

## HONOR ROLL: Pine City High School students celebrate academic achievements. P11



MIKE GAINOR | THE PIONEER

More snow than dirt flew at the Timber Pines Senior Living Community groundbreaking, but construction should start in the spring.

## Shoreland rules under review

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A new agreement between Pine City officials and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources could have long-term implications for those who own property on – or near – the shores of Cross Lake and the Snake River within the city limits of Pine City.

If approved, the new shoreland rules would apply to all properties within 1,000 feet of Cross Lake and/or 300 feet from the Snake River, with more rules for properties actually on the water.

The agreement would allow the city to deviate from Minnesota shoreland standards, but would require existing property owners to follow higher standards as a condition of receiving any kind of city permit.

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## Housing project gets going in 2020

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A groundbreaking ceremony for the Timber Pines Summit Development was a step forward for plans to put 103 units of senior housing on the south side of Northridge Avenue just north of Welia Health System (formerly FirstLight) in Pine City.

The development will include independent, assisted and memory care facilities. Summit Development has partnered with Walker Methodist to provide the services.

Pine City Mayor Carl Pederson said that the project would have an

impact on many in the community. “We have many challenges with housing, as many other communities do,” Pederson said. “But we are committed as a council to try to bring things to our community that will enhance the economic viability of our community – to provide opportunities to people to not have to move somewhere, but to age in place in our own communities.”

He also noted that the development would bring in jobs. “We have a college in our community that has workforce development programs that will support this project,” Pederson said. “So

we’re super excited. I wish you could start digging tomorrow, but we’ll wait and bide a little more time. Collectively, we are all 100% behind this project – and we want to see it done sooner [rather] than later. So we’ll wait to see a bulldozer out here and start turning some dirt.”

CBS Construction Owner Stuart Bestul said he hoped the bulldozers would be out soon. “We’re probably waiting for spring,” Bestul said. “We’ll get this thing going as soon as we can.”

SEE GROUNDBREAKING, PAGE 16

## Pine City levy goes up by \$60k

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The city of Pine City has approved a levy of \$1,561,352 for 2020, up \$59,671 from \$1,501,681 in 2019 – a total increase of 3.97%.

What will be the impact on property owners and businesses? According to figures provided by the city, all property owners will pay the city 0.53% more in 2020 – though the amount paid in taxes will also likely rise due to higher property values.

### WHAT WILL I PAY?

- For a homestead residential property with a market value of \$150,000, the owners will pay \$818 in 2020, up \$4 from \$814 in 2019.
  - For a non-homestead residential property with a market value of \$150,000, the owners will pay \$972 in 2020, up \$5 from \$966 in 2019.
  - For a business with a market value of \$200,000, the owners will pay \$2,105 in 2020, up \$11 from \$2,094 in 2019.
- City officials noted that the actual amount paid will also depend on any change in a property’s valuation. According to the Pine County Assessor’s Office, Pine City’s median home value increased approximately 10% between 2019 and 2020 – and the property will be taxed at the higher valuation.
- The city offered the example of a home assessed at \$150,000 for the 2019 payable year.

SEE LEVY, PAGE 16

## Braham mother guilty of murdering son

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The case of a Braham mother who was accused of murdering her two-month-old son has come to a conclusion, with the mother being found guilty of second degree murder, without intent.

According to court documents, 26-year-old Shy

Ann Hentges was found guilty following a court trial on Tuesday, Dec. 3 by Judge John Klossner. Hentges waived the right to conduct a jury trial, opting to go with a court trial instead.

Hentges was originally charged with second degree murder and first degree manslaughter following a nine-month in-

vestigation stemming from an incident that occurred at Hentges’ residence on April 5, 2017. At that time, law enforcement responded to the Braham residence based on a report of an infant not breathing. Upon arrival, the infant was determined to be dead at the scene.

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Shy Ann Hentges



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# FROM BOMBS TO BABY DOLLS

## Woman recalls end of World War II in German orphanage

BY LORI ZABEL

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*Christmas 1945: "I can remember it was the nicest Christmas we ever had. The American soldiers came. They gave us a Christmas to remember."*

Ruth Parker was a 9-year-old girl living in an orphanage in Landstuhl, Germany, when the soldiers came that year. She got her first rag doll.

"I remember it all my life," she said.

The 83-year-old Sandstone resident looks back every Christmas to those World War II years as the local German Club meets to plan the annual Epiphany service at St. John's Lutheran Church of Isanti.

Many of the club members have similar stories of hiding in bomb shelters and losing family members. Parker's story begins just as the war did in 1939.

### LIFE IN THE ORPHANAGE

"I was born in 1936," Parker said in her German-accented English. "World War II started in 1939, and my mother gave birth to my brother in June of 1939, and she died in childbirth. My dad was already gone as a soldier, so then we lived with an uncle."

The new baby brother was sent to an orphanage for infants while Parker and her four other siblings were passed among aunts and uncles.

"My dad came home on leave, and he didn't like it – the way we were treated," she said. "He found us all kind of dirty and not looking the way we were supposed to, so he put us into the orphanage until he could come back. And he never came back."

Two weeks before the end of the war, her father went down with the submarine he served in.

Rather than being a temporary fix, the orphanage became Parker's permanent home. It was housed in a convent and operated by nuns – and held 500 children.

"For Christmas we got nothing," Parker recalled. "They would put up like a dollhouse, but we had to share everything. Nothing belonged to us. And after Christmas it got put away until next year."

The memories aren't all bad. Parker remembers the children dressing in their Sunday clothes and waiting breathlessly for a set of big doors to open to reveal the Christmas tree all lit up. The children gathered around it and sang Christmas songs.

### WAR CHANGES THINGS

Through the early 1940s as the war ramped

up in Europe, life in the Landstuhl orphanage became frightening.

"People that have never been through a war – they don't know how it is," Parker said. "In the middle of the night the sirens go off. We had to grab the mattress, put it on our head and run into the bomb shelters."

She remembers the shelters being deep in the ground and "just like the house, like a big underground room that held 500 kids."

It was outfitted with everything the children would need for an extended time – food, water and bathrooms.

"We had to stay until it was over, until the sirens went off – sometimes for days," Parker said. "Sometimes we didn't even get out because the bombs were flying. There was a lot of shooting going on. It was war."

There wasn't much to occupy the hundreds of frightened children during those long days and nights. Parker remembers playing games or knitting, and sometimes suffering discipline at the hands of the nuns.

"In Germany children should be seen and not heard," she said. "That's the rule."

### THE AMERICANS COME

Victory in Europe was declared on May 8, 1945, with the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany's armed forces. From that day on, American soldiers flooded into Germany.

"During that time the white soldiers and the black soldiers were separate in the battalions," Parker said. "Where I lived in the orphanage, the black soldiers came, so I thought for the longest time all Americans are black."

Parker said the nuns kept the children in the bomb shelters even after the war was declared over.

"That was our security," she said. "These Americans came, invaded Germany. We didn't know what they were going to do."

Some of the soldiers spoke in German to the nuns or the children saying, "Come on out, we won't hurt you." They resorted to throwing candy in the streets to coax the children out.

"The nuns said, 'You guys cannot go out. You got to stay in. They are going to kill you. The candy has poison,' and all that kind of stuff," Parker said. "But me – I always had to see what's going on. I was curious, nosy. My curiosity was killing me."

She said all the orphan girls wore little aprons



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Ruth Parker, who spent her childhood in an orphanage in Germany, fondly remembers the American soldiers bringing presents to the orphan children in 1945 after the end of World War II. The black and white photo shows the St. Nikolaus orphanage in Landstuhl, Germany, in the 1940s.

that buttoned in the back, and she snuck outside one day and filled her apron with candy.

"When I came in I said to the other kids (whispering), 'I got candy,'" Parker said.

But the thrill was short-lived when the nuns found out.

"They thought the candy was poisoned," she said. "I had to sit on the chair and eat the first piece of candy, and if I wasn't falling off then I could give the candy to the rest of the kids – if I didn't fall over dead."

The simple lack of poison in the candy was a first step to building trust between the nuns and the American GIs. By Christmas of 1945, the nuns allowed a special Christmas party.

"The American soldiers came," Parker recalled. "They put up a big tent. They gave us a Christmas to remember."

At age 9 she received the first doll she could call her own.

"We all got our own little present that we got to keep," Parker said.

### ROAD TO AMERICA

From that Christmas on, the influence of Americans would change the course of Parker's life.

She stayed at the orphanage until age 21, after attending five years of nursing school. She worked at a hospital while living with an aunt in the 1950s. American soldiers were still stationed in the area during the country's rebuilding process.

"All the girls were talking about those GIs, those soldiers," Parker said. "And I said, 'I'm not going to go with an American soldier!'"

That resolve was put to the test one day in a



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After a mutual case of "love at first sight," Ruth (Weible) Parker and Laurie Parker married in 1961. GI Laurie wrote home to his mother after his first day with Ruth: "I met a German girl. I'm bringing her home. She'll be my wife."

restaurant when she encountered Minnesotan soldier Laurie Parker (named for the "Little Women" character). He and four buddies were heading out the door as Ruth sat with a lemonade at a table near the door.

"The last guy grabbed me by the arm and took me out and said, 'Come on, you're mine!'" Parker said, then paused. "My husband."

The unorthodox introduction got her attention, and that night she headed out with a girlfriend to a local "turmschenke" or tavern where the GIs were known to frequent.

"I get there and walked in," Parker said, "and wouldn't you know in the corner at the table facing the door was my husband. ... He saw me and said, 'Ha!' and grabbed me."

They took a spot on a bench out front and tried to converse when neither knew the other's language.

"He had a book, so we

talked with the book," Parker said. "He would find a phrase in the book in English to ask what my name is and all that kind of stuff."

