been wowing audiences all over the Midwest, and as well in Arkansas and Florida! VISIT The Pine County Museum and Little Mermaid Cafe. Contact David K. at (612) 998-5253 for ticket costs and

more information.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18

Household Hazardous Waste Facility opening May 18, 2022. Hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through September at 45 Airport Road, Pine City. For more information call (320) 216-4220

Pine County Genealogical Society

The Pine County Genealogical Society meets at Tobie's Restaurant and Bakery, 404 Fire Monument Road, Hinckley, at noon for lunch in the lounge. Enter via the south end entrance. Visitors are always welcome.

SATURDAY MAY 21
Pine City Environmental Festival

Learn more about the environment and connect with local resources at the Pine City Environmental Festival on Saturday, May 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Robinson Park. Event is free. If you are interested in participating in this event, such as doing a booth or presentation, contact Emma Willhite at emwhillhite2020@gmail.com

Cross Lake/Snake River Association

May membership meeting at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Pine City Library, 300 Fifth St SE, Pine City. Keynote speaker Dan McEwen Ph.D, CLP/Limnopro Aquatic Science. For full agenda and video go to: crosslakeassociation.org

Rush City Garden Club

The RCGC will be having a plant sale on May 21st starting at 9:00am at Rush City Park.

WEDNESDAY MAY 25
PINE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Pine County Master Gardeners will hold their plant sale on Wednesday, May 25th at the Pine City Flea Market, Pine County Fairgrounds 4-H Building. It will be held from 6:30 a.m. until sold out. For more information contact the U of M Extension Pine County Office at 1-800-657-3813 Extn. #3. Or, contact Roger & Linda Fischer at 320-629-2247.

FRIDAY MAY 27
Art in the Park
Pine City High School Jazz Band

Pine City Music Department brings Jazz in the Park Friday May 27, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Located at Robinson Park in Pine City.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1
Senior Tractor Ride

The senior tractor ride will meet at the Fair grounds starting at 7 a.m. Donuts and juice will be provided. Departure time will be 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 5
8th Annual 5k Fun Run

The Pine Area Lions will be hosting their 8th Annual 5k Fun Run on Sunday, June 5 at 10 a.m. at Robinson Park in Pine City. Visit the Pine City Area Lions Facebook page for more information.

TUESDAY JUNE 14
Community Blood Drive

Batter up and win! Memorial Blood Centers is recruiting for blood donors to fill the summer roster when blood shortages often occur. That's why your donation is especially needed at this blood drive to help support patients all summer long.

Plus, all presenting donors will have an opportunity to win a pair of tickets to cheer on the Minnesota Twins! Winners are drawn daily. Sign up to give today!

Pine City Public Library parking lot 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ACTIVE EVENTS
Bless the City Prayer Meetings

Hands for Pine City Outreach Church and Journey North would like to extend an invitation to community members to join with others in a weekly Blessing of Pine City prayer meeting. Come anytime. If you'd like more information, contact Julie Samuelson at 320-496-3009.

Early Childhood Screening

We want every child to come to school ready to learn. A beginning step is an early childhood screening. The best time to schedule a screening is when your child is 3 1/2 years old. ALL children must be screened before entering Kindergarten. Call 320-629-4030 to schedule today or go to: pcearlychildhood.weebly.com for more information.

Pine City Public Library Book Donations

The Pine City Public Library (300 5th St SE) is seeking donations of gently used books for our library book store. Currently unable to accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or items that have acquired a musty odor from being stored in sheds and garages. Please call Heidi at 320-629-6403 with any questions.

Northern Exposures Photography Club

The Northern Exposures Photography Club will continue to exhibit their work through Saturday, May 28 at Pine Center for the Arts, located at 265 5th St SE. Gallery hours are 10 am-5 pm, Thursday-Sunday. The gallery is free and open to the public.

NAMI Minnesota Offers Free Online Mental Health Classes

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) has set up a wide variety of free online mental health classes for January and February 2022.

Find a complete listing of these classes and how to join in by going to namimn.org and clicking on "Classes" or go straight to <https://namimn.org/education-public-awareness/classes/scheduled/>.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
87° 64°	76° 54°	71° 48°	65° 45°

MEETINGS

FRIDAY 5/13
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, Second building, 509 3rd Avenue SE, Pine City

SATURDAY 5/14
Pine County Model Railroaders Club: 10:00 a.m. at the Pine County Historical Museum, 6333 HC Anderson Alle, Askov

SUNDAY 5/15
AA: 7 p.m. Evangelical Free Church, 625 Golf Avenue SW, Pine City. For information call 320-438-9121.

MONDAY 5/16
Celebrate Recovery: 6 p.m., Journey North Church, 840 Main St S, Pine City

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

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: 5:30 p.m., Pine City Armory, 1305 Main St S

TUESDAY 5/17
Weecovery: 10 a.m., Empower Recovery Services, 645 3rd Avenue SW, Pine City

Pine City Republicans: 7 p.m., Tobies, 404 Fire Monument Rd, Hinckley

VFW: 7:30 p.m., VFW Building, 600 1st Ave NW, Pine City

WEDNESDAY 5/18
Rock Creek AA: 7 p.m., Rock Creek City Center, 7080 MN-70, Pine City

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

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

THURSDAY 5/19
TOPS: Take off pounds sensible 4 p.m. Pine City Library meeting room, 300 5th Street SE

Pine City Council: 10 a.m., Pine Government Center in city council chambers
Al-Anon: 12 p.m., Evengelical Free Church, 625 Golf Ave SW Pine City

Day Break Respite: 1 p.m., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 825 Golf Ave SW, Pine City, (320) 629-2985

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

SENIOR DINING

May 16 - 18
Monday: Chicken Alfredo w/ egg noodles, lettuce with dressing, applesauce, bread, dessert.
Wednesday: Ham w/Mac N Cheese, veggie, fruit.

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

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Fri., May 13	Fried Chicken Tacos
Sat., May 14	Mother's Day Bingo Specials
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Understand your anxieties

DON'T RECALL a time in my life when the word “anxiety” has come up so often. It shows up with staff at the newspapers, friends, our families, and from what I read and see, it’s a worldwide concern. Maybe it shouldn’t be surprising, as we are just coming out of a pandemic. Many people experienced tragedy and loneliness. A strong economy is now deflating, inflation is showing up everywhere, especially in the areas of petroleum and prices in the grocery store. It’s everywhere.



Publisher Emeritus
Gene Johnson

For the last couple of weeks, with newspaper leaders and friends, I have been asking the question, “How do you keep anxiety in check?”

Answers have varied, from taking a faith-based attitude to asking trusted advisors about serious questions and decisions. Be sure you are getting adequate rest and have quiet times.

Some suggested, and I agree, that having a diversion will distract your attention from the items that are causing anxiety. If anxiety gets to be too much, seek local resources for professional help and counseling.

I thought I would consult with a longtime friend, Jon Penton, who is a retired clinical psychologist now living in Anna Marie Island, Florida. I got to know Jon when late Mayor Dean Fenner launched the Youth Resource Bureau in White Bear Lake a good number of years ago. Jon headed the clinic which was designed to help youth who were having difficulty at school or at home to be able to get care. It was a successful program and Jon went on to work with several counties north of the Twin Cities and then also in Georgia before retiring.

Jon called me last week, and we reflected on how he has dealt with clients with various types of anxiety. He referenced a book that had been helpful to him throughout his professional career. It’s titled ‘Telling Yourself the Truth’ by William Backus and Marie Chapien. That got me to pause to reflect on an attitude, “What do you tell yourself?”

We all have anxieties; we all have problems. Life is not free of that. For some of us who take a faith-based approach, we reference Philippines 4:7 with answers from the scripture of turning it over to the Lord.

“Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.”

For some of us, we have trusted advisors. On a major problem, we don’t make the decisions in darkness or without advice. Asking questions can be very helpful. A lot of times with a good bit of research and advice, the problem becomes clear.

For some people, losing a job opens a door to opportunity. For others, the sky is falling. What we tell ourselves makes all the difference.

Back in September, Jon went through major heart surgery at the University of Minnesota. It was a success and the fact that he had 1,800 people tracking him on CaringBridge was a tremendous encouragement.

Relationships are very important. Having an attitude of gratefulness is a plus.

Another antidote for anxiety could be laughter and humor.

POLITICS IS NEVER safe in Minnesota when the legislature is in session. As we get close to the end of this session, I must compliment them for using surplus funds to restore the unemployment fund

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The oddities of life

The oddities of life, we all experience them. They may include the humorous, the frustrating and the miserable. Oddities make us scratch our heads and cause us to question people with a roll of our eyes.

What is an oddity? Are the events related to them unusual or just human mishaps?



Tami Riedeman

I thought it odd that a stranger called at work just to ask if I was having a good day, no other reason. Of course, my suspicious mind wondered if he was recording my voice for some unethical reason, but maybe he really was just trying to spread a bit of kindness in the world. The incident was still odd.

An oddity, or more likely, a foolish oversight on my part, was the changing of lightbulbs in my home office. Unwilling to go outside in the rain and get the ladder from the shed, I decided to use the household step stool. Barely able to reach the ceiling fixture, I nonetheless managed to replace one of the lightbulbs.

About that time, I nearly lost my balance and grabbed at the light fixture to steady myself. Some part of the fixture shifted, and I was sure I had broken the whole thing. When I turned the light switch

on, the light did not come on.

“Great,” I thought, “something else for the hubby to fix.” Later that day, he saw the note I had written about a broken light fixture. After checking the fixture and the breaker, he discovered the problem was that the lightbulb I had screwed in was crooked. Yes, after all that, it was just me unable to screw in a lightbulb.

Then there was the conversation with my husband about kite flying. I mentioned it would be fun when the grandkids come to visit to take them kite flying. Hubby said no and that their attention span is only long enough to get the kite in the air then hand it over to us while they run away to something else.

I asked him if he did much kite flying as a kid. “Yes,” he said, “when we ran out of kite string, we tied the kite to a fishing pole.” I thought the idea was rather clever until I tried to visualize casting the kite to get it flying in the wind. Reeling the kite in might not be too bad but trying to run and cast at the same time, I don’t think so. Visualizing this happening is definitely an oddity.

I believe the world needs oddities to keep it fresh, interesting, and guessing what will happen next.

TAMI RIEDEMAN is the Pioneer ad salesperson and staff writer.

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Heard it on the Streets asks: ‘WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO GO FOR OPENING FISHING?’ at Adrenaline Archery and Bait and Subway

				
“Bald Eagle Lake, Anoka.”	“Bad Medicine Lake, Park Rapids.”	“Pokegama.”	“Flemish Cap”	“Pokegama”
Dan Dolan, St. Paul	Tim Zarembinski, Little Canada	Jake Kaysen, Pine City	Mike Anderson, Pine City	Ryan Stafne, Hinckley

LONGEVITY: ‘It must be my family heritage.’

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seven grandchildren and five great-grand-children. The Hawkinsons lived on the farm where Kenneth grew up. They had dairy cows for many years, and rather than upgrading their dairy operation, they switched to feeder cattle. “I said I would never marry a farmer,” Marjorie declared. “Then I went and married a farmer!” Along with being a farmer, Kenneth took training in welding at Pine City Vocational college. He worked as a welder for 13 years. Marjorie wanted to retire from farming, but Kenneth wasn’t budging. She told this story: “We were at a mortuary for the visitation of a

friend. I said to a neighbor, ‘I just can’t get that old guy off the farm.’” Kenneth was just behind her and heard her comment. He replied, “That’s not true. I will not spend one more winter on that farm!” The Hawkinson’s sold their farm in 2011. After hunting for the right apartment, they found just what they were looking for at Northridge Apartments. Due to health issues, Kenneth had to spend his last days at Lakeside Nursing Home. For some time, COVID prevented Marjorie from visiting him, a sad time for both of them. Kenneth passed away on May 17, 2020 just a few weeks after their 72nd wedding anniversary. “I

prayed that he would go peacefully, and he did. I was with him holding his hand,” she reflected wistfully. Over the years, Marjorie worked as secretary to the high school principal for three years and as a clerk for the court system for 30 years. She worked at the Sears catalog store for a time then as a nurse’s aide at the elementary school nurse’s office for five years. Marjorie retired from working at a regular job at age 70, but she didn’t really retire. Armed with tapes, bulletins, and devotional material from Zion Lutheran Church, where she attended for 39 years, she visited folks in nursing homes and those who are home-

bound. “COVID has been tough on shut-ins,” she lamented. “They get so lonesome. They need company.” On March 12, Marjorie’s daughter Barb organized a celebration for Marjorie’s 94th birthday at the Pizza Pub that was attended by more than 70 friends and family members. “What an honor it was for me to have so many people show up,” Marjorie expressed with gratitude. “Life has been good. There were some hard times, of course. It’s been a real blessing to have my health, my family and friends. I’m the only one of my siblings left, and I’m still here for some reason. I haven’t figured that out yet.”

Unnecessary tax increase on local employers has come to an end

One of the biggest concerns heading into the 2022 legislative session was finding a solution to the debt within Minnesota’s unemployment insurance (UI) trust fund. You’ll recall at the beginning of the pandemic, Governor Walz required businesses to close. This forced thousands of Minnesotans to go on unemployment, which emptied the state’s UI trust fund account. The federal government loaned Minnesota more than \$1 billion to meet the unemployment insurance demand, and the state now needs to repay the bill. The simple solution to this problem was using a portion of Minnesota’s \$9.3 billion budget surplus or the more than \$1 billion in federal COVID revenue that had yet to be allocated. The Minnesota Senate, on a bipartisan basis, approved legislation that did just that. But the Minnesota House Democrat majority refused to hear the bill for more than 70 days. This resulted in tax increases of 15% or more being leveled on our local employers in order to begin repaying this debt. Minnesota also was forced to pay \$50,000 a day in interest costs due to the lack of action.

Recently, legislative action finally took place after a compromise plan was approved that fully replenishes the unemployment insurance trust fund at \$2.7 billion – using existing revenue - and ends the tax increase on Minnesota’s job providers. I was happy to support this bill and finally stop the nonsensical tax hike on local employers, but I’m troubled it took this long. Many business owners from around the state were forced to pay this tax as House Democrats turned this issue into a political football. This maneuver was unnecessary and disappointing. With that said, many local employers are probably wondering where they stand now that this legislation has been signed into law. The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development has established a site to help employers determine how the approved legislation will affect them. Visit: <https://mn.gov/uimn/employers/employer-account/news-updates/tax-changes-affect-you.jsp>.

NATHAN NELSON is the state representative for House District 11B.

Pine County Master Gardener annual plant sale May 25



PRESS RELEASE

TERRY SALMELA, U OF M
EXTENSION PINE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER COORDINATOR

After two years without a plant sale, the Pine County Master Gardeners will hold their plant sale on Wednesday, May 25th at the Pine City Flea Market at the Pine County Fairgrounds 4-H Building. It will be held from 6:30 a.m. until sold out and feature locally grown heirloom vegetables, flowers and other plants grown by

the master gardeners. There will also be lots of garden ornaments, books and other garden treasures. Master Gardeners will be present to answer questions and have educational gardening information. Funds raised are used for community events and educational training. For information: contact the U of M Extension Pine County Office at 1-800-657-3813 Extn. #3. Or, contact Roger & Linda Fischer at 320-629-2247.

JOHNSON: Understanding your anxieties

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that was depleted during the pandemic. Taxes are high in Minnesota. If those rates were increased, it’s very difficult for small business to operate. However, they also are funding those workers in various professions and fields that worked extra hours under a lot of stress during the Covid-19 period. However, there is a \$6 million surplus and I think that could be used to lower taxes. For example, Minnesota is one of several states where Social Security is taxed. Also, there is another

tax that I think would be helpful if it were reduced and that’s for retired people who choose to change their residency to some of the southern states where there is no state tax. Minnesota state tax is punitive and there are several states that reduced their state tax rate for those in retirement years. WAR INSTIGATED BY Russia in an independent country like Ukraine is totally ridiculous. Thousands of lives are being lost, families upset, with many fleeing to other countries against their best judgment. Ukraine is also consid-

ered the bread basket of Europe. As agriculture is being upset in massive ways, which will lead to millions of deaths because of starvation, it will also cause food prices to soar and have either a direct or indirect impact on people of the entire world. On the other hand, when there is war, farmers in the United States benefit. They are already experiencing it by selling grains at high prices that have been held in storage. However, after this spring and they will not have advanced contracts on fuel, fertilizers and seeds, their cost will rise and this too will further

the inflation factor. ALONG WITH MANY other snowbirds, we returned home from Fort Myers, Florida last week. It’s always good to return home and connect with family and neighbors and catch up with information at the coffee shops. THIS WEATHER TELLS me that we may skip spring this year and go right into summer. Gardeners tell us that planting will be a couple weeks later as the ground continues to be cold and the daytime temperatures are at least 10 degrees below normal.

