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A little bit of everything in Pennington County's five-year road and bridge plan

Flood Damage Reduction Project and Ditch 70 discussed at hearing

by April Scheinoha Reporter

The draft Pennington County Five-Year Road and Bridge Plan includes a little bit of everything. County commissioners heard about the draft plan at a public hearing Tuesday, April 23.

As it stands now, the entire plan is projected to cost \$23,325,600. The plan will be funded with County State

Aid Highway construction funds, CSAH maintenance funds, local funding and other funding. Commissioners are expected to consider the plan at their meeting Tuesday, May 14.

The draft plan includes the following 2019 projects, estimated to cost \$8,400,600.

- Reconstruction, two roundabouts and a bridge on CSAH 8 (Mark Boulevard) from Highway 32 to CSAH

- 17 • Two-foot shoulder paving and safety enhancements on CSAH 8 from CSAH 17 to Highway 59

- Rumble strips on CSAH 16 from Highways 32 to 59

- Box culverts along CSAH 7 (at the intersection with Highway 32) and County Road 61 (at the intersection with CSAH 16)

- Culverts along County Road 62 at the intersection with CSAH 16

- Countywide crack sealing and shouldering

Other highlights of the draft plan include:

- 2020 – Lighting at the intersection of CSAH 7 and Highway 32

- 2021 – Reconstruction of CSAH 30 (Sixth Street) from Highway 59 to Barzen Avenue. Various mill and overlay projects are planned. "I'm really heavy with projects in 2021, so in the future, we'll have to discuss what we're going to do," County Engineer Mike Flaagan said.

- 2022 – Replacement of the CSAH 22 bridge (Kratka bridge), and mill and overlay of CSAH 22 from CSAH 3 to Highway 1. Flaagan noted

the mill and overlay project may be moved to 2023 in order to allow the bridge to be constructed first.

- 2023 – Regrading of CSAH 21 from Highway 1 to the Marshall County line, and regrading of CSAH 2 from CSAH 17 to County Road 80

Commissioner Don Jensen suggested that Flaagan add the possible realignment of a section of CSAH 17 (commonly referred to as the airport road). He noted that the airport runway may need to be extended.

Prior to the public

hearing, commissioners held a public hearing on the city of Thief River Falls' petition to transfer a portion of Pennington County Ditch 70 in the city limits from the county to the city. Nine people attended the public hearing. At their regularly scheduled County Board meeting, commissioners approved the petition contingent on the Red Lake Watershed District moving forward on the Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project.

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Metal detector, signage to be added at Justice Center

Commissioners discuss buying lot south of Justice Center

by April Scheinoha Reporter

The Pennington County Board is putting some finishing touches on the Justice Center. At their meeting Tuesday, April 23, commissioners approved purchasing a metal detector and heard some updates on other Justice Center-related items.

The metal detector will be located in the front lobby of the Justice Center. The \$3,487 purchase is pending the sale of firearms seized by the Pennington County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Ray

Kuznia said those sales should cover the price.

County leaders have long planned to purchase a metal detector for the building. During highly emotionally charged court cases at both the courthouse and Justice Center, law enforcement officers have used metal detection wands to ensure the public isn't bringing weapons into the courtrooms.

County Board Chairperson Bruce Lawrence provided an update on the negotiations to potentially purchase the gravel parking lot south of the Justice Center. Dean Foods owns the parking lot. In a quest to aid in the county's potential purchase of the property, Lawrence was referred to Kermit Genereux with Genereux Realty. He said Genereux be-

lieves that Dean Foods doesn't want to separate the parking lot from its vacant building across the street.

Earlier, Dean Foods asked the county to advise Justice Center personnel to park elsewhere. On the day that Lawrence spoke with Genereux, court was in session. Commissioner Darryl Tveitbakk, who happened to be at the Justice Center that day, counted 21 cars in the parking lot at that time. Lawrence then provided that information to Genereux.

Lawrence suggested to Genereux that the county purchase the parking lot and use it as a public parking lot. That way, any potential employees of the business across the street could also park there. The county would also pave the parking lot.

Summer construction to include school projects

by David Hill Editor

Several smaller construction projects are slated to take place at schools in Thief River Falls this summer. Among the projects are work on roofs at Franklin Middle School and District Service Center, and new flooring at Challenger Elementary School.

During a meeting of the Board of Education on April 22, the Facilities Board Committee reported that roofing projects at Franklin Middle School and the District Service Center garage will begin this summer. Both

projects are over 12,000 square feet.

