

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS: Tribute to long-time music teacher retiring after 39 years. PG. 8



PHOTO BY PINE CITY SCHOOL STAFF

Spring Fling Week!

Last week was Spring Fling Week at Pine City Schools and featured a fun week of goofy outfits, ending with a pep fest.

Paige Berg, Olivia Harshman and Holly Thieman, ninth grade students, pose in the choir room on "Rain vs. Beach day."

Cause of death determined for Ashley Miller (Carlson)

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Ashley Miller (Carlson)

The cause of death has been recently released for Ashley Miller (Carlson) whose remains were found on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation in Ogema Township, east of Hinckley, on Nov. 27, 2021. Ashley had gone missing on Sept. 24, 2021 near the Lake Lena Reservation.

The Midwest Medical Examiner's Office released the cause of death stating it was an accident caused by "combined effects of methamphetamine and positional asphyxia." The report said that her body was decomposed but said the injury occurred as a result of "drug intake, suspended from tree by entrapped lower extremity."

Currently, the investigation is still open. Pine County Sheriff Jeff Nelson said, "We do consider the case open. With that, I cannot provide any further details on the specifics of the case." He added that the case has not been sent to the county attorney's office for review.

Krista Struck, Miller's mother, issued a statement saying that at this time, the family can't agree or disagree on the medical examiner's cause of death.

"Our entire world is different without Ashley in it. Ashley is deeply loved and greatly missed," said Struck in a statement. "Ashley had a beautiful heart and soul; she saw the best in everyone and wanted everyone to see the best in themselves. Our hearts break every minute of every day without her. Her four children miss and love her so much. They are doing the best they can without her. It will never be the same again."

Miller was a mother of four, from the Grantsburg, Wisconsin area and 33 years old at the time of her death. Struck said that the children's father, Sam Carlson, is now taking care of the children along with support from the entire family.

Sheriff Nelson asks anyone with any information about what happened to Miller to call the Pine County Sheriff's Office at (320) 629-8380 or the family private non-authority tipline monitored by APS 24 hours a day (218) 241-0341.

Warrant issued for Sandstone man in death of infant

STAFF REPORT
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A warrant has been issued for the arrest of 24-year-old Dylan Benjamin Shankey for the August 2021 death of his three month old daughter.

According to the complaint:

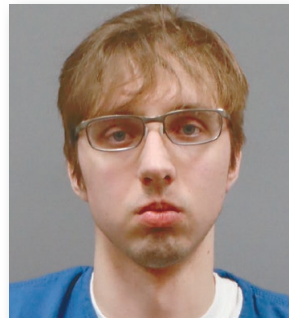
On August 14, 2021, Pine County deputies responded to a report of a three-month-old baby not breathing at a residence in Sandstone. The baby's grandmother called 911 after returning home to find the infant non-respon-

sive in the arms of her father Dylan Shankey who stated she had not been breathing for about 10 minutes. Dispatchers walked the grandmother through CPR until deputies and medical personnel arrived. The infant was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Shankey had been left alone to care for the infant while the infant's mother went to work around 2:30 p.m. This was only the second time he had been left to care for the infant by himself,

according to the report. The complaint states that Shankey told the grandmother he had fed the baby, put her in the bassinet to sleep and then picked her up to go outside to play with the dog. He said the infant had been sleeping for about twenty minutes.

Shankey was questioned by law enforcement at the hospital where he stated nothing unusual had happened that day. He said he played with the infant for a bit, fed her and then put her down for a nap. Shankey said he picked the baby up to



Dylan Benjamin Shankey

go outside to throw the ball for the dog about 10 minutes prior to the grandparents returning

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Lifeguard training reimbursement offered by City to help recruit lifeguards

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Stacy O'Rourke, Pine City parks and recreation director, stated at the recent Pine City Council meeting on March 17 that lifeguard staff recruitment and retention has been difficult in the past



year at the Pine City Beach.

"As the summer season approaches, there is a national lifeguard shortage," she stated in her report to the Council. "Staff had been thinking outside of the box for ways to increase interest in being employed as a

lifeguard at the Pine City beach. Staff would like to implement a reimbursement incentive program."

O'Rourke proposed an incentive program that would reimburse a lifeguard \$225 for lifeguard training or \$239 for Water Safety Instruc-

tor training. To receive the reimbursement the candidate would have to pass the hiring process and work the 2022 season at the beach.

She listed the alternatives as doing nothing

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High speed chase on I-35 results in stop-sticks, pit maneuver and tasing

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A high speed chase occurred on I-35 and Pokegama Lake Road on Tuesday, March 15 around 7:30 a.m. resulting in a pit maneuver and tasing of an International Falls man.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol a man driving an Impala, Aaron Elias Davis, 27, was traveling southbound on I-35 near Sandstone and reported for crossing lane lines and “tweaking out on meth.” State Troopers located the vehicle between Sandstone and Hinckley on I-35 and turned on their emergency lights and sirens. Davis failed to stop and accelerated in an attempt to flee from troopers.

Troopers successfully deployed stop-sticks on I-35 in an effort to stop Davis near Pine City. Davis exited at County Road 7 and traveled west.

A state trooper used a pit maneuver to stop Davis on Canalville Lane near Pokegama Lake Road. Davis resisted arrest and troopers deployed a taser to gain compliance. With the assistance of Pine County



Aaron Elias Davis

Sheriff’s deputies, Davis was eventually taken into custody.

During the trooper’s interaction with Davis, the trooper observed signs of suspected impairment. Davis was transported to Welia Hospital in Mora for further evaluation. Davis has been charged for first-degree DWI, possession of ammo/firearm and controlled substance and driving without a valid license.

During a search of the vehicle, law enforcement located a pipe with residue that tested positive for methamphetamine on the front passenger side floorboard. Law enforcement also located a backpack on the front passenger seat

that contained two large bags with a green leafy substance that tested positive for marijuana with an uncertified weight of 836 grams. Prescription suboxone

in Davis’s name was also located in the backpack. There was also a small black pouch containing needles, a burned spoon, and empty suboxone wrappers. There were

also several butane lighters and a large map gas canister in the bag. Four shotgun shells of ammunition were located in the trunk. A search warrant was obtained for

a sample of Davis’s blood and Davis cooperated with providing a sample which has been sent to the BCA for analysis.

A record check showed that Davis’s driving privileges are cancelled-Inimical to Public Safety and he has prior convictions for Driving While Impaired from January 12, 2022, DWI- Test Refusal from August 2, 2021, and Driving While Impaired from October 20, 2016.

Additionally, Davis was previously convicted of Controlled Substance Crime in the Third Degree on October 30, 2017, Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree on December 21, 2017, felony Bringing Contraband into a State Prison/Hospital on June 2, 2014, gross misdemeanor Introduction of Contraband on September 23, 2013, and Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree on August 19, 2013.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Maple syrup time!

It’s Maple syrup time at the Gallik household! Pictured right is Andy Gallik and mom, Becky Gallik, collecting sap from Maple trees at their home off Henriette Road in Pine City.



ATTENTION VETERANS!

Looking for a job?

The Veterans Employment Representative, Department of Employment and Economic Development will be at the Sandstone office the first Monday of every month. Stop in and see the representative from 8:30 to 12:00.

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Beer, wine and spirits tasting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Pizza Pub (500 3rd Ave NE, Pine City.) For more information: www.pinecitychamber.com

FRIDAY MARCH 25

Live Music at Three Twenty Brewing

Head over to Three Twenty Brewing Co. from 5 - 8 p.m. for a night of Live Music with Minorbirds.

SUNDAY MARCH 27

Brook Park Fire Department Annual Fundraiser

Annual Brook Park Fire Department Spaghetti Feed! Come on out, and enjoy a spaghetti lunch, meet the firefighters, and check out the gear! Starting at 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. at 6144 Mallard Rd, Brook Park. Free will offerings appreciated!

We appreciate your continued support of the Brook Park Fire Department! Hope to see you all there.