With story tips and ideas, email:
editor@pinecitymn.com

The power of community

Bruce and I have been an indirect part of this Pine City community for over 30 years as he has pastored the Hustletown Community Church. Throughout those decades we have had the opportunity to get to know people through the church and events such as funerals, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, etc. These past three and a half years we have enjoyed the blessing of being a direct part of this community by buying a house in town and living here.

Even as we were in the process of buying and preparing to move, I was filled with excitement and fond memories as it reminded me of the small town in Wisconsin where my grandparents lived. Although I didn't live there, it was so fun to visit Reedsburg and take part in the community activities: attending the Fourth of July parades and fireworks – sitting on the curb while smiling and waving and scrambling for candy then

later that evening, laying on a blanket while watching the fireworks overhead, swimming at the community pool – making new friends and having a crush on the lifeguards, walking the neighborhood sidewalks with a feeling of safety and serenity, going into the local businesses and being greeted with smiles and friendliness, and playing at the playgrounds – also with a feeling of safety and joy.

Now as a grandparent, I am excited and blessed to be a part of helping create those same kind of experiences for my own grandchildren. I enjoy and appreciate those same kind of activities here: a fun annual parade and fireworks, a nice city beach with trained and friendly lifeguards, lots of sidewalks for peaceful and safe walks, warm smiles by friendly and helpful local business owners and employees, and a variety of great parks and playgrounds where I can bring the grandkids for safe fun.

Yet I am not naive and I realize that not every-

thing is all roses in Mayberry. I read this paper, attended some local school board meetings, and am fully aware that there is some division and will always be some differing opinions and ideas. Our American society is filled with much disrespect. When I was a paraprofessional in Cambridge in the late 1990s and early 2000, co-workers and I were seeing the decline in society in regard to respect. Social media, COVID, and so many world and national events and decisions have only added to that decline. Yet it is possible to live in unity and harmony, even in the midst of differing opinions and ideas. Even when we feel there are injustices and emotions run strong, it is so important that we maintain self-control. We can speak firmly without raising our voice or being physically aggressive. And we need to take time to listen to other's point of view. So often people are planning their rebuttal even before the other person is done speaking.

I am grateful for the number of churches and faith-based people in our community. Yes, some can look at a variety of churches as a sign of division, yet it can also be a sign of respectfully working alongside each other in community even with theological differences. As believers, it is my prayer that we be the salt and light of this community. That as Jesus said in John 15:35: "All people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Yes, we will have times of disagreement, but when those times arise, may we speak the truth in love looking to God's Word for truth, our identity and our part in the body of Christ as we grow and work together (Ephesians 4). "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all" (Romans 12:18), while also standing firm in our faith and the Word of God.

It is exciting to hear and see how God is working in this community, and I look forward to seeing what He has in store while I continue to get to know more people.

LORI THOMPSON is an InFaith field staff member and director of Evergreen Bible Camp.

Fishing opener recipes

WALLEYE AND WILD RICE

4 walleye fillets	onion
2 c. chicken broth	3 c. cooked wild rice
1 Tbsp. lemon juice	1/3 c. finely
1/4 c. butter	chopped dill
3 Tbsp. chopped	

Poach the fillets in the chicken broth and lemon juice, cooking just until the flesh will flake on the sides of fillets. With large slotted spatula, remove the fillet from

the broth. Melt the butter and sauté the onion and wild rice briefly, just to soften onion and heat rice. Add 1/4 cup of the fish broth. Add the dill, toss lightly. Divide rice among



Food 'N Friends

Mary Ellen Dewey

4 dinner plates and place fish fillets on rice. Serve with lemon wedges.

BEST FRIED WALLEYE

4 walleye fillets	1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
2 eggs, beaten	2 c. crushed saltine crackers
1/2 c. all-purpose flour	Vegetable oil for frying
1/2 tsp. garlic powder	1 lemon, cut into wedges
1 pinch salt	

Check the fillets to ensure all bones and skin have been removed. Cut the fillets into serving-size pieces. Place the beaten eggs in a bowl and set aside. Combine the flour, garlic powder, salt, and pepper in another bowl. Pour the cracker crumbs into a third bowl. Heat the oil in a deep-fryer or large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat to 375 degrees. Dip the fillets into the flour mixture, then the eggs, and then the cracker crumbs and set fillets aside on a plate. Test the oil: it will crackle and pop when a cracker crumb is dropped into it. Carefully lower 2 fillets into the hot oil. Cook until browned, about 3 minutes per side, using tongs to turn the fillets. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate and repeat with remaining fillets. Serve with fresh lemon wedges. Crush the saltines in a resealable gallon-size plastic freezer bag and roll with a rolling pin. Makes 4 servings.

Worship guide

Church of Christ

815 7th St. SW, Pine City
10 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study.
Contact: Greg Douvier
320-336-8978

Dale Evangelical Free Church

45268 Brunswick Rd, Harris, MN
763-689-5817
Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin
Sunday School, all ages 9:00 am
Sunday Service 10:25 am
www.daleefc.com
Awana, Wed. 6:30-8:00pm
Youth, Wed. 6:30-8:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

405 Main St. S., Pine City
320-629-3592
Pastor Rob Spahr
www.firstprespinecity.org
Sunday Worship Celebration
10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, Preschool-Gr 6
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Group 6:15 PM

Grace Baptist Church

1 mile Southwest of Pine City
on Fairway Road (next to I-35)
320-629-1374
Pastor Tim W. Stratton
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
for all ages. 11:00 a.m. Preaching
Service, 6:00 p.m. Evening Service.
7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible study
6 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Master Clubs for
children ages 4 to 6th grade.

Hands for Pine City

Hands for Pine City
Outreach Church
Library Community Room
300 5th St. SE
Pine City, MN
Wednesday Nights from 6-7 PM
Outside weather permitting
320-496-3009
Hands4PC@gmail.com
Facebook fan page:
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Henriette Community Church (Free Methodist)

One mile North of Henriette on
HWY 107 • 320-679-4875
Pastor Jack Droste
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.;
Sunday morning Worship,
10:15 a.m.

Hinckley Seventh Day Adventist

550 1st St. NE, Hinckley
320-384-6167
Pastor: Carlos Rodriguez
Services, Saturday, 11 a.m.
Fellowship lunch 1st and 3rd
Saturday following services.

Hope Lutheran Church Grasston

Dean Oelfke, Pastor
320-396-3925
hopelutherangrasston.org
Sunday Worship Service 11am
Holy Communion first and third
Sundays and festival days.

Hustletown Community Church (HCC)

Hustletown Non-Denominational
17945 Blue Jay Ln
Pastor Bruce Thompson
651-983-8130
Mail: 1010 3rd Ave SW
Pine City
Sunday School 10:15 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

535 8th St. SW, Pine City
320-629-2935
Monsignor Alek Suchan
www.icchurchpinecitymn.org
office@icchurchpinecitymn.org
Mass: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 10
am, Confession: Saturday
4-4:30p.m., Sunday 9:15-9:45a.m.

Journey North Church

Current location:
840 Main St S, behind A&W.
Pastor Tim Adams
320-629-6111
Sunday Services: 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Nursery, toddlers and KidVenture
programs during both services.
www.JourneyNorthChurch.com

Living Water Fellowship

915 W. 8th St. Rush City, MN
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
Call 320-358-3818 for weekly Bible
studies and youth activities.

Open Arms Church of God

406 Pine St., Grasston, MN
320-396-3373
Pastor Gene Sherrod
Spirit Filled Worship
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Children's ministry

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

825 Golf Ave SW Pine City
320-629-2985
9 a.m Sunday Worship Service &
Sunday School
In-person
Live Online (www.orlcpc.com)
Live Radio (WCMP 1350AM or
106.5FM)
Children of Joy Preschool
School Year & Summer sessions

Pine City Evangelical Free Church

625 Golf Ave SW
Pastor Joel Preston
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
Nursery (infant-3yrs)
Wednesdays: AWANA (Sept-Apr) 6
p.m.; Joe Gatzke, Student Pastor
(Youth Group).
Jr & Sr High 6:00 p.m.
Phone: 320-629-2584
Email: pinecityefree@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

320-629-2935
19390 Ave, Beroun, MN
Monsignor Alek Suchan
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

South Pine Baptist Church

Meeting at Pine City Library
Community Room
300 5th St SE, Pine City, MN
Pastor Dennis Eng
320-336-9292
southpinebaptist@gmail.com
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Midweek Bible Study at 6:30p.m.
(Call for location)
www.southpinebaptist.org

Zion Lutheran Church

410 Main St. S, Pine City
Worship 9 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Growing in Grace Preschool
Mon-Wed- Fri a.m.
Pastor Glen Kleppe
320-629-3683

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PINE CITY

- All Day Saturday, May 14

Just look for the parade of garage sales signs. You'll find great bargains at sales all within the area!

1. Multi-Family Sale
16197 Norwood Ln., Pine City
May 12, 13 & 14 8am-5pm
Tools, household items, hunting/fishing items, gas ice auger, original paintings, sprinkler pump, fun retro and vintage items, roof antenna, vintage Pyrex bowls, antique beds, lawn vacuum, leaf sweeper, Christmas items, 4 commercial dock floats

2. Sale
225 9th St. SW, Pine City
Sale also on Wed., May 18
Misc., furniture - new & vintage, household, clothing, shelves, riding lawnmower, vintage parlor stove & pedestal sink, recliner, transport wheelchair, drawing table & stool, smell chef's table

3. Sale - Peg Kunze
20563 Everready Rd., Pine City
Furniture, bedding, household, tools

4. Sale
105 5th St. SE
Next to 320 brewery Sat., May 14 7am-3pm
Brand name kids clothes: girls 6-8, boys 6-14, shoes, fashion boots up to size 6 girls, misc, 2 horse saddles, priced to sell!

5. Mavericks Saloon
29410 Beroun Crossing Rd., Pine City
Don't want to sit at home? Come display your treasures here for all to see. Buyers & sellers welcome!

6. Sale - Sue Bruber
935 7th St. SW, Pine City
7am-4pm
Many garage sale items! Adult tricycle, plants, Mother's Day gifts, arts & crafts, dog feeders

7. VFW Post 4258 Auxiliary Sale
VFW building
601 1st Ave, NW, Pine City
Sale also on May 17 3pm-6pm &
May 18 7am-2pm
Household items & decor, seasonal decor, kid's & adult clothing, perennial plants

8. Sale - Stephan & Gramse
560 8th St., SW, Pine City
Fri., May 13 8am-5pm
Sat., May 14 7am-?
Girl's clothes & shoes size 8 & up, men's & women's clothes XL - 3X, toys, books, household & kitchen items, tools

9. Sale - Stumne & Struss
660 2nd St., NE
2 blocks E of Legion
May 13 8-?
May 14 7am-2pm
Something for everyone! Decorative shelves, home, cabin decor & household stuff, puzzles, young adult (tons), men's & women's clothing & shoes, portable b-ball hoop, patio set, tomato & pepper plants, man stuff!

10. Sale
9054 Crestview Ln. Grasston, MN
May 12, 13 & 14
8am-6pm
Kitchen table w/ chairs, household items, electronics, decor, tools, women's & children's clothing, new & used toys, "New" make-up & jewelry

11. HUGE Sale - Cross Lake/Snake River
16327 Edgewater Rd, NE
7am-2pm
BIG, BIG, Big! Some would even say HUGE sale! Something for almost everyone! Large variety of donated items from Assn. members and friends. Proceeds support water quality initiatives on Cross Lake/Snake River.

12. Family Sale
525 Maplewood Ln. SE, Pine City
May 13 10am-4pm
May 14 7am
Baby items, boys clothes 3T - size 8, women's plus size, clothes, toys & more!

13. Sale
1687 Main St. N, Pine City
8am-4pm
Children & household items

14. Early Years Academy
405 2nd St. NE, Pine City
Household items

15. Sale
56645 Stephanie Ln., Pine City
8am-5pm
Household items, outdoor goods, sporting goods, kids clothes & items

16. Moving Sale
820 3rd Ave. NW, Pine City
12' Boat, tools, furniture, snowmobile, household items & more!

17. Sale - Susan Hanson
340 11th st. SW, Pine City
May 13 & 14
Baby girl up to 7, adult, plus size ladies
Fundraiser for MN Diaper Bank

18. Sale
18079 North Lake Ln.
May 14 7am-4pm
Men's, women's, juniors, baby, shoes, much misc.

19. Sale - Pagel Family
600 1st St. SE, Pine City
Fri., May 13 7am-2pm
Sat., May 14 7am-2pm
Women's and men's clothing/shoes, home decor (Rae Dunn), household items, baby clothing & toys, computer equipment, maternity items, handmade wooden signs

20. Sale
922 7th St. SW, Pine City
Lots of good stuff, vintage, housewares, etc

21. Sale
1005 Main St. N., Pine City
Used appliances, tools, some toys and clothes

22. Multi-Family Sale
8496 580th St. Pine City
Follow signs south of high school
Tons of junior/women's clothes, men's clothes and lots of misc. items

23. Multi-Family Sale
15 2nd St. SE, Pine City
Friday, May 13 12pm-6pm
Saturday, May 14, 7am-4pm
Girls infant to 5T, boys up to size 18, lots of household, mens items, lots of toys, legos and plants

24. Sale - Gray/Tracy/Orn
19731 Wild Rose Dr. NE,

Pine City
7am-4pm
Household, house decor, queen size bedframe, sleep number bed, kitchen table & chairs, bar stools, mens and womens clothing, STIHL chainsaw, tools, hunting items, Jean's hostas

25. Moving Sale
577 Chadwood Ln, SW
Pine City
May 12th - 14th 7am-4pm
Mens & womens clothing, household, HO trains and accessories, J.D. collectables, diecast, vintage records, furniture, garden accessories, toolbox, tools, STIHL chainsaw, snow-blower

26. Sale - Bryan Poslynsny
21541 Pioneer Rd.
Pine City
May 12th - May 15th (Thurs - Sunday) 8am-3pm
Rain or shine
Tools, antiques, hunting, fishing and camping gear, farm implements, scuba gear, vintage snowmobiles, bicycles, steel, stage lights, etc.

27. Large Estate Sale
3949 Pokegama Lake Rd. Grasston, MN
May 14th 8am-5pm, May 15th 9am-4pm

28. Sale
16743 Par Cir SW,
Pine City
Chest of drawers, household items, twin bed, bookshelf, mirror, women's size small & large, girls size 7-8, boys 4T, shoes, toys, water table, keyboard, bicycles & tons more!

29. HUGE Sale!
19037 Woodland Acres, S. (SE side of Cross Lake)
5/12 - 5/15 9am-5pm
Household, sporting goods, home decor galore and so much more!

30. 8-Family Sale
12797 Maple Grove Rd.
Follow signs on Cty. Rd. 8
7am-3pm
Mens, womens, juniors, teen & kids clothing.
Organized & in excellent

condition. Household, toys & books. Lots of great stuff! Rain or shine.

31. Sale
18867 N. Bay Lane
Off Hwy 11, 3 mi. west of 35W
Tools & furniture, table saw, band saw, etc. Dining room table w/ 6 chairs, coffee & side tables & misc. tools

32. Moving Sale Greg Nelson
14441 Cross Lake Rd.
Pine City
Sunday, May 15
8AM - 1PM
Boat lift, motorcycle, side by side, lawn & garden tools, furniture, etc.

33. Multi-Family Sale
315 2nd St. NE, Pine City
Thurs. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 7-5
Girl and boy clothes all sizes, adult clothing S-3XL, toys, games, books, Pokemon, rocks, jewelry, household, movies, lots of good stuff- don't miss!

34. Nancy Lucht
1630 Airwaves Rd. NE, Pine City
Good stuff I no longer need, but you might! Cleaning out the closets and storage room. Big variety of bargains. Too much to list, but PRICED TO SELL!

