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No school for TRF students on April 22

Teachers will have to make up a day on June 4

by David Hill
Editor

The Board of Education for School District 564 met in a special session Monday, April 1, to discuss the 2018-19 school calendar, which

would have required students and teachers to attend two school make-up days - April 18 and 22. Monday night, the Board of Education agreed to forgive the student instruction day on April 22. For students, that means no school on April 22. For teachers, it means they'll be making up a day but on June 4.

Superintendent Bradley Bergstrom explained that

the 2018-19 school calendar allowed up to four days of missed days, two of which would have to be made up on April 18 and 22, if necessary.

The Board of Education discussed the matter at its meeting on March 25, during which Bergstrom offered to connect with staff and teachers to gauge the impact on plans and whether staff could change their plans because that weekend is

Easter.

Bergstrom also noted that it has been an unusual winter and the governor and Legislature had decided to weigh in on whether schools should forgive missed days, which muddled matters. Some schools, it was noted, had missed more than 10 days due to the weather.

On Monday, April 1, Gov. Walz signed a bipartisan snow day relief bill that al-

lows school districts and charter schools to count school days that were canceled due to inclement weather during the 2018-19 school year as instructional days.

Minnesota State Statute requires 165 instruction days. Some schools in Minnesota may not be able to reach that number. Thief River Falls school district had planned for 171 days

and was only down to 169 and one-half days.

Bergstrom said he received zero comments from the public. He said there were some concerns from employees.

Bergstrom said he wanted a special meeting on Monday, April 1 because he wanted families in the District to be able to adjust their plans.

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Library page Rachel Blawat (left) grabbed a clothespin from Thief River Falls Quilters Guild member Helen Halvorson as she and volunteer Carina Huot assisted in hanging quilts for the guild's annual quilt show. The quilt show is on display through the month of April at the Thief River Falls Public Library.

"Dye-ing to Quilt"

on display at the TRF Public Library

The Thief River Falls Quilters Guild invites the public to its annual quilt show, which is on display at the Thief River Falls Public

Library for the entire month of April. More than 60 quilts, wall hangings, table runners, clothing articles, purses and challenge projects are hung throughout the library.

This year's challenge project provided the title of the show, "Dye-ing to Quilt." The guild held a series of

dyeing workshops for members that produced several uniquely colored fabrics. The challenge was to use these original fabrics in a design resulting in all sorts of quilted items. This section of the show is located in the children's area of the library.

A special program, "Dye- (Continued on Page 12)



Devon James Pulczynski



Alexandra Jo Ellingson

Was revenge the motive?

TRF man formally charged with murder

by April Scheinoha
Reporter

A Thief River Falls man has been formally charged in connection with the death of a Thief River Falls woman found dead after a duplex fire Wednesday, March 27.

Devon James Pulczynski, 23, has been charged with felony offenses of second degree murder and first degree arson. Pulczynski made his first court appearance Friday. At that time, bond was

set at \$10 million with no conditions and \$1 million with conditions. His next court appearance is set for Monday, April 8.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has identified the victim as Alexandra Jo Ellingson, 23. The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause and manner of death to be asphyxiation. The case remains under investigation.

The BCA indicated that

Ellingson's body was found after Thief River Falls firefighters extinguished the fire at 307-1/2 Arnold Ave. S. Her body was found in the kitchen of the upper level apartment, according to the complaint. Ellingson was found face down with extensive burns to the back of her body. A deputy state fire marshal's investigator noted a power cord was around Ellingson's neck. Her hands and feet were bound, and

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County commissioners hear of upcoming retirements

by April Scheinoha
Reporter

The Pennington County Human Services Department will soon see some new faces. The Pennington County Board approved some personnel changes in the department at its meeting Tuesday, March 26.

Commissioners approved the Pennington County Human Service

Committee consent agenda. As part of the agenda, commissioners accepted the retirements of Human Services Director Ken Yutzenka, effective June 28, and Scott Sommers, fiscal supervisor in the Human Services Department, effective no later than Jan. 31, 2020.

County Board accepted Assistant County Engineer Mike Stennes'

resignation effective Friday, March 29. In a separate motion, they approved advertising for the position. "He will be tough to replace," said County Engineer Mike Flaagan.

County Board approved posting for an engineering technician. Flaagan said the county formerly employed two engineering technicians, but it

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TRF School Board hears of upcoming retirements

by David Hill
Editor

Several personnel issues were addressed at the March 25 meeting of the Board of Education in Thief River Falls including the retirement of two long-term staff.

The Board of Education accepted the retirements of Becky Rogalla, personnel di-

rector, and Jodi Bergman, payroll and benefits director. School District Superintendent Bradley Bergstrom said that between the two employees, they had worked in the District for about 80 years. Bergstrom said they will be sorely missed.

Rogalla's resignation is effective Aug. 30, and Bergman's resignation is effective Oct. 4. For both em-

ployees, the Board of Education approved phased retirement option contracts. Both positions involve very sensitive and important duties.

Bergstrom said both positions are very important to the District. The phased retirement options allow Rogalla and Bergman to work with their replacements.

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Jerzie Finstad, left, and Pearl LaCoursiere, piano students of Marcia M. Knuttila of Thief River Falls are winners in the Minnesota Music Teachers State Piano Contest. They now qualify to perform in the Annual State Student Honors Concert on June 1 at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium.

Two local piano students to perform in State Honors concert in June

Jerzie Finstad and Pearl LaCoursiere, piano students of Marcia M. Knuttila, Thief River Falls are winners in the Minnesota Music Teachers State Piano Contest, and will perform in Minnesota's biggest multi-piano program. The 83rd Annual State Student Honors Concert will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium, located in downtown Minneapolis.

Student winners from all over the state are at this event and perform 28 duets and piano duo pieces on 20 grand pianos generously supplied by Schmitt Music Company. The Honors Concert will be conducted by Dr. Mary Kay Geston.


A total of 4,400 students throughout the state com-

peted in the contest preliminaries held in February. From these, 1,800 competed in the finals held at Fergus Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, on March 16 and 17. There are nine categories set up according to age level, ranging from the young beginner to the college "Young Artist." In some of the categories, a designated theory test level was a requirement. This is part of the MMTA curriculum, which integrates theory and performance.

Jerzie Finstad is a winner in the Senior A Division (ages 17-18). She is the 11th grade daughter of Stephanie and Robbie Finstad of Thief River Falls. She performed "Prelude No. 15 in C Minor" by R. Vandall, and received a win-

ning score of 95. This is her fifth time winning at state. Pearl LaCoursiere is a winner in the Senior B Division (ages 18-19). She is the 11th grade daughter of Marjorie and Michael LaCoursiere of Red Lake Falls. She performed "Le Bananier" by L. Gottschalk, and received a winning score of 95. This is Pearl's fourth time winning at state.

Each time a student wins at the state contest, he or she must advance to the next higher category regardless of their current age. In the event that a state winner is unable to perform in the Student Honors Concert, the alternate is called upon to perform.




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Hospice of the Red River Valley welcomes new volunteer coordinator



Denise Kramer

Hospice of the Red River Valley has welcomed Denise Kramer as a volunteer coordinator. In her role, Kramer coordinates volunteer services for Hospice of the Red River Valley patients and families, including recruitment, screening, training, assignments, supervision and support of volunteers in coordination with the patient's hospice interdisciplinary team.

Kramer has experience as an instructor, program officer, social work supervisor and therapist with a variety of organizations throughout her career. She earned a master's of social work and a bachelor's in education from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

Kramer lives in Grand Forks, N.D., and will work out of Hospice of the Red River Valley's Grand Forks office. Kramer will be working with volunteers who serve patients in the Thief River Falls area, as well.

Hospice of the Red River Valley has more than 300 volunteers who provide critical support throughout its more than 30-county service area across North Dakota and Minnesota.



The Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Nordin Realty on Wednesday, March 27. The business moved Jan. 1 to its new location at the strip mall across from Ralph Engelstad Arena. Pictured are (from left) Chamber Board member Steve Dahlen;

Chamber Executive Director Ashley Nerhus; Tracy Hallstrom, Diedre Nordin and Kate Anderson from Nordin Realty; and Chamber Board Past Chairperson John Syvertson. Nordin Realty represents buyers and sellers of residential, commercial, farm and rural properties.



Thief River Falls' Census Complete Count Committee has organized. Pictured are (from left) Mark Borseth, Sarah Priest, Lars Dyrud, Marlene Anderson, Christine Hince,


Ashley Nerhus, Angie Philipp, Joanne Olson, Patrick Marolt (standing in for Brad Bergstrom), Brian Holmer, Glen Kajewski and Elvera Cullen.

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TRF man injured in accident Saturday

A Thief River Falls man was injured Saturday night after his car rolled in rural Kittson County.

Gabriel Adam Lillestol, 32, suffered a life-threatening injury, according to the Minnesota State Patrol report. He was taken to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, N.D. An Altru spokesperson said Lillestol was listed in serious condition Monday afternoon.

At the time of the accident, Lillestol was driving a

2014 Ford Focus northbound on Highway 75 in St. Vincent Township, according to the report. He veered off of the road to the left, and the car rolled. The report indicated that Lillestol was wearing a seat belt. Alcohol was involved in the crash.

The State Patrol was dispatched to the scene at 10:17 p.m. Saturday. The Kittson County Sheriff's Office provided assistance.

TRF school bus driver charged

Fifth degree assault: On March 13, the sheriff's office received a report of an assault on a Thief River Falls School District bus. Joel Kezar, 63, Thief River Falls, has been charged with fifth degree assault. The complaint was filed March 29. According to the complaint, Kezar allegedly stopped the bus, grabbed a boy by the neck, pushed him against a window and choked him for 15 seconds — until he couldn't breathe. The boy said he cried afterward and Kezar said, "I thought you were a big boy."

A friend took a photo of the boy's neck. He then called a friend to tell her about it. The boy said he had earlier gotten up to talk to a friend and Kezar told him to sit down. He returned to his seat after Kezar had stopped the bus, and then the incident occurred. Kezar allegedly provided a written statement to the sheriff's office, indicating that the boy was a problem on the bus and he placed his hand on the boy's shoulder to push the boy into his seat. Kezar then began walking back to his seat, but he was hit by a book. He said he then returned the book to the boy and began driving the bus again. Another student allegedly said Kezar stopped the bus, and grabbed the boy by the arm and choked him for five to 10 seconds. She saw a red mark around the boy's neck afterwards. She said Kezar told the boy that the incident happened because the boy kept standing. She said the boy then told Kezar that he was going to tell his mom and Kezar replied that the boy's mom wouldn't care. A second student allegedly said Kezar stopped the bus, grabbed the other boy between the neck and shoulders, and pushed the boy into a back window, causing the boy's head to hit the window. He said the boy began crying and threw a math book after Kezar walked away. He said Kezar picked up the book, handed it to the boy and shoved the boy again. With regard to Kezar, Superintendent Brad Bergstrom told The Times that the district is following protocols and procedures set in place anytime a complaint is leveled against an employee. He was unable to say whether Kezar was still employed with the district.

Driving after cancellation — inimical to public safety and fifth degree controlled substance crime: On March 22 at 11:23 p.m., the sheriff's office stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Pennington Avenue and Hickory Street for an alleged theft of gasoline at

East Side Tesoro. Bradley Gerald Konickson, 48, St. Hilaire, has charges pending for driving after cancellation — inimical to public safety and fifth degree controlled substance crime. His vehicle allegedly contained drug paraphernalia with traces of suspected methamphetamine.

Burglary: On March 22 at 1:20 p.m., the sheriff's office received a report of a burglary at 18584 190th St. N.E. Someone had stolen a large amount of change.

Driving while impaired: On March 24 at 1:40 a.m., police performed a traffic stop near the intersection of First Street and Main Avenue. Matthew Ryan Knott, 38, Red Lake Falls, has charges pending for DWI.

Burglary: On March 25 at 3:23 p.m., police received a report of a burglary at West River Falls Estates, 210 Ruby Ave. Someone had stolen a woman's wedding ring.

Accident: On March 25 at 3:39 p.m., police received a report of an accident near the Arctic Cat parking lot. At the time of the accident, Rochelle M. Legg of Thief River Falls was driving a 2003 Suzuki XL7 out of the parking lot. According to the report, she stopped and her car was rear-ended by a 2006 Chevy Aveo driven by Michael D. Lein of Thief River Falls. No injuries were reported.

Accident and careless driving: On April 1 at 4:12 a.m., police received a report of an accident near the intersection of Greenwood Street and Crocker Avenue. At the time of the accident, Brandon Earl Lee of Plummer was driving a 2011 Chevy Traverse westbound on Greenwood Street. According to the report, he fell asleep. His vehicle then struck a parked 2011 Chevy Silverado owned by Mark A. Nelson of Thief River Falls. Lee has been cited for careless driving.

If readers have any information about the above crimes, they are urged to contact the Law Enforcement Center at 681-6161.

These reports include those charged, arrested or cited with various crimes. Depending upon the circumstances, charges can be, and sometimes are, changed or dropped even before the case reaches court.

Readers should also realize that under the American system of jurisprudence, those charged with crimes are innocent until proven guilty of those crimes in a court of law.

Sheriff's office warns of scam

The Polk County Sheriff's Office warns the public about a scam circulating through Facebook.

A resident received a friend request through Facebook Messenger from a scammer who was posing as a relative. The picture attached to the message was also of the relative. The resident was told about a deal where the person could get thousands of dollars back as long as the resident gave money to the person. The scammer asked the res-

ident to purchase Amazon gift cards and give a third party the numbers to start the process.

The sheriff's office advises the public that there are many of these types of scams. Anytime someone is asked to go to a local store and buy Amazon, Apple, etc., gift cards, this is a scam. If you have questions after being contacted in similar situations, call your local law enforcement agency.

North Dakota woman sentenced for escape

A Grand Forks, N.D., woman was sentenced Monday, March 25 in Pennington County District Court for a felony charge of escape from custody.

Jennie Lynn Langaas, 46, was sentenced to 17 months in prison. She was ordered to supply a DNA sample and pay \$210 in fees and fines.

The charge stemmed from a Nov. 2, 2016, report to the Pennington County Sheriff's Office. Langaas was being held in jail for allegedly violating the terms of her supervised probation. A judge had ordered conditions of release, including financial considerations as well as furloughs for medical appointments if Langaas was unable to post the financial considerations. On that day, Langaas was released from custody for a medical furlough. She called the jail later that day, saying she was done at the hospital and would return. As of 12 p.m. Nov. 3, she hadn't returned or called. At the time that the complaint was written, a warrant was requested.



Jennie Lynn Langaas

Bobby Vinton Peralta, 42, Thief River Falls, has been sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison for a felony charge of failure to register as a predatory offender. He was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. Peralta was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

The charge stemmed from a June 12 notification to the Thief River Falls police juvenile investigator from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Predatory Offender Unit. According to the complaint, the U.S. Postal Service had returned mail that the unit had sent to Peralta. He had earlier registered his address as an apartment on State Avenue.



Bobby Vinton Peralta

That day and the next, the juvenile investigator went to the apartment, but there was no answer. Upon speaking with the apartment manager, he learned that Peralta's daughter had lived in the apartment and had moved out in either February or March 2018.

On June 14, the juvenile investigator went to Peralta's last known employment. He had registered The Shop as his employer. The owner said he had never employed Peralta and hadn't seen him in 15 or 20 years.

The complaint indicated that Peralta had been previously convicted of failing to register as a predatory offender in June 2013. At the time that the complaint was written, a warrant was requested since his whereabouts were unknown.

Jose Pilar Cruz, 25, Thief River Falls, was sentenced for a felony charge of electronic solicitation of a child to engage in sexual conduct. Cruz was granted a three-year stay of imposition. As a condition of that sentence, he was ordered to serve supervised probation for three years.

Cruz was ordered to register as a predatory offender. He was ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation/treatment and follow the recommendations of his psychosexual evaluation. He was ordered to

have no contact with people under the age of 18 unless approved by his agent. Cruz was ordered to not possess or use any pornographic or sexually-explicit material. He was ordered to not use or have access to the internet or social media unless approved by his agent. Cruz was ordered to not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. He was ordered to provide a DNA sample. Cruz was also ordered to pay \$210 in fees and fines.

The charge stemmed from an online conversation May 2, according to the complaint. Cruz sent a message to a social media account controlled by a sheriff's deputy, who was posing as a 15-year-old girl. At one point, Cruz wrote that he knew how to please the "girl" and just needed to know when and where. He also wrote that he doesn't speak English and was using Google Translate to write the message. After that, he said he wanted to have sex with the girl.

That was agreed to near the dam with Cruz saying that he would be driving a Jeep pickup truck. He also provided a picture of the vehicle to the "girl." The deputy apprehended Cruz in the vehicle depicted in the picture.

Earlier, the deputy had used Google Translate to translate in Spanish that Cruz was under arrest for solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct and a Spanish interpreter would be provided to him. Upon meeting Cruz, he handed the paper to Cruz, asked him if he understood and then arrested him.



Jose Pilar Cruz

Dismissed felonies among cases

Separate dismissed felony offenses are included in the latest edition of the Pennington County Citation Disposition Bulletin. The Times pays for copies of this public information. If it appears in an online forum other than The Times' website, it has been copied.

Thief River Falls Police Department cases: Keith Paul Lindholm, 52, Thief River Falls, domestic assault, \$210, 90 days in jail considered to be complete, felony charge of domestic assault by strangulation and gross misdemeanor charge of interference with a 911 call were dismissed; Jessica Marie Erickson, 26, Red Lake, felony charge of receiving stolen property and gross misdemeanor charge of fifth degree controlled substance crime were dismissed; Blayke Anthony Sundahl, 18, Thief River Falls, underage consumption, \$185.

Stacy Renee Graham, 37, Thief River Falls, second degree driving while impaired, \$915 with \$750 stayed, one year in jail stayed for six years, supervised probation for six years, complete DWI Program and chemical assessment, charge of unlawful possession of legend drugs dismissed; Tiffany Lee Olson, 30, Badger, third degree DWI, \$1,415, one year in jail with 335 days stayed for four years, credit for one day served, may serve 30 days in jail or 30 days on electronic home monitoring at own expense, probation to the court for four years, chemical assessment.

Joshua William Martin, 39, Thief River Falls, third degree refusal to submit to a chemical test, \$690, one year in jail stayed for four years, probation to the court for four years, chemical assessment, charges of fourth degree DWI and driving after revocation were dismissed; Abigale Jean Bak, 22, Fargo, N.D., third degree DWI, \$1,015, one year in jail stayed for two years, probation to the court for two years, chemical assessment; Thomas Jay Berg, 49, Barnesville, DWI, \$510, 30 days in jail stayed for two years, probation to the court for two years, chemical

assessment.

Thomas Christopher True, 21, Thief River Falls, DWI, \$510, 30 days in jail stayed for two years, probation to the court for two years, chemical assessment; Steven John Bjerken, 62, Thief River Falls, driver involved fails to stop for a collision — driven or attended vehicle, \$135; Caleb James Michael Cobb, 18, Thief River Falls, underage consumption, \$185; David Michael Fellman, 38, Thief River Falls, expired registration, \$115, no insurance — owner, \$200; Katherine May Houle, 19, Thief River Falls, charge of theft of services dismissed; Anthony Ray Kaiser, 24, Thief River Falls, no insurance, \$285, 30 days in jail stayed for one year, charge of driving after revocation dismissed.

Pennington County Sheriff's Office cases: Bobby Vinton Peralta, 42, Thief River Falls, charge of counterfeiting currency dismissed; Jessica Lee Ground, 30, Grand Rapids, stay of adjudication for a charge of issuance of a worthless check and continued, \$125, unsupervised probation for one year, \$50 in restitution; Bruce Larry Carter, 32, Thief River Falls, theft of motor fuel from retailer, \$260, 30 days in jail stayed for one year, unsupervised probation for one year, \$100.05 in restitution, another charge of theft of motor fuel from a retailer was dismissed; Kyle James Robinson, 23, Redby, charge of fifth degree assault dismissed.

Minnesota State Patrol cases: Martin Robert Kingbird, 36, Middle River, stay of adjudication for a charge of driving after cancellation — inimical to public safety and continued, \$275, probation to the court for two years, resolve outstanding warrants in North Dakota; Joshua Ray Moreno, 19, Thief River Falls, charge of no proof of insurance dismissed; Damien Lee Hoffman, 30, Thief River Falls, 70/55, \$145, charge of driving after suspension dismissed; Meghan Marie Herzog, 34, Hudson, Wis., 68/55, \$135; Chad

Allan Anderson, 51, Grand Forks, N.D., 65/60, \$125.

Nathan Donald George Fanfulik, 36, Thief River Falls, marijuana in a motor vehicle, \$135; Rene Andres Reyes, 31, Thief River Falls, no seat belt worn, \$110; Chad Michael Ries, 44, Marble, driving after suspension, \$285; Josiah Rosemary Roberts, 24, Grand Forks, N.D., 65/55, \$125, no driver's license, \$100; Caden Thomas Summers, 26, Sabin, 65/60, \$125; Travis Roy Johnson, 34, Plummer, 65/60, \$125, driving after revocation, \$200.

Dance to be held

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Our heartfelt, sincere thank-you goes out to all the kind and generous folks who shared their love for the **Jerry and Ruthie Owen Benefit** held at the Eagles on March 28th. It was awesome to see how everyone just stepped right in to give a helping hand and assistance.

We are very appreciative of the Eagles Club, Putzy's Catering, Pizza Hut, Northwest Beverage, Thief River Falls Times, Hugo's and to all the other generous businesses in our community. The outreach among family, friends, neighbors, and the surrounding communities was very touching and heartwarming.

A special thank you comes from our hearts. To each and every one, we extend our deep appreciation for all you have done.

Brenda Marben, Helen Anderson and the committee for the Jerry and Ruthie Owen Benefit



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BIRTHS

Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls reports the following births in March.

On March 1, a boy was born to Cari and Daniel Jarshaw of Newfolden. He was given the name Lennix Darryl Hal.

On March 14, a girl was born to Amber and Tod Estabrook of Red Lake Falls. She was given the name Ryanna Lynn.

On March 14, a girl was born to Samantha and Casey Conely of Warren. She was given the name Scarlett Cecelia.

On March 20, a girl was born to Tylvyn and Cypress Black of Blackduck. She was given the name Ceadyr Caroline Christine.

On March 25, a boy was born to Amanda Drury and Kevin Browne of Thief River Falls. He was given the name Anthony Alan.

Assistance available for Medicare issues

Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging Senior LinkAge Line® staff will be available to provide one-to-one assistance on Medicare Part D plans and other issues at the Sanford Eye Center in Thief River Falls. One-to-one assistance will be available by appointment only Thursday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees must call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 to schedule an appointment for that day.

Senior LinkAge Line staff provide information and assistance with Medicare billing issues, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D prescription drug plans.

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For more information, contact the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433.

Choir to perform at Our Saviour's

The Association Free Lutheran Bible School Concert Choir, under the direction of Andrew Hanson, will perform a concert of sacred music Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls.

The 36-member Concert Choir will present a choral concert titled "Trusting in God's Faithfulness." A central feature to this concert program is a brand new set of music based on the Hallel Psalms (113-118). The Association Free Lutheran Bible School helped commission Minnesota composer Lloyd Larson to write this new work on these texts that have been part of the Judeo-Christian worship since Old Testament worship.

Each spring, the AFLBS Concert Choir from Minneapolis travels for two weeks, sharing the gospel message in word and song. The Concert Choir has traveled throughout the United States, as well as three times each to Norway and central Europe. This year, the choir is traveling through the southern and Midwestern United States, performing 14 concerts during its 17-day tour.

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As part of a subscription promotion titled Read and Feed in March, the Thief River Falls Times raised \$530 for the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf. (Front row) Storm DCamp and Hayden Foster presented the check to Alecia Hunt and Rob Giffen from

the Food Shelf at the organization's annual Hope for Hygiene event Saturday, March 30 at the Rusty Nail. DCamp is the son of two Times employees, and Foster is a granddaughter of a Times employee.



A silent raffle was among the activities offered during the Hope for Hygiene event Saturday, March 30 at the Rusty Nail in Thief River Falls. The Rusty Nail and the Thief

River Falls Area Food Shelf hosted the event, which raised money for the Food Shelf.



A crowd gathered Saturday, March 30 for the Hope for Hygiene fundraiser at the Rusty Nail in Thief River Falls. The Rusty

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Boy Scout Troop 59 and Cub Scout Pack 59 collected 940 pounds of food for the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf by going door-to-door Saturday, March 23. On behalf of

the Food Shelf, Barbara "Cookie" Overbye and Pam Joppru served a BBQ lunch to the boys and their families after the collection. (Submitted)

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Newfolden Cooperative Elevator Association will be held on
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the
Newfolden Community Center in Newfolden, MN.
Purpose of the meeting is to review the annual audit report, the election of two directors for a three-year term, and to conduct any other business which may come before the meeting. The directors whose terms expire are Jeff Bring and Brad Berg.
The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m.
Coffee and lunch will be served following the meeting.
All patrons and stockholders are cordially invited to attend.
Dated: March 19, 2019
Brandon Gornowicz, Secretary

29th Annual
St. Hilaire Fire & Rescue
Spaghetti Supper
Saturday, April 13th
4:00 - 8:00 pm
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When submitting an announcement, please be advised of our policy regarding weddings and engagements:
• Engagement announcements should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the wedding date.
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• If the wedding took place from three to six months before submission to The Times, we will run a brief story or short caption under a picture announcing when the wedding took place.
• There will be no publication of weddings after six months have elapsed.
Every effort will be made to publish the wedding write-up within two issues of receipt. Forms are available at The Times office to help in organizing information regarding weddings and engagements.

Benefits to starting Hospice Care sooner rather than later

by Kelly Haneca
Hospice of the
Red River Valley

Hospice is a concept of care that focuses on quality of life for those with a life expectancy of six months or less if an illness runs its normal course. Many people

are surprised to learn hospice is available for weeks and months of care. Even though this benefit is available, many people do not start hospice services until the last week or days of their life. Hospice is not intended for just the last 48 hours; rather, hospice care

is meant to accompany and support you and your caregivers through this chapter of life.

There are many benefits for both patients and their family members of considering hospice care earlier on in their terminal illness rather than waiting. After years of experience working as a Hospice of the Red River Valley nurse, I have heard countless times from patients' family members that they wish they would have called us sooner.

One of the most beneficial reasons I encourage families to call Hospice sooner is so that the patient and family can develop a relationship and comfort level with one another. Hospice offers a multidisciplinary team of professionals, including a hospice physician, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed social workers, certified nursing assistants and grief specialists—who all come together to care for patients and their caregivers through the final journey. Each member of the team has a distinct role in supporting the patient and family, and the team works together to help achieve patient-centered goals.

This is a sacred time in life, and the Hospice team works to help individuals live well until the end, which means focusing on their wishes. I have witnessed the fulfillment of many of our patients' goals during my time at Hospice of the Red River Valley, including seeing a loved one again, writing a final will, creating notes to be read when they pass, documenting the details of their life and creating special moments with friends and family.

Hospice care also focuses on managing a patient's pain and symptoms, while bringing sensitivity, compassion and skill to meet the individual's needs and support for their loved ones and caregivers. With an emphasis on comfort rather than curative treatments, patients spend less time at the clinic and hospital, and more time at home, surrounded by loved ones all while maintaining control of their schedule. When pain and symptoms are relieved, the anxiety and stress that may accompany a terminal illness are lessened, too. In some instances, getting symptoms under control can actually help people live longer than they otherwise would.

Another important aspect of hospice care is providing education to the patient and family about the dying process. The support and education begins the same day services are started and continues through end-of-life. This time in life can be overwhelming, especially when you're already dealing with a myriad of emotions.

Processing the emotions and coming to terms with

death takes time, and more opportunities for the patient and family to connect with the Hospice team can lead to a gentler transition. Additionally, the Hospice team helps caregivers through emotional support and hands-on care of their loved one, which reduces the chance of caregiver burnout.