That night, she said, Laurie wrote a letter to his mom and said, "I met a German girl. I'm bringing her home. She'll be my wife."

### NO REGRETS

That was 1957. They married in 1961 in Germany, then came to the United States in 1962. They started out with Laurie's parents in Rush City, where he worked for the railroad. Ruth's nursing credentials weren't accepted here, so she took a waitressing job at The Coffee Cup, a diner in Rush City.

"Everybody said, 'The Parker boy brought home a war bride,'" Ruth laughed, "so everybody came to see me. They had business like you wouldn't believe."

Over the years they adopted two boys, prompt-

ing Parker to become a U.S. citizen in the 1960s. Grandchildren followed, and life went through its paces.

Laurie passed away in 2016, but throughout their lives he and Ruth took regular trips back to her homeland. She eventually reconnected with her surviving siblings – except for one sister whom she never located.

Parker would say it was a hard road that brought her to where she is today, but as she meets with those German Club friends at the holidays, she can reminisce about the old country with no regrets at leaving it behind.

"I had no home," Parker said. "Once I met my husband and we got married, wherever he would go I go. I came to the United States, and everybody was good to me. I was never sorry I came to the United States."

## THURSDAY JAN. 2

### NAMI Connection

A NAMI Connection peer support group for adults recovering from mental illness meets weekly in Cambridge. The free group is sponsored by NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Trained facilitators lead NAMI Connection groups. The group meets on Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Cambridge Medical Center. For information, contact Danie at 763-219-6236 or 651-645-2948.

### Caregiver Club

On the first Thursday of every month the public is invited to a professionally facilitated "Caregiver Club" from 12:30 - 2 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pine City. Sponsored by Family Pathways, the confidential service enables caregivers to exchange ideas and information, share struggles and the demands of caregiving and learn about available resources. For more information or to reserve a spot, call Anita Sparks at 320-364-1115.

## SATURDAY JAN. 4

### Frozen party at the library

On Saturday, Jan. 4, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the Pine City Quiz Bowl team will host a Frozen party in the community room at the Pine City library. Kids are invited to dress like their favorite Arendelle character for games, music, crafts and more. Admission is by freewill donation with proceeds used to send the Quiz Bowl team to the Small School National Championship tournament in Chicago.

### Lions Christmas tree pick-up

The annual Pine City Lions Club Christmas tree pick-up will take place on Saturday, Jan. 4. Christmas trees must be curbside by 10 a.m. for free pick-up.

## SUNDAY JAN. 5

### Open skating & youth hockey

On Sunday, Jan. 5 there is open skating at 12 p.m. followed by youth open hockey at 1 p.m. at the Pine City Civic Center. Call 320-629-6995 for more information, or visit www.pinecityciviccenter.weebly.com.

## SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY JAN. 5 & 8

### Adult open hockey

On Sunday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 8:30 p.m. there is adult open



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## Girl Scouts have Grand time

Troop 57479 went to Grand Cinema for a little information about how movies were done in the past before going digital and then got to watch Frozen 2.

hockey at the Pine City Civic Center. Call 320-629-6995 for cost or more information, or visit www.pinecityciviccenter.weebly.com.

## MONDAY & TUESDAY JAN. 6 & 7

### Auditions for The Odd Couple

The Pine City Heritage Players will host auditions for The Odd Couple on Monday, Jan. 6 and Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pine City High School auditorium. Those interested in auditioning should enter through the main doors and check-in at the auditorium lobby. Visit pinecityheritageplayers.com for information.

## THURSDAY JAN. 9

### Magnificent Red Hatters

On Thursday, Jan. 9, 11:30 a.m., the Magnificent Red Hatters will gather to enjoy lunch at Mon's Parkside Cafe, Pine City. For more information, call Darlene at 320-629-4684.

## FRIDAY JAN. 10

### PCftA gallery opening

Pine Center for the Arts' next exhibit will feature artist Peter Rudd. The public is invited to a free gallery opening reception with refreshments on Friday, Jan. 10 from 4-6 p.m. For more

information contact PCftA by email at info@pinecenter.org or leave a message at 320-629-4924.

## MONDAY JAN. 13

### Crafts at the library

Kids of school age can let their imagination run wild while making crafts including snow globes and penguins from 4-5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13 at East Central Regional Library- Pine City. No registration necessary. All materials provided. The library is located at 300 5th St. SE in downtown Pine City and can be reached at 320-629-6403.

## MEETINGS

### THURSDAY 1/2

**TOPS-Take Off Pounds Sensibly:** Pine City Library Community Room, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**NAMI peer support:** Cambridge Medical Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

**Pine City Music Boosters:** Pine City Pizza Pub, 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY 1/4

**Model RR club:** Askov, 10 a.m., Pine County History Museum

### SUNDAY 1/5

**AA (Big Book-open mtg.):** Evangelical Free Church, 7 p.m., Mary: 320-438-9121

### MONDAY 1/6

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

**Pine City Blue Star Moms:** Pine City VFW Post, 6:30 p.m.

**AA:** 7:30 p.m., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

### TUESDAY 1/7

**Pine County Board:** Pine City, Pine County Courthouse, 10 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY 1/8

**Woodcarving club:** Askov, 9 a.m., Pine Co. History Museum

**Al-Anon:** 725 2nd Ave. SW, Pine City, 12 p.m., 612-387-6094, David

**AA:** 8 p.m., Rock Creek Community Center

## SENIOR DINING

### Jan. 6 - 10

**Monday:** Meatballs and gravy, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, peach slices, pudding

**Tuesday:** Chicken a la king, baking powder biscuit, peas and carrots, orange wedges, cereal bar

**Wednesday:** Italian marinated pork loin, whipped potatoes with gravy, broccoli, wheat bread

**Thursday:** Hamburger tomato casserole, corn, lettuce with dressing, cookie

**Friday:** Baked potato topped with chili and cheese, pineapple, wheat bread, iced cake

Cost is \$4.25 for people over 60 and \$8 for under 60. 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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Sat., Jan 4	Crispy or Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ Fries & Coleslaw	DJ 12:00-1:00am
Sun., Jan 5	Soup and Sandwich	Happy Hour 9pm-10pm
Mon., Jan 6	Chili & Cinnamon Rolls	Every Day 4-6pm
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**1. Carrying a concealed weapon in Minnesota:** Pine County Attorney Reese Frederickson made a personal decision about his safety and his family's security because of the nature of his job and other reasons. That decision was to take a Carry a Concealed Weapon (CCW) class.

**2. Years Ago: Disastrous fire hits North Branch in 1944:** A disastrous fire hit North Branch on a Thursday morning in December, 1944. The Anderson Fairway store building and the North Branch Review office were destroyed, resulting in about a \$100,000 loss.

**3. Pine City Blue Star Moms serve those who serve:** Pine City Blue Star Moms offer their gratitude to the community for all their donations and help to package 122 care boxes. These boxes will be shipped overseas to the brave men and women serving the country this holiday season.

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# Warm wishes for the new year

*Each age has deemed the new-born year the fittest time for festal cheer. – Walter Scott*

*happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties. – Helen Keller*



**Editor's Soapbox**  
Mike Gainor

*An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. – Bill Vaughan*

Advice like this is easy to give. It's not nearly so easy to follow. I think it's important to keep informed on national matters, but I find it's way too easy to get sucked into the political soap opera and obsessively read everything I can find. When I'm done, I have spent a large amount of time finding out about other people's opinions, but I generally haven't learned much.

*Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man. – Benjamin Franklin*

It's that time of year when end of year lists proliferate, with scores of self-appointed experts on every possible media platform telling us what were the top movies, news stories, songs, scandals, apps, crises, podcasts, emojis and Tik-Toks of 2019. And on top of that, there's that other set of lists predicting what's going to happen in not just the year, but the decade ahead.

We have limited quantities of time, energy and attention, and it's important to expend those where they will do the most good. I haven't always been great at following my New Year resolutions, so this year I want to keep it simple – focus on goals, steer clear of distractions.

*I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the year's. – Henry Moore*

*Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year – Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Emerson

All of this stuff is interesting, but let's just pause for a moment and take a breath. It's interesting to look backward and look forward – and sometimes it's useful too – but we don't live in either of those places. We can't change the past. We can't project ourselves into some ideal future. What we have is right here and right now. We need to focus on where we are and how to make the best of this moment right in front of us.

Here's wishing you and yours a wonderful, happy and safe 2020. Happy New Year!

*I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something. – Neil Gaiman*

*Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep*



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# Driver in fatal crash charged with homicide

BY KIRSTEN FAURIE  
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A driver involved in a fatal vehicle crash last August in Brunswick has been charged with criminal vehicular homicide after allegedly failing to stop for a stop sign. The crash resulted in multiple severe injuries and one fatality.

## THE CRASH

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, at approximately 8:30 a.m. a Toyota Camry was traveling north on Mahogany Street when the driver allegedly failed to yield at the intersection of Hwy. 70; the car struck two Harley Davidson motorcycles and caused a Victory motorcycle to run off of the road. Each Harley was carrying a driver and a passenger.

The driver of the sedan was Par Klaw, 31, of St. Paul. According to the criminal complaint filed by the Kanabec County Court Administration Office, a Minnesota State Patrol was able to

interview Klaw through an interpreter. Klaw allegedly told the trooper he was looking at his windshield-mounted GPS and at the last second realized there was a stop sign at Highway 70 — before he could slow down or stop.

Other witnesses at the scene confirmed the sedan did not stop at the stop sign.

A crash reconstruction trooper calculated the sedan was traveling a minimum of 31 miles per hour when it struck the motorcycles.

## INJURIES

Some of those involved in the collision sustained serious injuries.