At Challenger Elementary School, the carpeting in the music wing will be replaced, and in the special education area, the floor will be replaced with high-wear tile. Next fall, students will also notice new terrazzo in the cafeteria.

Flooring in the Franklin Middle School cafeteria will be replaced following the completion of a rainwater leader project. A rainwater leader is the pipe that connects the downspout to the storm drainage system. Last year, the pipe was identified as causing problems with the flooring in the cafeteria.

The Franklin Middle School and Challenger Elementary School flooring projects will be completed by local companies.

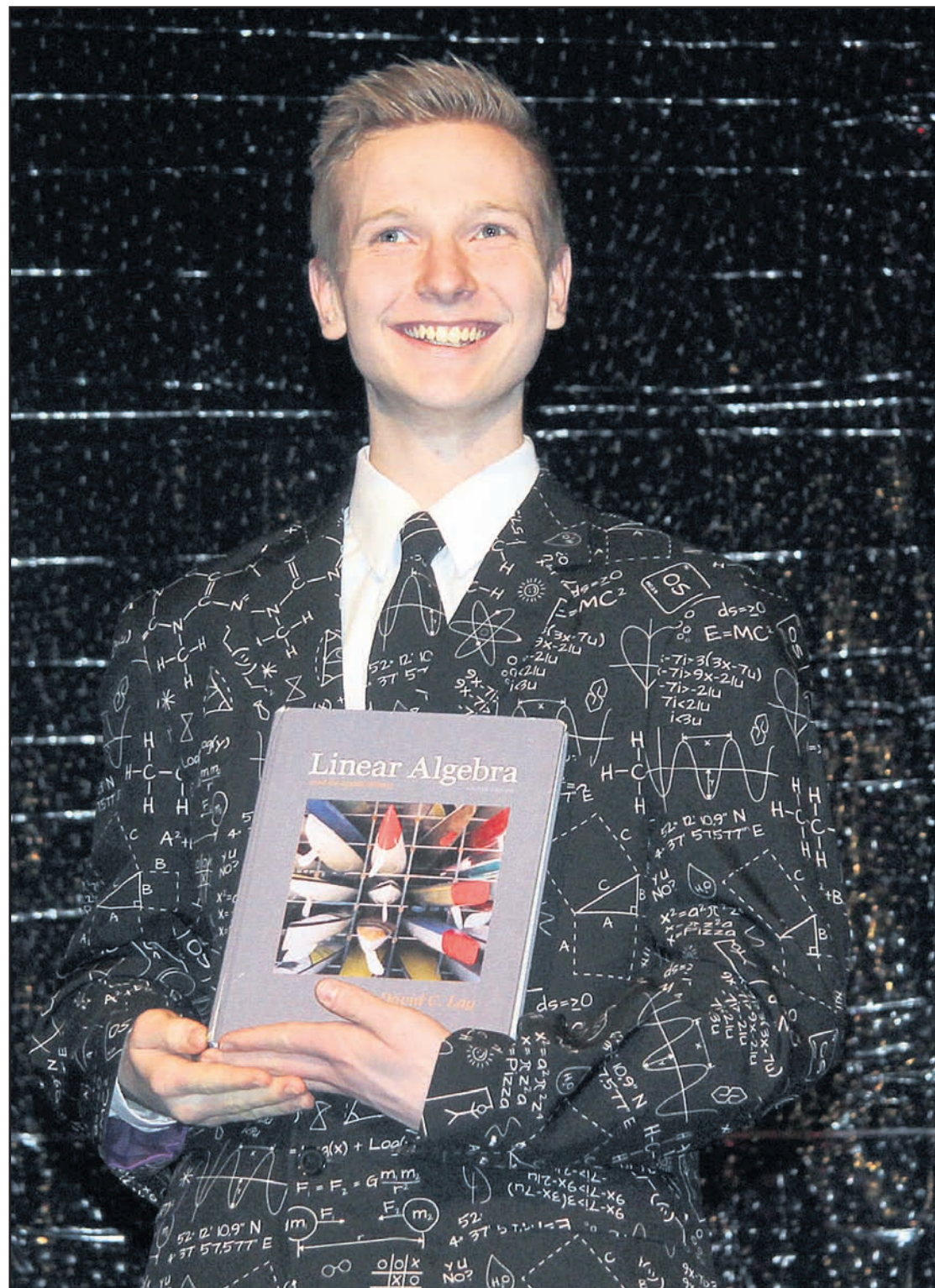
At Lincoln High School, the weight room floor will be replaced with a rubber floor.