FRIDAY APRIL 1

Stand for Ukraine Rally

Join local advocates for Ukraine on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 from noon to 1 p.m. on the corner of 8th Ave. and Main Street for a Stand for Ukraine Rally. Donations will be collected there as well and sent to trusted relief organizations.

SUNDAY APRIL 3

Northern Exposure Photography Club

The northern Exposure Photography club will once again be presenting Pictures in Paradise to the public. Members of the club will share photos from the last 2 years. The free event will take at 12:30 p.m. at the Paradise Theatre (237 S Union St, Mora). Doors will open at noon.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

PTCC Admissions Open House

Explore Pine Technical & Community

College on March 30 or April 13 at 6 p.m. during an Open House event. Learn about programs and scholarship opportunities and get help filling out your FAFSA form and more. To register, go to www.pine.edu/visit or call (320)629-5100.

SATURDAY APRIL 9

Dinner at the Lake

Join us at Osprey Wilds for our Dinner at the Lake event from 5 to 9 p.m. with guest speaker, Emily Ford.

In the winter of 2021, Emily Ford and Diggins made the trek along the 1200 mile Ice Age Trail (IAT) in Wisconsin. For more information: info@ospreywilds.org

Osprey Wilds Nature Egg Hunt

Join us this spring for our nature egg hunt from 10 a.m. to noon! Go on a short walk around our campus and stop at four different habitats to hunt for the “eggs” of local birds.

This event is great for children ages 3-8. Adults must be present. Registration is required. For more information: info@ospreywilds.org.

Gun & Outdoors Show (April 8-9)

A Gun Show will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 10 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Pine Technical and Community College at 900 4th St. SE in Pine City. Buy, sell and trade at the event.

SUNDAY APRIL 10

Pancake Breakfast

The Pine City and Pine Area Lions Clubs will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 10 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pine City Armory. There will be a free will offering at the door with proceeds going to the Pine Center for the Arts window restoration project.

FRIDAY APRIL 22

Pine County Coalition of Lake Associations Spring Meeting

Friday, April 22, 2022 10am - 11:30am
Event is hosted by Pine County Planning & Zoning Department. North Pine Government Center 1610 Hwy 23 N, Sandstone, MN 55072

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.

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/>.

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.

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

WEATHER ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	Precip./Snow
3/15	48	16	0
3/16	50	37	0
3/17	46	33	0
3/18	42	27	0
3/19	48	25	0
3/20	55	23	0
3/21	55	41	0

MEETINGS

FRIDAY 03/25

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

SUNDAY 03/27

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

MONDAY 03/28

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

TUESDAY 3/29

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

WEDNESDAY 3/30

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 3/31

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

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

SENIOR DINING

March 28 - March 30

Monday: Spaghetti & meat sauce, broccoli, fruit sauce, bread stick, dessert

Wednesday: Roast turkey, whipped potatoes w/gravy, squash, dinner roll, dessert

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

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First time homebuyer loans made more available with the help of the County

PRESS RELEASE

PINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Minnesota Housing announced over \$64 million is available to provide affordable mortgages to first-time homebuyers through a collaboration with Minnesota cities and counties, including an allocation for Pine County. Homebuyers can take advantage of these resources through the Minnesota Housing Start Up loan program, which offers fixed interest

rates and downpayment and closing cost loans up to \$17,000 for eligible first-time homebuyers. Buyers can purchase homes in Pine County that cost up to \$311,900. Income limits vary by location and household size, going up to \$107,000.

Minnesota Housing is a state agency that provides access to safe and affordable housing and builds stronger communities across the state. Minnesota Housing offers purchase, refinance, and home improvement loans, as

well as financing for affordable rental housing throughout the state.


“Community partnerships between Minnesota Housing, organizations like Pine County HRA-EDA and local lenders help over 2,000 households a year purchase their first homes,” said Minnesota Housing Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho. “These affordable loans make homeownership more accessible for more Minnesotans.”

First-time buyers can get started by contacting partic-

ipating lenders in the Pine County area. Visit www.mnhousing.gov for a full list of approved lenders, current interest rates, and program eligibility.

Minnesota Housing collaborates with individuals, communities, and partners to create, preserve, and finance housing that is affordable. Find out more at www.mnhousing.gov. Follow us at www.facebook.com/minnesotahousing and on Twitter @mnhousing.

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Sun., Mar. 27	Chicken Cordon Bleu Sandwich w/ Fries & Pasta Salad
Mon., Mar. 28	Tadpole Burger w/ Fries & Pasta Salad
Tues., Mar. 29	Ravioli w/ Meaty Sauce & Garlic Bread
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Appreciating music in the schools

March is a month we dedicate to appreciation of music in our schools. Our family and so many others have been blessed by the music program in Pine City Schools.



From the Editor
Traci LeBrun

We moved to Pine City when our oldest son was in ninth grade, daughter was in seventh grade and youngest son was in fifth grade. We remember sitting through endless elementary band and choir concerts in Mora, which is my alma mater and where we lived for 11 years prior to moving to Pine City.

The concerts were alright. The kids did great and the instructors were good. But when we attended our first concert in Pine City, it was different.

The music seemed to come to life, and parents actually seemed to be enjoying themselves. I could tell the musical pieces were carefully chosen with much

emphasis on creativity, and the practice really showed. It was hands down more enjoyable to attend concerts in Pine City, and we now looked forward to going to each concert.

This year, as part of our tribute to Music in the Schools month, we're featuring someone who has been a staple to music in Pine City Schools and the community: Kevin Cahill.

I don't know many people who after 39 years of doing anything, still greet people they see with a smile and seem excited to be wherever they are. But that is Mr. Cahill; my own kids can attest to that.

Two of our kids had an opportunity to study music under Mr. Cahill. Our daughter grew in the knowledge of the baritone with his help, and our youngest son, well he tried the trumpet, but it wasn't Mr. Cahill's fault it didn't quite sink in. In our youngest's high school years, he gravitated toward choir and really connected with Mrs. Krinke.

I'm quite sure our oldest was assisted with his drum playing by Mr. Cahill as well. They each enjoyed their interactions with him, and thought he was one of the nicest teachers in the school.

Beyond the influence of Mr. Cahill, the other music teachers also had a significant influence on our kids and so many other kids in the district. The music program has been amazing because of Jennifer Krinke, Blake Groe, Jennifer Hansmann, Joanne Cahill, Kevin Cahill, and former band teacher Bradley Mariska.

Anyway, hats off to all the music teachers (and other teachers) in Pine City Schools. We appreciate all the effort you have poured into the musically inclined, and uninclined, students in our school. They are better people because of it!

TRACI LEBRUN is the editor at the Pine City Pioneer.

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What's so funny?

Family from different states came together last weekend to celebrate my dad's 85th birthday. Our similar differences always manage to incite laughter, especially if we tease each other in a non-critical manner.



Tami Riedeman

The theme for entertainment this year was cell phones. Those colorful, annoying, expensive pieces of paperweight; or in the case of the younger generations, the instrument

tethered to their bodies that supplies the air and blood that keeps them vertical.

I don't know how the youth today can walk, do homework, socialize, and eat with a cell phone glued to their hand and eyes glued to the phone screen. When I was young, my multi-tasking

consisted of tuning the radio while watching outside the window for the neighbor boy to come home.

Our younger generation found it hilarious that their mothers either a) just recently discovered the podcast app on their phone, or b) found it while we all sat around a table in the hotel breakfast area. As the children explained about podcasts, downloading music, and other apps. The mothers soon realized there was more to smartphones than solitaire and google maps.

This prompted my youngest sister Kelly to share experiences about lost items. My sister has a quick wit and a flare for storytelling. Kelly readily admits her entire life is a game of hide-n-seek with the necessary tools most of us use daily. She routinely loses cell phones, car keys, wallets, ear buds, sunglasses, regular glasses, gloves in the winter, hats in the summer; and where she parks at Walmart.

Kelly has tried those locator systems with the tags and phone apps, but those only work if you don't lose the tagged items and the phone used for locating them.