On one of the Harley Davidsons was:

- Jerrad J. Quenomoen, 42, of Java, South Dakota (driver); died at the scene.
- Charisse M. Janke, 42, of Java, South Dakota (passenger) sustained a severely broken leg and other injuries.

On the other Harley Davidson was:

- Bruce A. Johnson, 48, of Braham (driver), sustained a broken ankle that has impaired his ability to walk.

- Tina M. Johnson, 46, of Braham (passenger) sustained significant injuries.

## CHARGES

Klaw was charged on Dec. 12 with:

- One felony count of criminal vehicular homicide/operating a vehicle in a grossly negligent manner. Maximum sentence is 10 years in prison and/or \$20,000 fine.
- One felony count of criminal vehicular operation causing great bodily harm
- One gross misdemeanor count of reckless driving
- One misdemeanor count of reckless driving
- One misdemeanor count of failing to stop for a stop sign

Klaw's first court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 16 at the Kanabec County Courthouse.

# 'Snow Angel Project' starts new tradition of service

BY MIKE GAINOR  
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Jeremiah Mohr is a man on a mission, eager to spread the kind of holiday cheer that he hopes will make the Pine City community a brighter place year-round.

Mohr has started the "Snow Angel Project," in which young people deliver baskets of food, necessities and more to individuals and families in need.

"We allow people to make nominations for locals in the community," Mohr said. "We accept nominations for a 10 mile radius around Pine City. And then we accept donations ... to providing baskets for a holiday meal, a snack basket to people that have dietary needs."

Donations should be made out to Immaculate Conception Church, which is the fiscal sponsor of the project. Nominations will be gathered by the New Horizon Thrift Store. The Pine City High School basketball teams have agreed to deliver baskets, and Mohr hopes more will

get involved.

"[New Horizon Thrift Store] will take down the information and put it on our list," Mohr said. "We set up a series of questions that will dictate the needs of the person. Take the address, phone number and name of this person and then we're going to put that on our list and whoever gets that basket is going to meet [them], and strike up a conversation about that person. Because it's not about the baskets so much as to ... start talking to the person and to get to know them. It's a time for the community to come together and get the younger generation more involved and out meeting people and establishing relation-

ships."

Mohr said he hopes the effort will catch on, and become a yearly tradition in Pine City.

"Right before Christmas and the holiday time of year, it kind of dawns on you that you're very blessed, and you want to pay it forward and help other people out," he said. "I've been very blessed, so I want to pay it forward and put smiles on other people's faces."

For more information or to get involved with the Snow Angel Project, contact New Horizon Thrift Store at 320-279-0927.

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# Property tax assessment changing in Pine County

BY TAMI RIEDEMAN  
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One third of all properties in Pine County are assessed by private individuals, not county employees. By 2022, these individuals will need to find a way to pay for state required accreditation.

At a special meeting of the Pine County Board, Lorri Houtsma and Kelly Schroeder of the Pine County Assessor's Office, gave a presentation on the procedures and processes of assessing property taxes. The latter part of the meeting included information regarding the future status of local assessors, upcoming required state accreditation and possible hiring of more county assessors.

Currently, there are two groups of property tax assessors in Pine County. One third of the county is assessed by local assessors consisting of private individuals contracted by the townships or cities. The remaining two-thirds of the county is assessed by county employed assessors. Local assessors would be responsible for the expense to get their required state accreditation by 2022. County assessors would have their training paid for by the county.

The meeting was attended by township

representatives and Pine County residents who voiced their dissatisfaction with the proposition of hiring more county assessors, and who were unhappy with the perception that local assessors had a higher error rate than county assessors.

Property tax assessment processes begin with field work by the assessor. There are four main components of the field work assessment: (1) physically view the entire property once every five years, (2) review the building(s) interior(s), (3) measure the exterior of the building(s) and (4)

update exterior photographs. This information along with state established formulas and classifications help to determine its tax value. Other considerations include real estate sales of neighboring property types, the township where the property is located, the type of homestead, and whether the property qualifies for a special program or exemption status.

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# Dragon hockey battles from North Shore to St. Paul

BY LANCELOT E. FURBER  
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On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the Dragons headed north up to Two Harbors to take on the North Shore Storm. The North Shore Storm is a co-op made up of Two Harbors, Silver Bay, Cook County and Grand Marais.

The extremely cold rink of Two Harbors did not slow down the JV boys from setting the tone for the evening. The Dragons came out flying right away and moved the puck as well, ending the night with a much needed and deserved win, 4 to 1.

"While watching the JV game, I was very impressed with the way that they played," said coach Grant Nicoll. "The North Shore goalie played extremely well and kept the game close."

**PINE CITY 2 0 2 = 4, NORTH SHORE 0 1 0 = 1**

Scoring:

Ryder Youngbauer - 1g  
Aiden Welch - 1g, 1a  
McCoy Leger - 1g  
Sully Lucht - 1g  
Hunter Danielson - 1a  
Daisy Koffler - 19 saves on 20 shots

The varsity Dragons came out a little flat to start the game; however, ended the night dominating play and the shot totals. The Storm goalie hoped for the best as the Dragons unloaded 19 shots on him in the first period.

"We had one very poor lapse in D-coverage, and it led to a North Shore goal. After dominating the

first we were down 1-0," said coach Nicoll.

The second period was much of the same with the Dragons having chances, but did not bury the puck.

"We had kids getting frustrated and not trying to work through their frustrations. Instead they wore their emotions on their sleeves," said coach Nicoll. "Between the second and third, we talked about doing something to change instead of complaining about it."

That is just what the Dragons did in the third period. They came out flying in the third and finally netted one. After the first one finally went in, the Dragons were able to pop a couple more and take the game 3-1.

**PINE CITY 0 0 3 = 3, NORTH SHORE 1 0 0 = 1**

Scoring:

Peyton Smetana - 2g  
Jared Carpenter - 1g  
Howie Hodena - 2a  
McCoy Leger - 1a  
Parker Sell - 1a  
George Miller - 1a  
Alex Laven - 15 saves on 16 shots

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# Pine County solicits surveys for Pine City area recycling station

## PINE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

Surveys are being solicited to guide the Pine County commissioners on the future of the South Pine Transfer Station (recycling station).

The South Pine Transfer Station, located at 17350 Henriette Rd, Pine City (across the freeway from McDonalds), was opened in September 2019 as a pilot project, set to expire in June 2020. The transfer station replaced the County's three unstaffed recycling shed drop-off sites in southern Pine County,

which were deemed too costly to continue.

The County invites residents to complete the survey online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/DV95QB2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DV95QB2) or by picking up a paper copy at the Pine County Planning and Zoning office located at 635 Northridge Dr. NW, Ste. 250, Pine City. Surveys will be collected Jan. 1, 2020, through Jan. 21, 2020.

For more information visit the Pine County website at [www.co.pine.mn.us](http://www.co.pine.mn.us) and visit the Solid Waste Department page.

# Dragon girls win 2, drop 1

BY LANCELOT E. FURBER  
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## PINE CITY 79, ST. CLOUD CATHEDRAL 48

Pine City girls basketball had five players in double figures, as they defeated St. Cloud Cathedral on their home court on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The Dragons scored 50 points in the first half to build up a 23 point halftime lead. The Dragons added another 29 points in the second half. Final score Pine City 79 and St. Cloud Cathedral 48.

Meredith Kolling had a big game with 21 points, including five three-pointers and seven rebounds.

"It was kind of a breakout game for Meredith," said coach Ted Hasz. "We all know that she can put up big numbers on any given night."

Sophie Lahti continues to play well with 16 points, four rebounds and three assists. Ashley Faur is shooting the ball well, hit four three-pointers, scoring 14 points and showing her strength with five total rebounds. Ellie Hasz battled foul trouble all game, but still managed 10 points and four rebounds. Makenna Nelson gave the Dragons a huge boost by playing great defense all game. Nelson understood St. Cloud Cathedral's offense and was always in the right spot to defend against them. She also scored five points offensively. Kloey Lind gave Pine City some assistance, off the bench, with one point, three rebounds and two assists. Alaina Steele had a great game, recording a double double with 12 points and 10 assists. Steele also ended the night with seven rebounds and five steals.

"Alaina has been very consistent for us." Said coach Hasz. "She is doing all of the little things."

## HUTCHINSON 63, PINE CITY 43

The Dragons had a great opportunity to play Hutchinson, one of the best AAA teams in the state on Thursday, Dec. 26 at the Breakdown Sports USA Granite City Classic. Pine City came up short, losing to Hutchinson 63 to 43. Pine City played a good first half and went into the locker room at half time with a one point lead 30-29. The second half started off well for the Dragons with two quick buckets adding to their lead. At this point, Hutchinson turned up the defense and became very methodical on offense. The rest of the second half was all Hutchinson.

"We were really looking forward to this match-up as we knew Hutchinson would really test us and show us areas where we need to get better. Hutch has two quality bigs who go 6'3 and 6'1 along with multiple athletic guards who can really get after you defensively," said coach Hasz. "It seemed that the more patient they got the more rushed we got. It is one of those great learning experiences that you get from playing great teams."

The Dragons were led in scoring by Sophie Lahti with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Lily Wilson had eight points, three rebounds and four assists. Ellie Hasz had six points, four rebounds, three steals and three blocks. Alaina Steele had six points, four assists and four steals. Meredith Kolling had four points. Ashley Faur added three points, two steals and two blocks for the Dragons.

## PINE CITY 63, ANNANDALE 51

The following day, Friday, Dec 27, the Dragons found themselves matched up with Annandale, who had the 10th best QRF rating in class AA. After a back and forth first 10 minutes, Pine City started to build a lead and held off Annandale for the win, 63 to 51. The Dragons held Annandale to 19 points in the first half and led 30-19 at the half. Pine City led throughout the second half with Annandale cutting the lead to nine points on a few occasions.