There are many additional benefits to understanding all of the available health care options for you or your loved one. Being knowledgeable about your choices can provide peace of mind and allow you to make the best informed decision about your or your loved one's end-of-life care. If you have questions about hospice care, Hospice of the Red River Valley can help. When you're ready to learn more, contact us. We'll visit with you at a time convenient for you, free of charge. If hospice care is right for you, we will do the follow-up work, including contacting your doctor, starting the necessary paperwork and arranging a visit with a hospice nurse.

Kelly Haneca, RN, BSN, CHPN, is a registered nurse with Hospice of the Red River Valley.

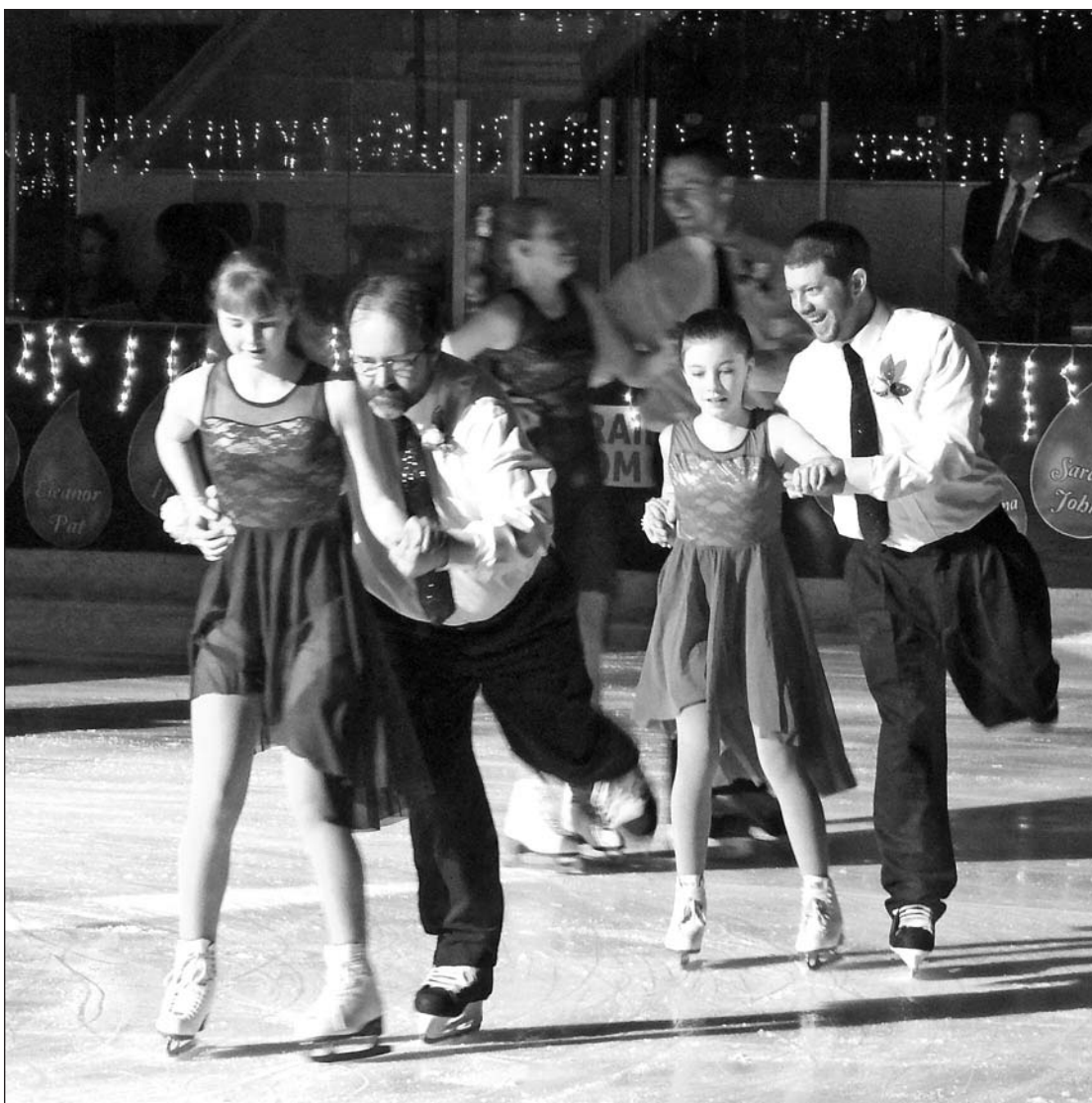
About Hospice of the Red River Valley
Hospice of the Red River Valley is an independent, not-for-profit hospice serving more than 30 counties in North Dakota and Minnesota. Hospice care is intensive comfort care that alleviates pain and suffering, enhancing the quality of life for patients with life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones by addressing their medical, emotional, spiritual and grief needs. For more information, call toll-free 800-237-4629, email questions@hrrv.org or visit www.hrrv.org.



Alex Osowski received a special award from the Concordia College Language Camp recently. Osowski attended a Language Village session and spoke Spanish for the entire three days of the event. Osowski was recognized for her achievement at a Lincoln High School assembly on March 28.



Maya Johnson and Adrienne Moran skate to "Work This Out" during the 44th Annual Fantasy on Ice at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls on March 30 and 31.



Fathers joined daughters to skate to "It's Raining on Prom Night" during the 44th Annual Fantasy on Ice at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls March 30 and 31.

Thank You

I would like to thank my family for all they provided through Bernie's sickness and passing. I want to thank my friends for the food and support they provided. Thank you to Altru Hospice staff of Warren, MN for the care provided for Bernie. Thank you to Johnson's Funeral Service in Thief River Falls. The professionalism and care is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Pastor Vickie Saude-Worthington for the visits with Bernie and myself. She did such a wonderful job at the prayer service and funeral. The songs you and Connie Moe sang were beautiful. Thank you to you both. Thank you to Organist Joy Nordby. Thank you to the Welca Food Group 3 for the wonderful lunch that was served after the service.

Thank you to the Grygla American Legion Post #162, Ecklund-Holmstrom American Legion Post #117, VFW Post #2793, and United States Air Force Honor Guard for the military honors. Thanks to the Thief River Falls Fire Department for the escort to the cemetery. The generosity is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support.

- Barb Picolet and Family

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By taking allergy medicine before the season and your symptoms start, you can reduce your suffering. The sooner you start the better! This type of treatment is called pretreatment. If you know which spring allergies trigger your symptoms, start taking your medicines a few weeks before the season actually starts. Medicines include, nasal spray, eye drops and antihistamines. Antihistamines are an easy and effective way to ease your discomfort. Many of these medications offer long-lasting relief and are non drowsy.

To reduce your allergies and manage your symptoms follow these steps.

- Don't take more allergy medication than needed and take as prescribed.
- Talk with your doctor and ask if an allergy test is right for you.
- Change air conditioning and heating air filters often.
- Wash your bedding weekly in hot water.
- Shower before bed to rinse off any pollen.
- Dust and vacuum your home regularly.
- Keep your pets bathed and cleaned.
- Don't dry your clothes outside, use your dryer.
- Don't tackle too much yardwork. Mowing and raking can stir up allergens.
- Track pollen counts and stay indoors as much as possible when the counts are high.

Talk with your local Thrifty White pharmacist for treatment tips of seasonal allergies and spend more time enjoying Spring!



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Speaking of ...

Ultra concentrated, they say; I say bah, humbug!

by **Sherry LaCoursiere Pippin**



Have you noticed how everything is getting smaller at the grocery store, but costs are the same or higher?

I'm sure you've noticed the new smaller boxes of laundry detergent and other soaps and cleaners – the ones that are supposedly “Super Ultra Concentrated” so you are supposed to use less to do the job.

The question is, do you really use less of the stuff, or do you find yourself pouring in the same amount as you used to before it was “Super Ultra Concentrated” like me?

I don't notice any ill effects from using twice as much detergent or soap as the boxes tell me to. My washing machine or dishwasher hasn't pushed suds out the sides yet or done any unusual “burping” from my double dumping. Makes me wonder just how Super Ultra from my double dumping is working. Makes me wonder just how Super Ultra this stuff is.

Surely they wouldn't stoop so low as to lie to us consumers ... would they?

Wasn't it just a few years ago that everything was the large Economy Size boxes of

everything? Yes, I'm sure of it. Just a few years ago, bigger was better and we bought everything in gigantic boxes because we were told it was a better deal - more for the money, and all that.

Do you remember what you saw way down in the bottom when you looked into that Large Economy Size box? Didn't it seem like you brought home half the contents for twice the money? The companies called it “settling.”

Boxes are not the only things that have shrunk in size, however. Other things are smaller too. They just got that way all of a sudden, without advertising hoop-la about Super Ultra Concentrated.

You see, the companies shrunk things in a sneaky way. They left the wrappers in the same size as before, but shrunk the contents left in the wrappers. Candy bars are tiny now. A person who is really hungry for a candy bar must have to eat three or four. But maybe you didn't notice how tiny the candy bars are now, because the wrappers are the same size as they were before. Buy one and check it out – you will find a tiny, little candy bar in a great deal of wrapping.

Ice cream bars, something I rarely buy, have definitely gotten smaller, too. I bought some recently and found that they barely cover the stick. However, there is plenty of paper wrapped

around that little, bitty bar.

Another little thing I noticed is the amount of tea in a tea bag. It is smaller. Yes, it really is! I used to be able to make an entire pot of tea with one little tea bag. Now my one-bag pot of tea is weak and watery. I am contemplating having to use two or maybe even three bags to get my usual robust cup.

For those of you who like their cups filled with coffee, that, too, is coming in smaller and smaller packages. Check the weight on the pound can of coffee you are buying and you will find it isn't a pound at all. It looks the same, but it isn't. No wonder a pound of coffee doesn't last as long as it used to.

Toilet tissue has also shrunk sneakily. Did you think it was your imagination that the rolls weren't lasting as long as usual or someone in the family was somehow using twice as much tissue all of a sudden. It isn't any of those. In case you hadn't noticed, there are fewer little squares per roll than there used to be. They cost the same price .. or more, however.

Yes, now that I've been noticing things, I am beginning to feel a big bamboozled by all of these concentrated claims. If the companies are upping the prices on products that's one thing, but I think the way they are doing it is sneaky, and downright nasty.

On the Other Hand ...

Dance is more than just dance



by **Leah Sorvig**

On the Other Hand is written by students attending Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls.

Every once in a while when someone finds out how much time I devote to dance, I get the question “Why do you dance?” or the most frequent one, “Don't you get sick of it?”

Most of the time, I just chuckle and say, “Nope.” Every once in a while, though, I'll give them a longer explanation.

I've been dancing at Just For Kix since I was 7 years old, and, at that age, it was just a little hobby I participated in weekly. Gradually, as dance got harder, I began to appreciate and enjoy it more. The dance studio became a second home, and the people there, a second family. I love how it challenges me physically and emotionally.

Let me tell you, dance is a lot more than running around in sparkly costumes and looking cute. Dancers are athletes and artists all in one.

Not only are we required to have the proper technique as we dance, but we also have to tell a story and make it look effortless. Most people don't realize the many hours of hard work that go into a single dance. Almost every day of the week, you can find dancers at the studio working tire-

lessly to improve, knowing the end result will be worth it. Witness a kick practice and you will see 32 red-faced, sweaty girls wearing ankle weights, kicking continuously. Watch a lyrical practice and you will see dancers gracefully yet powerfully leaping, turning, and stretching their bodies in ways that seem impossible, all while telling an emotional story. There is so much more to dance than what meets the eye.

There are countless times when the team has to do another round of cardio, do the dance again, or do the same count of eight over and over again until it is just right, and the whole team is ready to give up and move on. Then, there are the times that remind you why you dance. The moment when you reach your goal and realize all the pulled muscles, the dizzy head, and bruised knees were worth it. Thankfully, we have wonderful coaches who recognize our full potential and push us. This has taught me and the rest of the team perseverance, how not to slack off and settle for less, no matter what the task is.

I would not be the person I am today without dance. Throughout my years of dancing, I have learned the importance of criticism on top of valuable lifelong skills like teamwork, leadership, accountability, and punctuality. We always get reminded at practice that every single person on the team has to pull their weight in order for us to be successful. This statement is 100 percent true because in dance there are no benchwarmers. Each person is an important piece of the puzzle,

and if someone is not putting forth their best effort, we can't get the successful end result.

I have also met and grown close with so many dancers, coaches, and even families of dancers. After spending many years and sharing so many experiences with these people, they are more like family. Many of my closest friends are also my teammates. I have coaches who believe in me even when I don't believe in myself. I know they genuinely care and want me to succeed not only on the dance floor but also in life. Lastly, there are dance families I know would go out of their way to help me. Whether it would be giving me a ride to a competition or just cheering me on.

One of the hardest things about moving on and going to college will be leaving my dance family behind. Thankfully, I will only be in Moorhead and can easily drive back and pay them a visit because I know I am always welcome.

This quote from Winnie the Pooh says it best: “How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

It definitely won't be easy to leave Thief River Falls and my dance family behind, but I'm so grateful that I have been able to dance with and be coached by a great group of people. What I've learned from my years in dance goes way beyond how to do pirouettes, leaps, and point my toes. I've discovered a passion, found a second family, learned life lessons, and created memories that I will cherish forever.

95 volunteer at TRF blood drive

Redeemer Lutheran Church hosted a two-day blood drive with Vitalant on Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26 in Thief River Falls. A total of 108 units of blood were collected for patients in need.

Ninety-five people volunteered to donate blood and 88 were able to donate. Fourteen donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC), which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor. One person volunteered for the first time.

Vitalant expressed its gratitude to Sharon Odgaard, who coordinated the drive, and Redeemer

Lutheran Church, which sponsored the blood drive.

Vitalant strives to keep a five-day supply of every blood type on the shelf at all times to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Donations from O-negative donors, the universal blood type, are especially important this time of year due to increased accidents and trauma cases.

Vitalant is the only blood provider to nearly 70 hospitals across the region. The blood supply is dependent on selfless donations from volunteer donors to ensure the lifesaving needs of the region are met.

About 30 percent of Vitalant's blood supply goes to cancer patients across

the region and one in seven people entering the hospital will need blood. Those relying on blood in the region receive that lifesaving blood from Vitalant.

Donors can make an appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 1-877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn points in Vitalant's donor rewards program.

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Times for Toddlers ...

Helping children understand a change in seasons

As the weather finally catches up to the calendar, we can shout: "Spring is here!" As we get into April, signs of spring will soon be everywhere. This is an excellent time to introduce young children to the renewal of life all around.

On a nice day, take a walking tour of your yard or neighborhood. Keep a watchful eye for changes taking place. Point them out and explain what's happening. For example, warmer temperatures mean trees and bushes begin to bud. Look at the ground for signs of budding flowers. What happens next?

Days are getting longer. Birds are returning from their winter homes and will

soon be looking for new homes. Can you spot any birds at work? Decide what nature signs you'd like to check again in a month and note them on a card.

(Contributed by the Early Childhood Family Education Department of School District 564.)

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

As you look for signs of spring, label and talk about what you see. Remember your young child may not remember these things from last year.

(Contributed by the Early Childhood Family Education Department of School District 564.)

ACTIVITIES

Easter Fun

The following activities

will exercise your children's manipulative skills!

Egg Lacing Cards

Cut several egg shapes from heavy cardboard or colored pegboard. Use a hole punch to make holes around the outside of each egg. Cut a length of yarn 1 1/2 times the measurement of the outer edge of each egg shape. Tie one end of the yarn through one of the holes in the shape. Wrap the other end of the yarn with masking tape. Encourage your children to lace the yarn in and out of the holes around the egg.

Match Eggs

Provide an assortment of jumbo plastic eggs. Encourage your children to take all the eggs apart and then match the top and bot-

tom halves by color to assemble the eggs.

SCAVENGER HUNT

For next week's Activities feature, you will need a package of refrigerator biscuit dough and jelly.

(Contributed by Discovery Place Early Learning Center.)

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: Why shouldn't you tell a joke to an Easter egg?

A: It might crack up.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

There are thousands of books written for young children every year and many are available for you to borrow from a public library or can be purchased from a bookstore or online. Here are a classic children's book or two that your family might enjoy:

Stevenson, James. **Mud Flat Spring.** The animals of Mud Flat celebrate the coming of spring in their own ways.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble.** For Henry and his big dog Mudge, spring means admiring the first snow glory, playing in puddles in the rain, and watching the five new kittens next door.

VIDEO VARIETY

In addition to the books that are available for your family, there are also many movies and documentaries that may make you laugh and inspire you, as well. Here is one classic choice:

Berenstain Bears: Springtime surprises. Brother Bear helps Boss

Bunny learn the true meaning of the holiday spirit.

WONDERS OF THE WEB

The Internet has long been available to supplement your parenting knowledge and skills. This is one web location that your family might enjoy: Spring Facts and Worksheets. <https://kidsconnect.com/holidays-seasons/spring/>

Remember that you can also visit the website of your local public library to find out more about local library services. Libraries in much of northwest Minnesota are listed on the Northwest Regional Library website: <http://www.nwrlib.org/>

(With assistance from the Thief River Falls Public Library.)

Theology in the Trenches ...

Do you ever feel like no one is watching



by Kathleen Kjolhaug

It was just me and her. Like a shadow, the little one moved round and about the room. I was watching because after all, she was my charge for the day. Little Lakynn Rose and I were at home while her big sister was off at preschool.

It was a normal afternoon, or so I thought as she made her way back and forth between play areas. Out of the corner of my eye, I could see the refrigerator door open and close while little toes tipped past. Not thinking much of it, I let her play in peace.

After several minutes, I thought I'd best see what she was up to as I could have sworn I just saw a milk jug moving rapidly towards the carpet. A quick check proved I had been correct as in tow I caught her with exactly that. Redirecting her was easy enough and a crisis was diverted!

I then went back to double check, and all appeared to be in order. The new ottoman was the only piece of furniture to look just a tad off kilter. Odd, I thought, the top half of it looks just a little twisted. Perhaps some screws had come loose and I need to tighten them.

Taking a closer look, I noticed that the big footstool had a storage unit

within ... something I did not know. As I moved the top half back, my eyes held fast to that which was hidden. Nestled within the new WHITE ottoman, was one ketchup bottle at full tilt, a jar of mustard rolling round, barbeque sauce trying to contain itself from free flowing elsewhere and every liquid ingredient from the door of the fridge that had been confiscated. Each had found a home in the hideout.

No contents had spilled up to this point, and I thought it wise to whisk away any opportunity for leakage. I put each item back in the fridge, trying not to give voice to the depths of panic raging within.

Lakynn Rose watched undaunted ... heeding my suggestion that perhaps we'd best keep these food items in the fridge. My words must have been palatable because quickly she dashed off elsewhere to play.

I love little miracles that involve the least of these. At least they still had a functioning couch. At least Grandma didn't get upset. At least we learned a little something without too much ado. Sometimes life lessons are easier than not ... at least.

Matthew 25:40 says, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

May the least of these always know that they are of far greater value than anything we own or any situation they find themselves in. Amen.

Sometimes life lessons are easier than not ... at least.

Public Health Notes ...

Immunization Month focuses on infants

Inter-County Nursing Service in Thief River Falls reminds residents that National Infant Immunization Week is April 27 through May 4.

Vaccinating on time, every time in a baby's first two years of life provides the best protection against dangerous diseases.

The recommended immunization schedule is set up to provide infants and children with protection from 14 potentially life-threatening diseases early in life when they are most vulnerable.

Diseases that used to be common in the U.S. are rarely seen now. That's because vaccines work and are safe.

Even when your baby gets multiple vaccines at a visit, the vaccines do not overload the immune sys-

tem. Every day, your baby's immune system successfully fights off thousands of antigens - the parts of germs that cause their immune system to respond to diseases. Vaccines contain only a tiny amount of antigens compared to the antigens your baby encounters every day.

Delaying or skipping vaccines can put children at risk for diseases that can cause serious health problems.

Check to see what vaccines your child needs by requesting their immunization record from the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC). Go to: Find My Immunization Record (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/records.html>).

Bike Thief River Falls



Monthly bike tours, sponsored by Bike Thief River Falls and the Sanford Wellness Center in Thief River Falls, began on April 1. The free community bike rides start at the Sanford Wellness Center and ride to a selected park. All riders are welcome to enjoy time at the park or keep riding around town. The next bike ride is scheduled for May 20 and will go to Northrop Park where pizza (\$5 per person) will be served. The ride in June will be on June 24 and go to LaFave Park beach area, where there will be a scavenger hunt.

Prowler Pride:

Preparing for summer nutrition

by Cindy Sanden
Food Service Director
S. D. 564

It's been a long hard winter for all and as spring approaches, we begin to look forward to the Summer Food Service Program for our kids.

The Summer Food Service Program is designed to fill the nutritional gap during the summer months and ensure children can continue to receive the healthy nutritious meals they need to achieve. Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks to the learning process. Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again. Hunger also may make children more prone to illness and other health issues.

Nutritious and appealing summer meals draw children to sites and keep them coming back throughout the summer. The meals provided through the Summer Nutrition Programs must meet the federal nutrition standards, with a lunch including milk, two servings of fruits and vegeta-

bles, a grain, and a protein, but many sponsors are going above and beyond the standards to provide fresh and local produce, increase whole grain options, serve lean meats, and provide low or nonfat milk. Up to two meals or one meal and one snack per day can be offered.

These Summer Food Service Program sites can be sponsored by schools or other non-profit organizations, and must be located in economic-eligible areas. All program sites are serving from June 10 through Aug. 16.

The sites in Thief River Falls are located at:

- Challenger Elementary, Monday through Friday from noon to 12:30 p.m.

- Lions Park, Monday through Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- Northrop Park, Monday through Friday from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

- Area Learning Center, Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Adult meals are available at the cost of \$4.

Benefits:

- Children receive nutri-

tious meals at no cost

- Helps families stretch budgets

- Reduces demand on food shelves

- Children return to school ready to learn

- Recreational activities are available to help reduce summer weight gain

Eligibility Requirements:

Age: 18 or under (at the start of the school year) and young adults with disabilities enrolled in educational programs.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Summer Food Program for their help and I want to encourage anyone interested to get involved. The Summer Food Service Program brings the community and volunteers together to help our students return to school in the fall ready to learn. Nutrition is essential, so pulling together to ensure our students have what they need helps them reach their success.

For more information contact: Cindy Sanden, food service director, at 218-681-8675; or Jessica Snoozy, administrative assistant, at 218-681-8675.

Positive Thoughts ...

Thinking about April Fools'

by Dan Bartsch

Well, because of many things going on around here, there will be no article this week - belated April Fools' Day!

It is always so strange to me that we celebrate the first day of April by telling jokes or pulling pranks on our family and friends with the easy out or excuse "April's Fools'!"

It is odd that only one day is set aside for pranks and jokes and even more so that many stick to it. There are many, however, who prefer to prolong this day. As an example, let me tell you the April Fools' joke pulled on me:

I had a huge collection of Minnesota Twins baseball cards. One of the cards was a Kirby Puckett card that I really liked, but for some strange reason, I just could-

n't find. I looked high and low to find it, but it was like it just disappeared. Then, this is true, on Christmas Eve, my older brother gave me a framed artistic drawing of Kirby Puckett, which featured the same pose that was on the card. Well, I really appreciated it, but then my brother gave back the Puckett card that I was looking for. I asked him how he found it. "Oh well, ... April's Fools'!" You got me, Aaron, you got me.

My pastor back then got back at my brother for me. April 1 fell on a Sunday and the whole family went to church. We all settled down to listen to the sermon when the pastor announced, "Due to extremely long lessons, there will be no sermon today." The eyes of my brother, Aaron, who really doesn't function until about 2 p.m., just lit up. But then

the pastor said, "April Fools'!" There is justice!

But I want to end this column with a huge thank you. This was a long winter. Unfortunately, I had slipped on the ice three times and couldn't help much with shoveling. So, the sidewalk at my place was pure ice. When I slipped for the fourth time, Old Man Winter had me under house arrest for a week. Everything was fine with me. I was just cooped up in the house. Well, I'm a long-time customer of Tri-Valley Bus and they asked me why I hadn't ridden in awhile. I told them my situation and one of their workers came over and chipped away the ice for me, so I would have a safe path to the bus. Folks helping other folks. Thank you Tri-Valley, and God Bless.

Turning Back

The Times ...

Supt. of schools in TRF named

1919 - One Hundred Years Ago

-W.A. Ziegler of Annandale has been named to succeed J.H. Hay as superintendent of schools here.

-H.O. Loken has been elected president of the Merchant's Association.

-Former County Attorney Hans O. Kjomme has changed the spelling of his name to "Chommie."

1969 - Fifty Years Ago

-Allen Taylor, a member of the St. Hilaire 4-H Club, has been selected as a delegate to the National Agriculture Youth Institute in Lincoln, Neb.

-The junior class play at Goodridge High School, "The Clue of the Red Ribbon," will be presented April 15-17.

-James Winjum has been named outstanding young man for this year by the Thief River Falls Jaycees.

1979 - Forty Years Ago

-Concern is running high about the supply of gasoline for the coming summer season.

-Wallace Sparby has decided not to seek reelection to the Thief River Falls School Board.

-The Northland Community College Foundation will hold its annual banquet this week.

1989 - Thirty Years Ago

-Clarence Peterson has been presented with a plaque in recognition of his 38 years as treasurer of Silverton Township.

-The fourth annual Young Families Parenting Fair will be held April 11 at the Lincoln High School cafeteria.

-Paul Kezar and Trevor Swanson of Thief River Falls and Shannon Henrickson of Goodridge have been named delegates to Boys State; Girls State delegates are Jodi Goldsberry of Thief River Falls and Jami Adams of Goodridge.

1999 - Twenty Years Ago

-Power outages caused by ice-covered lines hit both Thief River Falls and Warren as well as surrounding areas.

-A 1936 Northern State Bank calendar was discovered in a cabin in the Beltrami Island Forest by a group on a snowmobile excursion. The group consisted of Billy Wikert, Sherman Johnson, Hilary Stoltman, and Ed Stucy. The calendar was brought back to the bank for display.

-School District 564 will receive \$56,292 from the State of Minnesota for the development of an Agricultural Resource Center.

2009 - Ten Years Ago

-Manager of the Thief River Falls Public Library Jolene Bradley has announced a 23.53 percent increase in circulation in 2008 from the previous year, with 104,198 library materials having been checked out.

-The Evangelical Covenant Church in Thief River Falls hosted an event April 4 to benefit "Kids Against Hunger" with food being collected and packaged to be sent to orphanages, hospitals, and schools in Haiti.

Gladys H. Hallstrom, 87

Thief River Falls - Gladys Hallstrom, 87, passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Sanford Hospital, Thief River Falls.

Funeral service will be Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:30 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. Rev. John Golv and Rev. Ale Tulu will officiate. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Thief River Falls. Visitation will be held Friday, April 5, 2019, 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. Visitation will also be held Saturday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church.

Gladys Hilma Irene Vigen was born July 11, 1931 to Edward and Martha (Moe) Vigen in Thief River Falls. Pastor Dahle of St. Pauli Church baptized her on July 20th. At the age of 3, her family transferred to Zion Lutheran Church where she was confirmed in 1945 and active in Luther League and Bible Camp. She attended Knox Elementary School and Lincoln Junior/Senior High School, graduating in 1949. She kept house for her brother, Bert, on the farm for 2 years. and then attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

Gladys married Wilbur Alfred Hallstrom, June 27, 1953 at Zion. They lived on the Hallstrom family farm (listed as a Century Farm in 1992). To this union four children were born: Gregory Alfred, Anita Mae, Marya Louise and Daniel Edward. Wilbur died November 2, 1994.

Gladys was an active member at Zion where she served on the Worship Board, sang in the choir, was secretary of the church council, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, was active in ZLCW circles as well as President, Secretary, Education Secretary of the LCW and a term as Secretary for the Conference LCW. She also helped organize Leisure Fellowship in the early '70s.