35. Sale
95 12th St. NW, Pine City
House misc, folding tables, var. tools, heaters (Pro)

36. Sale
7687 State Hwy. 70,

Pine City
Biker Inventory from Iron hog: chaps, vests, rain gear, biker tees, jewelry, antiques, household

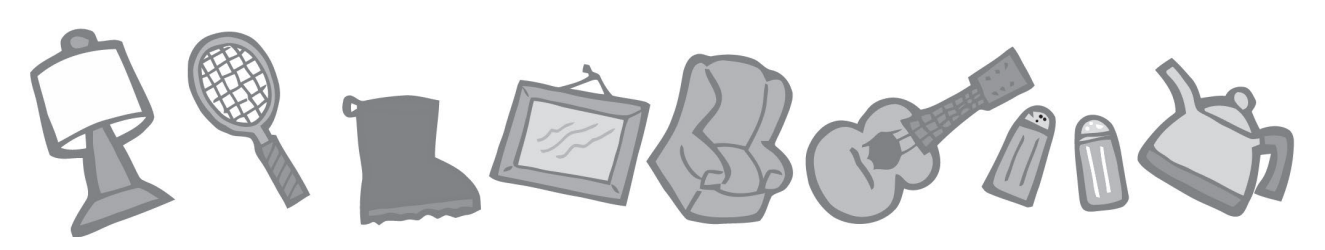
37. Sale
25127 Cty Hwy 61, Beroun
Fri-Sun 8AM - 4PM
Kids clothes newborn-up boys/girls - summer/winter, toys, glassware/pictures, antiq, S/P & more

38. HUGE Estate & 3 Family Sale
15095 Edgewater Rd. NE, Pine City
5/11 to 5/15 7AM-5PM
Furniture, clothes, knickknacks, glassware, household, jewelry & lots of vintage early 1900's - present. Too much to list!

39. Multi-family sale EVERYTHING MUST GO!
9910 560th St. Pine City (Rock Creek, 1 mile east of Govt Rd.)
Sat, 7AM

40. Sale
730 9th St. SW, Pine City
Kids clothing & toys, furniture, decor, kitchen items, clothes, tools

41. Sale
57851 Fairfax Circle, Pine City (3 miles south of Pine City)
May 11 - 15, 7-5PM
This is the big one ladies! New baby clothing, name brand clothing new & used, designer purses, NEW pet supplies, planters galore, antiques & vintage misc. Lots of Christmas & Halloween, handmade wreaths, refurbished furniture, fishing gear, general household.



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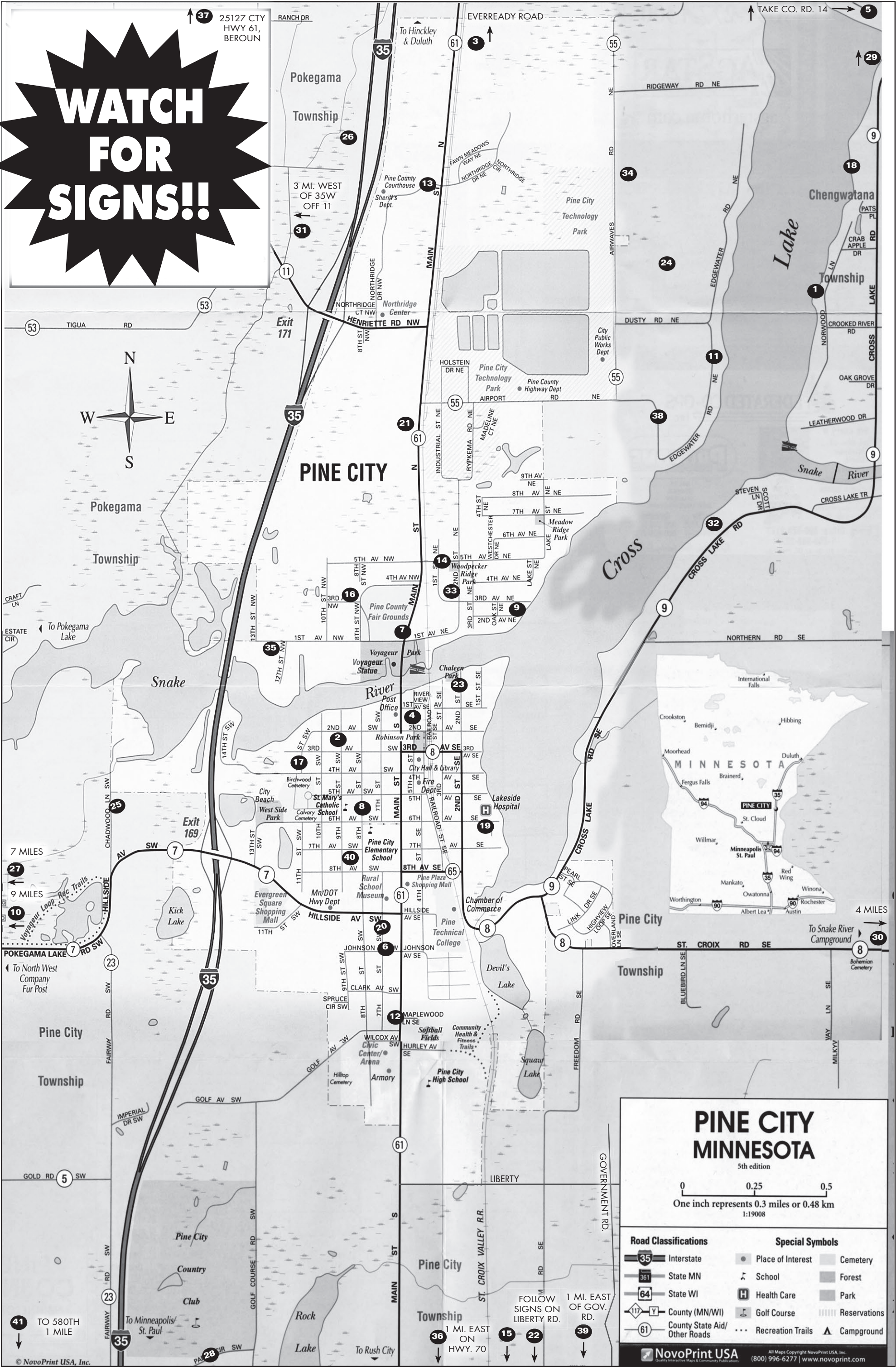
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 - 4 team mulligans
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FREEDOM FEST - A WEEKEND OF FUN!

The Freedom Fest team is excited for another great year celebrating the Pine City Community on Saturday, June 25th. Thanks to the work of our partners, there are a lot of great events on the schedule for this year! Local businesses and organizations have helped us reach just over \$6,000 toward the cost of the annual fireworks display. We invite community members to make a contribution to help us reach the additional \$1,500 needed. Donation cans will be out at Voyageur Bottle Shop & Pizza Pub beginning May 27th.

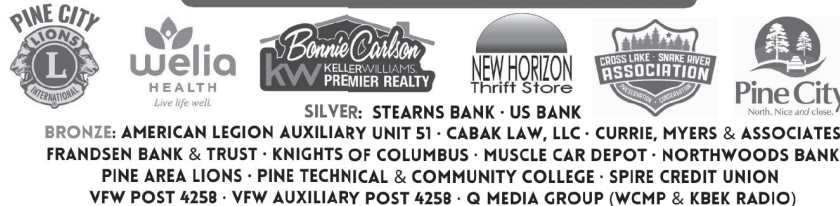
Be sure to visit the event page at www.pinecitychamber.com/freedom-fest for a full list of activities happening - including several that will require advance registration.

- Pine City Parks & Recreation will host "Parks & Larry" in collaboration with the ECFE Dragon Wagon in Robinson Park.
- Pine Technical & Community College will host their annual BBQ & Car Show event on Wednesday, June 23rd.
- Pine City Arts Council is bringing back The Whitesidewalls for some great 50's & 60's music in Robinson Park on Friday, June 24th.
- Saturday morning is the Freedom Fest Triathlon - get registered now to ensure a t-shirt for this event!
- After enjoying the Saturday events, you can relax once again in Robinson Park with a great line-up of Christian music at "Solid Rock in the Park" on Sunday, June 26th.

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STUDENT ACHIEVER

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Connor Spinler
2nd grade

Connor Spinler is such a hard worker and is exceptionally kind to all of his classmates. He strives to do his best on all assignments. Great job! Connor is a great example of a Dragon Kid. He is very helpful to other students and never lets anyone feel left out. He is respectful and kind to everyone! He loves math, reading chapter books, and playing football. Connor is the son of Karissa and Joshua Spinler.



We are happy to announce Bennett Koppy, son of Nick and Amber Koppy, as our fourth grade student achiever for the month of May. Bennett has been an incredible leader in the classroom this school year. He consistently demonstrates what it means to be in the Dragon Zone, asks meaningful questions in class, and is always willing to help his peers. Bennett enjoys basketball, fishing, and reading. We are lucky to have him in our fourth grade class. Keep up the great work, Bennett!



Bennett Koppy
4th grade

PINE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Jaylyn has made huge strides forward in math this year. She is an active participant and her grade shows it! Great job & keep up the good work! Jaylyn is the sister of Jacqueline Grunewald.



Jaylyn Grunewald
8th Grade



Madyson Bombard
11th Grade

Mady Bombard is doing outstanding work in her College in Schools History class. CIS History is a very rigorous course and Mady has been up to the challenge. Mady's assignments are always completed to the highest standard and she is really becoming an excellent writer. The main reason for Mady's success is her strong work ethic, which will serve her well in all aspects of her academic career. Good work Mady! Mady is the daughter of Chris Bombard & Erin Buehring.

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Living in campers not allowed in most of Pine County areas

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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An amendment to a zoning ordinance has been passed by the Pine County Board of Commissioners requires individuals occupying a camping trailer as their primary residence, to have means of sewage management, effective April 19, within all areas where Pine County regulates septic systems. The County regulates septic systems within 27 of the 33 townships as well as most cities.

Pine County Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson said at the April 19 regular county board meeting that the ordinance to regulate the septic system requirements for campers on private property was originally put together because townships and cities wanted to have this area of zoning administered by the County.

Caleb Anderson, Pine County land & resource manager, said that the issue of living in campers was brought up a year ago and is a common call they get. He said that the County’s septic ordi-

nance does not currently address issues like this. With the new language in the ordinance, Anderson said, “You have to have some type of facilities for a camper if you’re not using it for occasional use ... if you’re receiving mail at the property and it’s serving as their principal dwelling, that is much different than if someone owns an RV that’s back behind the house that isn’t being used as the principal dwelling.” He added that installing a mound system isn’t required and that a privy or tank would work.

County commissioner, Steve Hallan, asked if this would apply to people living in their camper while their house is being built. Anderson said that it would not apply to those types of situations. He added that those are not the type of calls they receive.

During the public hearing portion of the meeting, a Pine Lake Township man, Gerald Scheonrock, brought up individuals living in campers in his township. Anderson noted that



The Pine County Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution to amend a zoning ordinance.

there is enforcement and violation action that is in process in that situation.

ORDINANCE LANGUAGE
The ordinance states that it is illegal for any person to maintain, occupy or use any building (which includes recreational vehicles) intended for habitation that has a powered well directly connected to the building unless it has a subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) that disposed of wastewater in a manner that complies with the provision of the ordinance.
Language of the

ordinance states that a recreational vehicle being used for more than occasional or semi-permanent use must have a septic system if it’s connected to a powered well, or provide a composting toilet or legal privy. These recreational vehicles include those that receive mail at the property (but not having a principal dwelling other than the recreational vehicle), those that do not have a current license tab, and recreational vehicles used for more than occasional or semi-permanent use.

PINE LAKE TOWNSHIP OPTS IN TO COUNTY ZONING
Also as part of the ordinance amendment, Pine Lake Township, located west of Finlayson, has now chosen to have the County regulate zoning within the township. Townships and cities in Pine County have the option of adopting the zoning ordinances of the County. Other townships and cities which previously adopted the county’s zoning laws include Nickerson Township (adopted Jan. 21, 2020), City of Kerrick (adopted Jan. 21, 2020), City of Denham (adopted Jan. 21, 2020), New Dosey Township (adopted March 17, 2020), and Kerrick Township (adopted Nov. 3, 2020).

ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING
The County will enforce the zoning ordinance regarding campers, and complaints can be directed to the Pine County Zoning Board at
Generally, enforcement of zoning violations involves county staff sending notices of violation where identified and working with the landowner to achieve compliance. When necessary, the zoning office works with the Sheriff’s Office to issue citations, punishable by misdemeanor.
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5PM-6PM
Dinner (pulled pork, beans, salad)
6PM-10PM
Band: Zac’s Band
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Double rainbow

A double rainbow was seen late April from highway 15 between Pine City and Hinckley.



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PCHS 2022 Prom!

The Pine City High School prom, held Saturday evening, was a big success and things were back to normal post-pandemic. Post prom was held after prom where the kids were treated to lots of food and activities. Pictured right are Seth Linnell, Kaitlyn Prihoda, Aidan Welch, Grace Jahnz, Hunter Danielson, Samantha Johnson-Tacker, McCoy Leger, and Ariel Schneider before prom.



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Whirlwind of a week for boys tennis

BY HEIDI BURGER
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The Dragon Boys Tennis team kept busy all week with matches on May 2, 3, 6, and 7. The boys hosted Fridley and Totino-Grace on Monday, May 2. Because section 6A has been realigned this season, this was the first time in many years that Pine City has played these teams. The Dragons all had close matches against Fridley but came out with a loss of 3-4.

The singles were tough games as Fridley had strong players. Although the Dragons singles lost their matches, the doubles were able to pull off a few wins. Coach Jeff Adams said, "It was a close match against this section team. We again took all the doubles matches, but Fridley had strong singles players. We lost two of the singles matches in a third set tie-breaker, so the match could have gone either way."

Totino-Grace was also a school in the same section as the Dragons this year. It was another hard fought match and another close loss with two of the matches going to third set tie-breakers. Third singles Greyson Johnson won 6-1, 6-0. Fourth singles Billy Brown won 3-6, 6-3, 11-9. Second doubles Brady Berglund and Spencer Wicktor won 6-4, 7-6.

On Tuesday, May 3, the Dragons hosted Foley at home. Foley also is a section and conference rival. Similar to play on Monday, the Dragons fought hard and had some excellent matches. Danielson won 6-1, 6-2. Johnson won 6-0, 6-0. Second doubles Berglund and Wicktor won 6-3, 6-4. "Another close match this week, this time with Foley. With all the make-up matches due to postponements, we finally were able to get in a couple good practices this week to work on refining some skills," reported Coach Adams.

On Friday, May 6, the Dragons once again hosted North Branch, and the Dragon boys took the win 5-2. First singles Danielson won 6-0, 6-1. Senior Mason Mikyska tried his hand at second singles and won 6-2, 6-2. First doubles Seth Linell and Brady Berglund won 6-0, 6-0. Second doubles Johnson and Bryer Berube won 6-0, 6-0. Third doubles Julian Kozisek and Billy Brown also won 6-0, 6-0.



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Spencer Wicktor hits a nice approach shot as he heads to the net. Below, Greyson Johnson makes a nice base-line ground shot.



Saturday, May 7 was a Conference doubles match. In attendance were Pine City, St. Cloud Cathedral, Aitkin, and Mora. It was an all doubles, round-robin format in which every team played each other. First doubles team Linnell and Mikyska went 1-3 for the day. Danielson and Berube were second doubles and went 4-0. The third doubles team was Berglund and Wicktor, and they ended the day at 3-1. Brown and Johnson ended up defeating all their fourth double opponents to go 4-0. The fifth doubles team Aaron Rootkie and Kozisek went 3-1.

This upcoming week will again be a busy one for the Dragon Boys Tennis team: Tuesday, May 10 in Mora (conference and section team); Princeton on Wednesday, May 11; and Thursday, May 12 at home with Chisago Lakes.

Pitching, defense contribute to Dragons success

BY ANDREW BURGER
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The Pine City Dragons baseball team continue to find success on the diamond. Junior Isaiah Hasz reflected on his team's early season success, "We throw strikes and make the routine plays, limiting errors."

The week featured three more Great River Conference victories for the Dragons. Head Coach Monte Peterson used a variety of hurlers on the mound, all of whom had quality starts.

The week opened up with a shortened five inning win against visiting East Central. The Dragons piled on runs in each inning. Lefty Bryce Erickson would earn the win, striking out eight batters and walking two. He would surrender just one hit in the contest. Dylan Petersen would mop up East Central's last chance in the fifth and strike out two batters. The Dragons piled on the runs scoring nineteen runs on twelve hits and eight walks; the team was led by a hoard of green hitters.

Following the win, the Dragons headed to Isle/Onamia to take on the Raiders. Nick Plasek came to ballpark and meant business, tallying four hits and leading



the offensive charge in a 15-1 victory. Senior Ryan Plasek got the call on the mound, striking out two batters and only walking one in four innings. R. Plasek credited his defense, "I trust those guys behind me to make the play." The Dragon defense continued its fine play, only allowing one error in the game.