In the last couple of years, it has become a bit easier for Kelly now that her children are teenagers. If they want to eat, they must find the car keys.

"It's exciting to find a lost item after a few months, it's like living an adventure every day," Kelly said.

"What's the longest time something was lost?" I asked.

"Two years, unless there is something still lost, and it shows up later."

Kelly is very funny, and my other sister and I agree she would be a great comedian – except if she got lost on the way to the show.

TAMI REIDEMAN is a the sales representative and staff writer for the Pine City Pioneer.

LIFEGUARDS: City taking steps in ensure beach safety

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and having a low lifeguard staff resulting in fewer swimming lessons and hours staffed at the beach. She felt this would have repercussions for years to come.

"If it works, it will attract a new base of lifeguards allowing the beach to provide a safe environment and swimming lessons for the community," she added.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the measure.

They added that if funding is stopping someone from applying that a scholarship program is available. With questions about the scholarship program, please contact Stacy O'Rourke at sorourke@pinecitygov.com.



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Heard it on the Streets asks students: ‘WHO HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER SO FAR?’ at St. Cloud Cathedral



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TJ Davis,
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“Kyle Allen ”
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Ryan Plasek,
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“Mrs. Campbell”
Drake Willert,
Pine City

Massive tax increase on Minnesota’s employers due to House Democrat inaction

There is plenty of disappointment among store owners and most other Main Street business owners these days as they will soon feel the impacts of an unnecessary, and massive, tax increase.



Even though Minnesota has more than \$10 billion sitting in the state’s coffers and the problem has been known about for months, House Democrats – the party in charge of the Minnesota House - refused to hear any legislation on the House floor that would stop a local employer tax increase of

15% or more from being implemented. The deadline to prevent these unnecessary tax increases was March 15. A debt of more than \$1 billion in Minnesota’s Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund is what brought the issue forward. The default method to eliminate the UI debt is tax increases on statewide employers unless the legislature agrees to make the payment in a different way. In this case, Minnesota has two pots of money available: a \$9.3 billion budget surplus and more than \$1 billion in unallocated COVID relief funding. To their credit, the Minnesota Senate – on a strong bipartisan basis – approved legislation that would have eliminated this unneeded tax increase on job providers. Not only did the House Democrat majority refuse to debate that bill, but it also failed to bring up a solution of its own before the March 15 deadline.

House Republicans also attempted to get things moving. On two occasions, we tried to bring bills forward that would have prevented these tax increases. In both cases, House Democrats blocked them from debate. During a recent committee hearing, Governor Walz’s own employment commissioner even stated that a failure to approve legislation that eliminated the tax increases would “create major problems.” Well, those major problems have now begun because the House majority refused to address this issue. Considering all the struggles our business owners have faced throughout the pandemic, forcing them to now take part in a political game is truly sad.

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

MURDER: Warrant issued for murder of infant

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home. He stated that she seemed “normal” when he picked her up from the bassinet. Shankey described his daughter as a “fussy girl” and like all babies, she sometimes cried. He also told deputies that she had reflux issues and difficulty swallowing. An initial autopsy was performed revealing a subdural hemorrhage and optic nerve sheath hemorrhages. No points of impact suggested a fall or other injury. The doctor performing the autopsy suspected inflicted trauma, specifically violent shaking, as the cause of death. An expanded neuropathology exam was requested. Shankey was questioned again on August 16. He explained that after the baby’s mother

left for work, he played with the infant for some time, then put her down for a nap. He played video games during her nap before she woke up around 6 p.m. He then stated he fed her a six-ounce bottle of formula. Shankey told investigators that she fell asleep during feeding and he again put her in the bassinet. About ten minutes before his parents arrived, he stated he picked the infant up and went outside with her to play fetch with the dog. Shankey said the baby was not moving or making noise during this time. He said he wanted to cuddle with her and let her enjoy the fresh air. When confronted, Shankey initially said he could not think of anything that caused these injuries. He then said he rocked the baby for a while to calm her

so she would take a bottle. When asked how he would explain the autopsy findings, Shankey said he may have rocked her too hard. Shankey admitted when asked, that he had thought to himself he may have caused her death from that. When asked if the infant was breathing when he picked her up to go outside, Shankey said he thought she was just sleeping and he did not look at her face because her head was facing away from him. In March of 2022, the results of the expanded autopsy were released. The doctor noted several injuries, including hemorrhages in the infant’s eyes, brain and spinal cord. These findings supported initial assessment of externally inflicted injuries. The final report states

that the infant’s cause of death was a homicide due to blunt force head injury. A contusion and abrasion on the infant’s left forehead corresponded to deep scalp hemorrhage. Based on the severity of the injuries that caused the death, it was determined they occurred while the baby was in Shankey’s care. The injuries were so severe that the baby would not have presented normally after their infliction. The pending charges include second degree murder, without intent while committing a felony and third degree murder. If found guilty, Shankey could face up to 40 years in prison for the second degree charge and up to 25 years for the third degree murder charge.

What matters most

Growing up in the 60’s, I realize I was pretty naïve then, too. We lived in a small town on the Iron Range, a town about the size of Pine City. Our house was across from a beautiful park built around a lake. As far as I knew, there were only five churches in town. The Episcopalians had a beautiful log church right across the street from our house. The altar and kneeling rails were all made of birch—with the bark still attached. The punishment for peeling the birchbark was death. That always bothered me a little because sometimes a guy could accidentally peel some off when he was fidgeting around. They didn’t have a huge congregation, but those who attended drove big cars and dressed fancy; I didn’t own a tie, so that left me out. On our block was the Methodist Church—the choice of my dad and half of my 13 siblings. It was a huge “showcase” church; it was so big they even played basketball tournaments in the basement. Every Christmas we put on a play about the birth of Jesus. I was a shepherd. Mom was busy having babies and didn’t have time to make a cloak for me, so I wore my bathrobe. I didn’t understand why people behind me were snickering until someone pointed out the words in big letters on the back of my robe which said, “Chief Brave Eagle.” I guess I was supposed to turn it inside out, but I didn’t think of that. The other half of the family walked two blocks to the Presbyterian Church. That church was much smaller, and the walk to get there was uphill both ways. That cut me out. The Catholics had a church on the edge of town. I didn’t know much about them, but I was always a little irritated because the school served tasteless fish sticks on Fridays; that is, if they didn’t plop tuna noodle hot dish or Spanish rice on our trays. I survived though because I had something to look forward to—Fridays at our house were always “beans, wieners and potato chips” night. No fish sticks or hot dish for supper. I didn’t know much about the Lutherans either. Their church looked like a castle, and I looked at the entrance every time I passed by on my paper route to see if the 95 Theses were posted. At least then I could have gotten some clues about them. My mom was honestly the nicest person in town. Busy Highway 169 passed right by our house, and we tended to get a lot of visitors. We had a big front porch with a swing and some comfy chairs. Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses found our location inviting. My mom would always welcome them for supper, and after, we would sit around in the living room while they preached to us. I think churches must have had more influence on the schools in those days. Back then, our schools had something called Religious Instruction. Every Thursday, all of our classes were shortened, and for the last 90 minutes of the school day we went to whichever church we normally attended. We all gathered in our groups to be escorted to the various churches, so it was readily apparent who went where, not to mention who stayed back at the school for a supervised study hall. I never thought too much about my classmates’ religious affiliation because it never seemed to matter much. I was more concerned about their character because I figured the type of person you are is more important than what church you attend. I learned at a young age that we are all flawed individuals, and we’re all part of a flawed human race no matter where we went on Thursday afternoon. Peeling birchbark off the kneeling rail can teach you that. Not to mention being a Chief Brave Eagle shepherd or eating fish on Fridays. What I came to realize is that members of our class cared about each other as people. To this day, my classmates still keep in close touch. We share the good and bad news that accompanies life in our twilight years. We share each other’s joy and pain. Of course, we still have disagreements, especially regarding politics, but there is a love, humility, gratefulness, and compassion that exists not because of which church we went to, but because we genuinely care about each other as people. That is the kind of “instruction” that makes living life so rewarding. At least I know I am not naïve about that.