Gladys was an active 4-H member for 10 years and an adult leader for 12 years being recognized for her service with the Pennington County 4-H Alumni award and was a member of the 4-H Hall of Fame.

Gladys was a stay at home Mom until 1970 when she went to work with the Minnesota Crop Reporting Service for 3 years, then 6 years as the baker at Lon's Restaurant, next as a Demo person for Piggly Wiggly in 1978 and later at Hugo's when they opened in 1988 - working mainly for Cass Clay Creamery and, finally (before retiring), 3-1/2 years for Jane Mattson Catering - being in charge of the ground

floor lunchroom at Digi-Key.

Gladys was active with Wilbur in the operation of the farm, especially with their registered Milking Shorthorn cattle (her part was the calves-naming them and feeding them). They were active in the Milking Shorthorn Assn. at the local, district, state and national levels - serving as Secretary for the state association for 12 years. She was named Farm Woman of the Year for Pennington County in 1985 and received the Farmer/Homemaker award together with Wilbur in 1990 from the Red River Valley Winter Shows. She was also active in Homemakers; served as President of the Home Council; served on the Board of Directors for American Cancer Society; Board of Directors for Area Ag Center; Treasurer of Black River Township; Election Judge; and worked with Minnesota Make It With Wool Assn. on the local, district and state level (chaperoning one state winner to the National Convention in Oregon). Gladys was appointed director from Pennington County on the Red River Valley Development Assoc. in 1994 and was also appointed on the local Extension Committee in 1996 (retiring from both of these positions in recent years).

In 2014 Gladys sold the family farm to her son, Greg, and moved into Thief River Falls, first to Skylite Apartments and most recently residing at Oakland Park Communities.

Gladys is survived by 4 children: Gregory (special friend, Katherine Duray), Thief River Falls, Anita (Mark) Udager, North Oaks, Marya (Greg) Leach, Sioux Falls, SD and Daniel, Owasso, OK; plus 9 grandchildren: Heather (Joe) Bregier, St. Hilaire, Michael (Stephanie) Hallstrom, Boise, ID, Bryce Hallstrom with the US Air Force, Andrea (Scott) Collins, Blaine, Aaron (Kara) Udager, Ann Arbor, MI, Matthew (fiancé, Stacey Pritchard) Leach, Minneapolis, Kelli (Lee) Nori, Rockwall, TX, Krista (special friend, Paul Hawkins) Leach, Stillwater, and Kaila (Dave) DiNallo, Wyoming, MI also 13 great grandchildren: Evan and Lilly Bregier, Annaleigh, Charlotte, Ellsa and Harald Collins, Alex, Ryan and Johanna Udager, Elyse Leach, Audette Nori, Tyler and Corie DiNallo as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gladys was preceded in death by husband Wilbur; parents; infant brother and sister; brothers: Oscar, Bert and Melvin Vigen; sisters-in-law: Lois Vigen, Jolyn Vigen, and Marge Vigen; and nieces: Jennifer, Angela and Diana Vigen.

In Lieu of flowers please give to Zion Lutheran Faith Fund.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com A00003B2019AP03

Walter L. Patterson, 82

Erskine - Walter Patterson, age 82, of Erskine, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at Sanford Hospital, Thief River Falls.

A Celebration in honor of Walter's life will be held at the cabin on Paulson Lake this summer.

Walter LaVerne Patterson was born April 5, 1936 in Erskine, the son of Henry and Marietta (Reinstma) Patterson. He attended school through the 8th grade.

Walter served his country in the United States Army from August 1955-July 1957.

In 1962, Walter was united in marriage to Joan Abrams. Joan passed away in 1992. He then married Jean Roppe on May 23, 1998. Jean passed away on Feb 24, 2019.

Walter was employed as a mining supervisor. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, doing wood-work, watching chipmunks, and his cat Pia.

Survivors include Walter's children: Zelda Patterson, Jeff (Linda) Patterson, Jenny (Mike) Tillotson and Sheila (Dave) Manthey; grandchildren: Christopher (Andrea) Blauert, Kelsey Cherne,

Jason (April) Patterson, Sarah (Matt) Clark, Scott (Jessica) Patterson, Seth (Jackie) Tillotson, Amanda (Jesse) Froseth and Dillon Manthey; great-grandchildren: Murphy Blauert, Theodore Blauert, Maggie Blauert, Noah Patterson, Brantley Patterson, Cooper Clark, Mackenzie Clark, Kaelynn Patterson, Annika Mousseau and Grace Froseth.

Upon marrying Jean, Walter inherited more family, Naomi (Pat) Bliss, Bonita (Dale) Wojtowicz, and Leland (Danyce) Roppe; grandchildren Martina (Brian) Caudill, Kimberly (Robb) Farley, Gentell (Troy) Hanson, Erin (John) Pelletier, David Roppe (partner Amy Gerten), and Jonas Wojtowicz (fiancé Kristin); great-grandchildren: Braydon Holzinger, Cassidy Wolcenski, Colby Suchla, Andrew Gerten, Samantha Gerten, Alexis Roppe, Hunter Wolcenski, Mason Hanson, Payton Hanson, Marshall Farley, and Manning Farley; brother: Russell Ruud of Florida, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Walter is preceded in death by his parents; wives; and sister, Jeanette Mayer. Family condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfuneralservice.com A00003B2019AP03

Alexandra J. Ellingson, 23

Thief River Falls - Alexandra Jo Ellingson, 23, of Thief River Falls, died on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 in Thief River Falls.

Funeral service to celebrate Alex's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, with Rev. John Voelker officiating. Burial will follow at Landstad Cemetery west of Thief River Falls.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. with a 6 p.m. prayer service on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service on Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Alexandra Jo Ellingson was born August 20, 1995 in Thief River Falls, the daughter of Dale Westerlund and Tara Weigel. She was baptized and confirmed at Oak Ridge Lutheran Church, rural Thief River Falls. Alex attended Challenger Elementary and Lincoln High Schools in Thief River Falls, graduating with the class of 2013.

Alexandra worked at Petro Pumper, Frasier's, The Lantern, Michael's Meats and Elite Video.

Alex enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, four-wheeling, corn hole, listening to music, spending time with family and friends. She had a wonderful smile, a

huge heart, was feisty, spunky, funny was a Tom Boy and loved snuggling and giving hugs.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth John Strand III "KJ"; parents, Tara (Jamie) Weigel and Dale (Robyn) Westerlund; siblings, Rylie Weigel, Devon Westerlund, Samantha (Justin) Bierman, Lucas (Chelsey) Sandmark; grandparents, Pattie and Mike Jarshaw, Deb (Westerlund) Herrman and Joe Herrman, Russ Landrus, Darryl and Penny Weigel, Marie Sandmark, Wesley and Kathy Sandmark; great-grandparents, Charlie (Lila Rudd) Ellingson, Asta Westerlund, Violet Weigel, Genevieve Jarshaw; nephews, Tucker and Watson Bierman; aunts/uncles, Trevor (Tara) Jarshaw, Tyson (Tara) Jarshaw, Allan Shumway, Darrin Weigel, Jason (Heather) Weigel, Michelle (Lynn) Baker, Kris Brateng; great aunts/uncles, Connie Ellingson, Cathie (Mike) Thompson, Kent (Stacey) Ellingson, Troy (Tiffani) Ellingson, Greg Westerlund; God-parents, Kim and Matt Scholin, Allan Shumway, Rhiannon Kriech; and many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Alex is preceded in death by her fiancé, Kenneth Strand Jr.; grandmother, Sandy Landrus; great-grandparents, Carol Ellingson, LeRoy Westerlund, Bernie Weigel, Theresa Dougherty; aunt/uncles, Milo Westerlund, Larry Westerlund and Wendy Sandmark.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com A00003B2019AP03

Lori A. Green, 59

Eagan - Lori Ann Green, age 59, of Eagan, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2019.

A service of remembrance with a visitation will be held at the Johnson Funeral Home, Thief River Falls, at a date yet to be determined in June. Interment of ashes will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Thief River Falls, with a scattering of some of her ashes back in her beloved Oregon. Date of service to be posted at www.andersontebest.com.

Lori was born in Minneapolis, on September 10, 1959. She was baptized and confirmed at the Thief River Falls United Methodist Church. Lori graduated from Lincoln High School, Thief River Falls, in 1978. Following high school, Lori attended Northland Community College for a short time before moving on her first big adventure to Salem, Oregon, outside of Portland.

Lori had many wonderful memories and friendships from her time in Salem. Lori moved back to Minnesota, in the mid 1980's, spending the rest of her life in West St. Paul and Eagan. Lori Ann Green passed away at the Ebenezer Care Center in Minneapolis.

Lori's health was dramatically improved and her life was extended by a double organ transplant (kidney & pancreas) in 1997. She was blessed with 21 years of healthier life as a result. She was always grateful to the University of Minnesota transplant team and her wonderful doctors.

Lori's passion for music,

art, animals, creative art, to name a few, sustained her. Her dog, Bennie, was her constant companion for many years. Lori worked many years in the restaurant industry and was proud to have been a part of many restaurant openings in the Twin Cities.

Lori is survived by her mother, Marjorie (Blevens) Green, formerly of Thief River Falls; brother, Carter and wife Beth Green of Stony Point, New York; sister, Sarah (Green) and husband Terry Lockwood, of Spicer; nephew, Neil and Angie Kranz Lockwood, of Cambridge, and their children; and two nieces, Elicia and Eric Borowick, and their children and Makayla Shepherd all of Wyoming; and many cousins in Minnesota and Indiana.

Lori was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Olger and Agnes (Westman) Green; maternal grandparents, Jesse and Onie (Fielder) Blevens; her father, Orin J. Green; aunts and uncles, Howard and Nina Blevens, Helen (Blevens) Summers, Marvin Blevens, Allan and Elayne (Green) Sandahl; and nephew, Nick Lockwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred in Lori Green's memory, 1) to your local hospice, 2) LifeSource, 2225 West River Road North, Minneapolis, MN 55411, 888.5.DONATE, www.life-source.org; or 3) Ebenezer Foundation C/O Ebenezer Care Center, 2722 Park Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Funeral arrangements by Anderson TeBeest Funeral Home of Montevideo and Johnson-Green Funeral Service in Thief River Falls. May Lori's memory be blessed. A00003B2019AP03

Joyce H. Claffy, 87

Milaca - Joyce (Lunke) Claffy, age 87, of Milaca, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2019 surrounded by her loving family at



Sterling Pointe in Princeton. Joyce fought Alzheimer's with grace and dignity. She is now forever free. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Milaca with Rev. Tim Bauer officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Peterson-Johnson Funeral Home in Milaca and 1 hour prior at the church on Thursday. The family prefers memorials to the Herbert Claffy Endowment Scholarship Fund at Milaca High School or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Joyce Hildred (Lunke) Claffy was born to Hilmer and Carrie Lunke on June 29, 1931 in Thief River Falls. Joyce grew up and graduated from TRF High School in 1949. Joyce was crowned Miss Thief River Falls in 1949 and represented them in the Minneapolis Aquatennial Pageant. She attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND.

Joyce married the love of her life Herbert Claffy on December 29, 1949 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. The couple lived there until Herb graduated from the University of North Dakota. The couple moved to Milaca, in the summer of 1952, where they lived and raised their family.

Joyce was a stay at home mom when her children were young. She worked several part-time jobs in the Milaca area. She also worked for Mille Lacs County in the Welfare Office as a Child Support Officer retiring from there in 1986. Joyce was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and also of the Women's

Auxiliary of the Hansen-Hayes American Legion.

Joyce spent many hours in the bleachers supporting her husband and watching her children and grandchildren. Joyce also headed bake sales and chaperoned activity buses and dances. She loved dancing, playing bridge, bowling, reading, going to the movies, traveling the United States, and bingo. Joyce was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mom, grandma, in-law, aunt, and friend. Joyce was loving, caring, and compassionate and was the first one there to help whenever someone needed.

Joyce and Herb truly had a beautiful love story and built a wonderful life. They were blessed with four children, Mark, Rebecca Lundgren, Debra (Phillip) Vedders, and Brenda (David) Schmitt; 10 grandchildren, Jordan (Sarah) Claffy, Kelley (Ryan) Young, Jason (Kristina) Lundgren, Jennifer (Ralph) Biniek, Gregory (Angie) Vedders, Cassandra (Katie Murray) Vedders, Justin (Jenna) Peterson, Travis (Amanda) Peterson, Cody and Mason Schmitt; 16 great-grandchildren, Seth and Devon Lundgren, Samuel Biniek, Wyatt and John Vedders, Katie Murray, Austin, Cooper, Colton, and Carson Peterson, Novalie Peterson, Abby and Tyler Bemis, Bridgett and Gibson Claffy, and Brooklyn Young; 2 great-great-grandchildren, Gabriella and Lily Lundgren.

Joyce is survived by brothers, Harlie and Donald Lunke and brother-in-law, Jerry Claffy.

Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, Herb Claffy; her parents, Hilmer and Carrie Lunke; brother, Cliff (Goodie) Lunke; in-laws, William and Florabelle Claffy; brother-in-law Bill (Isabella) Claffy and sisters-in-law, Dianne Claffy and Joyce Lunke.

We would like to thank the memory care workers at Sterling Pointe and Guardian Angels Hospice for the wonderful loving care given to Joyce during her final years. A00003B2019AP03

Allen R. Clow, 65

Lancaster - Allen Ray Clow, 65, passed away with dignity March 26th, 2019 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND, surrounded by



family presence and love. Visitation for Allen will be Friday, April 5th from 7-9 p.m., with a prayer service 8 p.m. at the home.

Lancaster Covenant Church, 108 3rd St. A celebration of Allen's life will be Saturday, April 6 at 2 p.m. in the Lancaster Covenant Church.

Allen was born January 31, 1954 in Grand Forks, ND, to Johnny and Elsie (Hoffmann) Clow. He was raised with his older brothers Gary and Galen on the family farm near Orleans. Allen attended school in Lancaster, and graduated in 1972. Following high school, Allen earned his degree in Auto Mechanics from Northland College in Thief River Falls. In the years that followed Northland College, Allen worked on the family farm and held a variety of jobs at: Country Kitchen in Thief River Falls, Tom Weleske Construction, C&M Ford, Ryden Development-all of Hallock, and RCIS crop insurance as an adjuster for 24 years.

Allen married Cindy Hong Jennewein on July 17, 1993 in an outside ceremony on the Clow farm. Together Allen and Cindy enjoyed 25 years of farm and community life with family and friends. Allen was on the Clow Township board, a member of the Lancaster Lion's Club, the Kittson County Trailblazers Snowmobile Club, and Grace Lutheran Church in Hallock.

Allen loved life and enjoyed his relationship with Cindy, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchild. Allen also loved caring for mom and dad in their senior years, auto racing/NASCAR, cooking, making cranberry steamed pud-

ding, cutting out/decorating Christmas sugar cookies, candy red-hots, being with people, supporting community activities, Lion's Club, Coors Lite, snowmobiling, his work (farming/farm life/crop adjusting), the Class of '72 class meetings and reunions, and winning prizes!! In all aspects, Allen's life was one of unconditional love for others.

Allen is survived by his wife Cindy; children: Jason Clow (Amanda Gonzales), Peoria, AZ, Rachel Clow, Fargo, ND, Jonelle Clow, Gilbert, AZ, Christopher Jennewein (Stacy), Grand Forks, ND, Nathan Jennewein (Heather), Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren Tyler Clow (Aiesha Hagen) of El Mirage, AZ and Samantha Clow of St Cloud; Kali Lee, Kenadee Lee, along with their father Cory Lee, Fargo, ND; Tyler Jennewein (Kristi), Fargo, ND; Cody Jennewein, Grand Forks, ND; Katrina Schroeder, Sioux Falls, SD; Jasmine Jennewein, Sioux Falls, SD; great grandchild Amira Jama, St Cloud; Brother Galen (Cindy) Clow, Thief River Falls; sister-in-law Peggy Clow, Thief River Falls; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, and former son-in-law Paul Alvarado, Gilbert, AZ

Allen was preceded in death by parents Johnny and Elsie Clow, mother and father-in-law Percy and Mildred Hong, brother Gary Clow, and numerous other relatives.

As an expression of sympathy, memorials may be made to the Lancaster Lions Club, 407 Minnesota Ave, Lancaster, MN 56735, Kittson County Volunteer Ambulance Service, 1010 S Birch Ave, Hallock, MN 56728, or to the charity of your choice.

God Bless the precious memory of our beloved Allen Clow.

Funeral arrangements have been made through Austin Funeral Chapel, Hallock; www.austinfuneralchapel.com A00003B2019AP03

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Monday, April 8: No service Tuesday, April 9: Thief River Falls

Wednesday, April 10: Warren City Wide 9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Hallock City Wide 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., Karlstad City Wide 2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater Counties (800) 201-3432 Option 3 Thursday, April 4: No service

Friday, April 5: No service

Monday, April 8: Grand Forks

Tuesday, April 9: Mahnomon

Wednesday, April 10: No service

Lucille F. Dokken, 67

Thief River Falls - Lucille Dokken, 67, passed away on Wednesday March 27, 2019 at Thief River Care Center, Thief River Falls.



Funeral service to celebrate Lucille's life was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls, with Larry Myhrer officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery, Beltrami.

accounting for Main Street Standard, Northwest Medical Center and Walmart retiring in 2014.

Lucille enjoyed crocheting, fishing, camping, crossword puzzles, spending time with her family and basset hounds, Chuck and Yogi.

Luci is survived by her loving sons Harold (Kristine) of Roseau, Matthew (Melody) and Monte (Kimberly) of Thief River Falls; grandsons Thor Roggenbuck, Austin Branchaud, and Henry Dokken; siblings Leone Bursheim of McIntosh, Linda Geske of Thief River Falls, Robin Salvesson of Winger, Lyndon Bursheim of Crookston, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Luci is preceded in death by her husband Bruce on January 18, 2019, parents, stepfather Albert Bjella, brother, Lynn Bursheim and brother-in-law Arnold Geske.

Condolences may be sent at www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

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Dalton Baecht and Coral Mattison placed fourth in the Region 1 FFA small animal team competition this year. The Lincoln High School students were recognized for their achievement at a student assembly on March 28.



Lisa Kolseth and Molly Garry received first place awards in the Region 1 FFA Crops Team event this year. The Lincoln High School students were recognized for their achievement at a school assembly on March 28. Also winning an award but not present was Max Parsley.

Local student earns Certificate of Distinction

Organization recognizes women's participation in computing-related pursuits

Kyri Christensen, a junior at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, has been named a Certificate of Distinction or Rising Star Honoree by the Minnesota Aspirations in Computing Awards Committee.

On March 25, the Minnesota State - IT Center of Excellence announced 37 top Minnesota high school female students and 44 Certificate of Distinction and Rising Star recipients for their technology passion, interests and accomplishments.

Christensen is the daughter of Cord and Dusti Christensen. Currently, her plans include attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earning degrees in computer science and cyber security.

This year marks the seventh year of an impactful partnership between the Minnesota Aspirations in Computing (MNAiC) and the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT). Through this partnership and with the support of the Minnesota State IT Center of Excellence and numerous community partners, MNAiC is celebrating a 26% increase of student participation in its skill building and engagement programs. The programs are intentionally designed to inspire and empower young women at the high school level to pursue technology education and career opportunities.

"We are so proud to shine a spotlight on these incredible women, to celebrate their accomplishments, and introduce them to a community that is excited to support their next education and career steps," said Russell Fraenkel, director of IT Career Pathways and Partnerships at the Minnesota State IT Center

of Excellence.

According to recent Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage of women pursuing computer and information science degrees is below 20 percent, a trend that has been declining for 30 years. This trend impacts the representation of women, especially women of color in computing occupations; ultimately stymieing technology innovation, growth, and performance. The Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC) was created to acknowledge and cultivate the technology interests of young women, introduce them to leadership opportunities, and generate visibility for women's participation in computing-related pursuits in an effort to address these troubling trends.

Over the past seven years, more than 300 young women from Minnesota high schools have been recognized for their technical skills and interests, and well over 2,000 have participated in Aspirations supported programs. What they all share in common is the desire to develop and utilize technology to solve a host of community and social issues.

Aside from the Annual Awards Ceremony, MNAiC leads multiple initiatives throughout the year to connect students and young women to a supportive community of tech professionals and resources. Among their key strategies are the #MNGirlsDisruptTech, Strength In Numbers, the Where Are They Now series, SPARCS year-round activities and Rising Stars, this year's new addition to the program.

Additionally, 24 Rising Star and 20 Certificate of Distinction Honorees have been selected for their demonstrated engagement

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FFA Region 1 Proficiency Awards were presented to Gracie Hannon, Lisa Kolseth and Wyatt Halvorson this year. All three students are enrolled at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls and were recently recog-

nized for their achievements during a school assembly. Not pictured but also receiving a proficiency award was Cooper Olsonawski.



Kyri Christensen, a junior at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, was recognized by the National Center for Women and Information Technology for her participation in computing-related pursuits.

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NW Minnesota organizations support Food Access Fund

Several Northwest Minnesota organizations are encouraging the Minnesota Legislature to increase funding for the Minnesota Good Food Access Fund, a state-based effort designed to improve the access area residents have to healthy and affordable foods.

The Good Food Access Fund was created by the Legislature with bipartisan

support in 2016. In 2017, the Legislature provided a limited appropriation of \$250,000 for the fund in order to help address the need many Minnesotans have accessing healthy and affordable foods.

Dollars from the fund have supported a range of community-driven solutions including enhanced grocery stores, mobile markets, farmers' markets, fresh food refrigeration, and community supported agriculture. Funding for the fund is set to expire in June of this year.

The supporting organizations include LifeCare Medical Center, Northwest Initiative Foundation, Northwest Community Action, Inc. and Northwest Regional Development Commission. All of them sent letters to the Minnesota Senate's Agriculture, Rural Development and Housing Finance Committee, which is considering legislation (Senate File 1354) introduced by Sen. Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) to reinvest in the fund.

"One of the key challenges our region is facing is retail access to quality food. Much of our region has been classified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a rural food desert, meaning that a significant number of our residents live more than 10 miles from a full-scale grocery store," wrote Nate Dorr, senior program officer with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. "Many of our communities that do have grocery stores are in a precarious position because the equipment in those stores is often in need of updating, profit margins are commonly low and many store owners are at or near retirement age."

In response to each of the RFP's the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has released for grants from the fund, the response has been overwhelming. In the 2018, grants totaling \$233,750 were awarded to 14 different projects to purchase equipment and make physical improvements to increase access to healthy and affordable foods in communities throughout the state. More than 40 projects had applied for funding, with requests totaling over \$800,000. In 2019, 34 separate proposals have requested more than a million dollars in grants.

One of the grocery stores receiving a grant last year from the Good Food Access Fund was KC's Country Market in Badger. "Thanks to a Good Food Access grant, we were able to install a produce/deli cooler, adding 35 feet to our produce section and allowing us to offer more locally-grown produce and to collaborate more with local growers," said Corey Christianson owner of KC's. The northwest Minnesota organizations were also highly complimentary of Johnson for his leadership in introducing legislation to increase funding for the fund.

"We applaud Sen. Mark Johnson for his introduction of legislation to provide funding for the Minnesota Good Food Access Program," wrote Keith Okeson, president and chief executive officer of LifeCare Medical Center. "This program is critically important to our region in that it is designed to help support rural grocery stores and the communities where they are located."

More than 50 Minnesota-based organizations and interests support efforts to increase funding for the Minnesota Good Food Access Fund including Allina Health, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, HealthPartners, Hunger Solutions, Minnesota Farmers' Market Association, Minnesota Farmers Union, Minnesota Grocers Association, Minnesota School Nutrition Association, University of Minnesota Extension and others.



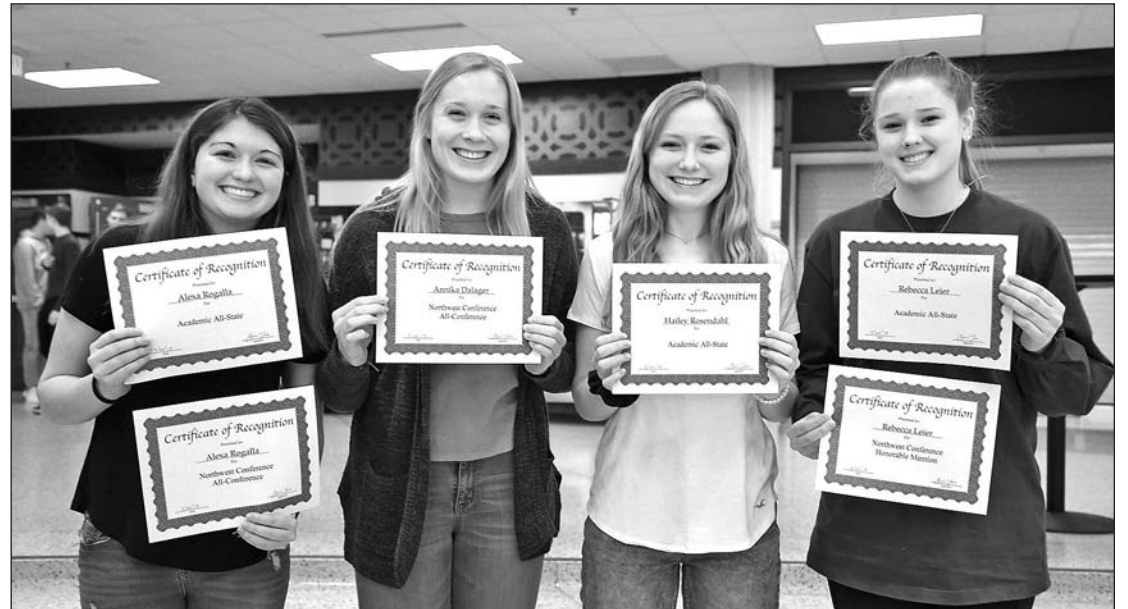
These Advanced Art students at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls were recognized for their success at the Minnesota State High School League Visual Arts Contest: (front row, from left) Aiyden Lancto, Devan Wagner, and Avery

Highness; (back row) Jacob Conard, Jonathon DeHaan, Caily Booren, and Grace Brickson. They were recognized for their success at a recognition assembly at the school on March 28.



These athletes from Lincoln High School participated in the Special Olympics Area 1 Swim Meet on March 21. On March 28, these students were recognized for their achievements during a school assembly: (front) Larry Fagerstrom; (row two, from left) Ben

Poole, Bo Fladeland, and Sadie Johnson; (row three) Christian Linder, Gage Carrier, Landen Lovejoy, and Rhett Sedra. The next competition for the Special Olympics team will be a track and field event May 15 in Thief River Falls.



Members of the Lincoln High School Girls Basketball Team were honored during a school assembly March 28 for their achievements during the year: (from left) Alexa Rogalla, Academic All-State and Northwest Conference All-Conference;

Annika Dalager, Northwest Conference All-Conference; Hailey Rosendahl, Academic All-State; and Rebecca Leier, Academic All-State and Northwest Conference Honorable Mention.



Members of the Lincoln High School Girls Hockey Team earned awards for which they were recognized at a school assembly on March 28, including: (from left) Marryn Dalager, Academic All-State; Hannah

Magnusson, Academic All-State and All-Section 8A Honorable Mention; Lexi Huot, All-Section 8A Honorable Mention; Khloe Lund, Girls Hockey All-State and All-Section 8A First Team.



These FFA students from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls received Minnesota State FFA Degrees this year. During an assembly at the school on March 28, they were recognized for their achieve-

ments. The students included: (from left) Gracie Hannon, Lisa Kolseth, Molly Garry and Elaina Knott. Not pictured but also receiving an award was Cooper Olsonawski.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pennington County Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on April 23, 2019 at 4:00 PM in the County Board Room located at the Justice Center on the Five (5) year Road & Bridge Plan. The Preliminary Plan was prepared by the Pennington County Highway Department. The plan indicates proposed construction of facilities, primarily roads and bridges through the years 2019-2023. It is proposed that the plan be finalized soon after the public hearing.