A sound system, monitors and big screen will be installed in the commons at Lincoln High School.

Principal Scott Brekke said the project is being funded by a lot of private donations and should be a significant improvement.

A sound system is also being installed, with the assistance of the Thief River Falls Education Foundation, at the gym at Challenger Elementary School.

During the Board of Education meeting Monday, the Board also accepted an offer from Pennington County for the purchase of the right of way of some land near Challenger Elementary School for the roundabout that will



There is no greater love than the love between a boy and his linear algebra textbook. David Miller decided to wear a mathematical suit and carry the textbook in the 2019 Lincoln High School Prom Grand March. The event was held Saturday, April 27 at the school. Miller later explained he had been contemplating going to Prom, but if he did, he wanted to be wearing something that defined who he was. Not sure whether a suit existed that would describe his interests, he went online found the suit, pictured above, at Amazon. Miller plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead next year.

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The Thief River Falls Knights of Columbus Council #4619 celebrated its Annual Past Grand Knights Banquet at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls, on Sunday, April 28. During the event, several scholarships were awarded. Grand Knight Marv Yonke and Ralph Cox, scholarship director, awarded \$500 scholarships to: (front row, from left) Grace Matter, a student at the University of North Dakota and the daughter of Ralph and Mary Matter, Thief River Falls; Ann Skalsky, a student at Northland Community and Technical College, and daughter of Bruce and DelRae Skalsky, St. Hilaire; (back row) \$250 winners from Lincoln High School, Thief River

Falls: Elise Kalsnes, daughter of Roberta and Jarrod Kalsnes, Fleegeel Family Scholarship winner Caitlin Johnson, daughter of Christy and Ira Johnson; Cindy Li, daughter of Vicky and Ben Li; Maryssa Mehrkens, daughter of Misty and Kyle Mehrkens; and Grace Brickson, daughter of Laura and Pat Brickson. Not pictured was Brenna Schaefer, a student at Minnesota State University, Moorhead, and daughter of Janelle McMillan and Tom Schaefer of Thief River Falls. The Knights of Columbus Scholarships are funded by community support at their Annual Ice Fishing Derby. (Submitted)

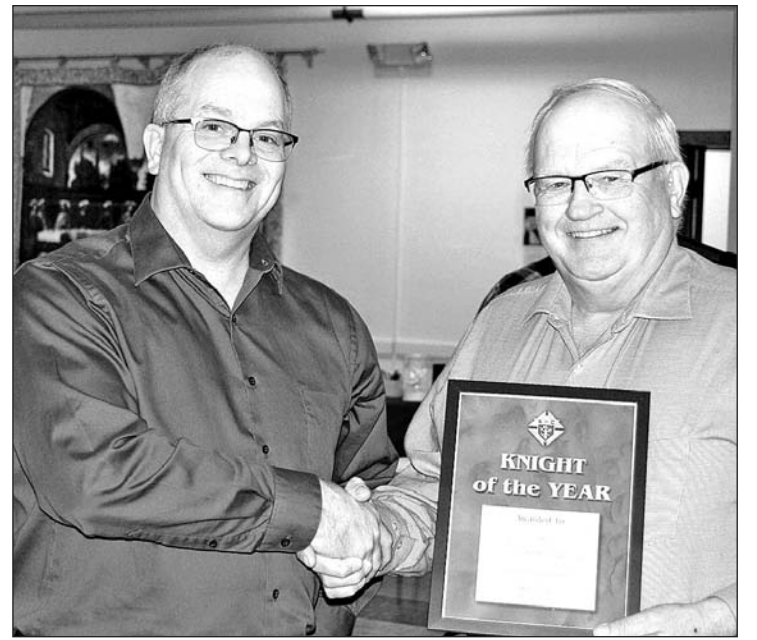
Lap swimming available at FMS pool

The Thief River Falls Community Education department of School District 564, Thief River Falls, makes it possible for lap swimming to take place at the Franklin Middle School swimming pool.

Lap swimming is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7:30 a.m., and Monday through Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost per session is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children, or a Franklin Pool Pass.

Open swimming available at FMS pool

Open swimming has been scheduled for the Franklin Middle School swimming pool Mondays through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost per session is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children, or a Franklin Pool Pass.