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Furniture refinishing 101

One of the greatest joys I have had in life is taking an old piece of furniture I have an affection for, stripping away the old finish, repairing what needs repaired, applying the right color stain and then applying the final finish to the piece, thereby ending up with a usable and functional piece of furniture that will be enjoyed by others for many years to come.



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Even though I’ve just described the whole process in only four lines, I have never worked on a piece of furniture where the task was so simple. Do you have the right project that you know you’ll love and want after you are done? Why spend the hours, days, weeks and even months working on something that will have no value to you afterwards?

Then the stripping away of the old begins. Are the corners and seams of the old finish cleaned out, or did you just strip away the old finish from the front surfaces that others will see? Will you be able to look back at it when done, and say, “I did my best?”

After stripping, are there joints that need to be repaired? Were they prepared properly? Did you glue them well?

Are you going to stain the piece before applying the proper finish? No stain? What color stain? Light? Dark?

What type of finish? Tung Oil? Varnish? Poly? Or something else?

As I thought through this whole process I was reminded how similar this process is to our relationship with God.

I know there are times where we feel like one of these old, broken down discarded pieces of furniture. What good are we? Why am I here? What do I have to offer anyone? I’m just me! But, my friend, God not only has a level of affection for you, but He loves you with all that He is. He loved you so much that in Genesis 1:27 it says :“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” If we understand that the fullness of God’s beauty can be seen in the fullness of His creation, then

we also can see that the fullness of God’s image can be seen in the beauty of the total picture of “male and female.”

Now, even as we were created in the image of God, we were also given the freedom to choose right or wrong. Man and woman rebelled, and sin entered the world. Romans 3:23 tells us: “... all have sinned.” Me, you, the Pope, Billy Graham, our loving Grandma ... everyone.

But the promise of God can be found in Psalm 103:11-12 where it says: “For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. So, as we read what David wrote, we can see where God not only loves us, but He provided a way for us to come back to a restored relationship with Him.

I John 1:9 tells us how that happens: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins ...” Romans 10:9 goes on to say: “... if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

So God loves us! He lets us know what separates us from Him. He tells us what we can do about it. But then, again, God wants to reassure you about how very much He loves you! Not what you’ve done, whether good or bad. He loves you! You don’t have to “clean up your act.” He loves you! John 3:16 says it all: “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” If the Creator of all the universe ... if the One who was God before time began and will be when time as we know it ends ... if the One who gave his only Son for you and for me tells us: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness,” we can know how much He loves us!

If we can invest this much time and love in refinishing a piece of furniture, what does it say about how great the love of God is, who has done so very much more for us? He loves us. He removes the stains of sin. He mends broken hearts, and in Him, we are a new creation. Let me tell you about my Jesus!

JACK DROSTE is the pastor at Henriette Free Methodist.

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MARSHMALLOW RHUBARB DELIGHT

4 c. diced fresh or frozen rhubarb	extract
2-1/2 c. sugar, divided	1-3/4 c. all-purpose flour
1 c. miniature marshmallows	3 tsp. baking powder
1/2 c. butter, softened	1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla	1/2 c. whole milk



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In a large bowl, combine the rhubarb and 1-1/2 cups sugar. Transfer to a greased 7x11-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with marshmallows. In a small bowl, cream the butter, vanilla extract and remaining sugar until light and fluffy. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; add to the creamed mixture alternately with whole milk. Beat just until moistened; spoon over rhubarb and marshmallows. Bake at 350 degrees until the topping is golden brown, 40-45 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 12 servings. If using frozen rhubarb, measure while it is still frozen and thaw completely. Drain in a colander but do not press the liquid out.

ON-THE-GO BREAKFAST MUFFINS

2 c. all-purpose flour	1/2 lb. fully-cooked ham, cubed
1/4 c. sugar	1/2 lb. cheddar cheese, diced and shredded
2 Tsp. baking powder	1/2 lb. sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled
1 tsp. salt	1 small onion, finely chopped
1/4 tsp. pepper	
6 large eggs, room temperature	
1 c. milk	

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and pepper. Beat eggs and milk; stir into dry ingredients until well combined. Stir in the ham, cheese, bacon and onion. Fill well-greased muffin cups three-fourths full. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack. Do not use paper-lined muffin cups for this recipe. Makes 20 muffins. Can substitute 1 pound of cooked Italian sausage for this recipe (remove casings before cooking).

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The End of an Era: Kevin Cahill retires after 39 years

BY DIANE ENGELSTAD

With so much emphasis in education being put on standardized testing and science and math, at times it is easy to overlook the benefits of another area of learning, one that helps students develop language skills, memorization, coordination, discipline, pattern recognition, teamwork, and self-confidence. This amazing subject is music, and the many benefits of music are well-known to Pine City’s long-time, junior high band director, Kevin Cahill.

Cahill’s uncle was a band director, and at the age of 5 or 6 when Kevin started piano lessons, he knew he wanted to be a music teacher too. Along the way, he added the trumpet and bass to the piano as his primary instruments but learned to play all the band instruments while he attended the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 1983 with a bachelor’s in music education with instrumental emphasis degree and took his first job teaching music in Pine City. As it turned out, it ended up being his only job.

Two years later, he married his college sweetheart Joanne, also a music major at Eau Claire, and brought her back to Pine City with him. Joanne soon got a job at the elementary school and together they settled in, teaching music, serving as the music ministry team at their church, participating in community musicals, playing for weddings and funerals and eventually raising five musical children.

Now, however, after directing approximately 450 concerts, participating in numerous musicals, heritage plays, Art in the Park, and teaching countless

lessons, Cahill is making some changes and will be retiring in June. Throughout Cahill’s 39 year tenure at the school, he has seen many changes, the most obvious being the physical expansion of the music department. The space has grown in size from the one room that the band and choir shared at the beginning of his career to the much roomier and acoustically-balanced space that was added in 2015.

The number of student opportunities has also increased with separate fifth and sixth grade bands and two junior high bands. Cahill also brought jazz, his favorite musical genre, to the school with the addition of a jazz ensemble. For many years, the jazz band gave students an opportunity to learn a different style of music and to perform throughout the state.

This spring Cahill will be directing his final concerts as a Pine City band director. His plans in retirement are undecided, but music will continue to play a role. Among other things, he intends to do some piano tuning and continue his music ministry at mass each Sunday. Cahill admits that there are things he will miss in retirement, especially the people he works with, the day to day interactions with staff and students, and the challenges each day brings.

But even after nearly 40 years, hundreds of students and all he has accomplished, Cahill is not one to “toot his own horn.” He is quick to give credit for the growth and success of the music programs at both the high school and elementary to the continuity of his colleagues, Jennifer Krinke, Blake Groe,

Jen Hansmann and of course, his wife Joanne, as well as his good friend and mentor, Paul Bacigalupi, with whom Cahill worked and made music for 24 years, while downplaying his own “instrumental” influence.

The Pine City community, he says, also deserves recognition for its support of music in the schools through the years.

Cahill will be greatly missed as a colleague, mentor and band director at the high school, but this spring’s concerts will not be his swan song; he’s just going to be singing a different tune in the future.



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Cahill holds a trumpet, one of the many instruments he is fluent in.



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Cahill assists with recording of the recent senior high band and choir concert as he has done countless times over the years.

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School board moves ahead with outside hiring consultant to new superintendent



The Pine City School Board met for a special meeting on Friday, March 18. Pictured left to right are Becci Palmblade, Lezlie Sauter, Dan Peterson, Tim Geisler, and Candice Ames.

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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The Pine City School Board is moving ahead with one of the two superintendent search firms who presented at a special board meeting on Friday, March 18. The board voted to hire Ray and Associates as their firm of choice based on the thoroughness of search that the firm provides.

Discussion took place regarding the value of hiring the firm. Board member Candice Ames said, “I feel like a lot of the process has changed over time and the search process today is much more complex in gathering information about applicants than it ever used to be. The kind of search we used to do probably doesn’t fit.”