ALL Pennington County Citizens are urged to attend and relate their comments and/or concerns to the Commissioners at that time.

For further information concerning the hearing, please contact the Pennington County Highway Department at 218-683-7017.

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Perpich School of Arts accepting applications

Perpich Arts High School in Golden Valley has opened up a second round of admissions for the 2019-2020 school year. The second admissions deadline is April 15. An information session is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Golden Valley campus: 6125 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55422. Admissions information can be found at <http://bit.ly/PerpichApplicat>

Perpich Arts High School is a tuition-free, public, residential high school located in Golden Valley, which serves students in grades 11-12 from throughout the state of Minnesota. Perpich offers concentrations in six art areas, rigorous and innovative academic curriculum, and a residential hall for students. Perpich's six art areas are Dance, Literary Arts, Media Arts, Music, Theater,

and Visual Arts. Students who wish to attend Perpich Arts High School go through an application and review process. Those accepted have shown artistic promise and a strong commitment to serious study in the arts and academics. The school stresses arts and academics equally and emphasizes creative and analytical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making. Recently, the Board of

Directors for Perpich Center for Arts Education voted unanimously to eliminate the residential dormitory fees, starting in the 2019-2020 school year, for all students whose residence is 20 miles or more from campus. Residents of Hennepin and Ramsey counties are not eligible. For those Perpich Arts High School students impacted, this is a savings of \$3,600 annually. Principal Ahava Silkey-

Jones said, "This is such an extraordinary opportunity to ensure the Perpich Arts High School experience is accessible to all of the passionate young artists we have living throughout the state of Minnesota. We have an obligation to ensure that attending Arts High School isn't a hardship on any of our families and I'm so grateful that our governing board sees this as a priority." Perpich Arts High School

students come from the entire state; roughly 70 percent are from the Twin Cities metro area and 30 percent are from Greater Minnesota. Only students whose parents/guardians are Minnesota residents may apply and attend Perpich Arts High School. Applicants must also be currently enrolled in grade 10 or 11 to be eligible to apply.



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No school April 22/Continued

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Michelle Westerman, school board member, asked whether the teacher contract was the reason teachers would have to make up a day in June.

Bergstrom said the contract with teachers require they have 185 days. He recommended that a professional development day on June 4 that would include discussion about mental health and the impact of adverse childhood experiences. He said there's lots of good information out there on those subjects.

Many hourly employees throughout the state have been negatively impacted by the canceled days because they aren't paid

when schools are closed.

Paraprofessionals, who work in a number of capacities in the District, are among groups in School District 564 that has been impacted by school cancellations.

Chris Melbye, a member of the Board of Education, said that from his perspective as a member of the board who has worked on the calendar, the calendar is there for a reason and it was designed to address this type of problem. However, with the governor and Legislature weighing in on the issue, it muddled the waters and a mindshift in the public opinion changed.

Misty Hempel, a member of the Board of Education,

said plans don't always work the way out as expected. She added that she understands how, in this situation, the public could be led to believe the make-up day would not have to be made up. It has been an abnormal winter all around.

The Board of Education approved a motion that there would be no school on April 22, and that teachers would have to make up the missing day on June 4.

The bill signed by the governor on Monday states that it also requires employees who were scheduled to work, but did not receive compensation, must either be given an alternative work day or compensated for their scheduled hours.

County retirements/Continued

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had only employed one engineering technician over the past five years. He noted there was funding to fill the position. "We've been putting it in our budget every year," Flaagan said.

County Auditor-Treasurer Ken Olson notified commissioners that Cindi Kilen has accepted the position of Extension office manager, effective April 15. At their last meeting, commissioners authorized the Extension Interview Committee to hire Kilen, who wasn't identified by name, if she agreed to take the position. At the time, they were concerned because Kilen hadn't gotten back to the county prior to the County Board meeting and timing was of the essence since the office is currently without a 4-H Program coordinator.

Commissioners congratulated the PCHS fis-

cal staff's perfect performance in meeting Minnesota Department of Human Services financial reporting requirements for calendar year 2018. Human Services Commissioner Tony Lourey had written a letter to County Board Chairperson Bruce Lawrence, commending staff's work in completing the Local Collaborative Time Study, Income Maintenance Expense, MFIP Consolidated Fund, Social Service Fund, Client Statistics, Title IV-E, SEAGR and BRASS - Based Grant Fiscal reports.

County Board approved a resolution of support for off-highway vehicle usage of 11.1 miles of the Moose River dike near Grygla.

The Fourtown-Grygla Sportsmen Club is also approaching Beltrami County, Roseau County and the Red Lake Watershed

District, among others, to seek their support. Club representative Tony Moe described the roadway as a two-track, 24-foot-wide grass road.

"We've been trying for this for 15 years," said Moe, who noted that Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division has had some concerns about the proposal.

Moe added that highway-licensed motorized travel is currently allowed on the dike. Under the proposal, OHVs would be able to use the route two months of the year, when the other vehicles can use it. Club members believe support from the governmental entities may trigger the DNR to hold a public hearing for the proposal.

"It just makes sense that we support it, and we have a manufacturer here that makes four-wheelers," said Commissioner Don Jensen.

School retirements/Continued

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Rogalla's phased retirement option contract is from June 1 through Aug. 30. Bergman's is effective June 1 through Oct. 4.

Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters

The Board of Education approved a memorandum of understanding with Teamsters Local 340 effective through the end of the 2018-19 school year. The memorandum of understanding addresses the gen-

eral terms and conditions of employment for paraprofessionals who are employed by the District.

Basically, the agreement allows for unpaid sick leave.

All regularly scheduled employees working nine months per year receive nine days of sick leave to accumulate to 130 days. All employees eligible for sick leave may be granted a leave at the discretion of the school district of not more than four work days per year to accumulate up to

eight days. Employees eligible for sick leave may utilize their sick leave allotment as family illness leave.

The memorandum of understanding allows a paraprofessional who has exhausted his/her paid sick leave for the combined purposes of personal illness, personal leave, and/or family illness to communicate with the appropriate building designees prior to work shift to begin time of requested unpaid leave.



Members of the Thief River Falls Quilters Guild were busy setting up their annual quilt show Thursday, March 28 at the Thief River Falls Public Library. Quilts will be on display through the month of April.

Quilts

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ing Happy" will be presented Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Join the guild to learn a variety of methods one can use in creating one-of-a-kind fabrics.

Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite piece for the People's Choice and Kid's Choice Awards, which will be named each week. Ballots are available near the ballot box. Each week's winners will be designated with a recognition award pinned to their quilt, so visitors are invited to return throughout the month to see the voting results. Winners for the entire month also receive quilting gift certificates.

Chairpeople for the 2019 quilt show are RaeAnn Jacobson, Jeanie Joppru, Jan Kramer and Donna Koehmstedt.



The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension continues to investigate after Alexandra Jo Ellingson, 23, Thief River Falls, was found dead after a fire at 307-1/2 Arnold Ave. S. on Wednesday, March 27. Devon James Pulczinski, 23, Thief River Falls, has been charged in connection with the case.

TRF man charged/Continued

(Continued from Page 1) fabric was covering her head. The fire investigator also observed a towel near Ellingson's bedside. It had presumptive positive test result for ignitable liquids.

The fire investigator believed the fire was set in two locations - the kitchen and the living room. The former spot was around and on top of Ellingson's body. The other spot was "a futon/clothing pile in the living room." She determined that "no accidental ignition sources were present" and the fire was "incendiary based."

Fire gutted the top floor of the duplex, according to the Thief River Falls Fire Department. Flames were shooting out of the upstairs windows when firefighters arrived shortly after 5:37 p.m. March 27. The lower level sustained water and smoke damage. Dan Ricks owned the multi-family dwelling.

Law enforcement located Pulczinski, who rented the apartment, about four hours after the fire. He was booked into the Pennington County Jail at about 4 a.m. Thursday. A man, who was aware that police wanted to question Pulczinski, had informed police that Pulczinski had asked him for a ride. He said Pulczinski "seemed desperate and was trying to find a ride to the Minneapolis/St. Paul area." The man offered to pick up Pulczinski and later notified police about their location. A short time later, with their guns drawn, law enforcement stopped the vehicle in the 100 block of Eighth St. E. Without being questioned by police, Pulczinski allegedly said, "They had nothing to do with it. It was all me."

Police and the BCA later attempted to speak with Pulczinski at the sheriff's office. However, he requested to speak with an attorney after being advised of his Miranda rights.

Ellingson had apparently been dropped off at the apartment earlier that day. Her grandmother told police that she had dropped Ellingson off at 4:22 p.m. that day to visit with Pulczinski. She returned about eight minutes later after running an errand. She texted Ellingson and received a text back from

the phone. However, she tried to call Ellingson's phone, but Ellingson didn't answer. The woman remained outside of the apartment for about an hour, when she saw smoke coming out of the home.

A downstairs tenant allegedly told police that he heard arguing in the upstairs apartment earlier that day. However, he hadn't heard anything else since that time.

A friend said Pulczinski called him, asking to come over to his home at around 5 p.m. Wednesday to talk since Pulczinski was supposed to enter treatment. A short time later, Pulczinski arrived and asked if the man and a woman could give him a ride back to his apartment. He recalled that Pulczinski grabbed a lever action rifle that the man was storing at his home on behalf of Pulczinski. Earlier, someone had stolen the rifle and a third man had returned it to Pulczinski.

They drove Pulczinski back to the apartment. He exited the vehicle with the rifle wrapped in a blanket. The man said Pulczinski appeared to be in a hurry. Law enforcement later found an unloaded Ruger .22-caliber lever action rifle wrapped in a blanket. It was in the box of Pulczinski's pickup truck. In the backseat were a bag containing about 16 swords, several dozen knives, several hatchets and a rifle

scope, among other items.

Shortly before the fire, a witness had seen the couple's vehicle near the home. A nearby surveillance camera corroborated his statement.

The man and woman later dropped Pulczinski off near Biff's Kitchen. Along the way, the man noted that Pulczinski allegedly asked to borrow the man's phone because Pulczinski said he needed to get rid of his own phone. The man recalled that Pulczinski was "acting really strange and different like something bad just happened."

On that day, the police juvenile investigator also went through text messages from jail-issued cell phones. He found a conversation between Pulczinski and his roommate, James Shaugabay, who was in jail on a drug charge. (Five days before the fire, a search warrant was executed at the apartment, and Shaugabay was one of the people charged.) The conversation started a day before the fire. During the conversation, Pulczinski allegedly texted that he would take care of the charge for Shaugabay. Around 3:12 p.m. March 27, the following day, Pulczinski allegedly texted that he was going to find a way to get Shaugabay out of jail and he would have to hide because law enforcement would be looking for him.



Alexandra Jo Ellingson, 23, Thief River Falls, was found dead after a fire at 307-1/2 Arnold Ave. S. on Wednesday, March 27.

Walz, Flanagan kick off 2020 Census Campaign

Marking one year until Census Day 2020, Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan joined the co-chairs of the Minnesota Complete Count Committee to kick off Minnesota's "We Count" Census campaign. The campaign brings together a statewide coalition of counties, cities, nonprofits, foundations, and advocacy groups to support an accurate and fully-inclusive 2020 Census count in Minnesota.

"The census is more than

just a count, it is about making sure everyone in Minnesota feels seen, heard, and valued," Walz said. "An accurate and fully-inclusive 2020 Census count is absolutely critical for communities across the state. The census is an opportunity to claim a seat at the table because being counted means being visible, and being visible means Minnesotans are able to stake claim to their fair share of political representation and resources."

A complete count is essential for Minnesota due to its impact on federal funding and federal representation. The 2020 Census count will guide the distribution of more than \$150 billion in federal funding to Minnesota communities between 2020 and 2030. Census data are used to allocate funds for a range of public services including education, health care, housing, and transportation. The 2020 Census will also determine the number

of seats Minnesota has in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2010, Minnesota barely retained eight congressional seats by a slim margin of just 8,000 residents.

"Getting a complete count in the 2020 census is critical to the future of our state. We have a large and growing group of people who are working to ensure that their neighbors understand the importance of filling out the census form completely and accurately,"

Flanagan said. "When people understand that the census is an important part of getting much-needed resources for their communities, they begin to understand the power that being counted holds."

Communities across the state are marking the occasion in their home communities. A range of Minnesota cities—such as Duluth, Moorhead, and Becker, and New Ulm—are holding their first "Complete Count Committee" Census 2020

strategy meetings this week. Thief River Falls held its meeting last week. City councils and county boards are also passing resolutions to recognize the importance of the census and to kick off their year-long Census efforts. To-date, more than 100 cities and counties across the state have committed to promoting the census in their own communities over the next year.

Pipelines see a change in property valuations

by April Scheinoha
Reporter

Two pipelines are seeing a change in the valuation of their Pennington County properties. County Auditor-Treasurer Ken Olson informed commissioners about the change at its meeting Tuesday, March 26.

The valuations were changed as part of separate court settlements with the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Great Lakes Pipeline had a 14 percent decrease in its Pennington County valuation related to the 2019 taxes. It amounted to a 14 percent decrease. As a result, Olson said, its taxes will decrease \$43,000, including about \$9,000 in state taxes.

Enbridge also settled in court with MDR regarding a valuation for its Southern Lights pipeline. Olson said Enbridge has estimated it now owes the county an additional \$150 for 2018 taxes. The above Enbridge

settlement is unrelated to another of its valuation matters that is still pending.

Commissioners set a public hearing to gather public comments on the city of Thief River Falls' petition to transfer a portion of Pennington County Ditch 70 from the county to the city. The hearing will be held Tuesday, April 23 at 3 p.m. at the Justice Center.

The city, county and Red Lake Watershed District are planning the Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project. The estimated \$6 million project is expected to address flooding and storm water issues along CD 70.

When finished, the project is expected to be able to divert a 100-year flood along the west side of the city of Thief River Falls and outlet to an existing public drainage system south of the city. The project is also expected to improve drainage on nearby farm-

land. If all of the permits and funding are in place, construction could start in fall 2019. The project is expected to be completed in one construction season.

Currently, an average two-and-a-half inch rainfall will leave standing water west of the intersection of Highways 1 and 59. Water then flows to the south side of the intersection of Highways 1 and 59. From there, it flows to Barzen Avenue and Greenwood Street. It then flows along Greenwood Street to the Red Lake River.

The chosen alternative will also move water south of the intersection of Highways 1 and 59. The

proposed alignment will enable water to flow to an area behind Safekey Storage and Evergreen Implement. Water will then flow south along County State Aid Highway 16, which is commonly known as the bypass. From there, it will move along the west side of Highway 32 and eventually flow into a natural coulee to the river.

As part of the project, storm sewer will be constructed on Barzen Avenue south of Third Street. Storm sewer will also be constructed along Greenwood Street from Barzen Avenue to Oakland Park Road.

Commissioner Cody Hempel encouraged his fellow commissioners to

consider renaming the former Pennington County Courthouse since court no longer meets at that location. No decision was made on a name change.

County Board set a public hearing for the Five-Year Road and Bridge Plan. The hearing will be held Tuesday, April 23 at 4 p.m. at the Justice Center.

Commissioners approved a resolution in support of legislation to bring adequate funding to the statewide transportation system. The resolution noted that increased funding for the state's "Highway User Tax Distribution Fund would

provide additional, stable funds for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, all 87 counties, all cities with a population of 5,000 or more, and townships across the state."

The resolution further noted that \$1.084 billion is needed annually over the next 25 years to maintain the current County State Aid Highway and county road system, not including expansion. Counties currently maintain 30,742 miles of CSAH roads and 14,141 miles of county roads in the state.

The next County Board meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. at the Justice Center.

March 25 meeting:

School Board discusses school calendar

Communication and multi-use trail also discussed

by David Hill
Editor

The 2018-19 school calendar and make-up days were discussed at a meeting of the Board of Education, School District 564, Thief River Falls on Monday, March 25.

The school calendar states that students would have to make up two of the four school days missed due to inclement weather.

School District Superintendent Bradley Bergstrom said normally the District would follow the board-approved calendar and just move forward, but this hasn't been a normal winter. Due to a large number of days missed by schools around the state, the Legislature has chosen to weigh in. Both the House and Senate have a bill that would allow schools to count missed days of school toward their days of attendance. There is a minimum, and it's 165 days.

The bills were in conference committee where differences were being ironed out.

Bergstrom said he was open to studying the matter, but before studying the matter further, it would be his recommendation to continue with what was specified in the board-approved calendar.

He outlined four reasons for his recommendation:

- It's important to maximize the number of days of student instruction, and for numbers of students in the district, schools are a safe place and the only place they can get nutritious meals;
- A plan is already in place;
- If the District doesn't make up these days, part of the legislative process that's in bills now, at schools that missed days and staff weren't paid, staff will be allowed to make that time up or will have to be paid. For one of the groups in Thief River Falls, that would be up to 26 hours that the District would have to pay them for or allow them to make it up. It would also impact other groups like bus drivers and food service;
- And, the intent of legislation now before the

Legislature is to help schools that were at seven or more days of missed school.

In School District 564, Bergstrom said he reached out to administrators and teachers to find out who would be impacted by the first make-up day and learned that only five had made plans they couldn't change. He said he would reach out to administrators and teachers to find out how the second make-up day would impact plans, if the Board requested it.

The Board of Education was receptive to that proposal. Michelle Westerman, a member of the Board of Education, said her concerns included whether there would be enough staff on hand for the second day, whether schools would have to combine classes, how many families would be gone, and whether that day be a worthwhile educational experience for students.

Wayne Nomeland, chair of the Board of Education, said the calendar is in place to address this matter, but thought reaching out to staff would be a good idea.

The Board of Education made no decision regarding make-up days.

Another snow day is not built into the calendar after Easter. Bergstrom said if they lose another day of education, he would have to have another discussion with the Board of Education. It was the consensus of the Board that coming back after graduation would be counterproductive.

The state minimum of student-teacher instruction is 165 days. There were 171 days built into the Thief River Falls School District calendar, but could drop down to 169 and one-half days before making them up.

Illnesses

Stomach flu and influenza were making the rounds at Challenger Elementary School. Bergstrom said when he visited the school on Friday last week, 10 kids went home before 9 a.m. because of illness. Patrick Marolt, principal, said that before school had started on Monday, two had to be sent home right away.

Notices were sent home to families last week that explain influenza. The Minnesota Department of Health information sheet explains the symptoms, and what schools can do to prevent its spread. According to the document, students and staff with influenza-

like illness should stay home from school and school activities if they have a fever of at least 100-degrees Fahrenheit, a cough or sore throat. The MDH does not recommend closing schools to prevent flu transmission.

Communication

The transportation department is again trying to find a more timely and effective way of communicating with families.

When bus routes are changed, parents and families are notified by telephone, but that has met with mixed to poor results. The District has decided to start notifying parents by text or email. In a first attempt, they tried to merge data from two different programs, but it failed. The information is now being entered manually. This would allow the District to communicate through School Messenger only with parents affected by changes to specific bus routes.

Bergstrom said that in

spring, activities will get compressed, and communication with families will be more important. He added that there will be notifications sent out only for morning and afternoon bus routes, not extra-curricular activities.

Bus stops

Bergstrom thanked Facilities Manager Jason Hruby and his staff and Thief River Falls Public Works Director Mark Borseth and his staff for cleaning out bus stop areas. He said it took a dangerous situation and made it much more safe.

Multi-use trail

It was announced that the Franklin Middle School Multi-Use Trail was selected for Safe Routes to School funds. The project will begin in 2020 to allow time to survey the project and determine the exact location. It was estimated that \$147,675 of Safe Routes to School Funds would be needed for the project.

ProDigi FIRST robotics team going to nationals

TRF Team qualifies as wild card

The ProDigi robotics team from Thief River Falls has earned a wild card spot that allows it to advance to the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, Texas, April 17-20. The team is now conducting a fundraising effort to raise the estimated \$15,000 it will take to participate in that event.

Natasha Olsonawski, a FIRST Robotics advisor for the team, said the team's rise to the wild card slot started at the FIRST Regional competition held in Minneapolis last weekend.

During Thursday's practice matches, the team went 3-0. On Friday and Saturday's qualification matches, the team started out 3-0 as well, but ended up with a 5-4 overall record.

During the Playoff selection, ProDigi was the second pick by the number 4 alliance of Team 3926, the MPAorors from St. Paul, and Team 2883 the Fighting Rednecks Engineering and Design from Warroad. Even though the ProDigi team robot was something it had been designed for, the robot stuck out as a great defense robot because of its swerve drivetrain.

During the playoffs, alliances must win two out of three matches.

In the quarterfinal matches against the number 5 alliance team, the alliance that included the ProDigi team won its first match handily, 87 to 65. In the second match, the team tied, but due to tiebreaker rules in playoffs, it lost the match. In the tiebreaker match, the team narrowly won 74-73 and went on to the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals, the

alliance with the ProDigi team went up against the number 8 alliance team, which had amazingly beaten the number 1 alliance team. The number 4 alliance team with ProDigi on it won both matches 62-57 and 76-72, which put the team into the finals.

In the finals, the number 4 alliance was matched up against the number 2 alliance team, and it ended up losing two matches 64-82 and 68 to 77.

ProDigi was awarded regional finalists for making the final playoff matches. The alliance team that wins the final gets an automatic invitation to the FIRST Championship. There were two wild cards available since team 1816 had won previous berths to the FIRST Championship by winning its regional event. Team 1816 had already won a Chairman's Award at a previous regional event in Duluth, which was an automatic invitation to the FIRST Championship. In 2018, Team 1816 had been a Chairman's Award Finalist, which granted them an automatic berth to the 2019 FIRST Championship. This generated wild card opportunities to other regional finalist teams in order of Captain, first and then second pick and back up team, if used. This means team 3926 and 2883 were granted the two wild cards, but since Team 2883 from Warroad had won the Chairman's Award at this regional event, it already had a direct advancement to the Championship, which means the final wild card was offered to ProDigi.

If enough funds are raised for the team to go to the Championship, it will be traveling with teams from Greenbush, Badger, Warroad, and Northwood, N.D.

Governor signs snow-relief bill

On Monday, April 1, Gov. Tim Walz signed a bipartisan Snow Day Relief bill that allows school districts and charter schools to count school days that were canceled due to inclement weather during the 2018-2019 school year as instructional days. Minnesota statutes require 165 instruction days, which some districts may not be able to achieve this school year due to the particularly harsh winter of excessive snow and extreme cold. The bill also requires that employees who were scheduled to work but did not receive compensation must either be given an alternative work day or compensated for their scheduled hours.

As a former teacher, Walz trusts local school districts to know best how to keep their students safe.

That's why he worked with both Republicans and Democrats to relieve local school districts of penalties.

"Nothing brings Minnesotans together like our weather," Walz said. "Local school districts had to make tough choices this winter, and this bipartisan bill ensures our schools aren't penalized for keeping students safe."

"Many hourly employees, like bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and custodians, are feeling financially pinched this winter because they aren't paid when schools are closed," Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan said. "This bipartisan bill compensates these employees for lost time or gives them the opportunity to make it up. These dedicated workers support our children every day, and I'm proud this bill ensures we support them."

Myhrer and Sorvig named Student Rotarians

Zach Myhrer and Leah Sorvig have been named Student Rotarians of the Month by the local chapter of Rotary International. The students will now attend meetings of the Rotary Club and Lions Club in Thief River Falls.

Zach Myhrer

Zach Myhrer is the son of Sean and Stacy Myhrer. He has one sibling, Michaela, 22.

Zach's school and non-school activities include baseball, basketball, band, National Honor Society and Student Council. His interests include playing guitar, hunting and fishing, the stock market and playing saxophone.

His future plans include attending Concordia College in Moorhead for finance and accounting.

His favorite part of

Lincoln High School and being a Prowler includes how teachers and staff are involved in games and events associated with Homecoming and Snofest.

Zach's volunteer activities include those activities associated with National Honor Society and Student Council.

Leah Sorvig

Leah Sorvig is the daughter of Scott and Dorinda Sorvig. Her siblings are Luke, Josh and Matthew.

Leah's school and non-school activities include: choir, National Honor Society, Just for Kix Dance, and assistant dance coach. Her interests include dance, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends.

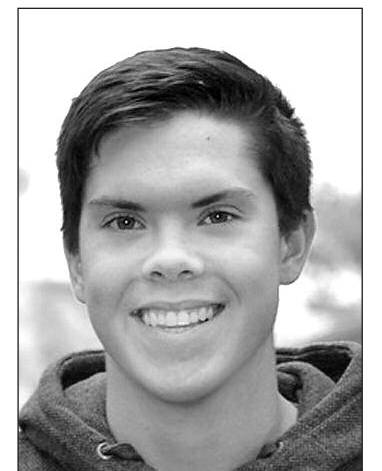
Her future plans include attending Minnesota State



Abigail Semanko was one of about 210 U.S. figure skaters to ever achieve National Gold Medal status in four test area: Moves in Field, Dance, Solo Free Dance, and Free Skate, according to the U.S. Figure Skating Association. Semanko was recognized for her achievement during a recognition assembly March 28 at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, where she is a student.



Leah Sorvig



Zach Myhrer

University Moorhead and working toward becoming a speech pathologist.

Her favorite part of LHS and being a Prowler are the awesome students and teachers she's gotten to know throughout the years.

Her volunteer activities include church, being a volunteer at Challenger Elementary School, decorating and assisting for dance shows and camps.



“You are the Music in Me” was an inspiration to these young skaters performing in the 44th Annual Fantasy on Ice at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. The event was held March 30 and 31 in Thief River Falls.



These skaters skated to “Blue Moon” at the 44th Annual Fantasy on Ice, which was held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls March 30 and 31.

LifeCare Pregnancy Center to hold fundraiser

Support the Thief River Falls LifeCare Pregnancy Center’s pro-life mission by attending its 15th Annual Fundraising Banquet.

The banquet will be held Thursday, April 25 in the Imperial Room at Ralph Engelstad Arena. Hear from abortion survivor Melody A. Olson. Olson is the founder and speaker of Speak Life & Live. She is an intercessor, writer and storyteller with a passion to encourage others to live a life of freedom and grace. Olson and her husband, Jeff, are empty-



Melody A. Olson

nesters who live west of the Twin Cities.

Attendees will also receive pro-life legislation updates from Sen. Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks). Evergreen Catering will serve the meal.

Individual tickets or a reserved table of 10 with stage-front seating may be purchased by calling the LifeCare Pregnancy Center at 681-1279 or going online to lifecaretrf.org/banquet.



Young skaters performed “Greased Lightnin’” at the 44th Annual Fantasy On Ice at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls March 30 and 31. Pictured are: Lily Anderson and Jada Johnson.

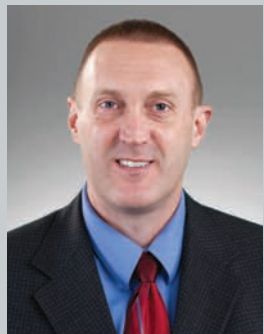


Brookie Bakke performed to “Beauty School Dropout” as “Frenchy” during the 44th Annual Fantasy On Ice at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls March 30 and 31.

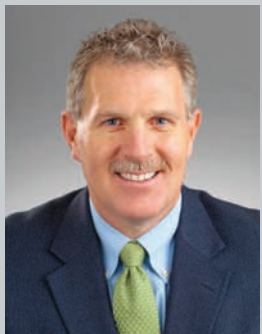
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Norskies fall in game three, trail playoff series

From SIJHL

Keegan Tiringer tallied twice, including the eventual game-winner six and a half minutes into the third period, as the Red Lake Miners pulled out a 3-2 victory over the Thief River Falls Norskies Monday evening in Game 3 of their Superior International Junior Hockey League semifinal at Ralph Engelstad Arena.

With the result, Red Lake now leads the best-of-seven match-up 2-1 with Game 4 slated for Tuesday night back at "The Ralph" at 7 p.m.