Knight of the Year from the Thief River Falls Knights of Columbus Council #4619 was awarded to Dennis Kainz, right. The award was presented by Grand Knight Marv Yonke, left, at the Annual Past Grand Knights Banquet at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Thief River Falls on Sunday, April 28. The banquet honors Grand Knights who have served the Council over the past 61 years of its existence in Thief River Falls. During the event, scholarships and awards were presented. Also during the event, the Knights of Columbus Family of the Year was awarded to Bryan and Angela Malone, but they were unable to be present for the event. (Submitted)

USDA offers low-interest physical loss loans

Minnesota agricultural producers who lost property due to recent natural disasters may be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) physical loss loans. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers these low-interest loans to agricultural producers in Brown, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Dodge, Freeborn, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Mahanomen, Martin, Meeker, Mower, Murray, Olmsted, Polk, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Sibley, Stearns, Wabasha, Watonwan, Winona and Yellow Medicine counties, the primary damaged area, who incurred losses caused by blizzard, excessive snow, excessive rain and high winds that occurred between Jan. 28, 2019, through March 23, 2019. Approval is limited to applicants who suffered severe physical losses only, including the loss of buildings and livestock. Applications are due Dec. 9, 2019.

"Minnesota's hardworking ag producers feed our neighbors, the nation and the world," said State Executive Director Joe Martin. "When they suffer losses because of extreme weather, helping them get back on their feet is important. We encourage those affected to reach out to their local USDA Service Center to apply for these emergency loans."

Producers in the contiguous Minnesota counties of Becker, Benton, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Carver, Clearwater, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Goodhue, Grant, Houston, Jackson, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Marshall, Morrison, Nicollet, Nobles, Norman, Pennington, Pipestone, Red Lake, Rice, Rock, Scott, Sherburne, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Waseca and Wright, along with Emmet, Howard, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth counties in Iowa, Grand

Forks and Traill counties in North Dakota, Deuel and Grant counties in South Dakota, and Buffalo, La Crosse, Pepin and Trempealeau counties in Wisconsin, are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.

Physical loss loans can help producers repair or replace damaged or destroyed physical property essential to the success of the agricultural operation, including livestock losses. Examples of property commonly affected include essential farm buildings, fixtures to real estate, equipment, livestock, perennial crops, fruit and nut bearing trees, and harvested or stored crops and hay.

For more information on FSA disaster assistance programs or to find your local USDA Service Center visit <https://www.farmers.gov/recover>.

Blood drive to be held in Grygla

The Grygla Lions Club is hosting a blood drive with Vitalant on Friday, April 26, from 12 to 5:30 p.m., at the Grygla Community Center.

With the hopes of recruiting 53 people to donate blood and with a goal of 39 units, Vitalant encourages anyone feeling well and healthy to make their appointment for the blood drive.

Donors can make an appointment to give blood by calling Ralph at 218-294-6177, Sheldon at 218-294-6176 or Mildred at 218-459-3436; logging onto www.bloodhero.com or by calling 1-877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total chole-

sterol test and earn points in Vitalant's Donor Reward Program.

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.

Vitalant relies on 250 people to donate blood each day to ensure the needs of local hospitals are met. There is no substitute for human blood, so volunteer blood donors are vital to ensure a safe blood supply for the community.

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.

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.

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Bergstrom Electric earns National Excellence in Construction Award

Bergstrom Electric, Inc.'s work on the Four Winds Alternative and CTE High School project in Fort Totten, N.D., has earned a National Excellence in Construction® Eagle Award from Associated Builders and Contractors in the Electrical Contracting: \$0 to \$500,000 category. Darin Hall, Devils Lake branch manager, and Steve Wasvick, Grand Forks branch manager for Bergstrom Electric received the top honor March 27 during ABC's 29th annual Excellence in Construction® Awards gala at ABC Convention 2019 in Long Beach, Calif. The

project had previously won a top award at the ABC Minnesota/North Dakota Regional Excellence in Construction banquet as well as a National Award of Excellence in Electrical Construction from the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC).

"We were pleased to be a part of such an innovative project," said Cliff Moen, president of Bergstrom Electric. "And we were especially proud that our work on this unique school was recognized nationally by our peers."