Board member Lezlie Sauter said, “The first proposal (Ray and Associates) really gets into what makes us tick or get out of sync. In light of recent events, maybe we need to think outside the box. I also liked the emphasis on equity.”

Board chair Dan Peterson said, “You’re getting a lot more from the first one.”

Board member Tim Geisler said, “After hearing both of them, I don’t want to do it on our own ... I would waive my per diem in this whole search.” Several other board members offered to do so as well.

The board ultimately decided they wanted a firm that could begin a search right away given the decreasing amount of time to find a qualified candidate able to start this summer.

Craig Morris, a representative from Ray and Associates, said that he expects to produce approximately 30-40 applicants and that Pine City offers a rich experience for a potential candidate given its geographical

location, financial conditions, infrastructure, community involvement, and the opportunity to identify new leaders that can bring stability to the district going forward.

Morris said he could start right away this week and would offer a recruiting option. The other firm did not have that option.

“We will also talk with people in the community,” said Morris. “You may have individuals in the Pine City area who are qualified.”

Board member Becci Palmblade said she is concerned that board members’ conduct of a new superintendent would be professional in the future to create better retention.

Peterson replied, “We voted on a resolution on Monday night, and that resolution says that every one of us is going to live according to the code of ethics for a board member. The majority voted on it and passed it ... I’m going to be watching it, and if they are going to violate it, they will be removed. There has been more than one violation, and we’re going to keep an eye on it.”

OPEN SCHOOL BOARD SEAT

Discussion took place about the process to replace former school board member Lisa Nos-Tollefson who recently resigned. Peterson said that he expects the process to be the same as the last replacement when Lezlie Sauter was appointed by the board to replace Wendy Liebel. “We will put information out and people can apply,” said Peterson.

A special board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. to discuss further action and a timeline with Ray and Associates and to discuss a timeline for appointing a new school board member.

March: National Athletic Trainer Month

Meet the local athletic trainers

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March is National Athletic Trainer Month, and some of our schools are fortunate to have athletic trainers from Welia Health. Athletic training focuses on safe, optimal participation in sport and active lifestyles and getting back to the sports athletes enjoy following an injury.

Luke Keranen has been the athletic trainer at East Central High School for six years.

Keranen received his degree from Northwestern College in St. Paul. He was influenced in becoming a trainer by this father.

“My dad actually went back to school when I was a high school student and took a course in injury prevention,” said Keranen. “When my first major in college didn’t seem like a good fit, I remembered thinking that sports medicine looked interesting from looking at my dad’s school books.”

With her undergraduate and graduate degrees from The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Tember Anselmo has been working with our athletes at Hinckley-Finlayson High School for the past two years.

“I was a three-sport athlete in high school and knew I wanted to have a career in the



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Pine City High School Athletic Trainer Becky Zelenko (above left), East Central High School Athletic Trainer Luke Keranen (center) and Hinckley-Finlayson High School Athletic Trainer Tember Anselmo (right).

medical field. When I separated my shoulder in basketball my senior year, I had to do physical therapy. I really liked the idea of what physical therapy was about but wanted to stay more on the athletic side of things. After some research that led me to this career of athletic training,” said Anselmo. “This is my third year of being an athletic trainer and I really do love it. Probably my favorite thing is having a part in the recovery of an injured athlete and seeing them get back to playing the sport they love.”

Becky Zelenko also entered the field of athletic training, after a high school sports injury, and has been working with the Pine City High School athletes for the past six years.

“When I was a freshman in high school, I tore my ACL while playing in a basketball game,” said Zelenko. “I had a really good experience working with my high school athletic

trainer before and after surgery that I knew that this was the field that I wanted to work in someday.”

Zelenko attended the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth to obtain her bachelor’s in exercise physiology and her master’s in athletic training. What she enjoys most about being a certified athletic trainer is helping student athletes return to play after sustaining an injury.

“It is rewarding to see student athletes regain their confidence and then test that confidence during games, matches or meets,” said Zelenko.

What should someone who is considering a career in athletic training know?

“There are many more opportunities becoing available than in the traditional athletic settings, and be prepared to have to sell yourself and the profession on a regular basis,” said Luke Keranen. “There is still much confusion about what our role is

and can be.”

“I know sometimes, to people watching what we do, it might look like we spend a lot of time just sitting on the bleachers (trust me we do), but there are a lot of hours of treatments, evaluations and consoling that happen in our offices,” said Tember.

“I spend a lot of my time at home thinking about a specific athlete’s injury and what I can do the next day to help them recover faster or make them feel better,” said Anselmo. “It calls for some very long days and sometimes not getting into bed until after midnight, but it has been very rewarding for me.”

Zelenko added, “A person who is considering a career in athletic training should know that you work long, crazy hours some months, but it’s all worth it when your teams perform well and are injury free.”

Townships hold local elections

BY T.A. LEBRUN
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Townships across the state and in Pine County held their election of officers on Tuesday, March 8. Below are the results.

Chengwatana Township results: Christopher Miller was elected as a supervisor. Katy Overtoom was elected as clerk.

In Royalton Township, Jeff Schlaeger was re-elected supervisor and Duane Swanson was re-elected clerk.

Pokegama Township elected Dean Swenson as a supervisor.

In Nickerson Township, Bernice Marier ran unopposed for supervisor, and Barb Mercer ran unopposed for clerk.

In Bremen Township, Taylor Bednar was elected clerk, and Gary Stewart was elected as a supervisor.

In Hinckley Township, Justin Hanson was elected as a supervisor, and Angela Charchenko was elected clerk.

In Clover Township,

Jeff Kappauf was elected supervisor and Sandra Nelson elected as clerk.

In Fleming Township, George Kordiak was elected as a supervisor.

In Ogema Township, Charles Kramer was elected supervisor and Robert Sunstrom clerk.

In Mission Creek Township, Gene Rootkie was elected supervisor.

In Kettle River Township, Nathan Romanowski was elected supervisor, and Mindy Jerry was elected clerk.

In Norman Township, Michael Platzer was

elected supervisor, and Judy A. Nelson was elected clerk.

In Arlone Township, Steve Nelson was elected supervisor, and Denise Christiansen was elected clerk.

In Arna Township, Janet Proffit was elected as a supervisor and Cheryl Wickham as clerk.

In Brook Park Township, a tie occurred between Ron Hanson and Jared Rosati. Ron Hanson was determined the winner by lot.

‘Let’s Go Fishing’ is gearing up for new season

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Thank you,
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With tips or story ideas, email:

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Stand for Ukraine Rally

Local advocates joined together for a Stand for Ukraine last Friday on Main Street and will be rallying again on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 from noon to 1 p.m. on the corner of 8th Ave. and Main Street. Organizer Mary Kay Brautigan invited the public to join them in April and said that the group raised \$150 to be sent to trusted relief organizations.



PHOTOS BY PINE CITY SCHOOL STAFF

Spring Fling Week fun!

Staff and students alike from Pine City high and elementary schools celebrated their Spring Fling Week last week with several dress up days. The high school had Dress like a Dad Day, Rain vs. Beach Day, Anything but a Backpack Day, Construction Day and on Friday, Groutfit Day (wear all gray). The elementary celebrated 80s Day, Wear your Clothes Backwards Day, Sports Day, Pajama Day, and Hat Day.



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10 Years Ago, 2012

Tippi Hedren visit the Wildcat Sanctuary: Though most know Tippi Hedren for her work in Hitchcock films and being mom to actress Melanie Griffith and mother-in-law to Actor Antonio Banderas. Those who love exotic cats know her as founder of Shambala Preserve and the ROAR foundation and president of the American Sanctuary Association. Tippy was able to spend the day at the Wildcat Sanctuary thanks to her road to Hollywood classic film tour stop in Minneapolis. Hedren said, “I am amazed and proud to see how the sanctuary has grown and all that’s been developed since my last visit, especially considering the small budget the sanctuary operates with compared to much larger organizations.