A late power play in the first frame helped Thief

River Falls open the scoring at 18:07 as Mason McMintosh snapped one past Red Lake starter Zach Willms, from the slot, with assists going to Boe Borge and Alec Severson.

The Miners answered early in the second stanza after Kyle Uzelman forced a turnover and fed Tiringer, who darted in between the circles, and wired one top shelf on Bailey Schmitz in the Norskies' net.

Red Lake then tacked on another at 17:09 as Shaye Sommerfeld won a draw back to Sean Gula to the right point who put one towards the net that was deftly

redirected by Sommerfeld as he got enough of the puck to cause it to change direction and slip past the TRF goalkeeper.

It was more Miners in the third with Tiringer connecting once more as he wired one over Schmitz's shoulder from the left of the net to put the visitors up by a pair with help from Bryce Young and Dante Tisi.

Battling back, Thief River Falls moved back to within one with 4:47 to go as they pressured Red Lake and Willms without his stick, could not control the rebound of a Connor Bowey shot that allowed Blake Nelson to stuff

one in from close range.

The Norskies pulled Schmitz with 1:46 remaining for an extra attacker and pressed for the equalizer as they tried to force overtime, but the Miners held firm the rest of the way to secure the road decision.

Thief River Falls held a big edge in shots on goal, holding a 45-25 advantage, but Willms' 43-save effort saw him record the victory while Schmitz suffered the setback.

All SIJHL playoff contests are streamed live online and on demand at HockeyTV.com.

Scoring				
	1	2	3	T
Red Lake	0	2	1	3
Thief River Falls	1	0	1	2

First period - 1. Thief River Falls, McIntosh 1 (Bjorge, Severson), 18:07 (PP). Penalties-Gula Rlm (hooking), 12:47; Di Lullo Rlm (slashing), 17:15.
 Second period - 2. Red Lake, Tiringer 2 (Uzelman), 2:51. 3. Red Lake, Sommerfeld 1 (Gula), 17:09. Penalties-Uzelman Rlm (tripping), 12:33.
 Third period - 4. Red Lake, Tiringer 3 (Young, Tisi), 6:33. 5. Thief River Falls, Nelson 5 (Bowey, Ross), 15:13. Penalties-Evans Rlm (tripping), 7:47.
 Shots - Red Lake 13-9-3-25. Thief River Falls 9-17-19-45.
 Power plays - Red Lake 0 / 0; Thief River Falls 1 / 4.
 Goalie saves - Red Lake, Willms (45 shots-43 saves). Thief River Falls, Schmitz (25 shots-22 saves).
 Attendance - 474. Referees-

Brett Klosowski, Bobby Lukkason. Linesmen-Tyler Hagl, Sam Jerome.

- Playoff results**
Thief River Falls vs. Red Lake
 Red Lake leads best-of-seven series 2-1
- Game 1: Thief River Falls 5 Red Lake 4 (OT)
 - Game 2: Red Lake 5 Thief River Falls 2
 - Game 3: Red Lake 3 Thief River Falls 2
 - Game 4: Red Lake at Thief River Falls 7 p.m. (Ralph Engelstad Arena).
 - Game 5: Friday, April 5 Thief River Falls at Red Lake 7:30 p.m. (Cochenour Arena).
 - Game 6: Sunday, April 7 Red Lake at Thief River Falls 7 p.m. (Ralph Engelstad Arena)
 - Game 7: Tuesday, April 9 Thief River Falls at Red Lake 7:30 p.m. (Cochenour Arena)
- *if necessary



Warroad native and Olympic gold medalist Gigi Marvin interacted with a couple of young hockey fans prior to Monday night's Thief River Falls Norskies game. Marvin, a three-time Olympic medalist, is hosting Rinkrat 19 Hockey School this summer.

TRF has strong showing at Bemidji Lions Invitational

The indoor portion of the 2019 track and field season is underway for the Thief River Falls boys and girls track and field teams. Both squads competed in the Bemidji Lions Invitational at Bemidji State University on Tuesday, March 26, with the girls team finishing third and the boys team finishing seventh in the 18-team invitational.

Jerzie Finstad won the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.06 to lead a group of nine top-10 finishes for the Prowlers.

Carly Johnson added a runner-up finish in the 60-meter dash and a third place finish in the long jump. Dru Harbott finished third in the 1600 meter run.

Brooklyn Brouse and Coral Mattison tied for fourth in the high jump with each jumping 4-feet, 10 inches. Brouse added a seventh place finish in the 400.

Dominica Bernstein took home a fifth place finish in the pole vault and ran to a ninth place finish in the 60 meter hurdles.

Thief River Falls also had a strong relay showing, with the girls 4x200 team taking second, four-tenths of a second behind Park Rapids.

On the boys side, eight Thief River Falls athletes earned a top-10 finish, led by a runner-up finish from Cole Johnson in the long jump and a third place finish by Luke Perkovich in the shot put.

The 400 meter dash looks to be a strong race for Thief River Falls in 2019. Tuesday, four Prowlers came away with top-10 finishes in the event led by Kaden Bakken's fourth place finish. Bakken

edged teammate Myles Johnson by three hundredths of a second for fourth, 57.97 to 58.00. Kody Lubarski and Robbie King finished eighth and 10th, respectively.

Also earning top-10 finishes for the Prowlers were Daniel Quick, with an eighth place finish in the high jump, and Jayce Lizakowski, with a 10th place finish in the 1600 meter run.

- Bemidji Lions Invitational**
 ■ Girls - 1. Park Rapids Area 65.33; 2. Bemidji 63.83; 3. Thief River Falls 60; 4. Pequot Lakes 58; 5. Grand Forks Central 46; 6. Frazee 43; 7. International Falls 38; 8. Hibbing H.S. 34; 9. Grand Rapids 23; 10. West Marshall Fusion 22.33; 11. Wadena-Deer Creek 22; 12. Fertile-Beltrami 21.50; 13. Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 19; 14. Bigfork 15; 15. Bagley/Fosston 13; 16. Lake of the Woods/Rainy River 11; 17. BGMR/Freeze 9; 18. Nevis 8; 19. Clearbrook-Gonvick 7.
 ■ Boys - 1. Bemidji 114.66; 2. Wadena-Deer Creek 69.50; 3. Grand Rapids 65.50; 4. Pequot Lakes 55.50; 5. Frazee 48; 6. Bagley/Fosston 36; 7. Thief River Falls 31; 8. International Falls 30.50; 9. Park Rapids Area 27; 10. Hibbing H.S. 26; 11. United North Central 14; 12. Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 13; 13. BGMR/Freeze 12; 14. Lake of the

Woods/Rainy River 11; 14. Fertile-Beltrami 11; 16. Nevis 10; 17. Bigfork 6; 18. West Marshall Fusion 3.33.

Winner/TRF Places-Girls
 60 - Winner: Jordan Mann, Bemidji, 8.08; TRF places: 2. Carley Johnson 8.17; 12. Hannah Mauch 8.59; 15. Elaina Ballard 9.16; 42. Chesnie Wojciechowski 9.16; 50. Jeanne Olson 9.25; 54. Miah Nelson 9.30; 78. Ella Budish 9.53;
 200 - Winner: Hannah Morgan, Park Rapids, 28.44; TRF places: N/A.
 400 - Winner: Jerzie Finstad, Thief River Falls, 1:03.06; TRF places: 7. Brooklyn Brouse 1:05.22; 14. Linnea Mowry 1:10.99; 32. Katelyn Stephens 1:15.07; 38. Reagan Espe 1:16.82; 56. Kathryn Melby 1:27.98.
 800 - Winner: Mikayla Weiss, Grand Forks Central, 2:28.17; TRF places: N/A.
 1600 - Mikayla Weiss, Grand Forks Central, 5:27.36; TRF places: 3. Dru Harbott 6:01.73; 22. Isabella Ek 6:36.06.
 3200 - Winner: Avery Sivonen, International Falls 13:04.63; TRF places: N/A.
 60 hurdles - Winner: Jaryn Johannsen, Frazee 10.13; TRF places: 9. Dominica Bernstein 10.80; 14. Coral Mattison 11.44.
 4x200 - Winner: Park Rapids Area A 1:55.60; TRF places: 2. Thief River Falls A 1:56.03; 14. Thief River Falls B 2:03.19.

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Prowlers knock off Spuds and Lakers in boys tennis opener

The Thief River Falls boys tennis team opened the 2019 season with wins over Moorhead and Minnewaska Area in a triangular meet at Courts Plus in Fargo, N.D., Friday, March 29.

In its opening dual, Thief River Falls defeated Moorhead 6-1 in a match that was much closer than the final score indicated. The Prowlers won four tiebreakers in the match, including three third-set tiebreakers.

Picking up singles wins for the Prowlers were Cole Gillespie in the number one spot with a 6-2, 7-6 (7-1) win over Brycen Lunak; Camden Broadwell in the number two spot with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Hakar Khalid; and Reece Janisch in the number four spot with a 3-6, 6-2, 11-9 win over Oscar Bergeson.

Winning doubles matches were Tucker Skime/Dylan

Hahn in the number one spot over Eric Cai/Ives Hilgers 6-1, 5-7, 10-6; Ethan Janisch/Aiden Martell over Rhett Kramer/Michael Ovrbo 6-2, 6-4 in the number two spot; and Rhett Janisch/Sam Williams over Dan Arnold/Justin Dang 2-6, 6-2, 14-12 at three doubles.

Moorhead's only win in the dual came in the number three singles match, with Jeron Sheldon posting a 6-3, 6-3 win over Jack Onkka.

Against the Lakers, the Prowlers split the singles matches, but swept doubles play for a 5-2 win. Gillespie and Broadwell picked up singles wins, with doubles wins coming from Hahn/Onkka, Martell and Ethan Janisch; and Sam Williams with Rhett Janisch.

"I thought all of our players competed hard and never gave into frustration in the

end," Tunberg said. "I can't expect perfection or expect our team to be where we need to be at yet when it's only the first matches of the year.

"We will have a test this coming week scrimmaging against Coon Rapids, Foley and Virginia. To compete against teams like them, we will need to raise our serving percentage, consistency in singles play and aggressive play in doubles."

Plenty of depth

Thief River Falls showcased its depth with four exhibition wins in the dual. Against Moorhead, the teams of Quentin Selix and Andrew Olson, and Wyatt Halvorson and Ethan Lunsetter, picked up straight sets doubles wins. Against Minnewaska, Olson picked up a straight sets singles

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Offense is key for Pioneers

The Northland softball team is 11 games into the 2019 season and early on, the team's chances at winning have hinged heavily on its ability to swing the bats. In Northland's five wins, the Pioneers are averaging 10.2 runs per game. In their losses, the Pioneers are averaging 2.3 runs per game.

The offensive feast or famine continued Sunday in Rosemount, with Northland dropping its first two games to Central Lakes and Rainy River by respective scores of 9-1 and 8-1, before ending the day with a come-from-behind 12-8 win over Rochester.

"Our bats didn't come alive until the third game," said Northland Coach Paul Peterson. "Winning a game like we did against Rochester showed some character."

In the opener, which took place bright and early at 7 a.m., the Raiders plated three runs in each of the first two innings and added two more in the top of the third

off of Jessie Nichols, who was making her first start of the season.

The Pioneers got on the board in the bottom of the fourth, with Haley Price scoring the team's lone run.

The Raiders added an insurance run in the top of the sixth and they secured the eight-run stoppage when the Pioneers couldn't answer in the bottom of the inning. Central Lakes starter Kallie Plantenberg picked up her third win of the season, throwing a complete game five-hitter with four strikeouts.

Northland hung around longer in game two. Rainy River scored runs in the top of the first and third innings.

Northland catcher Sade Westbrook scored the Pioneers' only run on an RBI single by Jessie Nichols in the bottom of the third.

The Voyageurs pulled away, scoring a run in each of the fourth and fifth innings, two in the sixth and two in the seventh to go in front 8-

1. Rochester made it look like the Northland would come up empty on the three-game slate early on in game three. The Yellowjackets plated a run in the first inning and added two more in the bottom of the second to go in front 3-0.

Northland got its bats going in the top of the third, plating five runs to go up 5-3.

The Yellowjackets and Pioneers traded runs in the bottom of the third and the top of the fourth to keep Northland in front 6-4.

The Yellowjackets scored two in the bottom of the sixth inning on a two-run home run by Mattie Hellerud to tie the game.

Neither team scored in the seventh, which sent the game into extra innings. Peterson explained that international tiebreaker rules were used, which meant that each team began its eighth inning at bat with a runner

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Thief River Falls goaltender Bailey Schmitz has 78 saves through the first three games of the Norskies' semifinal series against Red Lake. As of presstime Tuesday, the Norskies trailed the series 2-1.

Norskies and Miners split first two games

From SIJHL

Fresh off its first-ever playoff series win, the Thief River Falls Norskies managed a two-game split to open the semifinal round of the Superior International Junior Hockey League playoffs. The Norskies rallied to beat the Miners 5-4 in overtime in game one Thursday, before falling 5-2 in game two Friday.

Norskies rally to take game 1

A Hunter Bjorge wrist shot from the point sailed through a crowd in front, 40

seconds into overtime, and in, as the Thief River Falls Norskies rallied from three-goal third period deficit before eventually upending the Red Lake Miners 5-4 Thursday evening in Game 1 at Cochenour Arena.

The two sides return to the ice Friday night, back in Red Lake, at 7:30 p.m. for Game 2.

Thursday saw Red Lake captain Michael Di Lullo put the home side in front early on as he redirected a Dante Tisi attempt from just inside the blueline on the right side.

The Miners then went up

by a pair at 8:42 of the first with Kyle Uzelman finishing off the work of Keilan Toews and Keegan Tiringer.

Michael Crosbie put the visitors on the board as Mason McIntosh forced a turnover and set him up in front at 15:47.

Action in the second stanza saw Red Lake tally twice to go up by three with Morgan Venne completing some nice work by Stratton Pickett and Di Lullo before Bryce Young wired one home during a man advantage to make it 4-1.

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Thief River Falls Sports Boosters members Rick Reieron, left, and Floyd Erickson, right, presented a check to Karen Bakken, Thief River Falls Special Olympics coach, to help offset expenses from hosting regional bowling, swimming and track & field competitions.

Offense is key for Pioneers/Continued

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TRF ARCHERY

Division I	
Machinewell Drop-Tines	31.....9
Hunter's Outlet	29.....11
Mathews is Gold	28.....12
Narlock Skidsteer Service	18.....22
Streiff's Sporting Goods	16.....24
Hubert's Outdoor Power	15.....25
Arctic Archers	14.....26
American Legion	9.....31

■ Hunter's Outlet 4, Ericco Archers 0. Hunter's Outlet: Kevin Erickson 300, Dawson Erickson 274, Travis Torgerson 298, Tanner Torgerson 292; Ericco Archers: Robin Foster 297, Gracie Hannon, 300, Cory Marquis 297, Holly Thompson 295.

■ Streiff's Sporting Goods 4, American Legion Post 117 0. Streiff's Sporting Goods: Mike Vertina 293, Lynn Skibicki 298, Blaine Urtel 300, Robert St. Germaine 300; Legion: Bryan Malone 287, Angela Malone 256, Jeff Lane 282, Craig Mattson 278.

■ Mathews is Gold 4, Machinewell Drop-Tines 0. Mathews is Gold: Bryan Bolstad 300, Trenton Bolstad 300, Dewey Kostrzewski 300, Blaine Kostrzewski 300; Machinewell Drop-Tines: Sawyer Torgerson 299, Everett Nelson 298, Wyatt Nelson 298, Zach Nelson 296.

■ Hubert's Outdoor Power 3, Narlock Skidsteer Service 1. Hubert's Outdoor Power: Ian Lund 288, Matt Nelson 286, Jeremy Kasprzak 297, Team Average 4.4 289; Narlock Skidsteer: Branden Narlock 297, Dale Narlock 298, Ricky Wiseman 300, Stephanie Wiseman 299.

Division II

Joe's Floor & Tile	30.....10
Hudson Electric	29.....11
Biff's Kitchen	25.....15
Young's General Store	22.....18
Good Luck	21.....19
Buck Busters	17.....23
Straight Arrows	12.....28
Arctic Archers	4.....36

■ Straight Arrows 4, Buck Busters 0. Straight Arrows: Havanna Frazer 254, Logan Vedbraaten 136, Richard Philipp 216, Team Average 201; Buck Busters: Scott Johnson 299, Dan Haig 256, Matt Sorvig 254, Jeran Johnson 277.

■ Joe's Floor & Tile 3, Young's General Store 1. Joe's Floor & Tile: Brock Borchardt 300, Brady Anderson 260, Avery Malone 245, Noah Rupperecht 239; Young's General Store: Brooke Fredrickson 250 Rylie Fredrickson 214, Jake Knutsen 253, Cade Knutsen 228.

■ Hudson Electric 4, Good Luck 0. Hudson Electric: Andy Hudson 276, Tirzah Hudson 262, Allan Jesme 263, Jordan Osborne 273; Good Luck: Barry Martinsen 192, Sam Kenner 262, Kelly Stenvik 259, Avery Stenvik 207.

■ Arctic Archers 4, Biff's Kitchen 0. Arctic Archers: Darrel Janisch 174, Travis Torkelson 177, Travis Torkelson (comp) 282, Curt Grorud 258; Biff's Kitchen: Matt Ortloff 204, Wyatt Ortloff 207, Brady Johnson 183, Kael Fontaine 216.

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High Game - Lloyd Wagner 290, Dale Manderud 288, Zach Koestner 267, Robert Hamrick 267.	
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House Bowlen	83.....64
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TRF Times	78.5.....68.5
Demolition	59.5.....87.5
Mo Town	57.5.....89.5
High Game - Zane Hawk 248, Darren Wagner 234, Jason Olson 222.	
High Series - Zane Hawk 675, Darren Wagner 675, Jason Olson 650.	

Norskies and Miners split/Continued

[Continued from page 1] Undaunted, Thief River Falls began its comeback at 2:51 as Tate Steffan connected on the power play to make it 4-2.

The Norskies then added another at 11:21 as Boe Bjorge chipped a backhand over top of Miners' netminder Zach Willms from close range to pull the guests to within one.

They then forced extra time with four and a half minutes to go as an attempt going around the boards bounced off Bryce Johnson right to Zach Ross, who blasted in the equalizer from the high slot.

Thief River Falls then finished off their comeback early in OT as Hunter Bjorge let one go from just inside the blueline that flew right to the back of the net, through a screen, to give the Norskies the come from behind victory.

Shots on goal in the contest favoured Thief River Falls 36-33 with Bailey Schmitz picking up the win while Willms suffered the defeat.

Miners even series with 5-2 win

Morgan Venne scored three times, including notching a pair late, to lift the Red Lake Miners to a 5-2 victory over the Thief River Falls Norskies Friday evening in Game 2 of their Superior International Junior Hockey League semifinal with a season-best 407 fans on hand at Cochenour Arena.

Friday's tilt saw the Norskies open the scoring before the contest was three minutes old as Boe Bjorge sped down the right wing and put a low one through the legs of Red Lake starter Zach Willms during an early man advantage opportunity.

The Miners answered

midway through the first period as Stratton Pickett buried one from the slot to level the proceedings.

It was more from the home side before the session was complete as Keegan Tiring and Venne connected, 34 seconds apart, on Thief River Falls netminder Bailey Schmitz to put the hosts up by a pair.

The visitors narrowed the gap, late in the middle session, as Alec Serverson blasted one from inside the blueline to give his side their second man advantage effort of the night, which came at 18:56.

He then capped off his hat trick in the final moments after muscling his way to a puck that bounced off the post from long range on an empty net before he rounded out the scoring by putting his shot into the open cage.

Pickett and Matt Krawiec chipped in with two assists each in the decision. Willms finished with 34 stops in the win while Schmitz saw 29 attempts put his way in defeat.

Scoring	
Thief River Falls	1 2 3 OT T
Red Lake	2 2 0 0 4

First period - 1, Red Lake, Di Lullo 1 (Tisi, Venne), 3:19, 2, Red Lake, Uzelman 1 (Tiring, Toews), 8:42, 3, Thief River Falls, Crosbie 2 (McIntosh), 15:47. Penalties-Crosbie Trf (interference), 13:34; Pickett Rlm (interference), 18:54.

Second period - 4, Red Lake, Venne 1 (Pickett, Di Lullo), 8:08, 5, Red Lake, Young 1 (Lawrence, Jacobs), 13:24 (PP). Penalties-Nelson Trf (slashing), 12:53.

Third period - 6, Red Lake, Venne 3 (Krawiec, Pickett), 19:16 (PP), 7, Red Lake, Venne 4 (Krawiec, Pickett), 19:50 (EN). Penalties-Bohnet Rlm (tripping), 9:44; Daman Trf (high sticking), 18:20.

Shots - Thief River Falls 7-13-16-36. Red Lake 14-7-9-30. Power plays - Thief River Falls 2/5; Red Lake 1/6. Goalie saves - Thief River Falls, Schmitz (29 shots-25 saves). Red Lake, Willms (36 shots-34 saves).

Attendance - 407. Referees-Andrew Bartlett, Johann Prager. Linesmen-Kyle Pace, Tyler Heino.

1:08; Pickett Rlm (boarding), 11:36; Gula Rlm (cross checking), 15:52.

Overtime - 9, Thief River Falls, Bjorge 3 (Daman, Johnson), 0:40. Penalties-No Penalties.

Shots - Thief River Falls 9-10-13-2-34. Red Lake 11-12-12-0-35. Power plays - Thief River Falls 1/4; Red Lake 1/2.

Goalie saves - Thief River Falls, Schmitz (35 shots-31 saves). Red Lake, Willms (34 shots-29 saves).

Attendance - 390. Referees-Adam Bryck, Andrew Bartlett. Linesmen-Tyler Heino, Chuck Schmitt.

Scoring	
Thief River Falls	1 2 3 OT T
Red Lake	3 0 2 5

First period - 1, Thief River Falls, Bjorge 4 (Severson, Schmitz), 2:38 (PP), 2, Red Lake, Pickett 1 (Di Lullo, Venne), 9:49, 3, Red Lake, Tiring 1 (Jacobs, Toews), 16:33, 4, Red Lake, Venne 2 (Tisi), 17:03. Penalties-Ross Trf (roughing), 2:20; Evans Rlm (goaltender interference), 2:20; Jacobs Rlm (roughing), 7:05; Lawrence Rlm (roughing after the whistle), 11:30; Severson Trf (cross checking), 14:31; Evans Rlm (roughing after the whistle), 19:42.

Second period - 5, Thief River Falls, Severson 2 (Piper, Nelson), 18:56 (PP). Penalties-Bjorge Trf (hooking), 3:48; Bergland Trf (tripping), 8:38; Ross Trf (10-minute misconduct), 12:35; Evans Rlm (holding), 14:34; Bjorge Trf (roughing after the whistle), 15:06; Daman Trf (holding), 15:45; Young Rlm (interference), 15:45; Tiring Rlm (high sticking), 17:23; Johnson Trf (cross checking), 19:54; Tisi Rlm (holding), 19:54.

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TRF has strong showing/Continued

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4x400 - Winner: Grand Forks Central A 4:28.86; TRF places: N/A. 4x800 - Winner: Pequot Lakes A 10:55.90; TRF places: N/A.

High Jump - Winner: Rylee Moore, Frazee, 5-00.00; TRF places: 4, Brooklyn Brouse 4-10.00; 4, Coral Mattison 4-10.00; 8, Katelyn Stephens 4-08.00.

Pole Vault - Winner: Julia Gherardi, Hibbing, 9-00.00; TRF places: 5, Dominica Bernstein 7-00.00.

Long Jump - Winner: Hannah Morgan, Park Rapids Area, 17-01.00; TRF places: 3, Carley Johanon 16-01.50; 20, Elaina Ballard 13-07.00; 36, Jeanne Olson 12-08.00; 39, Mattea Erickson 12-04.50; 50, Kathryn Melby 10-01.00.

Triple Jump - Mary Beth Mathews, Bemidji, 32-00.75; TRF places: N/A.

Shot Put - Desera Engholm, Pequot Lakes, 39-06.00; 23, Elaina Knott 26-11.00; 37, Anna Knott 24-06.00.

Winner/TRF Places-Boys 60 - Winner: Chase Domier, Wadena-Deer Creek, 7.26; TRF places: 23, Robbie King 7.87; 30, Cole Johnson 7.94; 69, Anthony Hyland 8.31; 73, Leo Mendoca 8.37; 78, Luke Dahlquist 8.41; 110, Taylor Engebreton 8.81.

200 - Winner: Chase Domier, Wadena-Deer Creek 23.91; TRF places: N/A.

400 - Winner: William Snobl, Baley/Fosston 55.56; TRF places: 4, Kaden Bakken 57.97; 5, Myles Johnson 58.00; 8, Kody Lubarski 58.41; 10, Robbie King 58.89; 15, Blake Biermaier 59.55; 24, Luke Dahlquist 1:01.38; 27, Austin Ryba 1:01.77; 40, Isaac Dakken 1:05.28; 43, Chris Powell 1:06.68; 48, Nolan Lubarski 1:07.87; 50, Deyton Nyre 1:08.02; 56, Brigham Drevlow 1:10.27; 58, Nolan Liedberg 1:11.19; 68, Landen Lovejoy 1:15.28.

800 - Winner: Sean Ryan, Pequot Lakes, 2:10.67; TRF places: N/A.

1600 - Winner: Roni Tirkkonen 4:58.75; 10, Jayce Lizakowski 5:10.85; 17, Isaac Mauch 5:16.37; 32, Carter Pribyl 5:53.91; 34, Landen Lovejoy 5:02.55.

3200 - Winner: Grant Hemberger, Bagley/Fosston 11:01.79; TRF places: N/A.

60 hurdles - Winner: Jacob Kelly, Bemidji, 8.94; TRF places: 15, Daniel Quick 10.30; 28, Nolan Lubarski 12.31.

4x200 - Winner: Wadena-Deer Creek A 1:36.98; TRF places: 3, Thief River Falls A 1:43.44.

4x400 - Winner: Bemidji A 3:49.68; TRF places: N/A.

4x800 - Winner: Park Rapids Area A 9:09.55; TRF places: 13, TRFA 10:08.85.

High Jump - Winner: Aric David, Grand Rapids, 5-08.00; TRF places: N/A.

Pole Vault - Jack Maxwell, International Falls, 11-00.00; TRF places: N/A.

Long Jump - Winner: Jordan Brown, Bemidji, 21-04.50; TRF places: 2, Cole Johnson, 19-04.50; 8, Daniel Quick 18-01.00; 11, Kody Lubarski 17-08.50; 19, Anthony Hyland 16-02.00; 29, Alexander Lundgren 15-03.50; 39, Chris Powell 14-09.00.

Triple Jump - Winner: Ryan Yang, Bemidji, 41-08.00; TRF places: 14, Isaac Mauch 31-11.00; Shot Put - Winner: Vincent Helmers, Frazee, 49-10.00; TRF results: 3, Luke Perkovich 42-01.50; 57, Taylor Engebreton 31-02.00; 69, Blaine Torstveit 28-10.50; 80, Isaiha Bisimwa 25-00.00.

scored six runs in the top of the eighth to go up 12-6. Rochester managed two runs in the bottom half of the eighth, which wasn't enough to keep the game going.

Peterson was pleased with the pitching of Kalee Wall, who went 1-1 on the day, after allowing just seven earned runs in 18.2 innings of work.

Game 1	
Central Lakes	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 r h e
Northland	3 3 2 0 0 1 x - 9 7 1
Northland	0 0 0 1 0 0 x - 1 5 3

Pitching - (CL) Kallie Plantenberg - W, 6 IP, 5 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 4 strikeouts; (NCTC) Jessie Nichols - L (0-1), 2.1 IP, 5 hits, 8 runs, 6 earned runs, 0 strikeouts; Kalee Wall 3.2 IP, 2 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 1 walk, 4 strikeouts. Offensive highlights - (CL) Lindsay Hendrickson 1/4, double, 2 runs, 2 RBI; Kai

Game 2	
Rainy River	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 r h e
Northland	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 1 3 7

Pitching - (NCTC) Kalee Wall - L (3-2), 7 IP, 9 hits, 8 runs, 3 earned runs, 1 walk, 4 strikeouts. Offensive highlights - (NCTC) Brittney Neil 1/2; Jessie Nichols 1/3, RBI; Sade Westbrook 0/1, walk, 2 steals, run.