"We showed some good maturity throughout the game. Annandale kept fighting and we always found an answer," said coach Hasz. "We played some really good defense especially in the second part of the first half."

Ellie Hasz found multiple ways to find the net and ended the game with 20 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Sophie Lahti had 15 points and four rebounds. Meredith Kolling also scored in double figures with 12 points, five rebounds and four steals. Lily Wilson had nine points. Alaina Steele had five points, six assists and four steals and Ashley Faur ended the night with two points and four rebounds.

## UPCOMING

The Pine City girls basketball has a challenging home schedule which includes multiple ranked teams. Their upcoming home games are:

Jan. 7, 7:15 p.m. – Hinckley-Finlayson  
Jan. 17, 7:15 p.m. – Onamia  
Jan. 25, 1 p.m. – Duluth Marshall  
Jan. 31, 7:15 p.m. – Foley



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## Sixth grade Dragons collect another first

The Pine City 6th Grade Girls have done it again. Their hard work and excellent teamwork has led to two consecutive First Place wins. The team is coached by Jeff Lahti and Curt Kubesh.



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## Hot shot

Corben Fedder shot his first deer, a button buck on opening day morning of the 2019 deer season.



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## Steele signs up to run for Bulldogs

Dragon senior Alaina Steele signed her National Letter of Intent, on Nov. 19, to run for the University of Minnesota - Duluth Bulldogs, and was congratulated by coaches, family and well-wishers who helped her on her way.



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## VFW Post 4258 2019 scholarship winners

VFW Post 4258 presented \$500 scholarships to two local graduates. Kristina Knutson at University of Minnesota - Rochester is studying Nursing. Kristina's mom accepted the award due to inclement weather. Emilie Skluzacek at St. Cloud State University is studying for her Social Work major and Human Relations minor.

## INSPIRATIONS

# Get on the gratitude train

I have much to be thankful for. I am a strong advocate and overall supporter of thankfulness. When the kids were younger we even had a gratitude wall in our kitchen where we listed the many things we had to be grateful for – things we call blessings. I believe thankfulness should be a part of each day. This is the season

of giving thanks. I am a proponent.

A columnist might even be expected to write about gratitude this time of year. But what happens if you're just not feeling it?

I have a confession: I just wasn't feeling it. I had no reason for my glass half empty attitude. Things were going well. The kids hadn't broken anything major recently – no car crashes or broken bones. My husband and I were in a happy groove. Our goldfish appeared content. Even the cat seemed happy. Life was good.

It should have been. But something about me was off kilter. I found myself pulling the turkey out of the oven. We sat down to

a wonderful meal. Everyone had plenty to eat. We were all together. And I should have been exploding with gratitude. Instead I fizzled.

It wasn't coming naturally, like it usually does. It's embarrassing to admit – not feeling grateful when there is so much to be thankful for.

I'd been riding along smoothly, when inexplicably I fell off the gratitude train. There was no good reason for my lack of balance. Nothing pushed me off. I guess I wasn't paying attention and just fell. When I realized my predicament, I knew exactly what I should do.

Get the heck up and get back on.

Gratitude is a choice. Sometimes – most times – it comes easily for me. Like breathing. I am thankful for that. I see gratitude in the everyday and the mundane. But I also believe it is my choice. To see beauty – or not. To choose gratitude – or not.

Some days it's easier than others: to see the mostly clean carpet and ignore the stains. Other days, the stains seem glaring and it's hard to be grateful for stains. I suppose it's difficult to be grateful 100 percent of the time. We're only human – me included.

So when the glass seems half-empty maybe we simply

have to practice redefining it and call it half-full. Habits build with time – gradually, and if we practice positivity over and over and over it just might become a habit.

Many of us spend a significant amount of time practicing various life interests – sports, hobbies, education. Maybe we should see gratitude in the same light. Maybe we need to practice that, too.

It's politically correct, this time of year, to be grateful. I suppose it's PC all year long, but we're more focused on it during the holidays and one day in November in particular. But if we want to make our own gratitude a habit – something as much a part of us as breathing – perhaps we'd benefit from practice.

And when we do fall off the train, and find the glass looking more empty than full, maybe we get back up, take a refreshing sip from said glass and realize we aren't alone. Just about everyone falls off the gratitude train at one time or another.

What we do next is what defines us.

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## Mother and child

**Rick Oxley** cut out a piece of walnut to repair his walnut gun stock. After placing it in the stock, he realized it had a pattern in the grains, which seemed to form the image of mother cradling a child.

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Nascene, Carissa L.

Overtoom, Micah J.  
Peterson, Kaleigha R.  
Reiser, Brynna  
Rydberg, Mason  
Welch, Aidan A.  
Westerman, Kadi J.

## ELEVENTH GRADE

Adams, Lydia S.  
Arhart, Carter J.  
Ausmus, George E.  
Bombard, Brayden  
Brinker, Jeremy  
Cavallin, Allison M.  
Cavallin, Danielle  
Doenz, Amber  
Englund, Jacob R.  
Foster, Ellee E.  
Hasz, Ellie  
Haug, Holly  
Huff, Graci  
Miller, Kaitlyn  
Moore, Tristen B.  
Nutt, Cody J.  
Schultz, Ella  
Tayerle, Kensington  
Techathaicharoen, Sittipoj  
Beam  
Tyberg, Ellyse  
Vang, Hla L.  
Vinaja, Ainsley J.

## TWELFTH GRADE

Bombard, Sarah J.  
Degiorgis, Martina  
Doppe, Trevor  
Doyle, Alexis M.  
Erickson, Kelsey  
Faur, Ashley  
Fromm, Christian  
Helseth, Isabelle  
Jarveis, Tristan R.  
Juszczak, Konnor L.  
Lind, Koleman  
Long, Matthew A.  
Lotz, Joshua  
Maiwurm, Colin  
Merrick, Jacob  
Miller, George N.  
Miller, Noah  
Pantlin, Scarlet R.  
Preston, Joel A.  
Root, Megan  
Simon, Kaitlyn  
Webster, Nathaniel B.  
Wersal, Brice  
Wicktor, Tanner

## A Honor Roll

SEVENTH GRADE  
Babolik, Macie  
Berg, Paige J.  
Berglund, Colson  
Bergstrom, Carmen E.  
Bloomquist, Luke B.  
Bombard, Paige  
Brady, Noah J.  
Fromm, Eli  
Kinn, Derrick J.  
Kozisek, Julian B.  
McKinney, Roman A.  
Nelson, Alayna  
Peetz, Braxton  
Potter, Beverly A.  
Remme, Waylan A.  
Schurmeier, Brody J.  
St Germain, Nicholas B.  
Wilson, Gavin  
Wilson, Levi A.

## EIGHTH GRADE

Belsheim, Emma E.  
Blake, Matthew W.  
Burton, Janelle A.  
Charles, Samantha  
Enright, Caitlin A.  
Hazelton, Trevor  
Holmstrom, Chase  
Juszczak, Karly K.  
Karas, Brody P.  
Kraft, Jack  
Kubesh, Tucker  
Laven, Natalie L.  
Mohr, Tyler F.  
Schlichting, Caden J.  
Strauch, Benjamin  
Swanson, Christian  
Tayerle, Brody L.  
Valvoda, Lexa  
Wicktor, Spencer

Wilberg, Sydney A.

## NINTH GRADE

Bettters, Keith  
Cummings, Riley  
Danielson, Briana  
Emmons, Claire  
Hasz, Isaiah  
w  
Klar, Shelby A.  
Palmer, Aidan  
Vang, Gao Yer J.

## TENTH GRADE

Goff, Kenneth B.  
Goodner, Jacob D.  
Juszczak, Kameron J.  
Linnell, Seth  
Pulley, Jet L.  
Schneider, Samantha M.  
Waxberg, Cole J.

## ELEVENTH GRADE

Carpenter, Jared M.  
Cummings, Brett  
Fromm, Caleb  
Hegge, Chloe  
Johnson, Ellaina  
Lorsung, Katelyn M.

## TWELFTH GRADE

Dunbar, Olivia  
Nutt, Amanda  
Nutt, Kaitlyn  
Perri, Elisa  
Quaderer, Anthony J.  
Thieman, Aaleaha M.

## B Honor Roll

### SEVENTH GRADE

Ames, Henry  
Benson, Emma M.  
Bettters, Frank  
Bombard, Luke D.  
Brown, Raiden  
Brunett, Saphira A.  
Buirge, Kieya J.  
Burns, Nathaniel C.  
Christian, Austin M.  
Dock, Annika L.  
Doten, Ziana L.  
Dunks, Savannah J.  
Ganote, Landon J.  
Hansen, Graham  
Hegge, Beau  
Horak, Ethan  
Janowski, Hateya  
Kolecki, Logan  
LaBine, Meranda A.  
Lewellin, Easton S.  
Lord, Daimien T.  
Maish, Delilah L.  
Nolan, Cody L.  
Norrington, Briana M.  
Norton, Amber N.  
Nowling, Wyatt  
Olson, Alyssa G.  
Ostenson, Ayden  
Phipps, Samantha R.  
Pickett, Valerie L.  
Prenatt, Abby M.  
Randall, Kaylee  
Sanborn, Laina  
Shellito, Marah  
Skuzacek, Sean D.  
Stewart, Sawyer W.  
Thieman, Holly J.  
Verret, Claire  
Wasson, Tucker  
Westberg, Jayden C.  
Willert, Brynn M.