25 Years Ago, 1997

Fire museum is down to pennies: Important County resource suffers big funding crisis. “We used to be more lucrative than we are now,” said Jeanne Coffey, director of the Hinckley fire Museum. Just to open and stay open through the end of May the museum needs \$6,000. Consequently, a benefit auction for the museum has been scheduled for Friday May 9 at the Hinckley Community

Center. The Hinckley Fire Museum opened its doors in 1976. Coffey has been the director since 1980. We are a branch of the Pine County Historical Society, but we’re not operated by them. We have our own board of directors. We don’t get city funding. We get a small stipend from the county.

50 Years Ago, 1972

Honey Sunday: Sponsored by the Jaycees will be held this year on April 9. The honey will be available in local grocery stores starting this week. On Honey Sunday, the Jaycees will conduct a house-to-house sale in Pine City and Hinckley. Last year, Pine City placed eighth in the state competition of selling honey, and this year they hope to place first.

It was announced this week that Robert Salonek, owner of the Pine Camp Ballroom, has sold his ballroom business and residence to Alan and Betty Wahlberg of New Brighton. They have been in operation of the business since the spring opening of Pine Camp on March 18.

Opening soon! Rock Garden Lounge located at the Interstate 35W and Junction 70, Rock Creek. Phil Dickey and Dick Kuzel are the proprietors.

75 Years Ago, 1947

The little community of Rock Creek came through with it’s usual good spirit to top its



FILE PHOTO

On thin ice?

Two ice fisherman decided to ignore the thermostat, which read 70 degrees and head on to the ice of Crosslake for one last try on Monday March 14.

The two had climbed out onto the ice on a makeshift bridge but reported that the ice had receded from the shore since then, and they weren’t sure exactly how to make it back to shore without getting soaked.

quota in the Red Cross fund campaign, not only by a few dollars, but more than doubled it! The quota for that community was set at \$105 and present reports indicate that a total of \$230.50 has been contributed in the campaign.

Wisconsin residents who are interested in having the Saint Croix River toll bridge being made a free bridge have been active during the current session of the Wisconsin legislature in having the legislation introduced where by the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota would purchase the bridge from its present owners.

Brook Park. Vylan Numson had the misfortune of breaking several ribs last week when his horses ran away from him while hauling logs. The logs fell on Mr. Numson, knocking him down,

and the vehicle passed over him.

100 Years Ago, 1922

Kozy Korner is the name of the new store owned by Ted Buselmeier. Mister Buselmeier was open for business last week with a good stock of cigars and smokers supplies, school supplies, stationary and a complete line of box and bulk candy. There is a modern soda fountain, new ice cream tables to match the fixtures for the booths.

The head of the Big Moose shot by Henry Blank last fall and given to Webb Hodge is attracting quite a little attention. Mr. Hodge has had the head mounted and hung in his office. It is a beautiful specimen

and is one of the largest ever brought to town. It measures 50 inches from tip to tip and weighs 104 lbs.

125 Years Ago, 1897

A.F. Brackett has been hauling piling to build Mr. McAllen’s boat house for the accommodation of the launch that he bought in Grantsburg recently. Mr. McAllen will build a fine boat house and have

it rigged so that he can pull his boat out when not in use.

Burger Bros. Saw Mill shut down Monday night and will not resume operations until after the ice goes out. They have cut all the logs that are handy to the slip and the ice is so rotten they are afraid to put a team on to draw the logs so as to reach them from the mill, hence the shutdown.

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Schlichting, Caden J.
Struss, Lily R.
Swanson, Christian
Tayerle, Brody L.
Thieman, Summer A.
Waldron, Maria
Selena M.
Wicktor, Spencer
Wilberg, Sydney A.
Youngbauer, Brenna

Grade 11
Ausmus, Fredrick M.
Better, Keith
Brady, David
Burns, Abigail E.
Danielson, Briana
Fedder, Caden T.
Hasz, Isaiah
Horak, Grace M.
Janssen, Caleb J.
Johnson-Maldonado, Armani J.
LeMon, Madisson L.
Lind, Mason
McKellar, Chloe
Mead, John
Nilo, Jhans L.
Patzoldt, Cody
Plasek, Nicholas
Schumann, James A.
Seals, Ashton
Smetana, Maggie J.
Tracy, Emma
Tyberg, Carly
Wiener, Maddox T.
Yang, Essence S.

Grade 12
Blake, Claire
Danielson, Hunter
Egdorf, Nathaniel W.
Goff, Kenneth B.
Goodner, Jacob D.
Grubbs, Samantha A.
Irlbeck, Braden R.
Jahnz, Kira
James, Samuel T.
Johnson, Alex I.
Knutson, Casey
Lindahl, Jacob L.
Ludwig, Abigail M.
Mancia, Mauricio E.
Mikyska, Mason
Olson, Dylan P.
Ouchi, Ayaka
Overtoom, Micah J.
Petersen, Dylan
Prihoda, Kaitlyn K.
Rehn, Garrett
Roberts, Bryce
Rydberg, Hailee
Schneider, Samantha M.
Segarra, Connor D.
Thieman, Jason G.
Waxberg, Cole J.
Wiechman, Sunny C.

School board details teachers’ contract

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During the March 14 regular Pine City School Board meeting, board member Dan Peterson outlined some details in the agreement with the teachers’ union. He said there were a few things at that time still needed to be agreed upon but asked the board to approve what was finalized.

Peterson said they agreed to a 3% increase on schedule C extracurricular advisors and coaches and a general increase for teacher pay of 2.2% increase for the 2021-’22 school year and a 2.4% increase for 2022-’23 school year. Teachers will also get a \$1,000 one time payment as part of the ESSER funds (pandemic funding for schools). Board member Candice Ames noted that this payment falls under an ESSER fund category for the work

teachers performed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Peterson added that they would increase the HSA (Health Savings Account) by \$100 in the first year and another \$100 in the second year. He said personal day trade in compensation was increased as well. Five days were added for paternity leave, said Peterson. “The rest of the issues will be worked out at the meeting tomorrow,” said Peterson. All board members voted to approve the new contract. “Thanks for the work you put into that on both sides,” added board member Becci Palmblade.

PRINCIPAL HIRING
Superintendent Paula Foley said that interviews for high school principal and assistant principal are scheduled for April 4 and 5. “We had six applicants and

now have five,” said Foley. “None with experience, but all have good resumes.”

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS
In the positive happenings segments of the meeting, it was noted that a parent from Foley sent a letter to the school commending Blake Groe and the pep band for their behavior. Ames recognized Cindy Stolp stating, “Cindy has turned in the last chapter of her dissertation and soon to be giving her oral presentation. All of our good wishes will go with you.” Superintendent Foley commended Jocelyn Rydberg for all her hard work done at getting Vision school ready for its opening. She also commended James Foster for the work he’s been doing fundraising for the new weight room.

PUBLIC FORUM

Several people spoke at the public forum. A student, Oliva Johnson, spoke, lending her support for the current superintendent, Paula Foley, saying that she has done a lot in the efforts against racism and homophobia. Johnson’s mother, Danielle Davis, also spoke in support of Foley adding that she is concerned about the culture of the school board, retaining staff and superintendents and asking that parents and students be given an opportunity to evaluate the school culture. A local daycare provider, Jordan Petranek, spoke with concerns about the school implementing free daycare using ESSER funds, saying that this could potentially put her out of business. “I am 100% not in support of a free

Thank you

A heartfelt thanks to all who joined us in our birthday celebration. The laughter and hugs will be treasured always. Hats off to Travis and the Pizza Pub staff for a job well done. What a great venue to have in Pine City. All Praise, Glory and Honor to God for providing a safe celebration. May God continue to Bless us all.

**With grateful hearts,
Marge Hawkinson and Barb Tritch**

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Pine County may be seeing better Internet access with assistance of broadband grant

PRESS RELEASE
PINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pine County announced today that it was awarded a \$75,000 Blandin Foundation grant to assist in advancing high-speed Internet access and use in its local communities.

Named a Blandin Broadband Community (BBC) in September 2021, Pine County leaders have since worked with a program consultant to convene community members to identify technology priorities and create projects to address them.