Game 3	
Northland	0 0 5 1 0 0 0 6 - 12 10 6
Rochester	1 2 1 0 0 2 0 2 - 8 9 6

Pitching - (NCTC) Kalee Wall - W (4-2), 8 IP, 9 hits, 8 runs, 3 earned runs, 0 walks, 2 strikeouts. 1 home run allowed; (RCTC) Hailee Stock 4 IP, 6 hits, 6 runs, 0 earned runs, 1 walk, 4 strikeouts; Katie Peterson - L, 4 IP, 5 hits, 6 runs, 0 earned runs, 1 walk, 2 strikeouts.

Offensive highlights - (NCTC) Sade Westbrook 2/5, home run, 3 runs, 2 RBI; Josephine Davis 2/4, double, 2 runs; McKaila Salway 2/5, double, 2 RBI; Kelsey Landman 2/5, double, run, 2 RBI; (RCTC) M. Hellerud 4/5, 2 runs, 4 RBI; Cassie Voth 1/5, double, RBI; Abi Folkert 3/5, double, run.

Prowlers open tennis season with wins/Continued

[Continued from page 1] win, while Halvorson and Lunsetter picked up their second straight set win of the day.

Prowlers ranked fifth in first coaches' poll

Thief River Falls is ranked fifth in the first Class A coaches' poll of the 2019 season.

Defending state champion Rochester Lourdes is ranked number one to open the season. Breck, St. Paul

Academy and Mounds Park Academy round out the top four.

Thief River Falls is the only Section 8A team represented in the top 10 and the highest ranked public high school in fifth. Rounding out the top 10 are Hibbing, Virginia, Pine City, Foley and St. James.

Thief River Falls 6, Moorhead 1 ■ Singles - Cole Gillespie (TRF) def. Brycen Lunak 6-2, 7-6 (7-1); Camden Broadwell (TRF) def. Haker Khalid 6-2, 6-2; Jeron Sheldon (M) def. Jack Onkka 6-3, 6-

3; Reece Janisch (TRF) def. Oscar Bereson 3-6, 6-1, 11-9.

■ Doubles - Tucker Skime/Dylan Hahn (TRF) def. Eric Cai/Ives Higners 6-1, 5-7, 10-6; Ethan Janisch/Aiden Martell (TRF) def. Rhett Kramer/Michael Overbo 6-2, 6-4; Rhett Janisch/Sam Williams (TRF) def. Dan Arnold/Justin Dang 2-6, 6-2, 14-12.

■ Exhibition - Quinten Selix/Andrew Olson (TRF) def. Mason Xoxlnad/Adam Pettys 6-0, 6-3; Wyatt Halvorson/Ethan Lunsetter (TRF) def. Matt Mulansky/Jack Evavold 6-0, 6-1.

Thief River Falls 5, Minnewaska 2 ■ Singles - Cole Gillespie (TRF)

def. Tate Reichmann 6-4, 6-2; Camden Broadwell (TRF) def. Evan Palmer 62, 6-1; Gannon Walsh (MA) def. Reece Janisch 6-4, 6-1; Damon Uhde (MA) def. Quentin Selix 6-4, 6-1.

■ Doubles - Dylan Hahn/Jack Onkka (TRF) def. Zack Evans/Nate Gallagher 6-1, 6-2; Ethan Janisch/Aiden Martell (TRF) def. Cade Fier/Ethan Quelle 6-4, 6-2; Rhett Janisch/Sam Williams (TRF) def. Connor Quele/Logan Maanum 6-0, 6-0.

■ Exhibition (Singles) Andrew Olson (TRF) def. Kolten Anderson 6-0, 6-0; (Doubles) Wyatt Halvorson/Ethan Lunsetter (TRF) def. N/A 6-1, 6-2.

TRF YOUTH WRESTLING

Crookston, Dec. 9

First Place: Owen Dvorak. Second Place: Trig Anderson, Bentley Hermanson, Konner Jensen, Hunter Miller, Kali Poissant.

Third Place: Keigan Hermanson, Tristan Hruby, Khloe Poissant, Chandler Pream.

Fourth Place: Ian Hruby. ■ Roseau, Jan. 12

First Place: Owen Dvorak, Bentley Hermanson, Maverick Iverson, Ian Jacobson, Konner Jensen, Damian Kazmierczak, Mason Kazmierczak, Elias Motta.

Second Place: Brian Berg, Keigan Hermanson, Rhymers Hernandez, Jaxen Larson.

Third Place: Landen Larson, Hunter Miller, Chandler Pream, Micah Tougas.

Prowler Invite, Jan. 18

First Place: Owen Dvorak, Kooper Geiser, Bentley Hermanson, Keigan Hermanson, Rhymers Hernandez, Ian Hruby, Maverick Iverson, Ian Jacobson, Noah

Frontier Wrestling Club competes at DL Open

Twelve wrestlers from the Thief River Falls-based Frontier Wrestling Club competed in the Detroit Lakes Freestyle/Greco-Roman Combo Tournament Saturday, March 30.

Greco-Roman

First - Kale Geiser, Griffin Lundeen, Mason Iverson.

Second - Damian Kazmierczak, Ian Lundeen, Ethan Lane, Cody Sele, Cole Johnson.

Third - Lincoln Davis, Nick Svir, Landen Larson.

Fourth - Maverick Iverson.

Freestyle

First - Kale Geiser, Griffin Lundeen, Cole Johnson, Mason Iverson.

Second - Damian Kazmierczak, Ian Lundeen, Ethan Lane, Cody Sele.

Third - Lincoln Davis, Landen Larson.

Fourth - Nick Svir, Maverick Iverson.

Jacobson, Konner Jensen, Damian Kazmierczak, Mason Kazmierczak, Rowan Mossestad, Kali Poissant, Kallen Poissant.

Second Place: Brian Berg, Jaxen Larson, Landen Larson, Grayson Metcalf, Hunter Miller, Ezra Miska, Elias Motta, Gunner Thorpe.

Third Place: John Cervantes, Robert Crandall, Storm DCamp, Tristan Hruby, Eli Nelson, Chandler Pream, Keaton Tillet, Micah Tougas, Brody Traxler.

Fourth Place: Bethany Crandall, Gabrielle Crandall, Jamie Crandall, Dylan Lane, Jared Pilcher, Khloe Poissant.

Warren, Jan. 25

First Place: Brian Berg, Rhymers Hernandez, Maverick Iverson, Ian Jacobson, Konner Jensen.

Second Place: Keigan Hermanson, Tristan Hruby, Damian Kazmierczak, Mason Kazmierczak, Ezra Miska, Kali Poissant, Kallen Poissant.

Third Place: Storm DCamp, Bentley Hermanson, Ian Hruby, Noah Jacobson, Dylan Lane.

Fourth Place: John Cervantes.

2018-19 Thief River Falls

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Pictured from left to right are members of the Northland women's basketball team: front row - Brooke Brandon, Janie Wunderlich, Carly Mekash, Ashley Moe, Bailey Benson, Assistant Coach Beth Tvedt. (Photo by Northland Community & Technical College)

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Letters of interest to our readers

Many thanks to those in TRF who helped

To the Editor:
For a number of years, I have known that good people live in Thief River Falls. Last Wednesday, I came to Thief River Falls to pick up my taxes. The office was closed over the noon hour, so I drove over to Old Bostwicks to look at their antiques. I got out of my car (I had parked right in front), and looked at the ice. The street and sidewalk were clear, so I thought I

could make it inside. Unfortunately, there was some ice on the curb and I stepped on it and fell to the ground in front of my car. I hit my head, my left shoulder, and my right hand on the ice. A couple came to my aid, but could not lift me up. Then, along came a pickup with a City of Thief River Falls Utility Department sticker on the door. Two young, strong guys got out, came over and asked if I

was OK, and I replied that I just needed some help to get up. They each took one arm, lifted me to my feet and helped me into my car. I thanked them for helping me, not thinking to get their names. I then picked up my tax returns and proceeded to go home. As I was leaving town, I decided to go to McDonald's. I drove through the drive-in, put in my order and went to the window to pay, but was told

that the second car in line ahead of me had paid for my lunch. Again, I didn't see who was in the car, and again, someone made a bad day turn into a good one. My special thanks to those who helped when I fell, and the person who bought my lunch. May God bless you all.
Pastor Jay Borchert
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Addiction and recovery among our challenges

Our state and communities must face many challenges, not the least of which is addiction and recovery. Yes, it is a priority and it must be a priority. It is a problem that affects many facets of daily life. It isn't just a problem for law enforcement and our courts. It's a problem for our schools and the health care in our community.

I'm not going to rehash events of the past weeks. If you're unaware of the addiction and recovery issues in our community, you've been living under a rock. Addiction and recovery are problems or challenges if you prefer.

I assure you that our local leaders are aware of the problems and challenges associated with drug addiction and recovery. They would like nothing more than to see it go away, but before it can go away, it's going to take an investment in time and many resources.

Governor Walz's budget provides funding to increase access to naloxone, a medication used to prevent opioid overdose deaths, additional funds to promote and expand access and training, develop and expand opioid prevention projects that are suited to individual communities, an increase of nearly \$1 million in funding for each of the next two years to expand access to opioid treatment and services

to incarcerated Minnesotans. It also proposes \$365,000 each year for three clinical program therapists and one clinical program director to provide comprehensive pre-release planning services, connect them with community-based services upon release, and follow up to track success.

The budget proposed by the Senate Republican Caucus includes \$4 million to expand access to treatment and services for those with opioid addictions and hold drug manufacturers accountable for their prescription practices.

I don't have the complete budgets in front of me to go into further detail, nor do I have the answers. I am also not an expert on addiction and recovery. I do know that everyone is talking about opioids these days, but we should all know by now that addiction isn't limited to opioids. I hope the funding directed for opioid addiction and recovery will mean an increase in overall funding. I do hope this awareness will mean an increase in funding for mental health experts to be present at our schools.

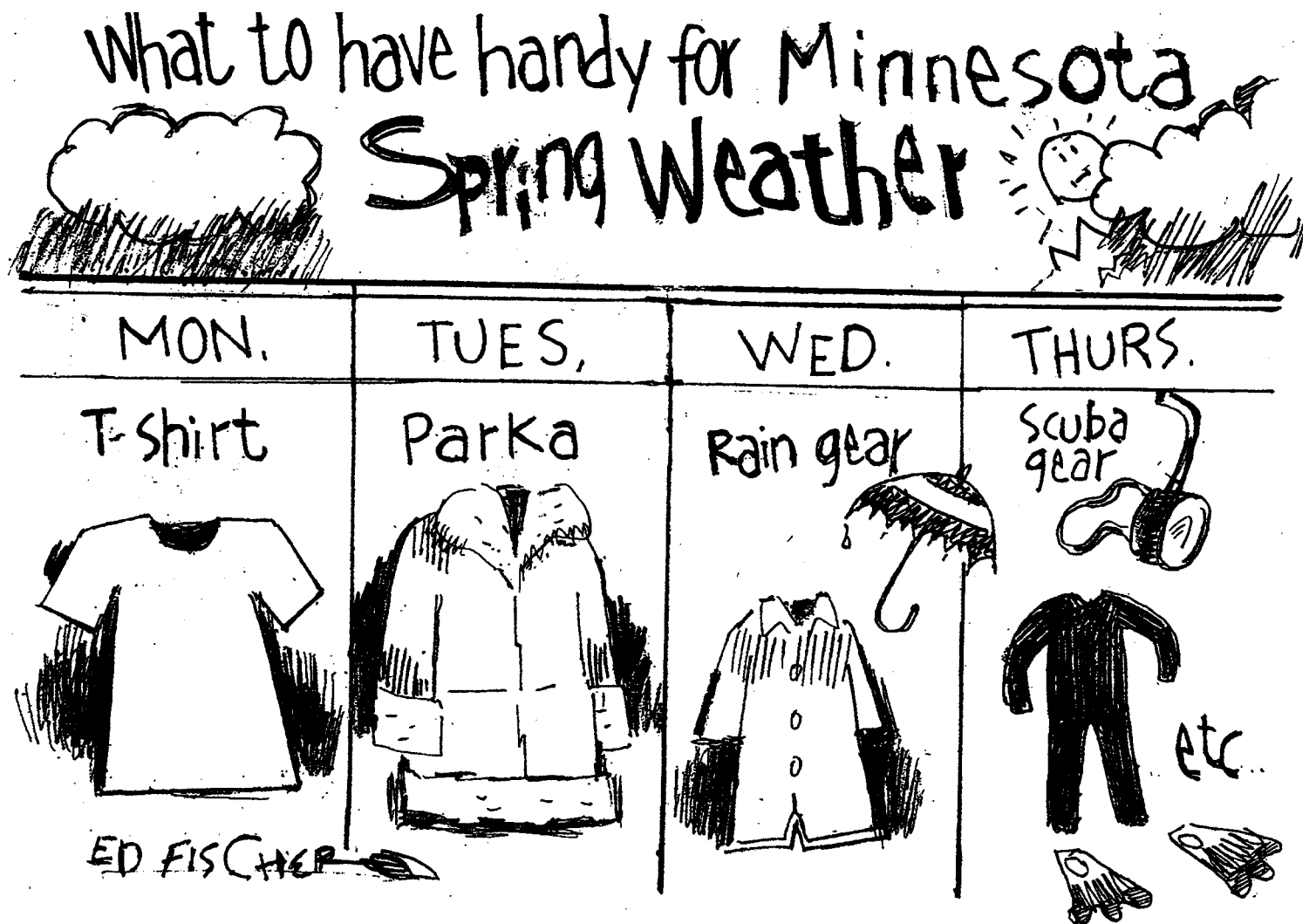
At this point, no amount of name-calling, shunning, ignoring, banishment or punishment will make the problem go away. The addiction and recovery issues in our communities must be faced and addressed.

NCTC scholars

We (The Times) recently finished printing all of the pictures from the Northland Community and Technical College Foundation Spring Scholarship Awards Ceremony. That we just finished printing them is more a testament to the many scholarships they award than our limitations on space. It is impressive that so many students benefit from the generosity of alumni, civic organizations and friends of Northland in our com-

munity. Lars Dyrud, executive director, usually supplies me with a number that represents the thousands of dollars in scholarships awarded. I've forgotten or misplaced that number, but it's impressive.

A week or two later, I attended the State of the City Address, during which I heard at least two of our leaders say they got their start in emergency services at Northland. Do the dollars and efforts to support our college help our community? You bet!



Representatives Kiel and Fabian support funding for disaster relief account

State Representatives Deb Kiel (R-Crookston), and Dan Fabian (R-Roseau), released the following statement on yesterday's vote to replenish Minnesota's disaster contingency account.

"Our communities are at risk of major flooding this year, and it is of the utmost importance that we fund the disaster contingency account before that happens," said Kiel. "The \$10 million we passed today is a

start, but the account will need more to deal with the extensive flooding expected this year."

The account is currently empty, with an additional \$2.9 million required to provide the state match for FEMA public assistance cleanup efforts from the Duluth and Brainerd floods in 2018. An amendment to add an additional \$33 million to the disaster relief account over the next two

fiscal years was voted down. Since its creation in Fiscal Year 2014, the account held \$17.466 million in Fiscal Year 2015 and \$20.4 million in Fiscal Year 2016.

"We already know that almost a third of the \$10 million that passed today is already spoken for," said Fabian. "Flooding has already begun in many places, and we need to be prepared for more. A 2002 flood in Roseau County

resulted in a special session to allocate \$29 million in disaster relief. There is little doubt in my mind that we missed an opportunity to get more adequate funding in place now and help to reduce the chances of a very costly special session."

There have been special sessions called for disaster relief in 2002, 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2013.

Senate Republicans release budget that offers significant investments

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Watch the small things. A small leak can sink a great ship." Senate Republicans took this to heart when structuring their \$47.6 billion budget proposal for the upcoming two-year state budget Thursday afternoon. The proposal is meant to control costs and avoid raising taxes or fees on Minnesotans.

Following the release of the budget, Sen. Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) released the following statement:

"Prudent Minnesota families prioritize spending to live within their own bud-

gets; we are asking the state to do the same. Minnesotans should expect an affordable plan that allows us to focus on our shared priorities like education, transportation, and caring for our state's vulnerable populations."

The budget proposes significant investments in transportation, education, health and human services, and public safety. The budget includes a one-time boost of \$30 million for broadband expansion in Greater Minnesota, \$3 million to hold fraudulent childcare centers accountable, and \$25 million for mental health grants. The budget

also dedicates \$8.12 billion toward roads, bridges, and transit - without raising the gas tax or increasing license plate tab fees. Senate Republicans are proposing to invest \$3.355 billion - an additional \$65.7 million over the previous budget - in higher education and career and technical education.

The budget proposal includes \$5 million for elder care protections, \$4 million to expand access to treatment and services for those with opioid addictions and hold drug manufacturers accountable for their prescription practices, and \$75 million for schools to

enhance safety protocols. Finally, the budget includes \$19.684 billion, or \$843 million more than the previous budget, for K-12 education.

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Signatures must appear on letters published. The staff believes that there is greater credibility in letters signed in print and will not withhold names of writers from publication.

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Deadline: The deadline for letters to the editor is 10 a.m. on Mondays.

Education Minnesota Senate budget will trigger layoffs and cuts at schools

According to Education Minnesota, the majority party in the Minnesota Senate presented an education budget Thursday that fails to keep pace with inflation and would trigger cuts and layoffs in neighborhood schools throughout Minnesota.

"One of the biggest obstacles to student success and the main cause of the teacher shortage is the chronic underfunding of Minnesota schools," said Denise Specht, president of Education Minnesota. "The Senate majority just said it wants to continue the trend and doesn't care about the consequences."

Specht said the three proposals for state budgets show a stark contrast in priorities. The proposals from Gov. Tim Walz and the House majority put invest-

ments in children and working families before the interests of corporations and millionaires. The Senate budget does the opposite.

"The richest Americans and most powerful corporations received a massive and irresponsible tax cut at the federal level last year," Specht said. "It is just astounding that some Senate leaders refuse to ask them to pay a little more in state taxes to educate the students of Minnesota and pay for the state services every business depends on."

Specht said the members of the largest labor union in Minnesota stood ready to help Gov. Tim Walz and the leadership in the state House and Senate reconcile their budgets for the benefit of working families and students all over the state.

"State investments that support schools, families and highly trained educators can give our students the freedom to go as far as their talent and hard work will take them," Specht said. "We must fully fund public education in Minnesota."

Earlier this year, Education Minnesota released its definition of fully funding E-12 public education, including reducing class sizes, so students can get individual attention, bringing the state's ratio of counselors to students in line with national standards, giving every 4-year-old access to a high-quality pre-K program, raising educator pay and reducing educators' education debt. The cost was \$3.7 billion to \$4.3 billion for the biennium.

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Outdoor Heritage Fund accepting requests

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) will accept requests for funding April 1, 2019 through 4 p.m. May 31, 2019 from the Outdoor Heritage Fund for Fiscal Year 2021 projects.

All requests for funding that meet selection criteria will be reviewed by LSOHC members. The projects recommended by the Council for funding will go before the Minnesota Legislature for consideration during the

2020 legislative session. Money for approved programs that are signed into law will be available beginning July 1, 2020. The LSOHC anticipates approximately \$100 million will be available for appropriation this funding cycle.

Projects that restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairie, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife are eligible for OHF money. The Council seeks requests for funding consistent with

its 25-year framework, statewide priorities and the defined vision of each of the state's five geographic sections. This is a competitive process, open to all who wish to apply. The Council encourages all eligible programs and individuals to consider submitting a proposal.

"The Council encourages and welcomes habitat related projects from across the state. If you have a proposal that can improve habitat for

fish, game, or wildlife in you part of this state, we want to hear about it," said Mark Johnson, executive director of the LSOHC. "Since this is a competitive grant process, the LSOHC staff is available to discuss your proposals and ideas. Our goal is to do our best to help each proposal be successful."

To date, the state of Minnesota has awarded \$940 million from the OHF for more than 310 programs statewide. More informa-

tion about the timeline, submission, and evaluation process is available at the LSOHC website.

About Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council makes annual funding recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature from the Outdoor Heritage Fund for projects that restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and

habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. The Outdoor Heritage Fund was created in 2008 and is one of four funds created by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment and receives one-third of the money raised by the sales tax increase.

Worship With Us

ALMA FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dennis Gray, Pastor
28098 300th Street NW, Argyle
Phone: (218) 874-2101.
Web: www.almafree.org

Wednesday, April 3: Soup and sandwich supper at 6:30 p.m., Lenten Worship with Pastor Irvin Schmitke preaching at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 7: Worship with communion at 9:30 a.m., Coffee fellowship at 10:45 a.m. followed by Sunday school.

ABUNDANT LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LeRoy Flickinger, Pastor
1602 Pennington Ave.,
P.O. Box 522, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-2300
Web: abundantlifeflcf.org

Sundays: Service at 9:30 a.m.; Coffee & Fellowship at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

BETHLEHEM AND NAZARETH LUTHERAN PARISH - ELCA

Cathie Rhodes, Pastor
202 Marshall Avenue, Holt
Box 39, Newfolden
Bethlehem Office: (218) 874-7115
Nazareth Office: (218) 449-3856
Parsonage: (218) 449-3431

Wednesday, April 3: Bible study at Bethlehem at 10:30 a.m., Bethlehem office hours from 10 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 3 p.m., Confirmation at 3:30 p.m., Lenten services at Nazareth at 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 4: Office hours at Nazareth from 10 - 11:30 a.m., Keenagers meet for their monthly meeting, Senior meal and bingo.
Sunday, April 7: Bethlehem Worship at 9 a.m., Nazareth Worship at 11 a.m., Nazareth's council meets following services.

Monday, April 8: Basement angels quilting at 9 a.m., Bible study at Bethlehem at 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9: Noon text study, afternoon parish visitation, WELCA quilting at Nazareth and big aid meeting, Bethlehem council meets at 6 p.m., Joint council meets at Bethlehem at 7 p.m.

BLACK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Frank Ehling, Pastor
Sheila Michaels, Pastor
15952 110th Street SW, Red Lake Falls
Sundays: Worship at 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

Frank Ehling, Pastor
Sheila Michaels, Pastor
Brielle Drevlow, Pianist
PO Box 8
405 Water Street, St. Hilare
Phone: (218) 964-5750

Sundays: Church services at 10:30 a.m., Communion every Sunday.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT, ST. EDWARD, ST. JOSEPH

Father George Noel, Pastor
Phone: (218) 289-1735
gnoel8@gmail.com

Weekend Masses: Blessed Sacrament Worship on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m. St. Edward Worship at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. St. Joseph Worship at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at LifeCare Manor, Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph, Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at Karlstad Care Center.

EAGLE'S VIEW CHURCH, OUTREACH CENTER

Roger Schmitz, Pastor
111 Fourth Street East, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 686-5962

Worship Services: Sundays at 10 a.m.; **Wednesdays:** Prayer at 7 p.m.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive, Nazareth, Oak Park, St. Petri
Jeff Merseth, Pastor
Rt. 1, Box 156C, Oklee
Phone: (218) 796-5130

Wednesday, April 3: Wednesday school 5 - 6 p.m., Oak Park soup and sandwich supper 6 - 7 p.m., Lent service at 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 4: Lent service at Mt. Olive at 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 6: Mt. Olive Worship at 9 a.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NONDENOMINATIONAL

Curtis Jacobson, Senior Pastor
Highway 1 East, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-2285

Saturdays: Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.
Sundays: Sunday Morning Celebration Service and One Way Kids Sunday School For Children from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.; Revolutionary Prayer and Prophetic Worship from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Uprising YOUTH GROUP (7th grade - College Age) at 7 p.m.; Bookstore and coffee bar open before and after Sunday Morning services

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Nathan Satchwill, Pastor
PO Box 816, Thief River Falls
using the facilities of
Faith Lutheran Brethren Church at
601 Dewey Avenue N, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 689-2937
www.cornerstonetr.org
facebook.com/cornerstonetr

Sundays: Bible study at 5:30 p.m., Worship Services at 6:30 p.m. with Children's Church offered for kids ages 4-8

EPIPHANY STATION

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Wyatt Gilton, Worship Pastor
Pete Lee, Discipleship Pastor
403 Main Avenue North, Thief River Falls
Web: www.epiphanystation.com
E-Mail: admin@epiphanystation.com

Sundays: Experiences at 9, 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Bert Foster, Senior Pastor
1425 Third Street East, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-4449
Web: www.trfcovchurch.org
www.facebook.com/trfcovchurch
Office E-Mail: nikki@trfcovchurch.org

Sundays: Worship Service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 11 a.m., Prayer Group at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: Mending the Soul 6 p.m., AI-Anon at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Youth Group at Elevate NextGen Youth Center 6 - 8 p.m.
Saturdays: Men's Breakfast Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Rev. Chris Rosebrough, Pastor
Radium
Phone: (218) 681-9992 or 745-5604

Sundays: Worship at 1 p.m., Bible Study at 2:15 p.m.

NEWFOLDEN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Gary Barrett, Pastor
P.O. Box 86, Newfolden
Phone: (218) 874-8785
E-mail: nefc@wiktel.com

Wednesday: Awana (4 yrs - 6th grade) and Detour (7-12th grade) at 6:30 - 8 p.m.; Adult Bible study at 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: Men's prayer time at 7 a.m.

Sunday: Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.; Morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

NEWFOLDEN NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - AALC

Ollie Urdahl, Pastor
P.O. Box 185, Newfolden
Phone: (218) 874-6611

Worship Services: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Lead Pastor Kevin MacLean,
Interim Associate Pastor Kent Hudson
211 Arnold Ave. N., Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-3855
Web: www.trfecf.org

Sundays: Sunday school and life groups at 9:15 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: Awana at 6:30 p.m., Ladies Bible Study at 6:30 p.m., Youth Groups and Bible Study at 7 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH

Tim Carlson, Interim Lay Pastor
601 Dewey Ave. N., Thief River Falls
Church: (218) 681-7705

Worship Services: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Lutheran Church
210 Park Ave., Middle River
Gustav Adolph Lutheran Church
Strathcona, MN
Phone: (218) 222-3622

First Lutheran (Middle River): Worship service Sundays at 11 a.m.; Every 3rd Sunday Worship at 11:30 a.m. with Brunch starting at 10:30 a.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Tom Potter, Pastor
Red Lake Falls, MN
Worship Services: Sundays at 10:45 a.m.; Communion is the first Sunday of the month; Meeting of the session is the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH - ELCA

Kristin Ostercamp, Pastor
P.O. Box 157, Goodridge
Phone: (218) 378-4191
glparish@gvtel.com

Wednesday, April 3: Faith WELCA at 4 p.m. Faith Lenten meal at 6 p.m. and Worship at 7 p.m., breaking free bible study at 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 7: Ekelund Sunday school at 8:30 a.m., Ekelund Worship at 9:45 a.m., Faith Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., Faith worship at 11 a.m., Bethany Sunday school at 11 a.m., Bethany Worship at 9:45 a.m.

IMMANUEL AND EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH - ELCA

Jonathan Dodson, Pastor
P.O. Box 98, Plummer
Phone: (218) 465-4525

Wednesday, April 3: Food at Immanuel at 6:30 p.m., Lenten service at Immanuel at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 7: Immanuel Worship with Communion at 9 a.m., Immanuel Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Ebenezer Worship with Communion at 10:30 a.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

Darrel Cory, Pastor
1300 Nora Street East, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-3390
E-mail: redeemer@mncable.net

Wednesdays: Sing and Ring at 5:15 p.m., Toddler-6th Grade BLAST from 5:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m., Worship at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7:15 p.m.