Prior to putting on their tuxedos and busting a move on the dance floor for their prom events, the Dragons had their rematch with rival Rush City Tigers. Isaiah Hasz got his first action of the week and controlled much of the

game for the Dragons. Hasz would be on the mound for six innings, strike out ten batters and surrender four hits. The Tigers scored their lone run in the top of the third inning on a fielder's choice. This would be the only offensive threat the Dragons faced all evening.

The Dragon offense would get an early lead, scoring two runs in the first inning. Junior, Mason Charles would lead off the game with a single and circle the bases with aggressive baserunning. Hasz would add the second run later in the inning off a



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At left, Lefty Bryce Erickson strikes out eight batters defeating East Central. Above, Aidan Palmer bats for the Dragons.

Ryan Plasek single. The bats would go quite until later in the hour.

Not until the fifth inning, with a Hasz lead off single, R. Plasek bloop single and Peterson walk, did the Dragons threaten. With a slim lead 2-1, Cole Waxberg would hit a sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Hasz. Aidan Palmer would follow that up with a line drive single to right center clearing the bases. "I went up to the box with an aggressive approach," recalled Palmer. With the pressure relieved, the Dragons finished off the pesky Tigers, 5-1.

Solid shooting for week four

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Week 4 brought another round of steady rain showers for Dragon shooters. Despite the uncooperative weather, scores continued to improve. Caden Fedder nailed a perfect 25, the second time he has accomplished this feat. Fedder also had the high team score, hitting 47 of 50 targets.

Josh Brinker continued his hot shooting with a 44. Four players tied with a score of 43: Ryan Plasek, Eli Schultz, Dalton Helmbrecht, and Wyatt Humeniuk. Owen Anderson, using a borrowed shotgun, nailed 42 targets, as did teammate Cody Patzoldt. Alex Johnson followed with a score of 40, and Oscar Gribuval shot a 39. Ryan Carl and Milo Rydberg continued to impress, each scoring 38; and Tyler Mohr and Gianni Johnson rounded out the top shooters



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Caden Fedder shot a perfect round of 25 in the rain conditions.

with 37 targets hit. Leading scorers for the girls were Hailey Houle with a 30, followed by Macie Babolik and Dani Holstrom with 29.

Coach Johnson said that the improvement in scores each week is especially impressive given the conditions under which the athletes have been shooting each Sunday. Rain, snow,

cold weather, and gusty winds have made consistent shooting very difficult, but the kids have been able to improve their fundamentals and their focus each week. He credits the dedicated volunteer coaches who show up each week and work closely with the athletes to help them improve their skills.

The team has one

more week of competitive shooting before they begin preparing for the state tournament. A total of 29 athletes will head to Alexandria on June 21 to compete against other schools in Class 9A at the Minnesota State High School Clay Target championships.

Dragons sweep the Eagles

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It was a busy week for the ladies on the diamond playing five games in four days. The Dragons would win two out of five on the week with a sweep of the Eagles in a five inning double header on Tuesday. The back to back wins were followed up by loses to Rush City and two games versus Aitkin.

In game one with East Central, with the game knotted up at one a piece, the Dragons took the lead thanks to eight runs in the fourth inning. The offensive onslaught came from singles by Lily Struss and Isabelle Jarvis. Lydia Blatz would double score both Robin Odegard and Kadence Wallenberg who had reached by an error. Sam Schneider earned the victory striking out eleven batters in



PHOTO BY BECKY ZELENCKO

Lydia Blatz prepares to take a lead from third.

five innings.

In game two with East Central, the eagles held a slim lead in the bottom of the third. The Dragons secured their third win of the season scoring nine runs. Robin Odegard slugged a bases loaded double

that cleared the bases and Lydia Blatz followed it up with a double of her own. Blatz would go two for three and lead the Dragons in hits in this game. The Dragons win game two, 13-7.

After the sweep of the Eagles, the Dragons dropped three straight. Thursday night was a rematch with the Tigers. One bright spot on the evening was Kadence Wallenberg who would go two for three at the plate and lead the offense. The Dragons would lose this one 10-0 in five innings.

On Friday, the Dragons hosted the Aitkin Gobblers in two five innings games. The Dragons would quickly get the offense started in game one. Senior Brynna Reiser would drive in a run and score in the first inning, taking the lead. Coach Dennis on the evening said, “We

were aggressive at the plate on bases, but the errors were too much to overcome.”

The Dragons would rack up seven hits in game one. Reiser and Elivia Montbriand all managed multiple hits for the Dragons. Sam Schneider was in the circle striking out three. The Dragons would commit seven errors in the game ultimately giving Aitkin too many chances; they lose game one, 8-4.

Game two featured much of the same as game one. Schneider again was in the circle, this time she would strike out five batters. The Dragons would not hit the Gobblers in this game but the errors ultimately doomed the Dragons. Dragons lose game two, 6-3.

Boys Basketball names all-conference and honorable mention earners, coach reflects on season

BY HEIDI BURGER
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The Dragon Boys Basketball team had their end-of-season banquet on Sunday, April 24. Many were in attendance to celebrate the athletes and coaches.

REFLECTION ON SEASON

An end to a season is bittersweet, but it is always good to look back and reflect on each season. Coach Allen and the Dragon boys have goals they set each season. This 2021-2022 season, they accomplished their goal of again winning the conference title. They also were able to go undefeated in their conference.

When asked about goals, Coach Allen said one goal that was not accomplished was to win twenty-plus games in the season. This is a goal that the Dragons always have and have been able to achieve each of the past seasons since 2015. This year, they fell short by two. When asked why, Coach Allen said, “We felt we really needed to up our level of play, so we added better and bigger competition. Good for us, but we weren’t able to reach that goal of twenty-plus wins.”

Allen feels the team’s section is one of the toughest in the state. “This really speaks to the level of play in our section,” he said. Allen and the Dragons have worked hard and have accomplished many feats in the past years. It has been beneficial to have such tough competition.

ANY REGRETS THIS SEASON?

Coach Allen responded, “It took awhile to gel



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All-Conference and honorable mention earners: Kameron Juscak (All-Conference), Colton Blaisdell (Honorable mention), Dylan Petersen (All-Conference), Cole Waxberg (All-Conference), Luke Wilson (All-Conference).

and get started ... which was weird. We start over every year. We decided to bridge the two years (because of COVID). The hope was that we would be farther along at the start this year, but it didn’t work that way. Maybe it wasn’t the right move to make, and then coupled with tough play. But we really found our groove as the season went along. We were playing our best ball by the end of the year.”

LOOKING FORWARD

Coach Allen said, “A very talented JV group. We will lose six guys, but we are excited about the group coming in. They are different, possibly the most athletic group we’ve had yet in my opinion. We should have eight returning varsity players and hopefully more fighting for varsity spots. The returning varsity players are Riley Cummings, Nick Plasek, Mason Charles, Lamont Syd-

ney, Isaiah Hasz, Ashton Seals, Luke Wilson, and Merek Overtoom.

Summer basketball is designed to give the boys as much opportunity as possible. Allen is pumped to use the new weight room and very appreciative of all that has been done to make huge improvements on it. “Off season is all about the individual and what they need to get better and us giving them that opportunity for them,” stated Allen.

When asked why he coaches, what is his motivation in building this program, Coach Allen replied, “I coach for the relationships. We do things differently in our program. I think it is really cliché to say your team or program is ‘family,’ but we really do believe and act that way. This includes the good and the bad. You love your family, but families also fight because they are so close and together

so much. We bring in anyone/everyone that is willing to do what we ask; there is a mutual love and respect for those who chose to walk the walk. Giving our youth the opportunity to be a part of what we do and how we do it is why I coach. I want to help create great young men and women through basketball.”

Here is what Coach Allen has to say about the senior basketball players who will be graduating this spring: “On Kameron Juscak, what a storied career. He will go down as one of the best to put on a Pine City jersey; On Dylan Petersen, his grit and grind were second to none. His heart made him as special as he was; On Jason Thieman, Jason’s growth as a player from the start to end of his career has been impressive. He went from a kid who had never played organized basketball to a huge cog on the last two conference championship teams; On Colton Blaisdell, I can’t say this enough – Colton is the smartest kid in the school. His ability to do what was asked of him and put the team first will live on in our program. He will forever be the example; On Cole Waxberg, Cole was a special basketball player and scorer. Some things you cannot teach – Cole’s abilities were special; On Micah Overtoom, Micah took on a leadership role in the program this year. He put the program and team first always. He helped grow and advance our program; and on team manager Brynna

Dragon Boys and Girls Track Team Dominate Tigerama Invite

BY HEIDI BURGER
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On Tuesday, May 3, the Dragon track team attended the Rush City Tigerama Invitational. Both girls and boys took first place by a good amount of points. Coach Jared Clementson said, “It was sunny and the temps were in the mid 50s which was great for most. We took a different approach with this meet. We decided to change up many of our athletes into events they don’t do very often. We also used this meet as a good ‘workout’ for many of our top athletes. Giving them a challenging array of events. We got out of it what we wanted as far as that goes, and the icing on the cake was that both teams managed to win despite the changes.”

DRAGON GIRLS TRACK

The girls 4x200m relay won with a time of 1:58.8. The 4x100m relay also won with a time of 55.8. Summer Thieman won the 300m hurdles in a time of 53.8. Abby Agaard won the triple jump with a jump of 30 feet 11.5 inches. Lena Roubinek won the shot put at 31 feet 3.5 inches. Maggie Smetana won the discus with a throw of 111 feet 7 inches. Arissa Rydberg placed second in the 400m dash in a time of 66.3, which is her personal best.

DRAGON BOYS TRACK

The biggest highlight of the day came from

the boy’s 4x800m relay, said Clementson. “We put our top four guys together to see how fast they could go, and they proved that they could go fast,” he said.

Eighth grader Weston Clementson started things out fast with a personal best split of 2:11.8. Freshman Braxton Peetz kept things moving with a PB split of 2:14.3. Freshman Charlie Ausmus flew and ran a PB split of 2:06.9. Freshman Eli Fromm finished strong with a PB split of 2:14.9. The boys won by a minute in a time of 8:48. This time puts them seventh on the Pine City top ten list. “It was a race to see!” added Clementson.

The boys 4x200m relay also ran their best time and came in first place with a time of 1:44.6. The 4x400m relay team came in first in a time of 4:02.8. Senior Drake Willert won the 400m dash in a time of 57.0, his personal best. Freshman Roman McKinney had his best time this season in the 3200m run and placed first with a time of 11:59.0. Senior Micah Overtoom won the discus with a throw of 122 feet 9 inches. He also placed second in the shot put with a personal best toss of 42 feet 3 inches. He is now number 6 on the Pine City Top Ten List.

The Dragons Girls and Boys Track team will head to Cloquet on Tuesday, May 10 for True Team. The Great River Conference Championship meet will be in East Central on the following Tuesday, May 17.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Kameron Juscak and Karly Juscak (Conference MVPs for Dragon boys and girls basketball).

Reiser, she is one of the best managers I have had. She is organized, has phenomenal leadership qualities and most importantly, can keep me from losing my mind!”

ALL-CONFERENCE, HONORABLE MENTION

This year’s All-Conference earners are Kameron Juscak, Dylan Petersen, Cole Waxberg, and Luke Wilson. Colton Blaisdell earned Honorable-Mention. Juscak also won Conference MVP.

Group Respite is back at Immanuel Lutheran Church

PRESS RELEASE
EDITOR@PINECITYMN.COM

Lakes and Pines Community Action Council is bringing back the in-person Respite Program for adults.

Respite is a short term, temporary relief to support caregivers who are caring for loved ones. Respite allows caregivers to step away from their duties to refresh and recharge, which benefits both the caregiver and care receiver. Offering respite is giving a gift of time!

Lakes and Pines is offering this gift of time to caregivers at respite sessions twice a month in each community; North Branch, Pine City and a newly formed session in Mora. They will also continue to offer virtual respite sessions as long as there is interest.

A typical respite session includes conversation, coffee and a light snack, brain-stimulating activities, an art project or craft and possibly

light exercise like chair stretches or pool noodle volleyball, and plenty of socialization. There is one volunteer for each participant at the in-person sessions as well as staff.

Volunteers are essential for service. The number of respite participants is limited to the number of volunteers. There must be one volunteer for each care receiver. If you enjoy visiting with people, helping out with arts and crafts and are available for a three-hour block of time once or twice a month please volunteer.

Contact Lakes and Pines for more information or to enroll in respite or become a volunteer. Select Option 4 when calling 320-679-1800 or 800-832-6082, or email lap@lakesandpines.org. This services are funded in part under contract with Central Minnesota Council on Aging as part of the Older Americans Act Program.

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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Though organizers and supporters of the Northern Lights Express (NLX) felt the project had been gaining steam, especially with President Biden’s infrastructural financial backing, the project stalled in the Minnesota Senate last Monday, May 2.

The Minnesota Senate passed an amendment to the Senate Transportation omnibus bill prohibiting the Minnesota Department of Transportation from spending funds on the Northern Lights Express (NLX) passenger rail project. The rail project would provide passenger rail service between Duluth and Minneapolis, with proposed stops in Hinckley, Cambridge, Coon Rapids, and Superior, Wisc.

Sen. Jason Rarick said in an interview with the News Tribune earlier in the month that he didn’t see many people utilizing the train as it would take longer than a bus or any other form of transportation, adding that he doesn’t see the cost being worth the usage.

“We have not had a successful rail project



in this state yet; they all operate off government subsidies, and this one will be no different,” said Rarick to the Pine City Pioneer. “I would rather the money be invested in roads and bridges as that is the type of transportation Minnesotans use.”

NLX public relations consultant, Jill Brown, stated in a press release that while the Senate’s action is disappointing, the project is still very much in reach due to strong support in the Minnesota House and Governor’s office.

“End of session negotiations this month between the House, Senate and Governor’s Office will determine what happens next with NLX and if the state will be able to use the \$85

million appropriated in the House bill to unlock up to \$340 million in federal funds,” stated Brown in the press release. “That’s enough to have people riding the train within three to four years.”

The federal funding is a game changer in this debate, which has been going on for years, according to Sandstone Mayor Peter Spartz. Spartz says with four round trips daily, NLX advocates hope to give people more choices in where to live, work, play, attend school, and access needed services such as healthcare. Timing is key.

“We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with the new federal dollars in the Infrastructure Bill,” Spartz

said. “Billions of dollars will be invested to connect communities and economies with rail across the country. If we let another state’s train project benefit from Minnesota’s federal tax dollars, I’ll be very disappointed. Those dollars should come back to Minnesota to help our veterans, our seniors, our business people, our students, and more.”

The proposed trips for the NLX are to run four round trips per day between Target Field in Minneapolis and the Depot in Duluth, with stops at Coon Rapids, Cambridge, Hinckley, and Superior. If funding was secured, people would start riding in about three years. Travel time between Minneapolis and Duluth is anticipated to be around two and a half hours.

Opponents of the project cite the overall cost that could be placed into the existing infrastructure, the \$30 for a one-way trip and the \$60 round trip cost per person which would be much more costly for a family to ride the train versus vehicle travel. They also note that transportation from the station to a destination would have to be accessed.

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SCHOOL: Pine City Schools parts ways with superintendent

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that the agreement may not be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing by or on behalf of Foley, the District or any party identified in interest with the parties. Each party is responsible for its own costs and attorney fees associated with the agreement as well.

A similar separation agreement, with a much larger length of pay out, occurred between Foley and the St. Cloud School District prior to Foley coming to Pine City. As per that agreement, Foley was placed on administrative leave in April 2013 amid complaints about her leadership at Westwood Elementary School as principal. The agreement ended her tenure there two years early, and she was allowed to collect as much as \$271,497 in wages and benefits over the two years. There the school in a principal evaluation summary, which the Pioneer gained from a public record’s request to St. Cloud Schools, said Foley caused division of staff members, caused distrust by disparaging staff to other members of the staff or to parents, and there were concerns about her honesty and integrity. A significant

number of teachers and staff, stated in the evaluation, experienced feelings of chaos, stress, fear and intimidation under Foley’s leadership. Some sought medical help to deal with the negative climate that was created at Westwood under Ms. Foley, the evaluation stated.

TUMULTUOUS YEAR IN PINE CITY SCHOOLS

Under Foley’s tenure, which has been approximately 10 months, two school board members resigned; the high school principal, Troy Anderson, resigned; high school assistant principal, Beth Allen, resigned her position and took another job at the elementary; payroll specialist, Janel Murphy, resigned; long-time business manager, Jill Nolan, resigned; and all three of Foley’s administrative assistants have resigned. Teachers, staff and community members filled the seventh grade commons area at a number of meetings to share concern over the unresolved teachers’ contract and concern over the school climate and resignations. Concerns over a “general lack of respect and trust within the district” and the “continuous dismantling of the district

– morally, ethically, emotionally, and relationally” were some of the concerns noted during the public forum.