Projects developed during community visioning sessions that received funding

include:

- Hiring a Google-certified trainer to deliver technology trainings to local businesses and professionals to help with Google Maps, website and social media.
- Installing fixed wireless in Chengwatana Township.
- Installing fixed wireless to reach Pine City Township town hall and surrounding areas.
- Installing last-mile fiber cable to the Kerrick Town Hall.

“We know that our limited access to reliable high-speed broadband hinders our ability to use technology in our homes and businesses and unfortunately also reduces our ability to access education and business resources. We are excited to construct broadband infrastructure and provide technology education with this grant,” says Lezlie Sauter, Pine County’s economic development coordinator.

Local chambers of commerce in Pine City, Hinckley & Moose Lake will be assisting with the delivery of the “Going Google in Pine County”, which will help businesses get on Google maps, understand how to use the google tools and workspace, and learn to become their own social media graphic designer using Canva. For more information on this opportunity or to get

registered, reach out to Becky Schueller at pinecitychamber@gmail.com or at 320.322.4040.

Local internet service providers SCI Broadband (Hinckley) and Starwire Technologies (Siren, WI) are working to bring a minimum of 100 Mbps/10Mbps broadband service to Kerrick Town Hall, Chengwatana Town Hall and rural areas surrounding Pine City (Pine City Township, Royalton Township & Pokegama Township). Each has contributed 50% of the project cost, which is matched with the Blandin grant funds.



Teachers Amanda Wimmer and Becky Steffen speak about their roots in the district during open forum, accompanied by teachers' union president, Jason Rademacher.

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school aged program ... this would hurt my daycare tremendously. This would affect the local daycares when the school is taking away the business,” she said.

Community member, Joel Hogberg, also spoke. He addressed the board with the concern that was brought up as a point of contention in negotiations, about teachers’ children not allowed to be with them in their classroom before and after school hours. “The greatest, most influential institution is the family. Family was allowed to stay together ... now parents (teacher parents) are forced to find daycare during a daycare shortage ... they now have to be concerned about picking up their children on time,” said Hogberg. “Do we not trust them with their own children? Please consider this past practice to keep their children with them. I work in a district that values family and we’re reminded that family comes first.”

Two teachers, Amanda Wimmer and Becky Steffen, were asked to speak by union president, Jason

Rademacher, to highlight some of the work they’ve done and share their history rooted in Pine City Schools.

OTHER BUSINESS

Teacher David Jackson gave an update on the Lifetime Curriculum Project saying that the project is geared toward suicide prevention in middle school and high school students.

Nichole Laven, Pine City Schools director of teaching and learning, made the recommendation that the school continue offering the online academy for K-8 students, adding that offering it to older students may place too much burden on teaching staff who would be teaching both in-person and online. “I know a lot of people really like the program,” said Laven. “If we want to invest funds to make it open to K-12, we would need to listen to staff.”

Senior High English Teacher Jory Magel’s request to be moved from full-time to .7 FTE was discussed and approved for one year and then re-evaluated.

The East Central Regional Development Commission undertaking Regional Business Conditions Survey

PRESS RELEASE
ECRDC

The East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) is undertaking a brief survey of business conditions in Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs & Pine Counties.

This online survey of five questions should take 3 minutes or less to complete, and provide an overview of how our regions’ businesses did in 2021, current business conditions, and business’ outlook for 2022. If businesses would like to be contacted confidentially by an economic developer to discuss business assistance resources, there is place at the end of the survey to submit contact information.

The survey is available on the ECRDC’s website: www.ecrdc.org Results will be posted on the ECRDC’s website at the completion of the survey.

For more information on the ECRDC, please log on to www.ecrdc.org or call (320) 679-4065.

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PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER					
March 13 - March 19 Miscellaneous					
March 13, 1:30 a.m. Fight , 5th St SE, Pine City	Unspecified Warrant Issued by Kanabec	Death	Ordered Child Support	Small Amount Marijuana - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance - Arrest of Adult	- DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours
March 13, 2:33 p.m. Damage To Property , Mallard Rd, Brook Park	MORGAN, JOHN WILLIAM Boarder Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 1st Degree - Manufacture Methamphetamine - Arrest of Adult	BUROS, ROBERT ELTON Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear Warrant Issued - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol	ROBERTSON, NOO-DAY-NIMIN Parole/Probation Violation - Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Prior citation/warning; Action not taken	MARCH 17 ANDERSON, MATTHEW Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle - Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle - Arrest of Adult	NELSON, MESAI MATTHEW Confined But Not Convicted - Receiving Stolen Property
March 14, 10:00 a.m. Fraud/Scam/Id , Big Aspen Trl, Pine City	NICHELE, PHILLIP STEVEN Hold For Other Agency: Unspecified Warrant Issued by Goodhue, MN; Hold - Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misd	DAVIS, AARON ELIAS Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle - Possess Ammo/ Any Firearm - User of Controlled Substance- Wireless Communications Device - Engage in cellular phone or video call - Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to Public Safety- Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Probation Violation - Traffic - DWI - Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test; Blood or urine as Required by search warrant - Arrest of Adult	MARCH 16 MUEHLBERG, JAMES SCOTT Summons - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours - Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol	MARTIN, DYLAN MICHAEL Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 25 grams or more cocaine or methamphetamine	PUTBRESE, NATHANAEL Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Sale - Schedule IV controlled Substance Mixture
March 14, 11:38 a.m. Vehicle Theft , County Hwy 61, Pine City	VONDOEHREN, WILLIAM Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Hold For Other Agency Confined But Not Convicted - Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle - Probable Cause Confined But Not Convicted - Fugitive from Justice from Other State	MOOSE, CODY ROY Pine County Warrant: Failure to Appear warrant issued by Pine, MN - Receiving Stolen Property	SIGLER, TABITHA SUE Confined But Not Convicted - Criminal Vehicular Homicide - Operate Vehicle Any Amount Sched 1 or 2 Controlled Substance	WILLHITE, GARTH LEROY JR Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Gross Misdemeanor warrant issued by - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection - Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection	RICHARDSON, JOIE SU-ZANNE Hold For Other Agency: Failure to Appear warrant
March 16, 12:39 p.m. Check Welfare , Island Resort Rd, Pine City	WIBORG, NICOLE KRISTA Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent - Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent - Arrest of Adult	OJIBWAY, JERRAD Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Misdemeanor warrant - Contempt of Court - Fail to Pay	VREELAND, TYLER LEE Pine County Warrant Confined But Not Convicted - Pharmacy - Bribery-Offer, Give, Promise-Influence Performance-Public Officer/ Employee - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not	WILLHITE, GARTH LEROY SR Probable Cause - Aiding an Offender to Avoid Arrest-Harbor/Conceal	ROCKENSOCK, RICHARD JAMES Pine County Warrant: Arrest - Gross Misdemeanor warrant - Drugs - 5th Degree - Sale - Marijuana mixture except small amount of marijuana with no remuneration
March 16, 3:33 p.m. Fraud/Scam/Id , 3rd Ave SE, Pine City	March 15 BREW, MICHAEL CLEM Probable Cause - Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or				SHANKEY, DYLAN BENJAMIN Pine County Warrant: Bench - Felony Warrant Issued by Pine, MN - Murder - 3rd Degree - Perpetrating Eminently Dangerous Act and Evincing Depraved Mind - Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony
March 17, 6:50 p.m. Disturbance , Homestead Rd, Pine City					SIKKINK, AMBER MAE Hold For Other Agency: Arrest - Felony warrant issued.
March 17, 21:39 p.m. Traffic Pursuit , 7th St SW, Pine City					
March 18, 3:41 p.m. Assault ,Northridge Dr NW, Pine City					
Jail Roster					
March 14 DUNKLEY, BUSTER BROWN Confined But Not Convicted - Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Arrest of Adult					
MILLER, BRIAN ANTHONY Hold For Other Agency:					