The \$3.5 million Four Winds School and Career Technology Education (CTE) facility is the first net zero school constructed on tribal land in the United States, and the first net zero school ever in North Dakota. A "Net Zero" school is an energy efficient building that produces as much energy as it consumes every year. The unused power is sold back to the power supplier. Some of the features that contribute to its Net Zero status include 264 photovoltaic (solar) panels, a ground-source geothermal heating/cooling system, and solar tubes for free lighting.

"We are proud to honor Bergstrom Electric with a National Excellence in Construction® Eagle Award," said 2019 ABC National Chair Tony Rader, telecom vice president of National Roofing Partners, Coppell, Texas. "The Four Winds Alternative and CTE School project shows not only the exceptional talent in our industry, but the overall commitment to building safely, on time and on budget. Bergstrom Electric's breadth of skills and craftsmanship greatly benefits the merit shop construction industry."

The Excellence in Construction awards program is the industry's leading competition that honors both general and specialty contractors for innovative and high-quality merit shop construction projects. The award honors all construction team members, including the contractor, owner, architect and engineer. The winning projects, selected from entries submitted from across the nation, were judged on complexity, attractiveness, unique challenges, completion time, workmanship, innovation, safety and cost.

A panel of industry experts served as the competition's judges. This year's panel included representatives from the Building Owners and Managers Association International, the Smithsonian Facilities Construction Division, the Construction Management Association of America, Engineering News-Record, Design-Build Institute of America and various construction-related firms nationwide.



Tony Rader, 2019 Associated Builders and Contractors National Chair, awards the National Eagle Award to Darin Hall, Devils Lake, N.D., branch manager, and Steve Wasvick Grand Forks, N.D., branch manager,

of Bergstrom Electric, Inc. The award was presented March 27 at ABC's 29th annual Excellence in Construction Awards Gala in Long Beach, Calif. (Submitted)

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 - 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.

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Wayne Lunsetter was a forenoon visitor at the Howard Lunsetter home on Saturday.

Easter guests for dinner at the Adam and Karla Tesarek home were Frank and Sylvia Tesarek, LoriAnn Olsson, Cordell and Marty Klamar, also Tim and Brittany Tesarek and Aaron of Grygla, and Clifford and Mary Klamar. Visitors later were Michael and Rona Tesarek, Ashley Tesarek, Christian and Tyler. They celebrated Easter, Andrew's and Clifford's birthdays.

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Their service to the city never ends. On Thursday, April 25, Steve Narverud (right) and other members of the Thief River Falls City Council served concessions to people

attending the Community Expo. The event, which featured volunteer opportunities and other items pertaining to life in the city, was held at Ralph Engelstad Arena.



The Thief River Falls Regional Airport's snowplow was among the large vehicles on display during the Community Expo. Held Thursday, April 25 at Ralph Engelstad

Arena, the event featured volunteer opportunities and other items pertaining to life in the city.



(Seated from center) Meg Kolden, Lisa Simenson and Brenda Leier helped people sign up for Community Education programs at the Community Expo. Held

Thursday, April 25 at Ralph Engelstad Arena, the event featured volunteer opportunities and other items pertaining to life in the city.



Thief River Falls resident Paulette Odette (center) received the Lt. Governor Division 2 banner from Kiwanis MN-DAK Governor Dave Harms and MN-DAK Governor Elect Rachael Disrud. The banner was presented Saturday, March 30 at the MN-DAK Kiwanis Division 2 Education Conference in Fargo, N.D. (Submitted)

Sen. Mark Johnson selected as a 2019 Emerging Leader

Sen. Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) was recently selected as a member of GOPAC's 2019 Class of Emerging Leaders. The group is made up of promising legislators selected for their potential and ability to impact their state.

"I thank GOPAC for selecting me as one of this year's Class of Emerging Leaders," said Johnson. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to meet and learn from veteran lawmakers and seasoned professionals to build on my legislative skills and knowledge to better serve folks in District 1."

"We welcome being a part of the success that this year's Class of Emerging Leaders will achieve. These men and women will contribute much to our mission to build a roster of Republicans ready to lead in their state legislatures,"

said GOPAC Chairman David Avella.

The Emerging Leaders program is a year-long initiative that coaches and develops state legislators from across the country on how to be effective legislative leaders.

This year's class will have opportunities to learn from policy experts, veteran lawmakers, communica-

tions professionals, and seasoned strategists as well as each other, allowing Johnson and others to return to their districts better equipped to have an impact and advance the ideas they are championing.