FUTURE STEPS

School board chair, Dan Peterson, stated that an interim superintendent would need to be hired as the board is currently in the process of hiring a new school superintendent. This discussion will take place at a special meeting on Friday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Seventh Grade House.

Foley has recently been announced a top four finalist for the Superintendent position at Rocori Schools in Cold Spring, Minn.

SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 6

The Pine City School boardroom was a full house during the special meeting on Friday, May 6, and the Pine County Sheriff Jeff Nelson was called in to maintain peace. At that meeting, the separation agreement with Foley was approved with board members Dan Peterson, Tim Geisler, Candice Ames, JacLynn Cavillin, and Lezlie Sauter voting in favor of the separation agreement and Becci Palmblade voting against the separation agreement.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED

Peterson stated that there is a staff member, Cindy Stolp, who is licensed to be a superintendent and is willing to step in on an interim basis. Palmade stated her concern because there wasn’t any board discussion leading up to the appointment. Peterson stated that the decision needed to be made urgently and that these type of board decisions are part of the role of board chair.

Sauter questioned if Stolp is a candidate for the permanent school superintendent position and if she was, if there would be a conflict in respect to reviewing applications and attending meetings where candidates are discussed. Peterson responded that it is not uncommon to run into this type of situation and assured Sauter it could be worked around if she were a candidate. As of the Friday board meeting, Ray & Associates, the superintendent search firm, had not disclosed the applicant names to the school board.

“She’s (Stolp) very familiar with the district,” said Peterson. “I think she’s well aware of the steps and with any job, there will be new things

to deal with and a learning curve.”

Sauter and Palmblade questioned who would be training Stolp on the superintendent duties since there is currently no administrative assistant as the most recent one resigned.

Peterson stated that it is not the job of the school board to do the superintending. Ames explained that superintendents must be certified to do the job which includes an internship under another superintendent. “The people who have the certification here either interned here in Pine City or another local school,” noted Ames. “This is not someone who will come to us with no academic education and will be knowledgeable in school law, finance and have a practical application of those policies ... any support we can give that individual is a positive thing.”

Peterson added that the benefit of having someone internal is that they understand the goals of the district.

The appointment of Stolp as interim superintendent was approved unanimously.

Local DNR CO reports

PRESS RELEASE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CO Ben Karon (Pine City) spent time this week checking anglers and hunters. Many nuisance and miscellaneous animal-related calls were taken care of. Patrol for illegal OHM (off-highway motorcycle) activity was conducted.

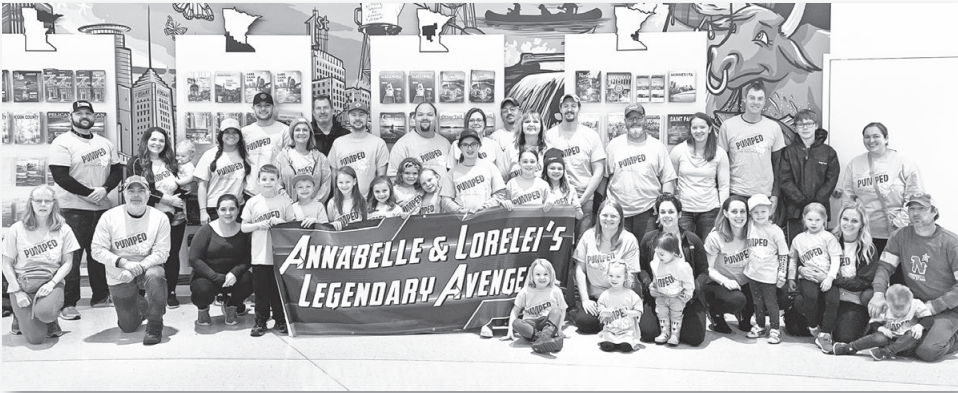
CO Mike Krauel (Mora) spent the week working a busy crappie bite. Anglers were finding a good bite on area lakes and numerous complaints of taking overlimits were investigated. Krauel also patrolled for ATV activity as numerous ATV riders were out enjoying the start of the warm weather. Enforcement action was taken for an overlimit of crappies, angling without a license, transporting water from a lake, illegal operation of an ATV, unregistered ATV, and speeding over 100 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone.

CO Scott Arntzen (Forest Lake) spent the week working an enforcement detail focusing on boat and water safety. He also dealt with nuisance-bear calls, a trespassing complaint and fielded calls about accessing water bodies from the road right-of-way. Arntzen also spent time patrolling the area WMAs checking turkey hunters.

‘Annabelle and Lorelei’s Legendary Avengers’ walk for a cure

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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A Pine City family has been lifted up in support by family and friends to help find a cure for diabetes. Annabelle (age 9) and Lorelei (age 6) Mishler have both been diagnosed with diabetes at a young age. Their parents, Joe (who works as a Pine County Sheriff’s Office K9 officer, and Mandie (who teaches sixth grade at Pine City Elementary School) recently walked in an event at the Mall of America to support finding a cure.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

A group of family and friends gathered at the Mall of America recently to walk for a diabetes cure. Below are the Mishlers: Joe, Annabelle, Charlotte, Logan, Mandie and Lorelei.

ily, no two days with diabetes are the same. At every meal and snack, the girls have to take insulin. Annabelle uses an insulin pump, and Lorelei is on injections because she is newly diagnosed. If their blood sugar is too high or low they have to adjust by either eating or taking insulin.

“It can be a roller coaster that comes with lost sleep, big emotions and frustration,” said Mandie. “We always travel with sugar snacks in case they go low and we have to plan ahead whenever we leave the house. Diabetes can be tough and exhausting, but we just focus on staying positive and being thankful that our kids have a strong support system to help them.”

“Having an older sister with diabetes has helped me understand it. Sometimes the “pokes” aren’t fun,” noted Lorelei.

“Sometimes it’s tough because I have to take breaks from fun things to fix my blood sugar,



and it can be frustrating,” added Annabelle.

Overall the girls handle it very well, said Mandie, and as with any illness, they can get frustrated or overwhelmed on certain days. “They work hard to manage their illness ... kids and can be tough. They have a huge support system made up of

family, friends, amazing teachers and a school nurse who helps them to manage it.”

The girls will have a life long dependence on insulin unless and until they find a cure. For more information on juvenile diabetes and how you can help find a cure, visit <https://www.jdrf.org/>.

FIRE: Partnering jurisdictions moving toward fire district

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Royalton, along with the cities of Pine City, Henriette and Rock Creek, were in attendance.

Those townships and cities met earlier on their own on March 23 to discuss the possibility of creating their own fire district citing concerns with significant increases to their fire service contracts.

Shawn Linnell, a superintendent for Pine City Township, spoke on behalf of the group. “We’ve been meeting a couple times as a group and have had discussion among ourselves as to the amount on the contracts coming in, and that has been concerning to us,” said Linnell.

He added that they would like to see the City follow the League of Minnesota Cities’ and the Minnesota Townships Association’s formula for calculating a tax base and use market value on both taxable



and non-taxable structures. Linnell said that seeing the fire department’s final budget is an issue as the participating townships and cities have not been getting the budget in time to set an accurate levy.

Another issue brought to the City’s attention was the lack of voice in making decisions for the fire department. “When you go to a fire district, you statutorily have voting powers. Each jurisdiction would have representation on a board ... they would all vote on things together.”

said Linnell. “The population is going to continue to grow and having a voice in finances is very important. We’re pretty set on having a district, and everyone wants to work together. We’re hoping the City wants to work with us.”

Pine City Council member, Mary Kay Sloan, noted that she examined the contracts and saw they were identical except for the tax base calculation formula. “Why was it agreed to?” she asked Linnell. Linnell responded that he believed attorneys

got involved but wasn’t entirely sure.

Council member Kyle Palmer brought up the idea of forming a fire district, merging the City of Pine City with the concerned parties present at the meeting. Linnell responded that it hadn’t been considered but that he would look into it.

Linnell said that if a fire district was formed, substations would be located throughout the county and would likely lower property owners’ insurance rates.

Sloan said, “We’ll talk about this and work hard to make sure those things that are lacking will be done.”

Linnell added that he put all of the concerns at the top of the list with forming a fire district as a last resort.

The next meeting on the topic will take place at the Pine City Township Hall on May 18 at 7 p.m.



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Senior High Pops Concert

The Senior High Pops Concert was a treat for all those in attendance Monday night, May 9. Band director, Blake Groe, directed concert band, jazz band and drum lines in a series of performances. Dinosaurs even made a guest appearance!



PHOTOS BY KELLEN MONTAGUE

End of an era

Long time junior high band director, Kevin Cahill, led his last band performance last week and is retiring after spending 39 years teaching band at Pine City Schools. Cahill’s children made a surprise appearance and sat in with the band, pictured below.



OBITUARIES

Russell Feigum

Russel Eugene Edison Feigum passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loved ones on Thursday, April 21st, 2022. He was the son of Robert and Mabel Feigum, the fifth of ten children. Russel was born on October 25, 1931 east of Pine City on the old Brogrin Farm. He was raised in Kingsdale, Minn. He met and married Theresa Spisso on January 20, 1963. They were blessed with two children; Erik Westin Feigum and Amy Beth Feigum.

Russ enlisted in the Army in 1951. He served honorably and was a proud member of the 11th Airborne Division, earning his wings in 1952. If you ever had the pleasure to listen to his stories you quickly learned that the days that he served his country was some of the best days of his life. He was really proud of that accomplishment.

When he was discharged from the service he moved to New York where he met and married his first wife Madeline Sidarie. the union produced his son, Steven Russell Feigum in 1955. Russ worked in his sister's pie business for a few years before becoming indentured as a bricklayer mason. he remained in the trade for over 60 years.

While in New York, Russell met the love of his life, Theresa Spisso. Russell and Theresa moved with their two children, Erik and Amy, from New York to Minn, in 1976. They bought "The Farm" on Browns Corner in Pine City, Minn. in 1977. Russell remained self-employed for over 60 years serving hundreds, if not thousands of homes in the Pine County area with foundations, chimneys, driveways, and sidewalks as Russ Feigum Masonry.

Russel is survived by his wife Theresa, his son Steven (Kim, their children Drew and Jenny), special friend Carol Overacker. His son Erik (Brenda) and children; Justyne Hope, Trevor Westin, Jennica Faith; his Daughter Amy Beth and her children; Derick and Sydney (Stormy.) Great grand children; Braden Russell, Paysen Lyn, Trinity Lyn and Cooper Russell, Jefferson, Byron and Andrew.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Mabel Feigum; his brothers Bob (Zelda and Barbara), Merle (Lois Ann), and Donald (Willow); his sisters Margaret (Dale) Austin, Connie (Lyn) Coleman, and Norma (Lloyd) Dalsveen and sister-in-law Becky Feigum.

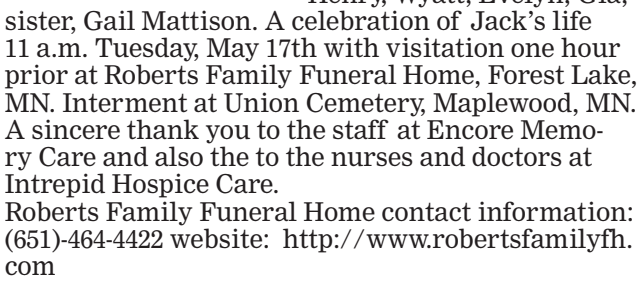
A Celebration of Life will be held at that American Legion in Pine City on Saturday, June 18. 2022 from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

Sheriff Report
Sunday, May 1, 2022
6:33 p.m., **Suspicious Activity**, Diamond Rd, Pine City
6:41 p.m., **Customer Trouble** Deer Valley Rd, Pine City
Monday, May 2, 2022
10:01 a.m., **Harassment**, State Hwy 107, Grasston
3:04 p.m., **Order Violation**, Northridge Dr NW, Pine City
9:49 p.m., **Vehicle Information Call**, Pokegama Lake Rd, Pine City
10:28 p.m., **MVA Property Damage**, Pokegama Lake Rd, Pine City
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
9:21 a.m., **Damage to Property**, Ravine Rd, Pine City
1:59 p.m., **Personal Injury Accident** Milburn Rd, Pine City
8:03 p.m., **Threats**, Hillside Ave SW, Pine City
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
2:29 a.m., **Trespass**, 4th Ave, Brook Park
1:13 p.m., **Theft**, 8th St SW, Pine City
3:07 p.m., **Vehicle Theft**, 5th Ave SW, Henriette
6:51 p.m., **Unknown Trouble**, Rice Rd, Brook Park
Thursday, May 5, 2022
10:16 a.m., **Damage to Vehicle**, 7th St SW, Pine City
5:21 p.m., **Theft, Hillside Ave SW**, Pine City
Friday May 6, 2022
2:21 p.m., **Vehicle Theft**, Lakeview Shore Dr, Pine City
6:50 p.m., **Disturbance**, Homestead Rd, Pine City
6:59 p.m., **Disturbance**, 4th St SE, Pine City
Saturday May 7, 2022
9:52 p.m., **Burglary**, Liberty Rd, SE, Pine City
Jail Roster
May 2
GOODIN, PAUL JOSEPH
Probable Cause - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
LUCIO, ROBERTO
Probable Cause - Drugs - Aggravated Controlled Substance Crime 1st Degree and Firearm
MORELAND, ANDREW HARRISON
Probable Cause - Traffic -

Jack O. Ness

Jack O. Ness of Pine City, formerly of St. Paul passed away peacefully on May 5, 2022 in Hugo, at the age of 83. Jack is preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Karen J. Ness; great-grandson, Frankie; sister, Wilma Cashin. He is survived by children, Mark (Wendy) Ness, Rebecca (Dave) Pecchia, John (Paula) Ness, Deborah Ness; grandchildren, Jennifer, Brad (Jessica), Danny (Abigail), Brian (Christie), Valerie (Josh), Meagan, Kevin (Stacey), Holly (Matt); great-grandchildren, Noah, Tate, Cooper, William, Henry, Wyatt, Evelyn, Gia; sister, Gail Mattison. A celebration of Jack's life 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 17th with visitation one hour prior at Roberts Family Funeral Home, Forest Lake, MN. Interment at Union Cemetery, Maplewood, MN. A sincere thank you to the staff at Encore Memory Care and also the to the nurses and doctors at Intrepid Hospice Care. Roberts Family Funeral Home contact information: (651)-464-4422 website: <http://www.robertsfamilyfh.com>



Thank You

Thank you for coming to my 85th birthday party at Pizza Pub on April 30, 2022. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

Oscar Thorson

PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours - Traffic - DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; 1 Aggravating Factor
RABBERS, CHRISTOPHER STEVEN
Pine County Warrant: Contempt Warrant issued by Pine, MN - Contempt of Court - Fail to Pay Ordered Child Support
REISER, EMMA MARIE
Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 1st Degree - Manufacture Methamphetamine - Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 25 grams or more cocaine or methamphetamine - Dangerous Weapons-Metal Knuckles/Switch Blade Dangerous Weapons-Metal Knuckles/ Switch Blade - Arrest of Adult
May 3
ENGLUND, SCOTT ALLEN
Pre-Trial Supervision Violation - Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration under 18/ Contact under 14-Fear Great Bodily Harm
GRUNDMANN, BRANDON ALLEN
Hold For Other Agency: Failure to Appear Warrant issued
LUKE, BRADLY MARTIN
Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Misdemeanor Warrant issued by - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
SHEIK-YUSUF, ABDIRAHMAN JAMA
Probable Cause - Disorderly Conduct -
VELAZQUEZ, DAVID CRUZ
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Give Peace Officer False Name/Birthdate/ ID Card - Arrest of Adult - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted
May 4
LARSON, TYLER WERNER
Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Felony Warrant issued by Pine, MN - Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 Grams or More a Narcotic Drug Other Than Heroin - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
- Traffic - DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Blood or urine as required by search Warrant
MARTIN, CURTIS LEE
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Possess Ammo/ Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence - Drugs -3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin - Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult
MCCLANAHAN, STEVEN
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of intoxicating substance - Impaired - Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/ Peace Officer - Drivers' Licenses - Driving - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol - Arrest of Adult
NORDBY, DANIEL GORDON
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 2nd Degree - Sale 10 Grams or More - A narcotic other than heroin w/in 90-Day Period - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation - Traffic - Speeding - Exceed Limit 55 mph Where Appropriate - Traffic Collision - Driver Involved Fails to Stop for Collision - Driven or Attended Vehicle - Arrest of Adult
RIVERA SANCHEZ, EVER OMAR
Probable Cause: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous - Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk - Assault-2nd

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Rubert and Avis Pangerl of Pine City recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Jim and Bev Sward were the best man and maid of honor at the Little Brown Church in the Vale, Nassua, IA, in 1957.