### EIGHTH GRADE

Basta, Ashley  
Basta, Bianca  
Becerra, Rosita M.  
Bemrose, Daniel R.  
Benzinger, Kate M.  
Blaiser, Evan A.  
Blatz, Elliot  
Blegen, Ricki  
Clepper, Ricky J.  
Comstock, Zoe  
Dalen, Oliver  
Danielson, Ava  
Dwyer, Ryan P.  
Evans, Alexzander  
Fix, Hayden B.  
Gribauval, Oscar  
Hall, Caleb

Haug, Hunter  
Hicks, Daniel  
Hochban, Julia  
Jonsgaard, Kaya R.  
Knudson, Maxym  
Kotzin, Ava L.  
LeMon, Mason S.  
Lotz, Samantha K.  
McLain, Hayden L.  
Mikyska, Malia  
Novak, Ellie  
Olsen, Solei A.  
Overtoom, Marek  
Paulson, Jacob  
Potter, Bailey M.  
Rockstroh, Autumn S.  
Root, Noah J.  
Rydberg, Arissa  
Rydberg, Ava J.  
Sanchez, Irma I.  
Staber, Sage R.  
Struss, Lily R.  
Thieman, Summer A.  
Toman, Steven  
Treu, Jacob A.  
Waldron, Maria Selena M.  
Watts, Zachary B.  
Wimmer, Grace  
Winters, Andee V.

## NINTH GRADE

Anderson, Grace M.  
Arhart, Landon G.  
Bell, Braden N.  
Bulera, Rowan  
Burdine, Aliyah R.  
Burns, Abigail E.  
Charles, Mason  
Duclos, Andrew  
Faur, Griffin  
Fedder, Caden T.  
Hackett, Taylor A.  
Hudlow, Jada M.  
Jacobson, Seree T.  
Jahnz, Isaac  
Jarveis, Isabelle  
Johnson, Levi N.  
Keeney, Brent  
Lancaster, Clare M.  
Leger, McCoy R.  
LeMon, Madisson L.  
Lynaugh, Selena R.  
Maxey, Rowan P.  
Nilo, Jhans L.  
Patzoldt, Cody  
Plasek, Nicholas  
Prihoda, Ryan J.  
Pulley, Maggie  
Sandell, Robert L.  
Schneider, Jasmine E.  
Schueller, Gavin  
Schumacher, Gabriella  
Seals, Ashton  
Smetana, Maggie J.  
Stish, Carder  
Sturgul, Brooke M.  
Sydney, Lamont  
Torgerson, Damion J.  
Tracy, Emma  
Tyberg, Carly  
Wasche, Dylan  
Wiener, Maddox T.  
Willhite, Earl  
Wilson, Luke J.  
Youngbauer, Ryder

## TENTH GRADE

Andersen-Hernandez, Dylan R.  
Blake, Claire  
Cummings, Ryan  
Danielson, Hunter  
Dee, Levi D.  
Drevecky, Terry  
Elliot, Abigail  
Elliot, Madeline  
Erickson, Ella M.  
Harapat, Shaleah  
Hart, Willow-Rai L.  
Hiler, Edwin  
Jahnz, Grace  
James, Samuel T.  
Johnson, Alex I.  
Johnson, Timothy C.  
Juhl, Jarred  
Kinn, Aereona M.  
Knutson, Casey  
Lindahl, Jacob L.  
Meyers, Kaylee A.  
Miche, Colin D.  
Mikyska, Mason

Montbriand, Elivia R.  
Olson, Mason J.  
Petersen, Dylan  
Plasek, Ryan  
Prihoda, Kaitlyn K.  
Root, Elijah  
Rydberg, Hailee  
Thieman, Jason G.  
Whittaker, Kaia E.  
Willert, Drake  
Wimmer, Joseph B.

## ELEVENTH GRADE

Aikin, Paige M.  
Bjorklund, Chase  
Bulera, Tobias G.  
Crawford, Adeline M.  
Davis, Austin  
Dupla, Jennifer K.  
Emmons, Charles R.  
Evans, Liliana M.  
Gilbert, Skye L.  
Hall, Wheeler  
Hancock, Anika M.  
Husom, Olivia  
Johnson, Melissa R.  
Joyner, Christina  
Kelleher, Isaiah  
Kuhn, Cara K.  
LaBore, Jordan D.  
Lindahl, Brianna  
Lindahl, Kylee  
Loucks, Mason  
Miklya, Ethan  
Norman-Gruis, Sada A.  
Olson, Megan M.  
Peacock, Hunter  
Podvin, Cooper D.  
Quaderer, Alana M.  
Robinson, Isabella  
Runyan, William F.  
Sandell, Dakotah R.  
Schmidt, Troy L.  
Schultz, Abigail  
Schwietz, Caitlyn  
Sell, Parker  
Siltanen, Elizabeth S.  
Smetana, Peyton  
Somora, Autumn  
Stransky, Molly  
Struss, Lukas R.  
Stumne, Caleb  
Svor-Sigurdson, Madilynn R.  
Werlein, Connor J.  
Wilson, Zoe M.  
Wimmer, Emily  
Zabaske-Westveer, Lilyanna  
Zeman, Maya

## TWELFTH GRADE

Blatz, Ethan A.  
Dalen, Tucker L.  
David, Vincent J.  
Dini, Frida  
Erickson, Jack  
Gamec, Justin E.  
James, Emily E.  
Johanson, Charles J.  
Kearns, Jaylun D.  
Koffler, Dominic D.  
LaBore, Nickolas K.  
Miller, Dominic  
Milliman, Hailey C.  
Ng, Issac  
Raudabaugh, Trent M.  
Reynolds, Kelsey M.  
Sanders, Isabelle  
Steele, Alaina  
Vo, Kenny T.  
Waxberg, Duke  
West, Tryston  
Westbrook, Gabriel  
Wilson, Lily E.  
Yang, Jerry



## PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

### Dec. 16 - 22 Theft, burglary, vandalism

Dec. 16, 9:05 a.m., report of **fraud/scam/ID**, 3rd Ave. SE, Pine City.  
Dec. 17, 12:32 p.m., report of **fraud/scam/ID**, Hillside Ave. SW, Pine City.  
Dec. 18, 2:19 p.m., report of **theft**, 5th St. SE, Pine City.  
Dec. 19, 1:25 p.m., report of **theft**, Evergreen Sq. SW, Pine City.  
Dec. 20, 12:06 a.m., report of **burglary**, 9th St. SW, Pine City.  
Dec. 20, 5:58 p.m., report of **burglary**, Maple Grove Rd., Pine City.

### Miscellaneous

Dec. 16, 11:02 a.m., report of **suicide threat**, Main St. S, Pine City.  
Dec. 18, 5:31 p.m., report of **disturbance**, 8th St. SW, Pine City.  
Dec. 18, 8:00 p.m., report of **suicide threat**, Loon Dr., Pine City.  
Dec. 21, 5:03 p.m., report of **vehicle in ditch**, Hillside Ave. SW, Pine City.

### Jail roster

Dec. 16, **William Gary Gilbert**, hold for other agency, drugs- 5th degree.  
Dec. 16, **Thomas James Szmiot**, hold for other agency, traffic- drivers license- driving after cancellation.  
Dec. 16, **Christopher Scott Dronen**, probable cause, domestic assault- misdemeanor. Released Dec. 18.  
Dec. 16, **Trayton Travis Smith**, probable cause, theft- take/drive motor vehicle- no owner consent. Released Dec. 17.  
Dec. 16, **Kim Lavern Ammerman**, probable cause, 3rd degree driving while impaired. Released Dec. 16.  
Dec. 16, **Ashley Ann Rix**, Pine County warrant: failure to appear, disorderly conduct; domestic assault- misdemeanor- intentionally inflicts/attempts to inflict bodily harm on another. Released Dec. 16.  
Dec. 17, **Corduroy Lee Lyman**, Pine County warrant, contempt of court- penalty.  
Dec. 17, **Doreen Milligan-Smith**, Pine County warrant, hold for other agency, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.  
Dec. 17, **Kevin Lee Brahs**, Pine County warrant: bench- misdemeanor drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; traffic- drivers license- driving after cancellation; theft- take/use/transfer movable property- no consent; financial transaction card fraud- use- no consent. Released Dec. 19.  
Dec. 17, **Emily Kaye Schuster**, Pine County warrant: arrest- felony, obstruct legal process- lawful execution legal process; introduce contraband- dug/liquor into jail/lockup/prison; drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana. Released Dec. 18.  
Dec. 17, **Roger Martin Thompson Jr.**, Pine County warrant: arrest- gross misdemeanor, traffic- drivers license- driving after suspension; drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana. Released Dec. 18.  
Dec. 18, **Kaitlyn Rose Bettinger**, Pine County warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.  
Dec. 18, **Shaun James Belisle**, hold for other agency: bench felony warrant, traffic- drivers license- driving after cancellation- inimical to public safety; fugitive from justice from other state. Released Dec. 20.  
Dec. 18, **Jay Michael Hazeman**, hold for other agency: unspecified warrant, drugs- 4th degree- sale- schedule 1,2,3 but not marijuana. Released Dec. 20.  
Dec. 18, **Donald Gerard Heilman II**, hold for other agency: unspecified warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; domestic abuse, violates 2 or more OFP w/ in 10 years of previous conviction/adj of delinq. Released Dec. 19.  
Dec. 18, **Melissa Ann Maloney**, Pine County warrant: bench- gross misdemeanor, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.  
Dec. 18, **Justin James Schultz**, hold for other agency: bench- misdemeanor warrant. Released Dec. 18.  
Dec. 19, **Justein Marie Parks**, hold for other

agency, domestic abuse no contact order- violate no contact order- within 10 years of previous conviction; Pine County warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; domestic assault- GM - subsequent violation.