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-22-29
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Estate of
Sharon Judith Meyers
aka Sharon J. Meyers,
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 Kalmora C. Dyson, whose address is 24455 Skunk Lake rd., Sandstone, Minnesota, 55072, 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 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: March 10, 2022
BY THE COURT
/s/ Pamela Kreier
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-22-26
NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Max Blaufuss,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is further given, that on April 20, 2022, at 10:15 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota, via Zoom technology for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, October 26, 2017 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Mary E. Blaufuss, whose address is 15023 Pokegama Lake Road, Pine City, Minnesota 55063, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes Sections 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 the Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated 03/08/2022
BY THE COURT
/s/ Patrick W. Flanagan
Patrick W. Flanagan
District Court Judge
Heather Powell
Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-22-30
NOTICE OF AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Marlene A. Peterson,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 20, 2022 at 2:45 p.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 635 Northridge Drive Northwest, Pine City, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated December 1, 2021, ("Will") and for the appointment of Diane Quinzon, whose address is 539 Aqua Circle, Lino Lakes, MN 55014 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. 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 Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further 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 03/08/2022
BY THE COURT
/s/ Patrick W. Flanagan
Patrick W. Flanagan
Judge of District Court
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PINE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 58-PR-22-32
NOTICE OF AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON
PETITION FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY,
DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP,
FORMAL APPOINTMENT
OF CO-PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Patricia Ann Becvar, also known as
Patricia A. Becvar, also known as
Patricia Becvar,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 20, 2022, at 2:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination heirship of Decedent, and for the appointment of Jefferey K. Becvar, whose address is 18592 128th Avenue, Indianola, IA, 50125 and Jay A. Becvar, whose address is 19941 Blueberry Island Rd., Pine City, MN 55063 as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Co-Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's Estate.

Notice is further 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

Co-Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated 03/08/2022
BY THE COURT
/s/ Patrick W. Flanagan
Patrick W. Flanagan
Judge of District Court
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CALL FOR BIDS
EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Sealed proposals will be RECEIVED until 10:00 a.m. April 18, 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 equipment rental proposals.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL Bid includes backhoe, scraper, dozer, dump truck, trailers, motor graders, tractor/lowboy trailer, tractor/belly dump trailer, haybale mulcher, compactors, rubber track skid steer, tree feller buncher, loaders, bituminous crushing, concrete crushing, bituminous paving, gravel crushing and winter maintenance sand.

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained upon request from the office of the Pine County

Public Works, 405 Airport Road NE, Pine City, MN 55063. Telephone Number 320-216-4200 or Local Pine City 320-591-1733.

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities.

By order of the Pine County Board of Commissioners, Pine County, Minnesota.

Mark A. LeBrun, County Engineer
Pine County, Minnesota

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Czech National Cemetery will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at the Pine City VFW Hall Post 4258. Refreshments will be served.
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SUMMARYOF
MINUTES OF THE
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 -
10:00 a.m.

Board Room, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren, JJ Waldhalm and Matt Ludwig. Also present was County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. Due to an out-of-town commitment, Chair Steve Hallan joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Chair Hallan was seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means, at Fort Pickens Discovery Center, 1400 Fort Pickens Rd., Pensacola Beach, Florida, a location open and accessible to the public.

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. Lee Greenly asked that his deviation from the county's Encroachment Policy be approved. This item is Regular Agenda, Item 2Ci.

Chair Hallan requested Vice Chair Mohr lead the remainder of the meeting.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2022 county board meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

Minnesota Power correspondence – Proposed Change in Monthly Electricity Costs

Association of Minnesota Counties correspondence

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

Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Approve Resolution 2022-14 approving the application for Premises Permit for the Pokegama Lake Association to conduct lawful gambling at Maverick's Saloon, 29410 Beroun Crossing Road, Pine City, MN. Approve the 2021 gas tax distributions to townships.

Approve a \$300 donation from Jeff's Outdoor Services to be designated to the Pine County Sheriff's Office K-9 fund.

Approve Environment Technician Lukas Olson to attend the Intermediate and Advanced SSTS Design and Inspection. Total cost of training: \$2,594.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to authorize BKV Group to perform a jail facility assessment, data assessment and inmate population projection, at a cost not to exceed \$40,500. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Land and Zoning Advisory Committee Report

Commissioner Lovgren provided an overview of the February 17, 2022 Land and Zoning Advisory Committee meeting. The Land and Zoning Advisory Committee made the following recommendations:

A. Northern Pine Riders Snowmobile Club (NPRSC) Grant Match Request

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the use of ARPA funds for the county's \$15,000 contribution for the Northern Pine Riders Snowmobile Club (NPRSC) grant match request and approve the agreement for the project between the NPRSC, the City of Willow River, and Pine County. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called for by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Land Auction/Sales

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig

approve

1) the 2022 land auction date of September 16, 2022,

2) accept the proposed listing of parcels to be offered for sale,

3) approve Resolution 2022-10 for 2022 Pine County Tax-Forfeited Land Classification (Non-Conservation)

4) approve Resolution 2022-11 to Withdraw Previously Offered Land Auction Parcels

5) approve Resolution 2022-12 for Homestead Property Repurchase and Contract Reinstatement Deadline

6) allow the county's 3/16 interest in Outlot A of Jackie's 1st Addition to be offered for sale to the other owners in Jackie's 1st Addition.

Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 4-1 with Chair Hallan opposing.

C. County Encroachment Policy Deviation Request

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to deny Lee Greenly's request for a deviation from the county's Encroachment Policy. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Land Fund

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve Resolution 2022-13 for Set Aside of Tax Forfeit/Timber Sale Revenues. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to purchase election equipment from ES&S at a cost of \$337,435. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. A Roll Call vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice Chair Mohr called for a short recess at 11:54 a.m.; the Board will reconvene as a Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the Whole

The Board reconvened at 12:00 p.m. as a Committee of the Whole.

Present were Chair Hallan (via electronic means), Commissioners Mohr, Lovgren, Waldhalm and Ludwig, County Administrator David Minke, County Attorney Reese Frederickson, HR Manager Jackie Koivisto, Sheriff Jeff Nelson and County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder.

American Rescue Plan Update Recruitment Update and Referral Incentive Program

It was the consensus of the Board that Human Resources develop a draft policy including costs and bring back to the county board for consideration.

Overview of Final Treasury Rule

Below is a status update of proposed projects:

Project Initial Request Approved Request (March 1,

2022)
1. County-wide housing/ commercial rehab \$851,200 Rehab program reduced \$200,000;
2. PCSO Jail Enhancements \$1,000,000
Jail Study approved-\$40,500
3. Vehicles/Equipment \$400,000 Approved at \$350,000
4. Youth Programming/4-H Educator \$160,000
Susanne Hinrichs and Jan Derdowski to put together proposal & programs and present to the board
5. Election Equipment \$150,000 Approved
6. PCSO Staffing \$120,000 Requested further discussion at Personnel Committee
7. PCSO Medical Bags/AED per Squad \$90,000 Approved
8. Hinckley Transportation/ Economic Impact Study \$65,800 Approved

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve \$65,800 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds designated for a Hinckley Transportation/ Economic Impact Study. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call Vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Sandstone Freight Rail and Transportation Study \$35,000 Approved

10. Sandstone Town Hall Septic & Well \$25,000 Approved

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve up to \$25,000 reimbursement to Sandstone Township from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds designated for installation of a septic system and well at the Sandstone Town Hall. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call Vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

11. PCSO 40 masks w/CBRN filter \$24,000 Approved

12. Soo Line Trail Improvements \$15,000 Approved

13. HHS Directed Aid (assist families in need) \$10,000 Approved

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve \$10,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Pine County Health & Human Services to assist individual and families. Second by Chair Hallan. A Roll Call Vote was called by Vice Chair Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

After discussing all projects, it was the **consensus of the board** that staff should continue to review and finalize all identified projects.

With no further business, Vice Chair Mohr adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for March 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota.

Stephen Hallan, Chair
Pine County 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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Scott Hildebrand
City Administrator
City of Pine City, Minnesota

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