Sundays: Worship at 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

RINDAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

Rev. Timothy Lundeen, Pastor
23511 110th Ave. NW, Newfolden
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E-mail: prtm@gvtel.com

Sundays: Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Worship service at 10:30 a.m.

RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

Timothy Self, Pastor
1563 Highway 59 SE (Next to McDonalds)
Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-1469
www.riveroflifeflcfm.org

Sundays: Service at 10 a.m., nursery/preschool available as well as ministry for children 1st - 6th grade.
Wednesdays: Adult Prayer/Bible Study at 7 p.m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

David Jahn, Pastor
1024 Tindolph Ave. South, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 416-0178

Worship Services: Saturdays at 11 a.m.; Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m.

SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

John Golv, Senior Pastor
Ale Tulu, Associate Pastor
22479 170th Ave. NE, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-7079

Sundays: Worship services at 10 a.m.

NEXUS CHURCH

Luke Stavos, Pastor
246 Kendall Ave. N., Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-4716

Worship Services: Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m., Sunday Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: Kids Service from 6 - 7:30 p.m., Youth Group from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

OPEN ARMS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A Ministry of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church
David Jahn, Pastor
218-416-0178

401 St. Paul Ave. S., Thief River Falls
Church Phone: (218) 681-2790
openarmschristianfellowship@gmail.com

Saturdays: Sabbath School classes for adults and children at 3:00 p.m.; Worship Service at 4:15 p.m.; Fellowship Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Mid-week fellowship and Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
Fridays: Vespers fellowship and Bible study at 7:00 p.m.

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - AFLC

Alex Amiot, Pastor
2075 Hwy. 59 SE, Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-4643

Sundays: Morning Devotional Hour on KTRF 1230 at 8 a.m., Worship Service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 11 a.m., Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m.
Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study at 9 a.m., Quilting at 11 a.m.
Wednesdays: Soup and sandwich supper at 5 p.m., Confirmation at 5:30 p.m., Kids Klub at 6 p.m., Lenten service at 7 p.m.
Fridays: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast at 6:45 a.m.

REINER LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH - AFLC

Highway 1, 7 miles east of Goodridge
(218) 681-4643

Sundays: Worship at 11:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

Rev. John Voelker, Ph.D., Pastor
Linda Kaushagen, Lay Visitation and Senior Outreach
325 Horace Ave. N., Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-1310
www.trinitylutherantrf.org

Sundays: Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:25 a.m., Coffee Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.

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Our Savior's, Thief Lake
Phone: (218) 222-3711
United Lutheran, Gatzke
(218) 459-3351

Sundays: (KTRF 1230) Morning devotional hour at 8 a.m., Worship service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 11 a.m., Prayer meeting at 7 p.m.
Tuesdays: Women's Bible study at 9 a.m., Quilting at 11 a.m.

Wednesdays: Confirmation at 5:30 p.m., Supper from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Kids Klub at 6:30 p.m., Youth Bible study at 6:40 p.m., Adult Bible study at 6:40 p.m., Choir at 7:30 p.m.
Fridays: Men's Bible study and breakfast at 6:45 a.m.

WESTAKER FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH AFLC

Phil Rokke, Pastor
321 Minnesota Ave. E., Newfolden
Phone: (218) 874-7925

Worship Services: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
Communion: 1st Sunday of the month.
Confirmation Class: Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Potluck dinner: 3rd Sunday of the month.
Trumpet of Truth: Sundays at 7 p.m. on KTRF.

VIKING COVENANT CHURCH

Rev. Jim Robberstad, Pastor
Viking, MN
Phone: (218) 201-0350
Cell: (218) 201-0350

Worship Services: Sunday at 9 a.m. *Special events as announced.*

VIKING LUTHERAN PARISH ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pulpit Supply: Marilyn Grandstrand, Barb Price, Cindy Ellingson
218-523-4995
P.O. Box 37, Viking

OAK RIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thief River Falls
Phone: (218) 681-1824

Worship Services at Zion: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Worship Services at Oak Ridge: Sundays at 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

WESTAKER FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH AFLC

Carl Hansen, Pastor
P.O. Box 944, County Road 20 S.
Thief River Falls
Web: http://historicistpauli.org

Wednesday, April 3: Lenten services at 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 6: Lydia Circle at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 7: Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Worship services with Communion at 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Bob Schreiner, Priest
112 Edward Ave. N., Red Lake Falls
Phone: (218) 253-2685

Saturdays: St. Joseph (Brooks) Mass at 5 p.m.; St. Joseph (Red Lake Falls) Mass at 5:30 p.m.
Sundays: St. Joseph (Red Lake Falls) Mass at 10 a.m.

ST. PAULI LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
Carl Hansen, Pastor
P.O. Box 944, County Road 20 S.
Thief River Falls
Web: http://historicistpauli.org

Wednesday, April 3: Lenten services at 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 6: Lydia Circle at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 7: Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Worship services with Communion at 10:30 a.m.

THRIVING LIFE CHURCH
Jim Binder, Pastor
Erskine Community Center
218-556-1545
www.thrivinglifem.org

Worship Services: Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. at Erskine Community Center. All are welcome.

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Sundays: Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:25 a.m., Coffee Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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Web: http://historicistpauli.org

Wednesday, April 3: Lenten services at 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 6: Lydia Circle at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 7:</

School Lunch - Week of April 8-12

Challenger Elementary School

Thief River Falls
Milk is served with all meals. Fruit choice and juice served for breakfast. Alternate entrees: Pizza or Uncrustable PB & J. Breakfast prices: Students \$1.50; reduced Free. Lunch prices: Students \$2.80; reduced Free.

Breakfast

Mondays: Sausage or egg breakfast pizza
Tuesdays: French toast sticks with sausage patty
Wednesdays: Breakfast sandwich

Thursdays: Pancake wrap poppers
Fridays: Cinnamon roll

Lunch

Monday: Pulled pork on a

bun, crinkle cut fries, harvest green beans, mixed up fruit salad

Tuesday: Chicken alfredo, garlic toast, steamed broccoli, peaches

Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich with tomato soup, Goldfish crackers, veggie sticks, banana

Thursday: Frito pie with salsa, lettuce and tomatoes, blueberries with yogurt

Friday: Shrimp poppers, sweet potato puffs, Bush's baked beans, fruit cocktail

Franklin Middle School

Thief River Falls
Milk is served with all meals. Fruit choice and juice served for breakfast. Alternate entrees: Pizza or Uncrustable PB & J.

Breakfast prices: Students \$1.60; reduced Free. Lunch prices: Students \$2.75; reduced Free.

Breakfast

Mondays: Sausage or egg breakfast pizza

Tuesdays: French toast sticks with sausage patty

Wednesdays: Breakfast sandwich

Thursdays: Pancake wrap poppers

Fridays: Cinnamon roll

Lunch

Monday: Pulled pork on a bun, crinkle cut fries, harvest green beans, mixed up fruit salad

Tuesday: Chicken alfredo, garlic toast, steamed broccoli, peaches

Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich with tomato soup, Goldfish crackers, veggie sticks, banana

Thursday: Frito pie with salsa, lettuce and tomatoes, blueberries with yogurt

Friday: Shrimp poppers, sweet potato puffs, Bush's baked beans, fruit cocktail

Lincoln High School

Thief River Falls
Milk is served with all meals. Fruit choice and juice served for breakfast. Breakfast prices: Students \$1.65; reduced Free. Lunch prices: Students \$2.80; reduced Free.

Breakfast

All items offered every day: Bacon/egg pizza, breakfast sausage pizza, cream cheese bagel, cini-minis, burritos, chocolate chip, maple and strawberry pancakes.

Tuesdays: Tornado

Thursdays: Pancake dog on a stick

Fridays: Cinnamon roll

Lunch

Monday: Pulled pork on a bun, crinkle cut fries, harvest green beans, mixed up fruit salad

Tuesday: Chicken quesadilla with salsa, golden corn, tossed salad, blueberries with yogurt

Wednesday: Grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, large dinner roll, veggie sticks, banana

Thursday: Chicken alfredo, garlic toast, steamed broccoli, diced peaches

Friday: Shrimp poppers, twisted fries, Bush's baked beans, fruit cocktail

Goodridge Schools

Goodridge
Milk is served with all meals. Juice is served with all breakfasts.

Breakfast

Monday: Waffles, sausage, fruit

Tuesday: Toast with jelly, choice of cereal, yogurt, fruit

Wednesday: Blueberry muffin, cereal choice

Thursday: Breakfast pizza, oranges

Friday: Cinnamon roll, cereal choice, fruit

Lunch

Monday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, peaches and pears

Tuesday: Hamburger patty on a bun with toppings, French fries, tossed salad with tomatoes, apple and oranges

Wednesday: Burritos with lettuce and cheese, green beans, seasoned rice, applesauce

Thursday: Corn dog, baked beans, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits

Friday: Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit salad, bread

Marshall County Central School

Newfolden
All breakfast and lunches served with juice and low fat/fat-free milk. All bread products served are whole grains. An alternative of cereal is available every breakfast.

Breakfast

Monday: Toast, cereal, fruit

Tuesday: Sausage egg and cheese biscuit, pineapple

Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll, hard boiled egg, fruit cocktail

Thursday: French toast sticks, berries

Friday: Toast, cereal, fruit

Lunch

Monday: Chicken fajita, re-fried beans, fresh peppers, pears

Tuesday: California burger, potato wedges, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday: Pizza, carrots, applesauce

Thursday: Hamburger gravy,

mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, peaches

Friday: Pancakes, syrup, hash browns, strawberries

Viking Elementary School

All breakfast and lunches served with juice, low fat/fat free milk, and fruit. All bread products served are whole grains. An alternative of cereal is available at every breakfast.

Breakfast

Monday: Toast

Tuesday: Bagel

Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, toast

Thursday: Cinnamon roll

Friday: Toast

Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty on a bun, corn

Tuesday: Taco in a bag, lettuce, cheese, green beans

Wednesday: Hot dog on a bun, baked beans

Thursday: Diced chicken in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas

Friday: Cheese quesadilla, fresh veggies

Red Lake County Central Elementary School

Plummer
Milk and fruit is served with all meals. Bread, cereal and juice is served with breakfast.

Breakfast

Monday: Waffles

Tuesday: Coffee cake

Wednesday: Scrambled eggs

Thursday: Apple turnover

Friday: Cinnamon roll

Lunch

Monday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, tea roll

Tuesday: (K-2) Hot ham patty on a bun, (3-6) Subs, sliced cheese, crinkle fries, baked beans

Wednesday: Pepperoni calzone, salad, garlic breadsticks

Thursday: Lasagna, peas and carrots, garlic toast, fruit snack

Friday: Popcorn fish, mac and cheese, green beans, peanut butter sandwich

Red Lake County Central High School

Milk and fruit is served with all meals. Bread, cereal and juice is served with breakfast.

Breakfast

Monday: Biscuit with egg, cheese and sausage

Tuesday: Toast

Wednesday: Bagel

Thursday: Toast

Friday: Cinnamon roll

Lunch

Monday: Orange chicken, fried rice, egg rolls, fortune cookie, vegetables

Tuesday: Hamburger patty, baked beans, chips

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, Gold Fish

Thursday: Corn dogs, mac and

cheese, vegetables
Friday: Lasagna roll ups, breadsticks, vegetables

Lafayette High School

Red Lake Falls
All meals are served with fruit and milk. All breakfasts are served with juice. All lunches are served with fresh vegetables and fruit choice.

Breakfast

Monday: Cereal, toast, peanut butter, jelly, butter

Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich

Wednesday: Cinnamon roll, yogurt or Greek yogurt

Thursday: Waffle with syrup, hard boiled egg

Friday: Cereal, cheese stick

Lunch

Monday: Chicken, potato oles, Rice Krispy treat

Tuesday: Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans

Wednesday: Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll

Thursday: Chicken alfredo, corn, breadstick

Friday: Italian dunkers, marinara sauce

St. Bernard's

Thief River Falls
Milk and fruit is served with all meals. Juice is served with breakfast.

Breakfast

Monday: French toast sticks

Tuesday: Cereal choice, toast

Wednesday: Egg patty, toast

Thursday: Cinnamon rolls

Friday: Cereal choice, toast

Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty, baked beans, cucumbers, grapes

Tuesday: Chili, grilled cheese sandwich, red peppers and broccoli, applesauce

Wednesday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed cauliflower, oranges

Thursday: Sandwich wrap, cauliflower, carrot sticks, pickles, diced pears

Friday: Cheese pizza, Romaine lettuce, tomatoes, pineapple tidbits

St. John Lutheran School

Thief River Falls
Milk is served with all meals.

Lunch

Monday: Pulled pork on a bun, crinkle cut fries, harvest green beans, mixed up fruit salad

Tuesday: Chicken alfredo, garlic toast, steamed broccoli, peaches

Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich with tomato soup, Goldfish crackers, veggie sticks, banana

Thursday: Frito pie with salsa, lettuce and tomatoes, blueberries with yogurt on top

Friday: French bread pizza, Bush's baked beans, fruit cocktail

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Level: Intermediate

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CLUES ACROSS

- Defense Department
- Diminutive hoopster Webb
- Cools
- Chili con ___
- Quantitative fact
- Enliven
- A woman of refinement
- Where royalty live
- Beverage made of oatmeal
- Replaced
- UK's largest city
- Obamacare
- When you expect to get there
- Deutschland
- Consumed
- Paddle
- A way to consume
- "Walter White"
- The opera has one
- Honk
- Disorganization
- Secret political clique
- Recounted again
- Converts to leather
- Consisting of a single element or component
- Therefore
- Clownish
- The habitat of wild animals

CLUES DOWN

- Dreary
- Book page size
- Become less lively
- Grassy plain
- Attached a figure to
- Hungry
- NY-based department store
- Pedestal
- Single-celled animal
- National capital
- China's chairman
- Al Bundy's wife
- Acid in all living cells
- Told
- Displays heartbeat
- Softly
- Swiss river
- Small chapel
- Electronic countermeasures
- Asian nation
- Neither
- Peacock network
- List of candidates
- Medieval garment
- Type of juice
- "Coach" actor
- Puerto Rican dance music La ___
- Texas politician Ted

Senior Meals

Heritage Center
Thief River Falls
Meal provided by Lutheran Social Services. All meals are served with bread and milk. Menu is subject to change upon availability of certain items.

Monday: Chicken rice Casserole, broccoli, coleslaw, pudding

Tuesday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, cabbage, applesauce

Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, Coleslaw, peaches, cookie

Thursday: Chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed veggies, dessert

Friday: Fish, tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, dessert

Meals on Wheels
Thief River Falls
Meals on Wheels will deliver meals Monday through Friday, including holidays. For more information, call (218) 681-6861. Low fat milk served with all meals.

Monday: Sausage, butter boiled potatoes, cabbage, wheat bread with margarine, applesauce

Tuesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat bread with margarine, frosted cake

Wednesday: Scalloped potatoes and ham, coleslaw, peas, wheat bread with margarine, vanilla pudding

Thursday: Soft shell taco's, Spanish rice, corn bread muffin, cookie

Friday: Turkey tetrazzini, corn, fruited Jell-O, wheat bread with margarine, brownie

Newfolden Community Center

The Senior Meal Program has relocated to the Newfolden Café. Meals are served Sunday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 218-874-8361.

Monday: Pork roast dinner

Tuesday: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes

Wednesday: Hamburger hot-dish

Thursday: Baked chicken and baked potatoes

Friday: Chicken enchilada with Spanish rice

LSS Senior Meals

Viking and Holt
Senior meals are served every weekday. To make a Viking or Holt meal reservation or to receive a menu, please call (218) 874-7137. Viking meals available as home delivery only.

Monday: Chicken rice casserole, broccoli, coleslaw, pudding

Tuesday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, cabbage, applesauce

Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, coleslaw, peaches, cookie

Thursday: Chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed veggies, dessert

Friday: Fish, tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, dessert

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Breakfast

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Application procedure and additional information regarding the vacancy is available on the Internet at: <http://www.northlandcollege.edu/jobs/>.

Application deadline 4/22/19.

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District Technician

The Pennington SWCD is seeking a candidate knowledgeable in aquatic invasive species, feedlots, ArcGIS, public relations, and identifying resource needs related to erosion control practices. A 4-year degree in natural resource, geology, biology, soil and water conservation or related field is preferred. Must also be proficient with Microsoft Office and possess a valid state issued driver's license.

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HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

The following positions are available in School District #564, Thief River Falls, Minnesota:
Effective: July 1, 2019
Location: School District Service Center
Duties: Directs and coordinates human resources activities, such as employment, compensation, labor relations, benefits, training, and employee services.
Qualifications: Administrative licensure and experience preferred or a minimum of five years of demonstrated successful experience in Human Resource Management in an educational environment.
Skills - Manage personnel and programs while maintaining confidentiality, discretion, and a high level of attention to detail and accuracy. Strong organizational skills, ability to work under pressure, prioritize multiple tasks and meet deadlines, effective oral and written communication; problem solving; and ability to work collaboratively with staff and the public required.
Knowledge - State/federal employment law and experience with labor contract administration beneficial.
Salary and benefits: To be negotiated commensurate with successful candidate's qualifications and experience.
Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Online Application available on the School District Website: <http://www.trf.k12.mn.us> > Employment
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City Of Thief River Falls Deputy Chief of Police

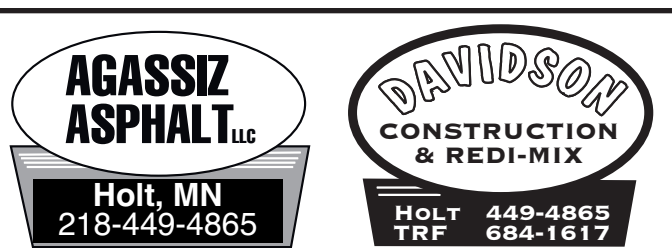
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Candidates should have a strong background in supervisory experience, public relations, computer proficiencies, and administration of law enforcement departments. Prior experience as a deputy chief or chief in an urban Minnesota municipality, along with a 4-year degree in a law enforcement field, is preferred. Salary of the Deputy Chief of Police ranges from \$6,032 to \$7,096 per month.

Additional information and application available at www.citytrf.net or at the City Administrator's Office. Applications (including supplemental application) will be accepted until 12:00 Noon on April 17, 2019 at the City Administrator's Office, PO Box 528, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

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Salary range \$19.41 to \$22.03 per hour plus benefits package. Send cover letter and resume to: Northwest Regional Development Commission; Attn: Carol Sorensen, 109 S. Minnesota Street, Warren, MN 56762 by April 19, 2019.

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2019 summer season

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For more information contact:
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The following positions are available in School District #564, Thief River Falls, Minnesota:

PAYROLL AND BENEFITS DIRECTOR

Effective: June 1, 2019
Location: School District Service Center
Duties: Administer the operation of payroll, insurance plans, Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance and the flexible benefit plan.
Qualifications: Associate Degree in accounting or a finance related degree preferred plus three years of demonstrated successful payroll experience required.
Skills and knowledge – must possess excellent computer skills, ability to maintain confidentiality, discretion, and a high level of attention to detail and accuracy. Strong organizational skills, ability to work under pressure, prioritize multiple tasks and meet deadlines. Work schedule must be flexible.
Salary and benefits: to be negotiated commensurate with successful candidate's qualifications and experience.
Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Online Application available on the School District Website: <http://www.trf.k12.mn.us> > Employment
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Elementary Teacher Position

Red Lake County Central Elementary School in Plummer, MN has a full-time elementary education teaching position open for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to acquire a Minnesota teaching license. Interested candidates must submit the following:

- District Application
- Letter of Application
- Resume
- Teaching Credentials
- Copy of Official College Transcripts
- Three (3) signed Letters of Recommendation

Applicants interested in the position, should submit their completed application to:

Mr. Andrew Fougner, Principal
 Red Lake County Central Elementary
 PO Box 7, Plummer, MN 56748
 218-465-4222



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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
564 – BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 11, 2019
6:00 P.M.
DSC BOARD ROOM**

A Regular Meeting of Independent School District #564 Board of Education was held Monday, March 11, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the DSC Board Room. The following board members were present: Mike Spears, Misty Hempel, Craig Mattson, Michelle Westerman, Ryan Walseth and Chris Melbye. Absent: Wayne Nomeland.

Staff members present were: Renee Olson, Bradley D. Bergstrom, Tanya Monson-Ek, Becky Rogalla, Loren Leake, Sara Olson, April Ballard, Meg Kolden, Bob Wayne, Patrick Marolt, Scott Brekke, Dale Rystad and Kim Johnson.

Student Council members present were: Devan Wagner, Elaina Ballard, Ayden Leake and Khloe Lund.

Also present were: Marlene Anderson and Dave Hill. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chairman Misty Hempel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Clerk Craig Mattson confirmed that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Ryan Walseth to approve the March 11, 2019 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Craig Mattson and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Spears and seconded by Chris Melbye to approve the bills as submitted and on file in the School District Business Office. Motion carried unanimously. Public Comment: None. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Bradley Bergstrom mentioned usually by this time of year, we should

have received our attendance and graduation data for 2018. We just received information from MDE indicating that this information will be coming out later. According to MDE they have placed additional rules around the way we protect personally identifiable information in reported data.

Congratulations to coach Geiser and the four wrestlers who qualified for the state wrestling tournament this year. This year's wrestlers included Cade Lundeen, Brennan Perratla, Cole Johnson and Jake Davis. They battled through illness leading up to the tournament. Cade finished in 3rd place and capped off a year successful wrestling career at LHS.

Congratulations to Brooklyn Brouse who was elected as the new Northwest Division's Student Council President and to Jerzie Finstad who was elected as the Treasurer at the annual Spring Summit held at Red Lake County Central in Oklee on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Snow is making things rather interesting around the district and more is yet to come. As the snow begins to melt, we will discover things the snow has hiding.

Superintendent Bergstrom shared and update regarding the legislation that is moving through at this time.

Thursday the Senate passed their bill by a vote of 61-2. The Senate bill allows school boards to count any time lost in the calculation of the required days and hours of instruction. During the floor debate, an amendment was adopted to include either to allow employees the opportunity to work on another day or compensate employees for those days. Similar language is also in the House bill.

The House Education Policy Committee passed the companion bill this week. However, the bill was amended to allow a school district that had instructional days scheduled for January 29, 30, 31 but canceled one or more of those days as instructional days and include language to clarify that employees can either make up the day or be compensated. The House is expected to vote on the bill Thursday. Once the House passes their bill, differences will need to be resolved before a bill is headed to the Governor's desk.

Committee Reports:

A. Transportation School Board Committee - Misty Hempel mentioned that the bus drivers requested a meeting with the school board to discuss some concerns. Sixteen bus drivers/aides attended the meeting. A few of the topics they brought forward were: snow removal at bus stops, traffic/drop off issues at CES & FMS, stop arm violations, traffic on Pennington going to/from CES, behavior issues on the bus - mainly in the afternoons and bus driver shortage.

B. Negotiation School Board Committee - Chris Melbye mentioned that the committee met to discuss negotiation strategies and more will be shared when an agreement has been reached.

Student Reports:

1. Devan Wagner, Elaina Ballard - LHS Sophomores and Ayden Leake, Khloe Lund - LHS Juniors gave information on spring sports started March 11, 2019. The Baby Shark fundraiser brought in \$168 which fell short of their goal of \$300. Ayden states that the student council really needed to step up more and this will now impact upcoming events. Senior night is coming up on May 8th. Student council has begun planning for homecoming in the fall. At the Spring Summit Brooklyn Brouse who was elected as the new Northwest Division's Student Council President and to Jerzie Finstad who was elected as the Treasurer. Next year's fall and spring summits will be hosted at LHS.

Recognitions:

A. TSI & CSI Presentation - Patrick Marolt presented on Every Student Succeeds Act - ESSA update. Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum (Strategic Direction A): Technology, Innovative Learning & Partnerships (Strategic Direction B); Families (Strategic Direction C); Safety (Strategic Direction D); Workforce (Strategic Direction E);

A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Craig Mattson to approve the Consent Agenda and as appropriate, per negotiated contract, salary and benefits and an acceptable background check. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approve the employment of **Brittney Bjerke**, Special Education Paraprofessional, CES, effective March 11, 2019.
2. Approve the employment of **Dustin Dahl**, Family/Consumer Science Teacher, FMS, effective August 27, 2019.
3. Approve the employment of **JoDee Reiersen**, Temporary Special Education Paraprofessional, effective March 11, 2019 - May 31, 2019.
4. Approve the leave of absence for

Jessie Boyer, Elementary Teacher, CES, effective April 18, 2019 - end of 2018-2019 school year.

5. Extend leave of absence for **Merlin Stone**, Kitchen Helper, CES, thru the end of 2018-19 school year.

6. Approve the FMLA for **Tanya Stroot**, Paraprofessional, FMS, effective February 18, 2019

7. Accept the resignation of **Nicole Hruby**, Kitchen Helper, CES, effective March 8, 2019.

8. Accept the resignation of **Briana Narvaiz**, Cleaner, LHS, effective February 28, 2019.

9. Accept the resignation of **Ashley Qualls**, Cleaner, LHS, effective February 28, 2019.

B. A motion was made by Ryan Walseth and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the following 2018-19 Extra-Curricular Assignments. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Nathan Hruby** - H.S. Head Coach Boys Track
2. **Kathryn Walrath** - H.S. Head Coach Girls Track
3. **Blake Kuznia** - H.S. Asst Coach B&G Track
4. **Paul Brandt** - H.S. Asst. Coach B&G Track
5. **Kayla Lian** - M.S. Head Coach B&G Track
6. **Jeff Loe** - M.S. Asst Coach B&G Track
7. **Loren Leake** - M.S. Asst Coach B&G Track
8. **Tim Vagle** - H.S. Head Coach Baseball
9. **Tyler Norland** - H.S. JV Coach Baseball
10. **Grant Conway** - H.S. 9 th Grade Coach Baseball
11. **Wayne Rahlf** - M.S. 8 th Grade Coach Baseball
12. **Jerod Lunsetter** - M.S. 7 th Grade Coach Baseball
13. **Carter Rogalla** - H.S. Head Coach Softball
14. **Tony Greene** - H.S. JV Coach Softball
15. **Rick Looker** - H.S. 9 th Grade Coach Softball
16. **Eric Magner** - M.S. 8 th Grade Coach Softball
17. **Karen Bakken** - M.S. 7 th Grade Coach Softball (50%)
18. **Beth Zerr** - M.S. 7 th Grade Coach Softball (50%)
19. **Tim Magnusson** - Co H.S. Head Coach Boys Golf; Co H.S. JV Coach Boys Golf
20. **Rick Johnson** - Co H.S. Head Coach Boys Golf; Co H.S. JV Coach Boys Golf
21. **Todd Prickett** - H.S. Asst Coach Boys Golf
22. **Jim Foss** - H.S. Head Coach Girls Golf
23. **Lauren Johnson** - H.S. JV Coach Girls Golf
24. **Fabian Tunberg** - H.S. Head Coach Boys Tennis

Finances (Strategic Direction F); Other Items:

A. Policies:

1. Policy Committee Report - Ryan Walseth gave highlights of each policy recommendation from the policy committee.

a) First reading to adopt MSBA 714 Fund Balances for review. (This policy will replace TRF 750 Fund Balance Policy.) The policy will be presented for final approval at the April 8, 2019 board meeting.

b) A motion was made by Michelle Westerman and seconded by Mike Spears to approve the renewal of MSBA 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources for review. Motion carried unanimously.

c) First reading to adopt MSBA Mandatory 722 Public Data Requests Policy for review. The policy will be presented for final approval at the April 8, 2019 board meeting.

d) First reading to adopt Mandatory MSBA 722 Public Data Requests Form for review. The policy will be presented for final approval at the April 8, 2019 board meeting.

e) Approve the renewal of TRF 751 Travel Policy for review with changes. The policy will be presented for final approval at the March 25, 2019 board meeting.