Dec. 19, **Gary Ronald Roberts**, Pine County warrant, domestic assault- GM- subsequent violation.  
Dec. 19, **Karlin Edward Korvela**, probable cause, domestic assault- misdemeanor. Released Dec. 20.  
Dec. 19, **Nathanael Matthew Putbresi**, hold for other agency: unspecified warrant, giving peace officer false name- of another person. Released Dec. 20.  
Dec. 19, **Nicholas Ander Robey**, Pine County warrant: arrest- misdemeanor, trespass- occupy/enter dwelling/locked/posted build. Released Dec. 20.  
Dec. 19, **Mackenzie Charles Gabert**, Pine County warrant: failure to appear warrant, disorderly conduct. Released Dec. 20.  
Dec. 20, **Natasha Sanchez**, hold for other agency, theft; probable cause, fugitive from justice from other state.  
Dec. 20, **Layton Qynn Gunderson**, probable cause, traffic- drivers license- driving after cancellation- inimical to public safety.  
Dec. 20, **Timothy Adam Benjamin**, Pine County warrant, traffic- drivers license- driving after cancellation- inimical to public safety; fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle- case was unfounded.  
Dec. 20, **Chris James Buirge**, Pine County warrant, financial transaction card fraud- use- no consent; theft- obtain services- no payment.  
Dec. 20, **Danielle Marie Ledoux**, hold for other agency, drugs- 5th degree controlled substance- possession; aggravated robbery- 1st degree; Pine County warrant, theft- take/use/transfer movable property- no consent.  
Dec. 20, **Jared Ross Firlle**, probable cause, traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol; DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration .08 within 2 hours. Released Dec. 20.  
Dec. 21, **Christine Holman**, probable cause, domestic assault.  
Dec. 21, **Zeronica Dayle Sjolie**, Pine County warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.  
Dec. 21, **Spring Dawn Staples**, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.  
Dec. 21, **Jessica Ann Richardson**, probable cause, traffic- open bottle law, drinking and consumption; DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration .08 within 2 hours; DWI- 4th degree driving while impaired; DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Released Dec. 21.  
Dec. 22, **Joshua Robin Smith**, Pine County warrant, traffic- reckless driving, drives consciously disregarding a substantial or unjustifiable risk; fleeing peace officer in a motor vehicle; fleeing a peace officer by a means other than a motor vehicle.  
Dec. 22, **Alexandra Boleen**, probable cause, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.

### Dec. 23 - 29 Theft, burglary, vandalism

Dec. 26, 4:44 p.m., report of **theft**, Evergreen Sq. SW, Pine City.  
Dec. 27, 2:41 p.m., report of **damage to vehicle**, Evergreen Sq. SW, Pine City.  
Dec. 27, 6:45 p.m., report of **burglary**, Evergreen Sq. SW, Pine City.

### Miscellaneous

Dec. 24, 1:17 a.m., report of **disturbance**, Evergreen Rd., Pine City.  
Dec. 26, 9:12 a.m., report of **adult abuse**, 3rd Ave. SW, Pine City.  
Dec. 28, 5:43 a.m., report of **domestic disturbance**, Beroun Crossing, Pine City.

### Jail roster

Dec. 23, **Timothy Adam Benjamin**, hold for other agency, drugs- 5th degree; probable cause, fugitive from justice

from other state.

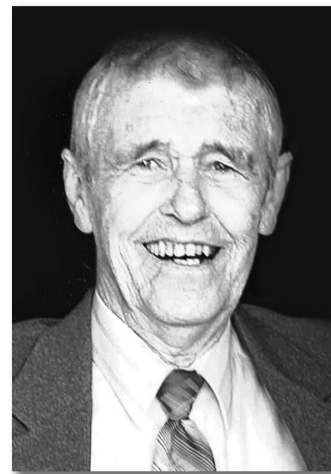
Dec. 23, **Stephanie Boyland**, Pine County warrant, financial transaction card fraud- use- no consent; hold for other agency, identity theft.  
Dec. 23, **Joshua Robin Smith**, Pine County warrant, drugs- mfr or attempt to mfr meth in presence of child or vulnerable adult; drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.  
Dec. 23, **Bernard Anderson Sr.**, hold for other agency, fugitive from justice from other state. Released Dec. 27.  
Dec. 23, **Scott Chris Schultz**, Pine County warrant: probation violation- FE, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana. Released Dec. 26.  
Dec. 23, **Gregory Lyle Hamilton**, hold for other agency: probation violation- GM. Released Dec. 24.  
Dec. 24, **Jessica Marie Sampair**, probable cause, traffic- drivers license- driving after revocation. Released Dec. 24.  
Dec. 24, **Robert John Manuel**, hold for other agency: bench felony warrant. Released Dec. 26.  
Dec. 24, **Kristopher Guy Collier**, probable cause, traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration .08 within 2 hours; DWI- 4th degree driving while impaired. Released Dec. 24.  
Dec. 25, **Roger Frank Schmitz**, probable cause, terroristic threats- cause or attempt cause terror, assault- 2nd degree- dangerous weapon.  
Dec. 26, **Ricky James Bedell**, hold for other agency.  
Dec. 26, **William John Hellow**, probable cause, 4th degree driving while impaired; traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance. Released Dec. 27.  
Dec. 26, **Joshua John Hiler**, probable cause, traffic- drivers license- driving after revocation; drugs- 5th degree controlled substance- possession. Released Dec. 27.  
Dec. 26, **Keith William Smith**, probable cause, domestic assault- misdemeanor. Released Dec. 27.  
Dec. 26, **Jacob Richard Stauffer**, probable cause, financial exploitation- of vulnerable adult, financial transaction card fraud. Released Dec. 27.  
Dec. 26, **Colby Scott Labelle Anderson**, Pine County warrant: failure to appear, theft- take/use/transfer movable property- no consent. Released Dec. 26.  
Dec. 27, **Angela Marie Swanson**, hold for other agency, terroristic threats- reckless disregard risk.  
Dec. 27, **Tawhnee Archambault**, probable cause, 3rd degree driving while impaired.  
Dec. 27, **Sonya Jean Campbell**, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.  
Dec. 27, **Tiffany Cheree Hadler**, probable cause, domestic assault- misdemeanor.  
Dec. 27, **Anthony Dvorak Koran**, Pine County warrant, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana.  
Dec. 27, **Joseph Julius Larson**, hold for other agency, domestic assault- GM- subsequent violation.  
Dec. 27, **Robert Albert Liebgott**, probable cause, domestic assault- misdemeanor.  
Dec. 27, **Stanley James Peppin**, probable cause, burglary- 3rd degree- steal/commit felony or gross misd.; trespass; drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana; theft- take/drive motor vehicle- no owner consent; theft- take/use/transfer movable property- no consent; receiving stolen property.  
Dec. 27, **Fred Dale Button**, hold for other agency: bench felony warrant. Released Dec. 27.  
Dec. 28, **Ryan Dean Richardson**, probable cause, damage to property- 3rd degree- public safety motor vehicle; domestic assault- misdemeanor.  
Dec. 28, **Arthur Eugene Garrett**, probable cause, domestic assault- by strangulation, domestic assault- misdemeanor, drugs- 5th degree- possess schedule 1,2,3,4- not small amount marijuana, introduce contraband- drug/liquor into jail/lockup/prison.

## OBITUARIES

### William 'Butch' A. Sauerwein

William "Butch" Sauerwein passed away Friday, Dec. 20, 2019, at his home in Pine City at the age of 78.

William Adolph Sauerwein was born Oct. 26, 1941, to William and Dorothy (Schiller) Sauerwein in St. Paul. After high school graduation Butch enlisted in the United States Navy. In 1961, while home on leave Butch met Erma Wolfgram; they married Oct. 31, 1963. Butch and Erma made their home in Pine City after many years of enjoying cabin life and commuting from their home in Vadnais Heights. Butch enjoyed canoeing on the Snake River and camping in the



boundary waters with his family. He loved his family and enjoyed all the chaos at holiday time, especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

William is survived by his loving wife Erma Sauerwein of Pine City; children William (Robyn) Sauerwein of Minneapolis, Brenda Sauerwein of Stacy, Brian (Katherine) Sauerwein of White Bear Lake, Cynthia (Ervin) Kleinschmidt of Stacy, Cortez Sauerwein of Minneapolis; grandchildren Brandon Kabits, Stefan Cook, Ryan Nelson, Lauren Sauerwein, Elliott Kleinschmidt, Dylan Sauerwein, Stephanie Kleinschmidt, Westin Kleinschmidt, Cassiel Jones, Honesty Sauerwein; great-grandchildren Hazel Nelson, Colton Cook, Mabel Nelson, Chole Cook; brother Thomas Sauerwein; sisters Margaret (Eugene) Mahoney, Dorothy (Joseph) Steiner; many other relatives and friends.;

William was preceded in death by his parents William and Dorothy Sauerwein; brother Robert Sauerwein, brother-in-law Joseph Steiner.

Reverend Fred Hanson officiated at funeral services for William on Friday, Dec. 27 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pine City. Interment took place at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Mahtomedi.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. William Sauerwein are entrusted to: Funeral and Cremation Service of Pine City, Swanson Chapel.

www.FuneralAndCremationService.com.