Pictured left to right are Jim and Bev Sward, Rubert and Avis Pangerl

Spring college graduates

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

- **Kailey Jackson**, BSSW, Social Work
- **Collin Jaworski**, BS, Biochemistry
- **Carly Sylvester**, MS, Counseling and Student Personnel

Degree-Dangerous Weapon
SMITH, MATTHEW JUSTIN
Probable Cause - Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Suspension - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana
WILSON, GREGORY BRIAN
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Physically Assaults - Disarming a Peace Officer - Take Defensive Device from Peace Officer/ Area Controlled by Officer - Obstruct Legal Process-Lawful Execution Legal Process - Arrest of Adult
May 5
JONES, CYNTHIA LEE
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic
KULENKAMP, KRYSTLE
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Receiving Stolen Property - Traffic - DWI - Combination Any 2 Alcohol/ Controlled Substance/Intoxicating Substance
OTIS, DUSTIN JOSEPH
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Fugitive from Justice from Other State - Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Commit Crime-While Wear/Possess Bullet Resist Vest - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Receiving Stolen Property - Arrest of Adult
RUSH, JEFFERY MICHAEL PAUL
Probable Cause - Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death
WILLIAMS, ROBERT DONNELLE
Hold For Other Agency: Failure to Appear Warrant
May 6
BARRICK, SHELDON JOHN
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Prohib/ Poss Pistol-Possess/Use Tear Gas/Stun Gun - Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation - Disorderly Conduct
GARBOW, JAMES JOSEPH
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety - Arrest of Adult - Introduce Contraband-Drug/ Liquor into Jail/Lockup/Prison - Arrest of Adult
LOCHEN, STEVEN ROBERT
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic
May 7
RIECK, JOHN ROBERT
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle - Felon Convicted Crime of Violence - Firearm Violation - Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 25 grams or more cocaine or methamphetamine - Arrest of Adult
VILLARREAL, FRANCISCO IV
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation - Arrest of Adult
LUOMA, JUDY MAE
Probable Cause - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol
May 8
JOHNSON, STEFFANY LEE
Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Forgery-Use False Arrest of Adult
LENE-TARANGO, CARY
Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Burglary-1st Degree - Arrest of Adult

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
OTHER: CIVIL
Court File No. 58-CV-22-199
SUMMONS

Audette Properties, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
George R. Slade, Ella Carpenter
Slade, James E. Sherrill, Robert J.
Knapp, and 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: George R. Slade, Ella Carpenter
Slade, James E. Sherrill, Robert
J. Knapp, and all other persons
unknown claiming any right, title,
estate, interest, or lien in the real
estate described in the complaint
herein,

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The
Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against
you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against
you is on file in the office of the court
administrator of the above-named
court. 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
20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR
RIGHTS.** You must give or mail
to the person who signed this
summons a written response called
an Answer within 20 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:
Troth Law, LLC, 210 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:

PID: 14.0187.000
North Half of the South Half
of Southwest Quarter (N ½ of
S ½ of SW ¼) and the South
Half of the South Half of the
Southwest Quarter (S ½ of S ½ of
SW ¼), Section Twenty-six (26),
Township Forty-three (43), Range
Eighteen (18).

Subject to a non-exclusive
easement for road purposes over
the Westerly 16 ½ feet thereof and
existing trailways.

Together with a non-exclusive
easement for road purposes
over the Easterly 16 ½ feet of the
Southeast Quarter of the Northeast
Quarter (SE ¼ of NE ¼), Section
Twenty-seven (27), Township
Forty-three (43), Range Eighteen
(18), and over the Westerly 16 ½
feet of the Southwest Quarter of
the Northwest Quarter (SW ¼ of
NW ¼) and the West Half of the
Southwest Quarter (W ½ of SW

¼), all in Section 26, Township
43, Range 18, and over existing
trailways located therein.

The object of this action is to obtain
an Order for the following relief:
a. Determining that Plaintiff is
the owner of the subject property
described above in fee simple; and
that none of the Defendants have any
right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the
real estate described in the Complaint.

**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.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2022.

Troth Law, LLC
/s/ Chelsie Troth
Chelsie Troth
Attorney for Plaintiff
210 Main Street South
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 629-2727
Attorney Reg. No. 0395709
Published in the Pine City
Pioneer May 5, 12 19, 2022

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-22-45
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION
OF HEIRS, FORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

In Re:Estate of
Kathy Eilene Bengston
a/k/a Kathy E. Bengston
a/k/a Kathy Bengston
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is
given that on June 7, 2022, at 3:30
p.m., a hearing will be held in this
Court at 635 Northridge Drive NW,
Pine City, Minnesota, 55063, VIA
ZOOM REMOTE TECHNOLOGY
on a petition for the adjudication
of intestacy and determination
of decedent's heirs, and for the
appointment of Laura Kay Clemmer,
whose address is 615 Highview
Loop SE, Pine City, MN 55063 as
Personal Representative of the
decedent's estate in an unsupervised
administration.

Any objections to the petition must
be raised at the hearing or filed with
the Court prior to the hearing. If the
petition is proper and no objections
are filed or raised, the Personal
Representative will be appointed
with the full power to administer
the decedent's estate, including
the power to collect all assets; pay
all legal debts, claims, taxes, and
expenses; sell real and personal
property; and do all necessary acts
for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that,
subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801,
all creditors having claims against
the decedent's estate are required
to present the claims to either of the
Co-Personal Representatives or to
the Court within four (4) months after
the date of this notice or the claims
will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: April 25, 2022
/s/ Heather M. Wynn
Heather M. Wynn
Judge of District Court
Amy Willert
Court Administrator
CABAK LAW, LLC
John M. Cabak
MN# 0388929
243 Main Street S
Pine City, MN 55063
Telephone: 320-629-2529
Facsimile: 855-629-2500
e-mail: john@cabaklaw.com
Published in the Pine City
Pioneer May 5, 12, 2022

**BIDS CLOSE JUNE 6, 2022
PINE COUNTY, MN**

Sealed proposals will be
RECEIVED until 10:00 a.m. Monday
June 6, 2022, by David Minke,
Pine County Administrator at 635
Northridge Drive NW Pine City, MN
on behalf of the Pine County Board
of Commissioners for construction
of the county projects listed below.
Proposals will be opened and
read publicly in the Administrator
Conference Room by the County
Engineer or his representative at the
Pine County Courthouse in Pine City,
MN at 10:00 a.m.

Minimum wage rates to be paid
by the Contractors have been

predetermined and are subject to the
Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581
and implementing regulations.

Contract #2202
• **SAP 058-603-011**
On CSAH 3, from CSAH 2 to CSAH
8; 4.5 miles
• **SAP 058-628-014**
On CSAH 28, from CSAH 61 to the
West County Line; 9.5 miles
• **SAP 058-632-019**
On CSAH 32 from CSAH 33 to
CSAH 22; 7.0 miles
• **SAP 058-635-009**
On CSAH 35 from CSAH 28 to TH
18; 4.5 miles
CP 058-022-003 Windemere
Township project: Warbler Lane;
430 FT

Major quantities of work
(combined): 17,432 TONS CLASS
5 AGG. BASE; 460,781 SY FULL
DEPTH RECLAMATION; 99,385
SY PERMEABLE CEMENT
STABILIZED BASE; 348,467 SY
MILL BITUMINOUS 2.0"; 37,383
TONS BITUMINOUS SURFACING
TYPE ½" (2,B); 49,766 TONS
BITUMINOUS SURFACING TYPE
¾" (2,B); 331,502 LF 4" SOLID LINE
AND 22,450 BROKEN LINE MULTI-
COMP. GR-IN (WR) PAVEMENT
MARKING.

Plans are available on EGram.
For a user ID contact Sherri at
(320) 216-4200 or sherri.anderson@
co.pine.mn.us

Hard copies of plans and
specifications may be examined
and secured for \$100 at the Pine
County Public Works Department,
405 Airport Road NE, Pine City MN
55063.

Bids must be accompanied by a
Corporate Surety Bond in an amount
not less than 5 percent of the total
bid price. The County Board of Pine
County reserves the right to reject
any or all bids and to waive any
informalities. By order of the Pine
County Board of Commissioners.
/s/ Mark A. LeBrun
Mark A. LeBrun, County Engineer
Pine County, Minnesota
Published in the Pine City
Pioneer May 12, 19, 26, 2022

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
Court File No. 58-PR-22-37
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS (Without a Will)

Estate of

Ronald Francis Weber,
Deceased

**TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is given that an application
for informal appointment of personal
representative has been filed with
the Probate Registrar. No will has
been presented for probate. The
application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the
Registrar has informally appointed
the following: Daniel Weber, 7525
Mississippi Trail, Hastings, MN
55033, as Personal Representative
of the Estate of Decedent. Any heir
or other interested person may be
entitled to appointment as personal
representative or may object to
the appointment of the Personal
Representative. Unless objections
are filed with the Court (Pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607)
and the Court otherwise orders, the
personal representative has full power
to administer the Estate including, after
30 days from the date of issuance of
letters, the power to sell, encumber,
lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the Petition
must be filed with the Court prior to
or raised at the hearing. If proper,
and no objections are filed or raised,
the Petition may be granted.

Notice is also given that, subject
to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-
801, all creditors having claims
against the Estate are required to
present the claims to the Personal
Representative or to the Court
Administrator within four (4) months
after the date of this Notice, or the
claims will be barred.

Dated: April 25, 2022
BY THE COURT
/s/ Pamela Kreier
Probate Registrar
Amy Willert
Court Administrator
Published in the Pine City
Pioneer May 12, 19, 2022

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
OF THE PINE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022
10:00 A.M.
NORTH PINE GOVERNMENT
CENTER, 1602 HWY. 23 NORTH
SANDSTONE, MINNESOTA**

Chair Hallan called the meeting
to order at 10:00 a.m. Present
were Commissioners Josh Mohr,
Terry Lovgren, J.J. Waldhalm
and Matt Ludwig. Also present
was County Administrator David
Minke and County Attorney Reese
Frederickson.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was
said.

Chair Hallan called for public
comment. Ailene Croup urged the
board to give considerable attention
to the amendments requested to the
Solid Waste Ordinance at regular
agenda item #1.

Motion by Commissioner
Lovgren to adopt the amended
Agenda. Second by Commissioner
Waldhalm. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig
to approve the Minutes of the April
5, 2022 County Board Meeting and
Summary for publication. Second by
Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr
to approve the Minutes of the
April 12, 2022 Special Meeting-
Committee of the Whole. Second
by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion
carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and
Correspondence
None.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig
to approve the amended Consent
Agenda. Second by Commissioner
Lovgren. Motion carried 5-0.

Fund March 31, 2021	
March 31 2022 Increase/Decrease	
General Fund	3,387,467
3,642,426	254,956
Health and Human Services Fund	
1,604,251	2,019,778
415,527	
Road and Bridge Fund	1,497,473
2,569,131	1,071,659
COVID Relief	0.00
2,413,212	2,413,212
Land	2,571,571
2,485,478	(86,093)
511,439	(98,523)
TOTAL (inc nonmajor funds)	
11,286,696	15,246,629
3,959,933	

The following vendors with claims of
\$2,000 or more, and 481 claims under
\$2,000 or not needing approval totaling
\$1,118,361.72 were paid during the
period of March 1, 2022-March 31,
2022: AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES,
5,593.61; Aml Cleaning Service, Inc,
4,000.00; Askov Deep Rock, 6,452.04;
Auto Value-Hinckley, 2,490.25;
BAUER CONSTRUCTION, 5,430.91;
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF
MINNESOTA, 4,650.50; CalTopo LLC
(Cardmember Service), 2,000.00;
Central Mn Jobs & Training Services,
11,350.15; CENTRAL ROOFING
COMPANY, 103,851.00; COMPASS
MINERALS AMERICA, 75,360.40; Dhs
Maps Mmis Cd Maxis 998, 3,798.00;
DHS State Operated Services,
4,147.10; DOOLEYS PETROLEUM
INC, 27,012.74; Duluth Institute Inc,
2,850.00; East Central Energy Of
Braham, 12,200.14; East Central Reg
Juvenile Center, 8,884.87; Emergency
Automotive Technologies, Inc,
7,678.12; ERICKSON ENGINEERING
CO LLC, 7,124.50; Family Pathways
- North Branch, 4,072.50; FURTHER,
5,463.79; GUARDIAN, 9,300.75;
Heartland Girls Ranch, 8,200.64;
HERNESS CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, 7,400.00; HOMETOWN
FIBER LLC, 24,389.00; Information
Systems Corp-ISC, 16,057.00;
JONES CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES INC, 5,000.00; Kris
Engineering, Inc, 10,554.40; KRONOS
SAASHR INC, 2,609.41; LHB INC,
2,458.00; Lighthouse Child & Family
Services, LLC, 6,245.07; MADISON
NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC,
4,014.71; MEDICAREBLUE RX,
10,982.00; MEND CORRECTIONAL
CARE PLLC, 27,856.71; Mille Lacs
Band Family Services, 11,655.22;
MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES
CORP, 4,533.00; MINNESOTA
POWER, 3,957.11; MN COUNTIES
COMPUTER COOP, 147,929.15; Mn
Life Insurance Company, 4,510.90;
Nexus-Gerard Family Healing LLC,
11,200.00; Nexus-Kindred Family
Healing, 5,611.20; Nexus-Mille Lacs
Family Healing, 13,693.25; North
Homes Inc, 30,828.14; NORTHSTAR
MEDIA INC, 2,830.20; Northwoods
Children Home, 10,447.08; Nuss
Truck Group Inc, 7,728.49; OWENS
COMPANIES INC, 13,769.86; PDS,
6,585.18; Pitney Bowes, 2,408.94;
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, 8,112.75;
PREMIER OUTDOOR SERVICES

OF MINNESOTA, 8,500.00; Pro-
West & Associates Inc, 11,240.31;
Purchase Power, 4,035.00; Reedsburg
Hardware Co., 2,249.66; Rolling Hills
Hospital LLC, 9,450.00; SCHNEIDER
GEOSPATIAL LLC, 2,898.00; SEH
INC, 2,835.02; Solid Oak Financial
Services, LLC, 4,250.00; Sue's Bus
Service Inc, 6,817.20; SUMMIT
FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT
LLC, 20,768.94; TEAMSTERS JOINT
COUNCIL 32, 113,790.00; THRIFTY
WHITE PHARMACY, 2,159.88; Town
Of Pokegama, 4,100.00; TRITECH
SOFTWARE SYSTEMS, 65,372.33;
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP – VOID,
391,314.12; UTILITY ASSOCIATES
INC, 4,807.50; Verizon Wireless,
7,513.17; Widseth Smith Nolting &
Assoc Inc, 3,137.50; Zahl Petroleum,
3,520.70.

Approve Resolution 2022-22
extending septic fix-up special
assessments for Hailey Nelson and
Bennett Larson, PID 28.0950.000,
\$11,000, and James Kollar, PID
28.5323.000, \$9,100.

Approve Resolution 2022-25
approving application for Premises
Permit for Moose Lake Area Hockey
Association to conduct lawful
gambling at Moose Lake Golf Club.

Approve Commissioners'
Expense Claim Forms.

Contracts -- Pine County Sheriff's
Office Law Enforcement/Windemere
Township Criminal Ordinance
Violations Enforcement.

Removed from Agenda.

**Public Hearing - County Zoning
Ordinance Amendment 2022-16 to
Consider Zoning Amendments for
the Township of Pine Lake and
Amending the Subsurface Sewage
Treatment Systems Ordinance.**

Land and Resources Manager
Caleb Anderson stated the Pine
Lake Township Board passed a
resolution opting in to the County
Zoning Ordinance and rescinding
their Township Land Use Zoning
Ordinance. Pine County Ordinance
2022-16 includes Pine Lake Township
in the county's zoning ordinance
and rescinds all Pine Lake Township
ordinances and amendments,
governing land use and zoning on
behalf of the Pine Lake Township
Board of Supervisors. Pine County
Ordinance 2022-16 also amends the
Pine County Subsurface Sewage
Treatment Systems Ordinance to
provide that recreational vehicles
used as principal dwellings must have
facilities for sewage management that
comply with the ordinance. The board
discussed the definition of "occasional
use" for recreational vehicles and the
requirements of this amendment.