B. Updates:

2. Calendar Work Group - Misty Hempel mentioned the primary conversation revolved around conferences. The questions being discussed are what do we expect them to look like and what is our desired outcome, and what do our families/students need. The group will be putting 2020-2021 calendar design on hold, while sub groups meet to discuss what do conferences look like and compare school calendars with other districts.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. /s/ Wayne Nomeland, Chair /s/ Craig Mattson, Clerk

April 3, 10, 2019
**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PENNINGTON
DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 57-PR-19-267**

**In Re Estate of
Yvonne Marie Suronen,
Decedent.**

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Douglas J. Suronen, whose address is 611 Red Lake Blvd Thief River Falls, Minnesota 56701, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. §524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred. Dated on this day March 27, 2019.

/s/ Registrar
/s/ Kathy Narlock
Court Administrator

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
10:00 A.M.
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD
ROOM JUSTICE CENTER**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Justice Center Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. Members present: Donald Jensen, Bruce Lawrence, and Neil Peterson. Members absent: Cody Hempel and Darryl Tveitbakk.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawrence and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Assistant Engineer, Mike Stennes, opened the bids for 2019 fuel supplies, culvert supplies, and equipment rental as advertised. The following bidders submitted bids.

True North Steel - Culverts
Farmers Union Oil - Fuel Supplies
Equipment Rental Bids Received from: Nelson Excavating, Thygeson Construction Inc., Olson Construction, TRF, K&K Trucking, Beito Repair, Triple D Construction, Wright Construction, Weleski Excavating, Ryan Anderson Service

The bids will be tabulated and brought back to the March 26th, 2019 County Board Meeting for award.

Levy Bergstrom, Pennington County Soil & Water Conservation District and County Feedlot Officer, presented the 2018 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report. Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to accept the 2018 County Feedlot Officer Report and authorize the Chairman to sign the report. Motion carried.

Levy Bergstrom informed the County Board that he will be leaving his position with the Pennington County SWCD on March 25th, 2019. The County Board wished him well in his new job.

Steve Nordhagen and Theresa Blakely, Les's Sanitation Service, presented an Operating & Facility Space Agreement Addendum between the County of Pennington and Les's Sanitation Inc. Under the amendment, the County would pay Les's Sanitation \$75,000.00 per year from the SCORE Grant Funds for providing recycling services for the years 2019 through 2023. The County would also use \$75,000.00 of SCORE Grant Funds for improvements needed in the Solid Waste Transfer Building to allow for the installation of a two ram baler to be purchased and maintained by Les's Sanitation. Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Operating & Facility Space Agreement Addendum upon revision being requested regarding maintenance being written into the agreement. Motion carried.

Tim Williamson, Natural Resources Specialist, MNDNR Division of Parks & Trails, Jack Pellinen, Hayes Lake State Park, and Ron Potter, National Off-highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), met with the County Board to discuss the Border to Border Touring Route. The Border to Border Touring Route will cross the entire state from the North Dakota Border to the Shores of Lake Superior. The route will be used by licensed vehicles through the Department of Public Safety, Driver & Vehicle Services (DVS). The route is not being planned for all terrain vehicles (ATVs), off road motorcycles (OHMS), or off road vehicles (ORVS). In 2017 listening sessions were held to help develop a draft route. In 2018 additional sessions were held on the modified draft route. The DNR is now looking for feedback from the counties and townships. After a final projected alignment is in place, it will be submitted to the DNR's Environmental Review Unit for assessment of potential impacts. The County Board asked about maintenance of these roads. It was also stated that county roads receive no gas tax funds and it is not fair for counties to pay for maintenance on these roads if funding is not available. The MNDNR will be meeting with the County Engineer about these concerns and the proposed route.

County Auditor-Treasurer Ken Olson presented a letter from Springsted Inc. stating they will merge with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP and will operate it's public sector advisory business under the name Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors. They are requesting that we consent to the assignment of our contract with Springsted to Baker Tilly. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the addendum to consent to assignment of the agreement for Municipal Advisor Services dated 6/24/2016 from Springsted Inc. to Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Board minutes of February 26th, 2019 as written. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Human Services warrants totaling \$56,746.94 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

County Revenue\$332,060.24
Road & Bridge\$35,399.58
Solid Waste\$1,366.25
Ditch Funds\$22.68
Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$2,662.83 were also approved.

County Sheriff, Ray Kuznia, asked to advertise for a part-time Dispatch/Jailer. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize the County Sheriff to advertise for a part time Dispatch/Jailer. Motion carried.

The Sheriff noted that STS was being called to clean roofs. This involves a huge liability risk to the County and they are trying not to clean roofs. The STS has purchased a new snowblower that can be used at and around County Buildings.

Pennington County Sheriff Ray Kuznia presented Amendment Number Seven to the Food Service Management Agreement between Pennington County and Summit Food Service, LLC (formerly Aviands). The pricing per meal was amended to a sliding scale after the inmate population exceeds twenty. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve Amendment Number Seven to the Food Service Management Agreement between Pennington County and Summit Food Service, LLC effective January 1st, 2019. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to auction surplus county equipment on the public surplus site. Motion carried.

County Engineer, Mike Flaagan, would like to commend the Thief River Falls School District for hosting the first ever Northwest Minnesota Teen Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) Regional Conference held March 12th, 2019.

Mike Flaagan said the new bridge plans have been submitted to MnDOT State Aid for review and the road plans for that project will be submitted this week.

The Highway Department was out cleaning snow on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from the last snow event.

Interviews for the Extension Office Manager position were held and an offer has been made to the top candidate. Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to authorize the hiring of the top candidate, if accepted, in order to get the position filled as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn the Board meeting to Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County
Bruce Lawrence, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**PENNINGTON COUNTY'S
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION**

Warrants approved on March 12th, 2019 for payment on March 15th, 2019

Vendor	Amount
Applied Concepts, Inc.	\$6,196.00
Concrete Designs, LLC	\$5,050.00
Contegrity Group, Inc.	\$15,900.00
Dow Acoustics Inc.	\$8,377.77
Farmers Union Oil	\$22,654.66
Innovative Building Concepts, LLC	\$19,590.00
Insight Technologies	\$5,833.00
Mend Correctional Care, PLLC	\$5,748.33
Mesabi Glass, Door & Window	\$2,546.00
Minnesota State Treasurer	\$3,762.00
R&H Drywall, Inc.	\$34,438.30
Red Lake County Coop.	\$2,547.73
Rocksbury Truck Repair	\$4,409.98
State of Minnesota	\$23,635.03
Strategic Equipment LLC	\$157,343.65
Summit Food Service Management	\$7,063.81
Sunday Cleaning, LLC	\$2,900.00
Tinjum Appraisal Co. Inc.	\$6,500.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	\$4,664.54
Wiebolt Electric, Inc.	\$4,722.24
59 Payments	\$24,965.66
less than \$2000	\$26,988.75
Final Total:	\$368,848.75

March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 14, 2015
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,204.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Jazzmine J Wichterman, single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Tacet Mortgage, Inc., its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: September 17, 2015, Pennington County Recorder, Document Number: 206078

LOAN MODIFICATION: Dated: October 16, 2016, Recorded: December 09, 2016, Document Number: 209274

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Dated: October 14, 2016, Recorded: October 24, 2016, Pennington County Recorder, Document Number: 208951

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1012842-0000009164-4

Lender or Broker: Tacet Mortgage, Inc. Residential Mortgage Servicer: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pennington, Property Address: 607 State Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN 56701-1437, Tax Parcel ID Number: 25.00402050

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The land referred to is situated in the State of Minnesota, County of Pennington, and is described as follows: Lot Four (4), in Block Five (5), Hemmingston's Addition to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, according to the Official Plat thereof on record, and commonly referred to as Hemmingston's Addition to Thief River Falls; AND

A tract of land 25 feet by 140 feet in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4SW1/4) of Section 28, in Township 154 North, of Range 43 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Block 5, Hemmingston's Addition to Thief River Falls; thence from said point of beginning running directly north a distance of 25 feet; thence west a distance of 140 feet; thence south a distance of 25 feet; thence east a distance of 140 feet to the point of beginning

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$96,400.31 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 104 West 1st Street, Thief River Falls, Minnesota

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

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on November 14, 2019, or the next business day if November 14, 2019 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: March 26, 2019
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee 7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300 File Number: 036228F03

**April 3, 10, 17, 2019
PUBLIC HEARING
COUNTY DITCH #70**

The Pennington County Board acting as the Ditch Authority for County Ditch #70 will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.S. 103E.812 Subd. 4(c) to discuss the following petition to transfer a portion of County Ditch 70 to the City of Thief River Falls.

Resolution WHEREAS, the Red Lake Watershed District, along with Pennington County and the City of Thief River Falls, are undertaking a flood damage reduction project that diverts County Ditch 70 around the City of Thief River Falls. This system drains areas north and west of the city, as well as areas within the city. This system runs along Highway 1 & 59 from Highway 59 North to Barzen Avenue along Digi-Key and Arctic Cat, and outlets to the east along Greenwood Street to the Red Lake River. This system has a history of flood damage northwest of the city and does not have adequate capacity for anticipated growth and expansion in the southwest part of the city; and

WHEREAS, the strategic partnership between the City, County and Watershed District is complimented by the Minnesota Department of Transportation through cost sharing of drainage improvements that are programmed for 2020 as a part of the Highway Nos. 1 & 59 reconstruction project. These benefits, along with the Digi-Key expansion and the need for improved agricultural drainage make this the opportunity time to accomplish this project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls, through the Watershed led project, will be installing storm sewer in the present County Ditch 70 channel along Barzen Avenue from Highway No. 1 & 59 to Greenwood Street and along Greenwood Street from Barzen Avenue to Oakland Park Road. In order for the city to install this storm sewer they need to petition Pennington County to transfer this ditch to the City of Thief River Falls.

THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept a public Works Committee recommendation to adopt a resolution approving a Petition for Drainage System Transfer from Pennington County for a portion of Pennington County Ditch 70 that is in the city limits of Thief River Falls; and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the petition. The ditch transfer is contingent upon moving forward with the flood damage reduction project, known as Improvement Project 178.

A property owner assessed benefits for this drainage system pursuant to 103E.812 Subd. 4(c) and Subd. 5(b) is hereby notified of their right to appear in person at the public hearing and make written objection to the proposed transfer of that portion of ditch #70.

The public hearing will be held at 3:00 pm. April 23rd, 2019 in the County Board Room located in the Pennington County Justice Center, 141 Main Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

If you are unable to attend you can submit your comments to the Pennington County Auditor-Treasurer, PO Box 616, Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Kenneth Olson
Pennington County Auditor-Treasurer

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NW Minnesota organizations support Food Access Fund

Several Northwest Minnesota organizations are encouraging the Minnesota Legislature to increase funding for the Minnesota Good Food Access Fund, a state-based effort designed to improve the access area residents have to healthy and affordable foods.

The Good Food Access Fund was created by the Legislature with bipartisan

support in 2016. In 2017, the Legislature provided a limited appropriation of \$250,000 for the fund in order to help address the need many Minnesotans have accessing healthy and affordable foods.

Dollars from the fund have supported a range of community-driven solutions including enhanced grocery stores, mobile markets, farmers' markets, fresh food refrigeration, and community supported agriculture. Funding for the fund is set to expire in June of this year.

The supporting organizations include LifeCare Medical Center, Northwest Initiative Foundation, Northwest Community Action, Inc. and Northwest Regional Development Commission. All of them sent letters to the Minnesota Senate's Agriculture, Rural Development and Housing Finance Committee, which is considering legislation (Senate File 1354) introduced by Sen. Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) to reinvest in the fund.

"One of the key challenges our region is facing is retail access to quality food. Much of our region has been classified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a rural food desert, meaning that a significant number of our residents live more than 10 miles from a full-scale grocery store," wrote Nate Dorr, senior program officer with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. "Many of our communities that do have grocery stores are in a precarious position because the equipment in those stores is often in need of updating, profit margins are commonly low and many store owners are at or near retirement age."

In response to each of the RFP's the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has released for grants from the fund, the response has been overwhelming. In the 2018, grants totaling \$233,750 were awarded to 14 different projects to purchase equipment and make physical improvements to increase access to healthy and affordable foods in communities throughout the state. More than 40 projects had applied for funding, with requests totaling over \$800,000. In 2019, 34 separate proposals have requested more than a million dollars in grants.

One of the grocery stores receiving a grant last year from the Good Food Access Fund was KC's Country Market in Badger. "Thanks to a Good Food Access grant, we were able to install a produce/deli cooler, adding 35 feet to our produce section and allowing us to offer more locally-grown produce and to collaborate more with local growers," said Corey Christianson owner of KC's. The northwest Minnesota organizations were also highly complimentary of Johnson for his leadership in introducing legislation to increase funding for the fund.

"We applaud Sen. Mark Johnson for his introduction of legislation to provide funding for the Minnesota Good Food Access Program," wrote Keith Okeson, president and chief executive officer of LifeCare Medical Center. "This program is critically important to our region in that it is designed to help support rural grocery stores and the communities where they are located."

More than 50 Minnesota-based organizations and interests support efforts to increase funding for the Minnesota Good Food Access Fund including Allina Health, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, HealthPartners, Hunger Solutions, Minnesota Farmers' Market Association, Minnesota Farmers Union, Minnesota Grocers Association, Minnesota School Nutrition Association, University of Minnesota Extension and others.



These Advanced Art students at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls were recognized for their success at the Minnesota State High School League Visual Arts Contest: (front row, from left) Aiyden Lancto, Devan Wagner, and Avery

Highness; (back row) Jacob Conard, Jonathon DeHaan, Caily Booren, and Grace Brickson. They were recognized for their success at a recognition assembly at the school on March 28.



These athletes from Lincoln High School participated in the Special Olympics Area 1 Swim Meet on March 21. On March 28, these students were recognized for their achievements during a school assembly: (front) Larry Fagerstrom; (row two, from left) Ben

Poole, Bo Fladeland, and Sadie Johnson; (row three) Christian Linder, Gage Carrier, Landen Lovejoy, and Rhett Sedra. The next competition for the Special Olympics team will be a track and field event May 15 in Thief River Falls.



Members of the Lincoln High School Girls Basketball Team were honored during a school assembly March 28 for their achievements during the year: (from left) Alexa Rogalla, Academic All-State and Northwest Conference All-Conference;

Annika Dalager, Northwest Conference All-Conference; Hailey Rosendahl, Academic All-State; and Rebecca Leier, Academic All-State and Northwest Conference Honorable Mention.



Members of the Lincoln High School Girls Hockey Team earned awards for which they were recognized at a school assembly on March 28, including: (from left) Marryn Dalager, Academic All-State; Hannah

Magnusson, Academic All-State and All-Section 8A Honorable Mention; Lexi Huot, All-Section 8A Honorable Mention; Khloe Lund, Girls Hockey All-State and All-Section 8A First Team.



These FFA students from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls received Minnesota State FFA Degrees this year. During an assembly at the school on March 28, they were recognized for their achieve-

ments. The students included: (from left) Gracie Hannon, Lisa Kolseth, Molly Garry and Elaina Knott. Not pictured but also receiving an award was Cooper Olsonawski.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pennington County Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on April 23, 2019 at 4:00 PM in the County Board Room located at the Justice Center on the Five (5) year Road & Bridge Plan. The Preliminary Plan was prepared by the Pennington County Highway Department. The plan indicates proposed construction of facilities, primarily roads and bridges through the years 2019-2023. It is proposed that the plan be finalized soon after the public hearing.

ALL Pennington County Citizens are urged to attend and relate their comments and/or concerns to the Commissioners at that time.

For further information concerning the hearing, please contact the Pennington County Highway Department at 218-683-7017.

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Names of Owners, Taxpayers, & Interested Parties	Parcel # Description of Property	Year	Total Tax + Penalties (\$ + Cents)
PRI - 00005443 ROGER HINDEN LU WANA HINDEN 1308 MAIN AVENUE NORTH THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701	R 25.02201800 FAIRFIELD ADDITION N 50' OF LOT 16	2018	77.00
PRI - 00009928 LYNELL M OMLID RONALD C OMLID 902 RESERVE AVENUE THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701	R 25.02400310 RAFTSETHS ADDITION Lot-003 Block-001	2018	697.49
PRI - 00005552 HELEN L WILSON 942 CROCKER AVENUE SOUTH THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701	R 25.02500810 SOUTHERN ADDITION LOT 10 & N 10' OF LOT 11 BLK 1	2018	1,367.46
PRI - 00008279 EDWARD LIEN 1214 ARNOLD AVENUE NORTH THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701 CD - 00003468 JAKE BARNICK ANNE BARNICK 214 SANTA FE TRL APT #1051 IRVING TX 75063	R 25.03102000 FAIRFAX ADDITION LOTS 47 & 48	2018	318.99
PRI - 00008742 VINCE ANTHONY MIRAMONTES II 14285 177TH STREET NE THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701 REL - 000015449 RYAN M HERZBERG 1108 KNIGHT AVENUE NORTH THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701	R 25.03105800 FAIRFAX ADDITION LOTS 132 THRU 136	2018	299.60
PRI - 000013226 NATHAN DICKEN 135 SNETTING DRIVE THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701 CD - 000013227 THOMAS CARL MICKELSON 934 HANSON DRIVE THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701	R 25.03900400 BERGS ADDITION SOUTHERLY 90.26' OF LOT 3 (s 90.26' ON E & 36.13' ON W) & TRI IN NW CORNER OF LOT 5	2018	3,215.25
PRI - 000013707 TONY J FLETCHER 1201 RIVERDALE DRIVE THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701	R 25.04802300 HEINZE ADDITION OWNER'S REARRANGEMENT N 75' OF LOT 12, EASEMENT WESTERLY 10' OF EASTERLY 96' OF SOUTHERLY 75' OF LOT 12	2018	1,762.03
PRI - 000003455 DOUGLAS MCINTOSH PHYLLIS MCINTOSH 1106 OAKLAND PARK ROAD THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701	R 25.04900200 OAKLAND PARK ADDITION PART OF LOT 2 & 3	2018	1,451.73
PRI - 000008862 VALENTINE C SCHILL DARLEEN SCHILL 130 WILLOW ROAD THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701	R 25.06206000 NOREEN'S FIRST ADDITION Lot-004 Block-005	2018	1,399.65

Happy Acres 4-H Club holds meeting

The Happy Acres 4-H Club held its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 12 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order by Caitlynn Ellison. Secretary's report was given by Amber Koski and approved. Roll call was taken with the response of "My favorite sport to play." The treasurer's report was given by Brianna Ellison and approved.

Old business: BLU reports

New business: Deer River Regional Project Bowl on March 16; Shooting Sports and Wildlife leader certification April 6 and 7 at Isanti County Fairgrounds, registration forms due to Worthington Regional Office by March 20; YELLO

– June 11-14 on a to-be-determined date for sixth grade and up, registration begins mid-March and the cost is \$250 with \$110 covered; Sand Hill Lake Camp – Friday, June 7 to Sunday, June 9 at a cost of \$160 with the county covering half; county ambassadors/youth leaders cleaning our stretch of highway May 4? for sixth grade and up; enrollment/reenrollment continues, if you haven't signed up, please do so.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Destiney Krueger. Seconded by Sophia Tougas. Meeting adjourned.

Recreation was at the Humane Society. Lunch was served by the Ellison family.

Reporter: Aaron Dyrud

Find help at Violence Intervention Project

Getting out of an abusive relationship is not easy, but help is available in this community. To contact Violence Intervention Project, call 681-5557. If this is an emergency, call 911.

Dr. Michael Brown now seeing patients at Altru Clinic in TRF

Dr. Michael Brown is now accepting patients at Altru Clinic in Thief River Falls.

Dr. Brown specializes in obstetrics and gynecology. His special practices

April 3, 10, 17, 2019
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF PENNINGTON
IN DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No.
Case Type: Quiet Title
SUMMONS
Gregory P. Hilgeman,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
Kenneth T. Dahle a/k/a Kenneth Dahle, also the unknown heirs of Kenneth T. Dahle and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein,
Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons and is on file with the Office of the court Administrator of the above-named Court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. YOU MUST RESPOND 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 321 LaBree Ave N, P.O. Box 653, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

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 Pennington County, Minnesota legally described as follows:

The East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2NW1/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE1/4SW1/4), Section Seven (7), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152) North, Range Forty (40) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

The object of this action is to obtain a judgment that Plaintiff is the owner, in fee simple, of the above-described real property, and that none of the said Defendants have any estate or interest therein or lien thereon.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2019
WURST & McDOWELL, LTD.
/s/ Lawrence A. McDowell
Attorney for Plaintiffs
321 LaBree Ave N
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include prenatal care, annual pelvic/pap exams and menopausal care.

"I consider it a privilege to care for patients," said Dr. Brown. "I am excited for the opportunity to provide care for women and their health needs in the Thief River Falls community."

Dr. Brown is a board-certified physician. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Michael Brown, please call 681-7280.



Many students at Challenger Elementary School in Thief River Falls participated in the annual Chess Tournament. Recently, winners and participants were recognized for their success: (row one, from left) Jude Saustad, Andy Dagg, and Briley Olsonawski; (row two) Noah Lee, Cooper

Skjerven, Ryan Flaagan and Jaidynn Haider; (row three) Kole Kinsman, Grey Poitra, Conner Hanson, Mikailah Jackson, and Gwen Wojciechowski. Mireille Genadry oversaw the tournament, and Jamie Bakken organized it. (Submitted)



Winners and participants of the annual Chess Tournament at Challenger Elementary School were recognized recently. Mireille Genadry oversaw the tournament, and Jamie Bakken organized it. Students included: (front row, from left)

David Hoodie, Austin Lawrence, Henry Kahlhamer and Parker Kasprovicz; (back row) Connor Hart, Marshall Myhrer, Gavin Dazell, Anthony Larson and Brienne Smith. (Submitted)



The annual Chess Tournament at Challenger Elementary School in Thief River Falls came to a conclusion recently and students were presented awards. Participants included: (front row, from left) David King, Spencer Jablinske, Kyler Berg

and Trystan Byrd; (back row) Kayla Richards, Gracie Maurstad, Josie Vacura and Brooklyn Salentiny. Mireille Genadry oversaw the tournament and Jamie Bakken organized it. (Submitted)



These students at Challenger Elementary School participated in the annual Chess Tournament at the school and were winners: Third grade (row one, from left), Anthony Larson and Henry Kahlhammer; Fourth grade (row two) Unknown (at the request of parents), Keyarah Verdell and Chandler Pream; Fifth grade (row three) Ryan Flaagan, Kole Kinsman and Conner Hanson. (Submitted)



Participants of the annual Chess Tournament at Challenger Elementary School were recognized at the school recently: (front row, from left) Tyler Erickson, Jordan Scheving, Brooke Drevlow, Ian Grzadzielewski, Jed Kelly, Gabe Cabreles, Eon Maaske and Carter Svensgaard; (row two) Taylor Erickson, Gabe Nelson, Hunter Bugge, Ian Winter,

Sebastian Baltierra, Thea Erickson, Alexis Sawatzke, Amira Alcozer and Faith Hartmann; (row three) Hannah Bugge, Hunter Hemingsen, Dawson Erickson, Ladden Larson, Owen Yoon, Jackson Robison, Isaiah Speas, Livia Harbott and Karena Bakken. Mireille Genadry oversaw the tournament, and Jamie Bakken organized it. (Submitted)



More than 60 quilts were hung Thursday, March 28 at the Falls Quilters Guild's annual show. The quilts will remain on display through the month of April.



Karleen Wilde and Lydia Nelson earned fifth place in the Region 1 FFA Horse Team competition this year. The Lincoln High School students were recognized at a student assembly on March 28. Not pictured but also receiving the award were Lily Helm and Nolan Enge.



Rachel Blawat, Jerzie Finstad and Wyatt Halvorson placed fourth in the Region 1 FFA Floriculture Team competition. The Lincoln High School students were recognized at a student assembly on March 28.

Warren Film Festival to be held

The Warren Film Festival, featuring "The Power of Minnesota" documentary, will be held Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Warren Alvarado-Oslo High School auditorium. The event is free.

The documentary tells the story of how clean energy is making local economies throughout our region even stronger. Also featured will be the Emmy Award-winning Redford

film featuring Warren and the Twin Cities Public Television film featuring Warren.

Social hour will be held at 6:30 p.m. with the screenings and community discussion at 7 p.m.

Refreshments, networking and resources will be available at 8:30 p.m.

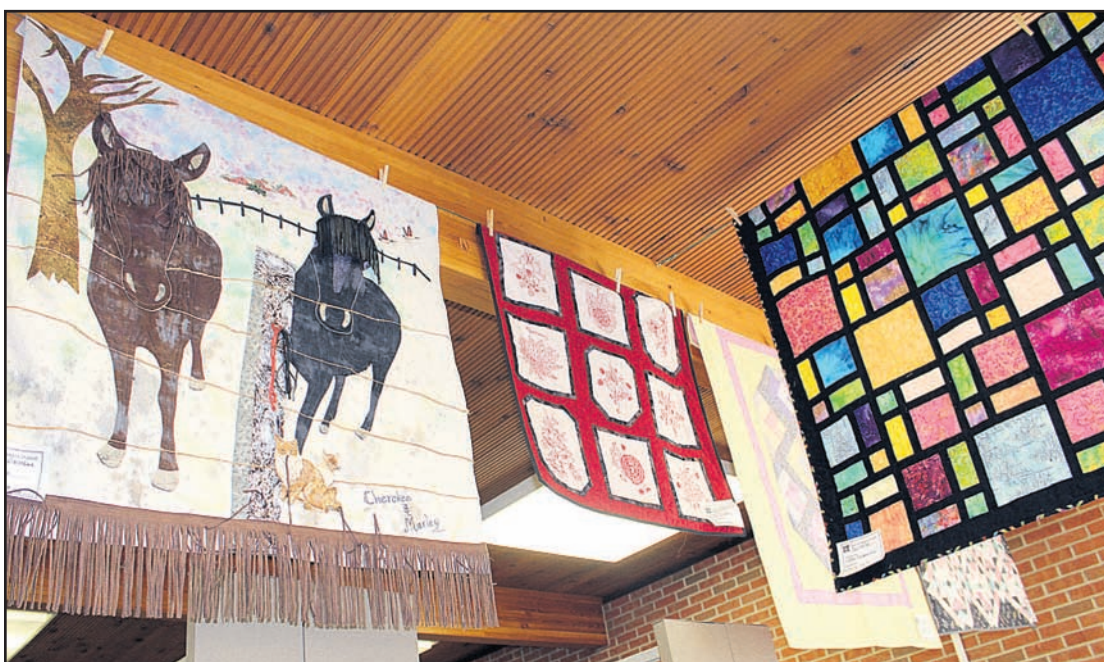
This event is hosted by the city of Warren, the University of Minnesota's Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership and Clean Energy Resource Teams.



Quilts, quilts and more quilts are on display at the Thief River Falls Public Library as part of the Thief River Falls Quilters Guild's annual show. The quilts will remain on display through the month of April.



These four members of the Boys Basketball Team at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls earned awards and special recognition this year: (from left) Luke Perkovich, All-Conference; Storm Manning, All-Conference; Gunner Zutz, Honorable Mention; and Brevyn Lingen, All-Conference. The Lincoln High School students were recognized for their achievements at a student assembly March 28.



A variety of quilts are on display at the Thief River Falls Quilters Guild's annual show, which is on display now through the month of April at the Thief River Falls Public Library.



Several members of the Lincoln High School Wrestling Team in Thief River Falls earned awards this year, including: (from left) Cole Johnson, All-Conference, Brenan Peralta, All-Conference and Class AA State Wrestling Qualifier; Mason Iverson, All-Conference; Griffin Lundeen, All-Conference; and Cade Lundeen, All-Conference, Class AA State Wrestling Qualifier, and State Tournament place winner.



A saxophone quartet consisting of (from left) Kaleb Flaagan, Travis Barth, Zach Myhrer and Amber Samuelson performed "Bohemian Rhapsody" during a school recognition assembly at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls on March 28.

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