## BIRTHS

### Peterson

**Kaelyn Zoey Grace Peterson was born on Sept. 4, 2019, at Welia Health System. She weighed seven pounds, zero ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Chantel Lodrigue and Zach Peterson of Brook Park. Kaelyn is welcomed home by big sister Kylie, 15. Her grandparents are Jade and Lauri Wittwer of Pine City, Kathy and Brian Peterson of Brook Park.**

### Dahlberg

**Carter Anthony Dahlberg was born on Sept. 16, 2019, at Welia Health System. He weighed nine pounds, .06 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Megan Blum and Bryan Dahlberg of Bock. Carter is welcomed home by siblings Connor, 10, and Baely, 8. His grandparents are Anthony and Roxanne Blum, Curtis Dahlberg and Denice La Plant.**

### Johnson

**Kenadee Jean Johnson was born on Sept. 17, 2019, at Welia Health System. She weighed eight pounds, one ounce and was 19-1/2 inches long. Her parents are Ryan and Melina Johnson of Brook Park. Kenadee is welcomed home by sibling Abigail Johnson, 8. Her grandparents are James Ertle of Baldwin, Wisconsin, Char Ertle and Mark Christensen of Lakeland, Daniel and DeAnna Lilienthal of Brook Park and Kenneth Johnson of Hayes Center, Nebraska.**

**MINUTES OF  
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
County Assessing  
November 26, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

**North Pine Government Center, Sandstone, Minnesota**

Chair Josh Mohr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Steve Chaffee, John Mikrot, Jr, and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke, County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder, and County Assessor-Recorder Lorri Houtsma.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chair Mohr welcomed those in attendance.

County Assessor-Recorder Lorri Houtsma and County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder presented information on the property assessment process. Currently Pine County uses the local assessor system where each jurisdiction can hire its own assessor. Currently 30 jurisdictions contract with Pine County and 18 jurisdictions contract with private assessors.

Some county concerns include the need to ensure accuracy and equity in values across all jurisdictions. Township concerns included loss of ability to hire their own assessor.

Various township officials addressed their concerns to the county board.

The county board would need to adopt a resolution by the end of the year for the switch to county assessing to become effective in October 2020.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Joshua Mohr, Chair  
Board of Commissioners  
David J. Minke, Administrator  
Clerk to County Board

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**SUMMARY OF  
MINUTES OF THE  
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.  
Pine County Courthouse  
Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Josh Mohr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Steve Chaffee, John Mikrot and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Commissioner Ludwig moved to approve the amended Agenda. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Mikrot moved to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2019 board meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Regular Meeting – September 25, 2019

Pine County Zoning Board Minutes – October 24, 2019

Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – November 2019

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Resolution 2019-56 for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land in full, Finlayson Properties, LLC, PID 38.0007.000.

Approve contract between Pine County Health & Human Services and Kanabec County Family Services for mental health care. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The cost has increased from \$125 hour to \$127.71 per hour.

Approve the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services County Grant Contract with Pine County Health & Human Services in the amount of \$9,195 for 2020. This grant is for children's mental health screening.

Approve the Agreement for Prosecution Services between the City of Sandstone and the Pine County Attorney's Office. This agreement provides for \$20,000 over the next two years to the county attorney's budget. The term of the Agreement is January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021.

Authorize the hiring of Kari Seebach as a social worker, effective December 9, 2019, Grade 10, Step 2, \$25.01 per hour. Contingent on an approved background check.

Authorize County Engineer Mark LeBrun to attend the 75th Annual MN

County Engineers Conference, January 21-24, 2020, at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. Total cost: \$876.

**Motion** by Commissioner Mohr to appoint Barbara Fischer, At Large Member, to the Extension Committee for the term January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the final plat of Roger Trapp Shores. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to accept the East Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force Grant Agreement in the amount of \$140,000 for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2020. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hallan to approve Resolution 2019-54 designating Pine County as the sponsoring agency for the Transportation Alternatives Grant application. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hallan to approve Resolution 2019-55 agreeing to ensure the operation and ongoing maintenance of the portion of the Oberstar Trail built under said grant. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Chaffee to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Windemere Township for culvert replacement on Birchview Road and Rush Blvd. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Chaffee to approve support for H.R. 2072 Revising the IRS Mileage Rate for Volunteer Drivers and endorse the letter of support. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Chair Mohr adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota.

Joshua Mohr, 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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**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF PINE**

**DISTRICT COURT  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type: Quiet Title  
Court File No. 58-CV-19-671**

Judith M. Walter,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Jack G. Ruby, Thomas L. Ruby, Suzanna M. Ruby, Robert M. Ruby, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein,

Defendants.

**SUMMONS**

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: Jack G. Ruby, Thomas L. Ruby, Suzanna M. Ruby, Robert M. Ruby, 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 attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 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:  
Ledlin Hofstad & Troth Ltd.  
Chelsie Troth  
539 Main Street South  
Pine City, MN 55063

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

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT

TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

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

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

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

The unsurveyed North One-Half of the North One-Half of the North One-Half of the Southeast One-Fourth (N ½ of N ½ of N ½ of SE ¼), Section Twenty Two (22), Township Forty Two North (42N), Range Sixteen West (16W), Pine County, Minnesota, according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof.

The object of this action is to obtain an Order for the following relief:

a. Determining, adjudging, and decreeing that Defendants Jack G. Ruby, Thomas L. Ruby, Suzanna M. Ruby, Robert M. Ruby, and all other persons unknown herein have no right, title, interest, estate, or lien in or upon the said real estate described herein as the Walter Property.

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.

Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
12/12/2019 11:11 AM

Dated: December 12th, 2019  
Ledlin, Hofstad & Troth, Ltd.

/S/ CHELSIE TROTH

Chelsie Troth  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
539 Main Street South  
Pine City, MN 55063  
Attorney Reg. # 0395709  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF PINE  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No. 58-PR-19-82**

Estate of Willy Eleanor Hanson  
aka W. Eleanor Hanson,  
Decedent.

**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY**

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will dated May 16, 2007, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

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.

**IT IS ORDERED** and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on January 22, 2020, at 2:30 (p.m.), by this Court at the Pine County Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as

provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

**BY THE COURT**

Dated:  
PATRICK L. FLANAGAN (Judge)  
Judge of District Court  
2019.12.09 11:51:04-06'00'

Dated:

LIZ OLSON

Court Administrator  
Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota

Dec 9 2019 11:53 AM

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**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE CITY OF ROCK CREEK  
December 5, 2019**

The Rock Creek City Council meeting was called to order at 7PM by Mayor Johnson.

Members present: Dan Saumer, Dick Johnson, Joe Babolik, Sam Christenson and Pam Hinze.

Others: Jeremy Chouinard.  
Saumer moved seconded by Christenson to approve the November 7, 2019 City Council minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

Babolik moved seconded by Saumer to approve the November 13, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

Babolik moved seconded by Hinze to approve the November 25, 2019 TNT minutes. Motion carried all ayes.

Babolik moved seconded by Christenson to adopt the Resolution Approving 2019 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2020.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Rock Creek, County of Pine, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2020, upon taxable property in the City of Rock Creek, for the following purposes.

General Fund \$63,000  
Road & Bridge \$107,000

Fire \$40,000

Total \$210,000

Motion carried all ayes.

Christenson moved seconded by Saumer to adopt the Final Budget for 2020 as proposed. Motion carried all ayes.

Babolik moved seconded by Christenson to adopt the Resolution to make the City of Rock Creek's Elected Officials "Employees". Motion passed all ayes.

Babolik moved seconded by Saumer to approve the City Council Payroll for 2019. Motion carried all ayes.

Hinze motioned seconded by Babolik to adjourn into a closed session for a public employee six-month performance review. Motion carried all ayes.

The Council reconvened the open session of the council meeting at 7:52PM.

Christenson motioned seconded by Hinze approval of a 4% pay increase effective December 1, 2019 for the City Maintenance Operator. Motion passed all ayes.

Saumer motioned seconded by Babolik to approve payment of check #'s 15043 – 15082 and e-transfers totaling \$32,087.64. Motion passed all in favor.

Babolik moved seconded by Saumer to adjourn at 8:46PM. Motion carried all ayes.

Sandra Pangerl  
City Clerk Administrator

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**Notice of Filing for Mission Creek Township office**

The following township office will be voted on at the annual March Township Election to be held on March 10, 2020. The filing period for this office begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday December 31, 2019 and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday January 14, 2020. Note: Filing office will be closed January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day.

The place of filing for candidates who reside in Mission Creek Township is with the Town Clerk, (320-279-1649) by appointment at the Mission Creek Town Hall. The filing fee is \$2.00

One Supervisor (3 year term)

Candidates may file in person

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Stacy Hancock, Clerk - Mission Creek Township

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**CITY OF PINE CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

City Hall Council Chambers  
315 Main Street South

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. the City Council of the City of Pine City will hold multiple public hearings to obtain public comments, review and approve or deny the following items:

1) Ordinance #20-01, the 2020 Fee Schedule;

2) Minor Subdivision – for Joyce Rypkema to consider sub dividing parcel 42.0089.006 into two lots for a future sale, located within the Agriculture – Open Space (AO) district at 1005 Rypkema Road;

3) Easement Vacation – for Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) to consider partially vacating a perpetual easement for recreational purposes within the newly rearranged parcel 42.5058.000 at 155 Main Street S;

4) Ordinance #20-02, Amending Chapter 10, Section 10.700.100 Shorelands, to include shoreland flexibility standards consistent with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regulatory recommendation.

All proposed amendments to the ordinances and draft resolutions are available for viewing at the City Hall office located at 315 Main St S, Ste. 100, on the Pine City website: pinecitygov.com or at the Pine City Library. All persons interested in being heard on these matters are encouraged to attend.

By order of the City Council of the City of Pine City

Matthew Van Steenwyk  
City Administrator

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**COLLEGE**

**McKenzie Kloeckl**, of Pine City, has been inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success at Bemidji State University. Students are selected for membership based on academic standing and leadership potential.

**Allison Gusk**, of Pine City, has been inducted into the first class of The College of St. Scholastica's new academic honor society for first-generation students, Alpha Alpha Alpha. Tri-Alpha honors the academic achievements of first-generation college students, defined as those whose parents or legal guardians didn't earn a bachelor's degree. To be eligible, students must have an overall GPA of at least 3.2 in all coursework.