Chair Hallan opened the public
hearing at 10:20 a.m. and called
for public comment. Pine Lake
Township Chair Dareld Schoenrock
was present and stated his concern
with seven campers on a 15-acre
parcel of river property with no sewer
management. Upon discussion, it
was determined that this situation is
currently being addressed through
the county Zoning Department.

Ailene Croup, present via
interactive technology, stated she
felt that requiring recreational
vehicles to have current registration
would be the best option for sewage
management due to ease in moving
the recreational vehicle to a dumping
station. There being no further
public comment, Chair Hallan closed
the public hearing at 10:25 a.m.

Commissioner Waldhalm
encouraged Mr. Schoenrock to follow
up his concerns with the Planning
Zoning and Solid Waste Department.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig
to approve Pine County Ordinance 2022-
16 amending the Pine County Zoning
Ordinance and rescinding all existing
land use and zoning ordinances and
amendments thereto adopted by Pine
Lake Township, also amending the
Pine County Subsurface Sewage
Treatment Systems Ordinance.
Second by Commissioner Mohr.
Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Committee Report
Commissioner Mohr provided
an overview of the April 11, 2022
Personnel Committee. The
Personnel Committee made the
following recommendation:

A. **Health & Human Services**
i. Recommend the hiring of a
Child Protection Services Social
Worker and request backfill of any
subsequent vacancies that may
occur due to internal promotion or
lateral transfer. This position has
been vacant since March 2020
due to work load and budget
considerations and is included and
is included in the 2022 HHS budget.

B. **Auditor / Treasurer**
i. Recommend the hiring of a

Property Appraiser with a target hire
date of June 1, 2022 and request
backfill of any subsequent vacancies
that may occur due to internal
promotion or lateral transfer.

C. **Sheriff's Office – Jail**
i. Acknowledge the resignation of
Corrections Officers Shaun Mitchell
(part-time, effective March 23,
2022), Joel Long (effective April 30,
2022), and Hunter Greicar (part-
time, effective April 1, 2022), and to
approve backfill of the positions and
any subsequent vacancies that may
occur due to internal promotion or
lateral transfer.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr
to approve Personnel Items 3A/i/
hiring of Child Protection Services
Social Worker, 3B/i/hiring of Property
Appraiser, and 3C/i/acknowledge
resignations of corrections officers
Shaun Mitchell, Joel Long and
Hunter Greicar and approval of
backfill of these positions and
any subsequent vacancies due to
internal promotion or lateral transfer.

D. **Administrator's Office**
i. Consider approval of Temporary
Personnel Policy 2022-1 Employee
Referral Bonus Program.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr
to approve Personnel Item 3D/
Temporary Personnel Policy 2022-1
Employee Referral Bonus Program
and designate \$25,000 from
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
funds to fund the program. Second
by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion
carried 4-1, with Commissioner
Waldhalm opposing.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr
to approve Resolution 2022-24
designating April 26, 2022 as County
Government Appreciation Day.
Second by Commissioner Waldhalm.
Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig
to approve Resolution 2022-23
recognizing correctional officers
and correctional employees in Pine
County. Second by Commissioner
Waldhalm. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig
acknowledging septic assessment
program on Net Lake under the
Nemadji 1W1P grant, and creating
the following One Watershed One
Plan accounts:

01-107-004-5302 Kettle River
1W1P Grant
01-107-004-6803 Kettle River
1W1P Expenditure
01-107-005-5302 Lower St. Croix
1W1P Grant
01-107-005-6803 Lower St. Croix
1W1P Expenditure
01-107-006-5302 Nemadji 1W1P
Grant
01-107-006-6803 Nemadji 1W1P
Expenditure
01-107-007-5302 Snake River
1W1P Grant 01-107-007-6803
Snake River 1W1P Expenditure

Second by Commissioner
Lovgren. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig
to approve the contract with Houston
Engineering, Inc. For professional
services to the Kettle/Upper St.
Croix Watershed One Watershed
One Plan. Second by Commissioner
Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

First Quarter 2022 Budget Report
County Administrator David
Minke provided an update of the
budget through March 31, 2022 by
reviewing expenditure and revenue
of the major funds. At the end
of the first quarter revenue and
expenditures are as expected.

A Special Meeting-Committee of
the Whole meeting is scheduled for
June 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., the
location to be determined.

With no further business, Chair
Hallan adjourned the meeting at
11:36 a.m. The next regular meeting
of the county board is scheduled for
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.,
Pine County Courthouse, Board
Room, 635 Northridge Drive NW,
Pine City, 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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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #578 PINE CITY, MINNESOTA 55063

Monday, February 14, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

Pine City High School 7th Grade House “Preparing Our Students for the Future”

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 578, Pine City, Minnesota, was held at the Pine City High School in the Seventh Grade House on Monday, February 14, 2022 for the purpose of conducting regular board business.

Chair Lisa Nos-Tollefson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p..m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Candice Ames, Lisa Nos-Tollefson, Tim Geisler, Dan Peterson, JacLynn Cavallin, Becci Palmblade,Lezlie Sauter

Absent: None

Also present was Superintendent Mrs. Foley.

Aaron Nielson from MMKR presented the 2021 financial statements and audit report. The report has three findings to clear up. Although the limited segregation of duties finding is not uncommon for districts of this size it was recommended that we work to improve this.

PUBLIC FORUM

Danielle Davis spoke in support of listening to students and retaining staff Jason Rodemacher introduced two teachers so they could share their teaching experiences. Heather Sward spoke of the joys and challenges of being a reading teacher at PCHS.

Brenda Kloeckl spoke of the involvement she and her family has had with PCS over the years and some changes that have occurred.

Joel Hogberg addressed concerns over rumors concerning board and staff

Jason Vinaja addressed the dismantling of school staff and the need to focus on healing. Wendy Leibel affirmed board members commitment to students, staff and community

Cassandra Olson addressed concerns over Superintendent Foley's resignation and turn over of staff.

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to the AAA recipients, Rayah Merrick, Colton Blaisdell, Brinna Reiser, and Micah Overtoom. Becky Schueler announced that the One Act Play had taken 1st place in the subsections and 3rd place in sections. Dan Peterson and Nathan Fort reported the tentative agreement to a new teachers contract.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Becci Palmblade second by Dan Peterson and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by JacLynn Cavallin and second by Becci Palmblade and carried to approve consent agenda.

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting are attached for your approval. (Minutes) Minutes of the February 2, 2022 special meeting are attached for your approval. (Minutes)

B. BILLS

Bills to date for the month of January 2022 are enclosed for your approval. (January Bills)

C. ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS

Occasionally to cover financial obligations, it is more efficient to electronically transfer funds than to process checks in the normal manner. Electronic fund transfers are generally used to buy or sell investments and to make periodic debt service payments. Board approval was granted (January, 2022 Organizational Meeting) for the administration to make electronic fund transfers, however Board approval is required for individual transfers when they are made. The administration recommends that the School Board approve the following electronic fund transfers:

Date	Amount	Transfer from	Transfer to Description
1/14/2022	\$400,000	MNTrust	Stearns Bank Cash flow / Payroll
1/26/2022	\$1,199,767.50	MNTrust	Ehler's Bond Trust Services Bond Payments
1/26/2022	\$22,388.28	MNTrust	Capital One Public Financing Bond Payment
1/26/2022	\$152,733.75	MNTrust	US Bank Bond Payment
1/26/2022	\$500	MNTrust	US Bank Bond Payments
1/28/2022	\$500,000	MNTrust	Stearns Bank Cash Flow / Payroll

D. RESIGNATION

1) Janel Murphy, Payroll and Benefits Clerk, effective 2/4/22

2) Troy Anderson, High School Principal, effective 6/30/22.

3) Jason Vinaja, District Administrative Assistant, effective 2/10/22

4) Jill Nolan, Business Manager, effective 2/25/22

5) Beth Allen, Secondary Assistant Principal, effective 6-30-22

E. EMPLOYMENT

1) Melvin Patton, Custodian, (Lane 5, Step 2), 40 hours per week at \$17.16 per hour, effective 1/17/22

2) Jeff Adams, Assistant Co-head Boys Tennis Coach, at an annual salary of \$2,333.00, effective 03/2022.

3) Rick Engelstad, Assistant Co-head Boys Tennis Coach, at an

annual salary of \$2,333.00, effective 03/2022.

4) Kristin Foster, Senior High Assistant Speech Coach, at an annual salary of \$1,124.00, effective 2/7/2022.

5) Mark Steffen, Payroll Manager, 40 hours per week at 25.00 per hour,effective 2/28/22.

6) Beth Allen, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, on step 15/lane 8 of the PCEA contract, effective 7/1/22

G. RETIREMENT

1) Kevin Cahill effective 06/08/22. The Board thanks Mr. Cahill for his 38 years of service.

2) Wayne Hansmann effective 6/8/22. The Board thanks Mr. Hansmann for his 30+ years of service.

3) Chris Jahnz effective 06/8/22. The Board thanks Mrs. Jahnz for her 27 years of service.

H. SHOT CLOCK PURCHASE

Administration recommends the approval of the purchase of needed shot clock for the main gym.

I . POLICY 203.2 - ORDER OF BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

The administration recommends the modification of policy to move administrative reports to the beginning of the agenda (LINK) to allow administration to leave the meeting as necessary. This policy underwent review earlier this year.

J. CNA / HHH BUDGET PREICTED

The administration recommends that the board accept the request to add the above courses, including positions and budget needs.

1. HEOP 1241 Home Health Aid (Description)

2. HEOP 1242 Home Health Aid (Description)

3. HEOP 1245 Home Health Aid (Description)

ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTION ARE REQUESTED

A. TREASURER'S REPORT / CASH FLOW UPDATE

Jill Nolan, Business Manager, reviewed the treasurer's report. (Treasurer's Report)

A motion by Dan Peterson and seconded by Tim Geisler and was passed unanimously.

B. The following resolution was moved by Tim Geisler, seconded by Lezlie Sauter and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: “The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.”; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: “Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full.”; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Pine City Public Schools, ISD 0578, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor Item Designated Purpose (if any)

Brook Weiner Student Prizes Mrs. Huettl's classroom

Aaron Koppen and the families of the Edina B1 Squirt Hockey Team \$3,000.00 worth of Christmas gifts PCPS families

Mayo Clinic Four (4) hospital beds (\$6,000.00 value) Certified Nursing Assistant training in cooperation with Pine Tech Community College

C. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY21 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Administration recommends the acceptance of the FY21 financial audit.

A motion was made by Candice Ames and seconded Dan Peterson to approve the FY21 financial audit. Passed unanimously.

D. 2022 CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT

Administration recommends adjusting the last student day to accommodate staff workshop time on June 8,2021.

A motion was made by Tim Geisler and seconded by Lezlie Sauter to approve the calendar adjustment. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

E. CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Administration recommends contracting with School Management Services for Business Manager services, including payroll support and training. Discussion. A motion is in

order.

Discussion was held regarding terms and length of contract.

A motion was made by Dan Peterson and seconded by Lezlie Sauter. Motion carried with a six to one vote. JacLynn Cavallin with the no vote.

F. ADOPT RESOLUTION CONCERNING REDUCTION IN PROGRAMS/POSITIONS

The administration will review the 2022-2023 budget projection information at the Board Work Session on February 14, 2022. This information may show changes in our enrollment that in turn may result in budget recommendations from Administration for the 2022-2023 school year. This resolution is needed to start the 2022-2023 budget process.

Member Tim Geistler introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION E ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE.

WHERE AS, there may be a change in enrollment and curriculum requirements;

WHERE AS, this enrollment and curriculum change may require that teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 578 as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions (as a result of enrollment and curriculum changes), make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Dan Peterson and upon a roll call the vote on adoption of the Resolution was passed unanimously.

G. AMENDMENT TO SCRED AGREEMENT INVOLVING ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

SCRED Agreement (Administration recommends approval of the amendment as presented.

A motion was made by Candice Ames and seconded by Becci Palmblade and was passed unanimously.

VI. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. CLASS SIZE POLICY 509.1

B. 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 PROPOSED CALENDARS

Superintendent Foley will update the Board on the proposed calendar progress and timelines.

C. POLICY REVIEW

The Policy Committee asks board members and administrators to provide input on the following policy. All input is due by March 1, 2022. Modifications and discussion will be continued.

412 Expense Reimbursement

503 Student Attendance

509.1 Student Teacher Ratio

601 School District Curriculum and Instructional Goals

602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day

603 Curriculum Development

604 Instructional Curriculum

605 Alternative Programs

608 Instructional Services _SPED

609 Religion

610 Field Trips

612.1 Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title 1 Programs

703 Annual Audit

704 Development and Maintenance of Inventory of Fixed Assets and ACCT.

705 Investments

706 Acceptance of Gifts

707 Transportation of Public School Students

707.1 Transportation of Public School Students

708 Transportation of Non Public Students

709 Student Transportation and Safety Policy

709.1 Bus Safety

710 Extracurricular Transportation

711 Videotaping on school vehicles

712 Video Surveillance Other than Busses

713 Student Activity Accounting

801 Equal Access to School Facilities

801FRM Equal Access to School Facilities Form

802 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material

805 Waste Reduction and Recycling

807 Health and Safety Policy

901 Community Education

902 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment (approved 8/9/21)

902.1 Naming of School Facilities

903 Visitors to District Buildings and Sites

904 Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Persons

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D. DISCUSSION ON SUPERINTENDENT HIRING

Memorial Blood Centers announce blood emergency

PRESS RELEASE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Memorial Blood Centers (MBC) announced a blood emergency, noting the most critical needs are type O, Rh negative

and platelets. The general blood supply currently stands at a 2-to-3-day level, with type O and platelets at just a 1-to-2-day level. This is well below the ideal inventory of 5-7 days.

This shortage oc-

curs amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which has had an impact on workers in the healthcare industry with trickle-down effects. Memorial Blood Centers is working to increase staff to meet the blood supply

needs of the community. Staffing impacts the numbers of blood center appointments and blood drives that can be scheduled and thus contributes to the lower-than-normal blood supply.

A single donation can

save up to three lives. Roughly one in seven hospital admissions require a blood transfusion. Those in need include: cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, transplant recipients, surgery patients,

chronically transfused patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia, and many more.

To make an appointment call 1.888.GIVE.BLD (1.888.448.3253) or visit [mbc.org/donate](#).

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-22-44
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)
Estate of
Joann LaVonne Nascene
aka Joann L. Nascene
aka Joann Nascene,
Decedent**

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Kyle Nascene, whose address is 435 5th Ave NE, Pine City, Minnesota, 55063, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 28, 2022
/s/ Pamela Krier
Registrar
Amy Willert
Court Administrator
Attorney for
Personal Representative
Michael L. Bjerke
Troth Law, LLC
210 Main Street South
Pine City, MN, 55063
Attorney License No.: 237218
Telephone: (320) 629-2727
FAX: (320) 629-0009
Email: mike@trothlaw.com
Published in the Pine City Pioneer May 5, 12, 2022

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Kajo & Gregor Lift Station
Improvements
City of Pine City, Minnesota
SEH No. PINE0 166461**

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City of Pine City until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26 2022, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of Kajo & Gregor Lift Station Improvements.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://bit.ly/3w4jDfz>
Or call in (audio only)
+1 872-242-7640, United States, Chicago
Phone Conference ID: 745 715 345#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.

Major quantities for the Work include:

Est. Qty	Unit	Item
2	Each	Demo Existing Lift Station Building, Remove and/or Salvage Equipment
2	Each	Install Submersible Lift Station Pumps
2	Each	Install Valve Vault
2	Each	Electric Control Panel, Instruments and Integration
2	Each	Bypass Temporary Sewer Pumping

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. located at 3535 Vadnais Center Drive, St. Paul,

MN 55110-5196, Greg Anderson - 651.490.2000.

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For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$30 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated April 20, 2022.

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A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City.

Scott Hildebrand
City Administrator
City of Pine City, Minnesota
Published in the Pine City Pioneer May 5, 12, 19, 2022

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #578 PINE CITY,
MINNESOTA 55063
Monday, March 14, 2022
@ 6:30 P.M.**

**Pine City High School
7th Grade House
"Preparing Our Students
for the Future"**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 578, Pine City, Minnesota, was held at the Pine City High School in the Seventh Grade House on Monday, March 14, 2022 for the purpose of conducting regular board business.

Chair Lisa Nos-Tollefson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m..

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Candice Ames, Lisa Nos-Tollefson, Tim Geisler, Dan Peterson, Becci Palmblade, Lezlie Sauter

Absent: JacLynn Cavallin
Also present was Superintendent Mrs. Foley.

PUBLIC FORUM

Danielle Davis asked for clarification for board standards and board goals.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Tim Geisler second by Becci Palmblade and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Motion by Candice Ames and second by Lezlie Sauter to approve the addendum agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS

a. PCPS Bands A parent from Foley complimented our pep band.

b. Congratulations to Cindy Stolp for completing her Doctorate Degree.

c. Student Recognition

i. We would like to recognize the following for their beautiful artwork outside the school, supporting the inclusivity and kindness campaign: Olivia Johnson, Alyssa Dupla, Kalysa Schultz, Aussion Ruud, & Ayaka

Ouchie. Each student was presented with a certificate and gift bag.

d. Vision Thanks

e. Weight Room Thanks to James Foster for work on fundraising and related work.

f. Lifelines Curriculum Updates

i. David Jackson, School Social Worker, presented the survey results from the Linelines Curriculum

g. Retired Teachers Thank you for helping support our teachers and staff

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1. Miller - Board Report

2. Stolp - Board Report

3. Lorsung/Young - Board Report

Pointed out things about 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade staff.

4. Rydberg - Board Report Talked about VISION hopes

5. Engelstad - Board Report - Proposed Girls Hockey Cooperative Agreemen - Will be back in May looking for approval. Board member Sauter asked about Hinkley-Finlayson, noting that H-F boys play hockey with Pine City and girls have in the past with youth hockey

6. Anderson/Allen - Board Report - CNA Grant Application

7. Staples - Board Report

8. Laven - Board Report Online academy and to keep it for grades K-8, I Love to read month.

9. Laven - Achievement and Integration Plan 2022-2023

10. School Management Systems - Introductions and Report - Todd Netzke

Todd Netzke, School Management Systems joined virtually to share updates on their work with PCPSS and answer any questions that Board Members may have.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Dan Peterson and second by Candice Ames and carried to approve consent agenda.

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the February 14, 2022 Work Session are attached for your approval. (Minutes)

B. BILLS

Bills to date for the month of February 2022 are enclosed for your approval. (February Bills)

C. ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS

Occasionally to cover financial obligations, it is more efficient to electronically transfer funds than to process checks in the normal manner. Electronic fund transfers are generally used to buy or sell investments and to make periodic debt service payments. Board approval was granted (January, 2022 Organizational Meeting) for the administration to make electronic fund transfers, however Board approval is required for individual transfers when they are made. The administration recommends that the School Board approve the following electronic fund transfers:

D. EMPLOYMENT

Cassie Leger, return to VISION program request

Jerry Lotz, resignation, Junior High Football Coach

Tristan Lobe, Termination, Junior High Football Coach

Jared Johnson, Junior High Baseball Coach

Resignation, Sara Gray, Paraprofessional effective 3-18-22

E. CONTRACTS

1. VISION SubLease Agreement

2. SCRED Agreement to Cooperate

3. ASL Interpreter Work Agreement for 2022-2023 (Link)

F. 2022-23 CALENDAR *Draft

G. Motion to approve Shena Brandt, School Management Services as an official administrator on all banking and financial accounts (ADDENDUM ITEM)

ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ARE REQUESTED:

A. BOARD BUDGET UPDATE / CASH FLOW UPDATE

Todd Netzke, School Management Systems, will review the treasurer's report at the meeting.

A motion was made by Candice Ames and seconded by Becci Palmblade to approve the treasures report as presented. Carried unanimously.

B. The following resolution was moved by Tim Geisler and seconded by Becci Palmblade:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Pine City Public Schools, ISD 0578, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor Item Designated Purpose (if any)

Aaron Koppen, \$450.00, For use in providing school supplies or funding a technology need

Julie, Jason, Alley Klocke, and Alley's Grandpa, 2 bikes, I Love To Read Month Celebration
Oak Park Dental, Embrace Pine City Orthodontics, and Walmart, 10 bikes, I Love To Read Month Celebration

Pine Insurance Agency, 21 - \$15 Gift Certificates to be used at the school's book fair, In recognition of National Read Across America Day on March 2

Lyn Lake Chiropractic, \$7000.00, Weight Room Improvements

Shelly Frevel and Alex Walsh, \$100 to Mrs. Rydberg's class to use for books at the school's book fair

Darrin Schmidt, 125 Bookmarks from the book fair at a cost of \$93.75; to be given to students. We thank Mr. Schmidt for this generous donation that encourages and supports reading.

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was passed unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF LANE CHANGES

Please find enclosed a list of staff members who have completed the coursework for lane changes as per the Master Contract. We congratulate these staff members on their educational accomplishments.

A motion was made by Tim Geisler and seconded by Becci Palmblade to approve the appropriate teachers with lane changes. Motion was passed unanimously.

D. DISCUSSION REGARDING PART TIME TEACHING REQUEST

Administration will share the request for part time teaching and review recommendation.

A motion was made by Lezlie Sauter and seconded by Becci Palmblade to approve the part time teaching position for Jory Magel. Motion was passed unanimously.

E. DISCUSSION OF REVISED 2021-2022 Budget

Administration recommends the adoption of the revised budget.

A motion was made by Candice Ames and seconded by Lezlie Sauter to approve the revised budget. Motion was passed unanimously.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee - Dan Peterson, Tim Geisler, Lisa Nos-Tollefson Report on Civic Center Roof and the difficulties with the contractor.

Policy Committee - Lezlie Sauter, JacLynn Cavilin Legislative Updates - Candice Ames talked about compensatory funds

Civic Center Committee, Becci Palmblade talked about the roof.

B. ENROLLMENT UPDATE

C. SUPERINTENDENT FOLEY UPDATE

a. Summer School Planning

b. Principal Interviews April 4 and 5 using staff, community members and students

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Tabled discussion brought forth regarding the Superintendent Hiring

Procedures and Timeline. There was a motion made by Palmblade to offer Superintendent ~~Foley a contract~~. Superintendent Foley declined the offer before a second was made on the motion. A motion was made by Sauter to hire Ray & Associates to assist with the hiring of the next superintendent, seconded by Geisler. Discussion indicated that board members had not had enough time to conduct a thorough review of the firm. Motion failed with Sauter, Geisler and Ames voting in favor and Peteson, Nos-Tollefson and Palmblade voting against, in a tie vote with Cavallin absent.

APRIL AGENDA ITEMS

- Resolution and search firm presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:20
Dan Peterson Acting Clerk

Published in the Pine City Pioneer May 12, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PINE COUNTY ZONING BOARD

The Pine County Zoning Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2022, at the North Pine Government Center Doug Carlson Room, 1602 Highway 23 North, Sandstone, Minnesota. At the meeting, a public hearing will be held to solicit testimony in consideration of the following:

Peter and Megan Magnuson are requesting a variance at 9170 Bass Lake Rd, Sandstone (PID: 27.5093.000), Pine Lake Township, Section 31, Township 43, Range 31 as follows:

The applicant has requested a variance from Sections 5.2.1 and 6.2.1 of the Pine County Shoreland Management Ordinance to construct a building expansion to a home that does not meet the required 100' ordinary high water level setback. The proposed expansion includes a 192 square foot breezeway addition and a 222 square foot porch addition.

Mark and Kevin Wahlberg are requesting a variance at 55123 Grindstone Rd W, Sandstone (PID: 12.0146.000), Dell Grove Township, Section 08, Township 42, Range 21 as follows:

The applicant has requested a variance from Sections 5.2.1 and 6.2.1 of the Pine County Shoreland Management Ordinance to construct a replacement garage that does not meet the required ordinary high water level setback of 100'. The replacement garage has a proposed 120 square foot addition to its footprint with a second story storage space.

Robert Fudurich is requesting a variance at 28640 Wilderness Retreat, Pine City (PID: 08.5092.000), Chengwatana Township, Section 29, Township 39, Range 20 as follows:

The applicant has requested an after-the-fact variance from Sections 5.2.1 and 6.2.1 of the Pine County Shoreland Management Ordinance to construct a 64 square foot lean-to addition on a nonconforming structure that does not meet the 75' setback from the ordinary high water level. A variance is also required from Section 11.11 of the Pine County Floodplain Management Ordinance as the existing structure is nonconforming with the flood fringe standards of Section 5.0 of said ordinance.

This hearing is open to the public at which time you are invited to appear and offer testimony regarding the request. This is an in-person meeting with a virtual participation option. Virtual participants may speak in the public hearing.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION OPTION VIA ZOOM

Written comments prior to the meeting are encouraged. Written comments may be submitted via email to caleb.anderson@co.pine.mn.us or by mail to the Zoning Board Chair in care of Caleb Anderson, Land and Resources Manager, 1610 Hwy 23 N, Sandstone, MN 55072.

To view the complete application visit www.co.pine.mn.us and navigate to the Planning and Zoning Department webpage to view the "Zoning Board," link, or request by telephone 320-591-1657, or request by email at caleb.anderson@co.pine.mn.us.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2021 Street Improvements City of Pine City, Minnesota SEH No. PINE0 160461

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2022, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of the 2021 Street Improvement Project.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://bit.ly/3vOxN5h>

Or call in (audio only)
1 872-242-7640, United States, Chicago

Phone Conference ID: 639 491 813#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.

Major quantities for the Work include:

Est. Qty	Unit	Item
8,300	SY	Reclaim
Bituminous Pavement		
700	LF	8-Inch PVC
Sanitary Sewer		
2,400	LF	6-Inch to
8-Inch PVC Water Main		
2,600	Ton	Bituminous
Pavement		
5,100	LF	Concrete
Curb		
16,000	SF	Concrete
Walk		
1,900	LF	15" – 24"
RCP Storm Sewer		

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Scott Hildebrand
City Administrator

City of Pine City, Minnesota
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20 NOTICES

Register your classic or vintage boat in the 15th Annual White Bear Lake Boat Show for a chance to win a trophy or other prizes. Registration is free. The show is on land June 25 at the White Bear Lake shopping center. Register at presspubs.com or call 651-407-1200

Do you have any Nautical themed items to sell? Join the Nautical Market at the WBL Boat Show on June 25th, 2022. Call 651-407-1200 to reserve a table.

50 TRAILERS & CAMPERS

Aluminum Sledbed trailer. Drive on/off; ramp, spare. \$1395. Message 320-272-4474

102 SERVICES

Diesel Problems? Call the experts: East Central Diesel 763-689-9470 eastcentraldiesel.net

Free TV: No monthly bills. Give me a call, Dave's TV and Antenna: 320-515-0270

Roofing, chimney repairs. We can save you money. 612-845-0289

112 TREE SERVICE

Tree Fellers Tree Service Insured arborist with 20+ years of experience. Free estimates – trimming, removal, and consultations. 763-443-2631

115 HOME HEATING

More heat, Less wood. Classic edge Titanium HDX EPA certified **OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE.** 26% Tax Credit. Prices as low as \$200 per month! Call today 612-805-2362

300 FOR SALE

Buying sports card collections call Tom 612-701-7396

301 FARM MISC.

Fully decomposed, composted, cow manure. 4-yard load. \$160. Free local delivery. 320-224-9878

305 PETS/SUPPLIES

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351 ANTIQUES/ COLLECT.

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Sun., May 22 Auction. Harris, MN. Tractor, boat, guns, farm & construction. John Carlson Auction Company. Auctioneer, John R. Carlson, Lic. # 30-33. 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com

Thur. - Fri., June 16-17 Auction. North Franklin, CT. Huge 2-day construction equipment, trucks. Carlson Auction Company. Auctioneer, John R. Carlson, Lic. # 30-33. 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com

Sat., June 4 Property and Real Estate Auction. Rock Creek, MN. Tractors, machinery, tools, 40 acres & buildings. John Carlson Auction Company. Actioneer, John R. Carlson, Lic. # 30-33. 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com

Sat., May 14 10:00 a.m. Farm Machinery Consignment Auction. 3 miles south of Isanti on Hwy 65 to 265th Ave, west ½ mile. Tractors, skidsteers and attachments, machinery, trucks, trailers, misc. equipment, hay, straw, firewood, Black Hills Spruce trees, lilacs. Bostrom's Auction. Auctioneers: Lyle Bostrom, Lic. No. 30-29, 612-270-6395; Nathan Bostrom, Lic. No. 30-47, 763-286-6840; Cullen Bartz, Lic. No. 30-48. www.bostromsauctions.com

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Online Auction: Closing 1st week of August. 2-day online, farm equipment, tools. John Carlson Auction Company. Auctioneer: John R. Carlson, Lic. # 30-33. 763-238-6049. www.carlsonauctions.com

Sat., June 11 10:02 a.m. Personal Property Auction. Dennis & Linda Pankonin, owners. 1746 Hwy 65, Mora, MN. Vehicles, motorcycles, tools, household, guns, misc. items. Auctions by Robyn & Norby. Auctioneers: Col. Byron Robyn, Lic. No. 33-21, 320-291-9566; Col. Kevin C. Norby, Lic. No. 33-03, 320-279-0712. www.midwestauctions.com/robyn-norby

Sat., June 4 12:32 p.m. Real Estate Auction. Dennis & Linda Pankonin, owners. 1746 Hwy 65, Mora, MN. 8 acres , 2-bedroom home, out-buildings. Inspection dates: 5/20 and 5/22, 3:02-6:02 p.m. Or by appointment. Auctions by Robyn & Norby. Auctioneers: Col. Byron Robyn, Lic. No. 33-21, 320-291-9566; Col. Kevin C. Norby, Lic. No. 33-03, 320-279-0712. www.midwestauctions.com/robyn-norby

Sat., May 21 9:30 a.m. On-site Auction. Janet (Arnie) Sandberg, owners. 18650 Manning Trl, North Scandia, MN. Tractors, tools, storage container. Amazing Auctions, LLC. Auctioneer, Doug Maser, Lic. No. 33-24MN. 320-630-6651. www.amazingauctions.us

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Sat., May 21 12:02 p.m. Real Estate Auction. Live on-site. Richie Fischer, owner. 2112 Mahogany St., Mora, MN. Parcel 1: 3-bedroom home, out-buildings. Parcel 2: Approximately 5 acres, field/pasture/woods, horse pen. Inspection dates: 5/6, 5:02-7:02 p.m.; 5/8, 1:02-4:02 p.m. or by appointment. Auctions by Robyn & Norby. Auctioneers: Col. Byron Robyn, Lic. No. 33-21, 320-291-9566; Col. Kevin C. Norby, Lic. No. 33-03, 320-279-0712. www.midwestauction.com/robyn-norby

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Sat., June 4 10:02 a.m. Personal Property Auction. Edward M. Schindeldecker Estate. 3145 Rainbow St., Brook Park, MN. Tractors, woodworking, collectibles, household, firewood, guns. Auctions by Robyn & Norby. Auctioneers: Col. Byron Robyn, Lic. No. 33-21, 320-291-9566; Col. Kevin C. Norby, Lic. No. 33-03, 320-279-0712. www.midwestauctions.com/robyn-norby

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Sat., May 21 12:02 p.m. Real Estate Auction. Live on-site. Richie Fischer, owner. From Mora go 1.1 miles east on MN Hwy 23 (to auction barn), then 0.8 miles north on Kanabec County Rd 71 (Mahogany St.). 2112 Mahogany St., Mora, MN. 2 Parcels: Parcel No. 1- 3 acres w/3 bedroom and out buildings; Parcel No. 2- 5 acres w/12x24 (3) sided horse shelter. (Good building site.) Inspection dates: Fri., May 6, 5:02-7:02 p.m.; Sun., May 8, 1:02-4:02 p.m.; or by appointment. For terms, conditions and pictures go to www.midwestauctions.com or www.robbynandnorby.com. Auctions by Robyn & Norby. Auctioneers: Col. Byron Robyn, Lic. No. 33-21, 320-291-9566; Col. Kevin C. Norby, Lic. No. 33-03, 320-279-0712.

Sat., May 21 10:00 a.m. Personal Property Auction. Ron Duscher, owner. 32474 - 416th Ave., Aitkin, MN. South from Aitkin on Hwy 169 for 2 miles, right on 416th Ave. or County Rd. 76, follow for 1.7 miles to auction site. Follow signs. Collector truck, boating package, camping package, trailers, lawn and garden, garage tools and related, sporting goods, Items of interest, household furnishings and related. Janzen Auction Service. Auctioneers: Bob Janzen, Lic. No. 01-14; Jeremy Janzen, Lic. No. 01-10. 218-927-4488. www.janzenauctions.com.

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