**Natalie Kolling**, of Pine City, has earned a BSE, Integrated Engineering degree at the end of fall semester at Minnesota State University Mankato.

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Date	High	Low	Precip./Snow
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12/24	36	28	0
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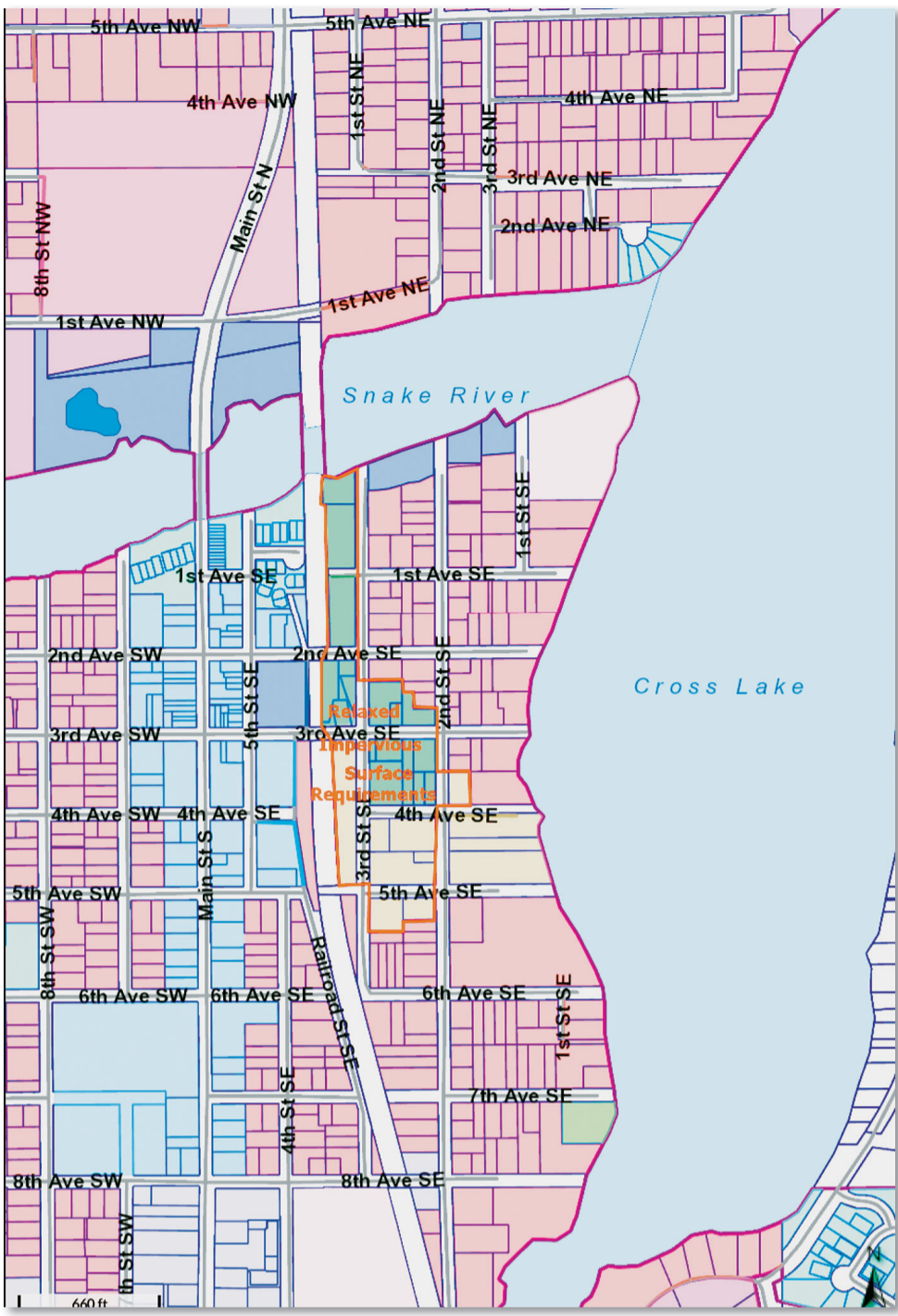


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New rules could apply to properties within 1,000 feet of Cross Lake, 300 feet of Snake River.

# SHORELAND: Public hearing on Jan. 8

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At the city's request:

- It would be allowed for properties within the shoreland district (within the mixed use and light industrial districts but not actually on the water) to be covered by 70% impervious (building, blacktop or cement) surfaces. The current impervious surface limit is 25%.
- Current density standards restricting the size of planned unit developments (greater than four units) would be eliminated.
- The allowable height of buildings would be increased from 25 feet to 35 feet.
- The city would be able to allow landward expansions of certain non-conforming properties with an administrative permit rather than a variance.

In return, the DNR asked for other kinds of higher shoreland standards:

- All properties along the lake or river would be required to maintain or restore a 15-foot vegetative buffer as a condition of any permit approval – new construction, expansion, variances and so on. The vegetative buffer must include a combination of trees, understory shrubs and deep-seated grasses and/or flowering plants.

- The vegetative buffer would be permanently protected, and the requirement would be transferred to future property owners.
- Placement of rip-rap on shoreland properties would be allowed only to address a known erosion problem, and would have to be approved by the city or an outside consultant.
- Planned unit developments within the shoreland district would only be allowed on lot sizes larger than 49,000 feet, and would need to have 50% open space. The Pine City Planning Commission has asked that they be allowed on lot sizes of one acre (43,560 feet) or larger.
- All planned unit developments on the water would need to have a 25 foot vegetative buffer along the shoreline.

The Pine City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the 6:30 p.m. city council meeting in the Pine Government Center. Residents and property owners are invited to come and express their opinions on these proposed changes.

The full draft of "Ideas for accommodating flexibility" for Pine City's shoreland ordinance can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-zHN-PchZzcZfYRYFPh213lkPGiRGZwCL/view>

# MURDER: Hentges found guilty by jury

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During the investigation, Hentges gave contradictory statements regarding the incident, at first claiming her son's head accidentally hit a door frame as she carried him from the bathroom. Later, she indicated she "maybe put (the infant) down too forcefully" in his crib after feeding him.

Based on those interviews, plus inter-

viewing the baby's father, along with the autopsy that revealed rib fractures and at least two skull fractures, plus bruises on the child's head, investigators felt they had enough evidence to charge Hentges.

Sentencing for Hentges has been scheduled for Feb. 20, 2020. Under Minnesota sentencing guidelines, Hentges could be sentenced to serve up to 40 years in prison.



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## Pilgrims bring their Pioneer

Dennis and Cheryl Klapmeier travelled with 15 others from the Church of God in Grasston to the Western Wall in Israel the last week of October to the first week of November this year. Readers can show their Pine City pride by submitting pictures of themselves in exotic locations throughout the world. Send all photos to [editor@pinecitymn.com](mailto:editor@pinecitymn.com).

# LEVY: Levy goes up by \$59,671 in 2020

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If that property's value went up by 6% to \$159,000, then the owner would pay increased taxes because of the higher value (\$63) plus increased taxes because of the higher tax rate (\$4) for a total increase of \$67 in the amount paid to the city in 2020.

### 2020 CITY BUDGET

The 2020 budget includes additional expenditures for a contribution to the Pine City Youth Hockey organization for Rink Maintenance in the amount of \$12,500. There are increases in the Recreational/Educational & Social Programming category by \$9,000 for the Pine City Area History Association and the American Legion. Also, there will be an addition of a parks and recreation supervisor position with estimated salary and benefits of \$74,000.

Wages and salaries for 2019 have been preliminarily calculated with a

2.25% COLA increase for AFSCME office staff and regular non-union staff and a 5% COLA increase for AFSCME public works staff. Health, life, and dental insurances were calculated using anticipated rates changes of 7% for health and no change for dental or life. In total, 2020 budgeted wages, salaries and benefits amount to approximately \$1,660,136, an increase of just over \$93,000 from 2019's budget – which includes \$74,000 for the new parks and recreation supervisor position noted above.

The city made a reduction in the Capital Improvement Fund to \$148,992 from \$200,000. Significant purchases anticipated for 2020 include \$25,000 for ordinance re-codification, \$60,000 for a Skidsteer, \$56,000 for sidewalks (\$56,000) and \$48,720 for Safe Routes to School. It also includes \$40,000 for sweeper payments, \$36,445 for PW Truck, \$30,000 toward an outdoor rink warming house and \$70,000 for Parks and Trails.

# GROUNDBREAKING: Plans are for construction to get underway in spring

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We're excited about it."

He noted that his company has done similar projects in Cambridge and Rush City, and said they would be putting together a team of subcontractors shortly.

"I came from a very small town ... so I know what these facilities mean to a community like this," Bestul said. "It's going to be a beautiful facility when we're done."

Jamison Kohout of Silver Creek Senior Communities said it was a "seamless and flawless" process of getting approval for the project from the city.

"We'll be bringing probably 50 to 75 jobs to the city as well, along with the housing need that we're filling," Kohout said.

Scott Riddle, the president and CEO of Walker Methodist said that the mis-

sion of his organization was "enhancing the lives of older adults through a culture of care, respect and service. He said the facility would have great food, great programming and great people.

"What we're going to bring to Pine City is ... an updated approach to senior living," Riddle said. "We're going to attract good people from the community. We're going to train them really well [to] show dignity for the people they're working for and working with."

Riddle noted that Walker is a non-profit faith-based organization.

"It is a noble effort that we're undertaking here," he said. "We're going to be enhancing people's lives. This is going to be a beautiful building. Pine City is going to be spectacular. This is a dream ... that's coming to fruition starting today."