To be selected to the 2019 Class of Emerging Leaders, Johnson was recommended by another current legislative leader in Minnesota.

Uff-da race to feature over 20 obstacles

The Uff-da Challenge, a run and obstacle course event, will be held on Saturday, May 18 during Norwegian Heritage Week in Thief River Falls. A race organizer, Cody Hempel, said the start and finish will be in Hartz Park near the National Guard Armory. The event will feature over

20 obstacles designed to provide a fun challenge for any participant. Registration is now open at Eventbrite (search for Uff Da Challenge) and more information can be found at www.facebook.com/uffdachallenge. The race will start at 9 a.m.

Drive Green Demo Days event to be held

Evergreen Implement Company hosts its 2019 Drive Green Demo Days event at Evergreen Implement Company, 1820 State Hwy. 1 N.E. in Thief River Falls and 605 S. Main in Warren on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drive Green events will also be held at Evergreen Implement's Mahanomen and Baudette locations as two-day events Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18. Admission is free.

The event will give area residents a chance to check out the latest utility tractors, loaders, ZTRAK commercial mowers, utility vehicles and other equipment from John Deere.

In addition, attendees who are the legal age of majority in their state, province, or territory who register at the event will receive a \$500 discount coupon that can be used

toward the purchase of a new John Deere 1 to 5 Family Tractor (up to 125 hp), \$200 off select new turf and utility equipment, \$35 off a \$100 purchase of select parts, and a coupon for up to hundreds off attachments that enhance the performance of your machine. This is the 11th year that John Deere dealers have hosted Drive Green Demo Days events, and last year, thousands of people attended hundreds of Drive Green events held across the country.

Brent Lunke, owner of Evergreen Implement Company, said area residents will enjoy the chance to check out different models of equipment and take advantage of the special savings. "The best thing about this event is the fact that we have lots of different John Deere equipment available, so folks can check out all the features and ben-

efits for themselves. At the same time, we want to make our event a fun, informative and rewarding experience for all who attend."

Representatives from Evergreen Implement Company will be on hand to answer questions about the equipment. "The Drive Green events give customers a one-stop opportunity to talk with John Deere professionals to find out exactly what horsepower tractor and other equipment will best fit their property and the jobs they want to accomplish," Lunke said.

For more information about the Drive Green Demo Days event at Evergreen Implement Company, contact the business or visit the John Deere Drive Green website at www.johndeere.com/drivegreen.



Evergreen Implement Company hosts its 2019 Drive Green Demo Days event Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at its Thief River Falls and Warren locations. (Submitted)



Three members of the Thief River Falls Kiwanis Club attended the MN-DAK Kiwanis Division 2 Education Conference, which was held Saturday, March 30 at the Sons of Norway Hall in Fargo, N.D. They included Paulette Odette (standing, far left), who was recently elected lieutenant governor of MN-DAK Kiwanis Division 2; Diane Lee (middle row, fifth from right), president of the Thief River Falls Kiwanis Club; and Dave Odette (back row, seventh from right). (Submitted)

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Speaking of ...

Yes, I am a smart buyer

by **Sherry LaCourriere Pippin**



“Oh My Gosh! She’s writing about toilet paper again!” Can’t you just hear my dear readers now? I know I wrote about toilet tissue a while back. I remember that for many months I had to research lots of material about toilet tissue and I know I didn’t have to buy toilet tissue for many months because I had a gigantic pile of the stuff. I had different kinds of it in all of my cupboards and bathrooms, and my kids thought I was losing my mind. Oh, well, that isn’t the worst thing to stockpile – it will always get used eventually.

That other column was about the differences in the size of toilet tissue. Some were nice and chubby and fluffy, and others were scrawny and required chunks to be used for the tissue to do its job.

Well, I guess we’ve all gotten used to that, right? Some people have told me they have found a tissue they liked and they never buy anything else. Others, like me, are constantly buy-

ing whatever is on sale while seeking to find one they feel is a good buy. I haven’t found a favorite tissue yet. Well, to be honest, maybe I did, but I didn’t remember which one it was anyway. I’m going to have to start writing things down.

My problem is not that I seek the very best, although that was true in this case. My problem is that I over buy. I am a stockpiler. Oh, yes, I can hear my kids now... “She’s finally telling the truth,” they say. Well, I do stockpile. I try to buy things on sale, and then I

My problem is that I over buy. I am a stockpiler.

realize I have purchased lots of junk that was on sale for the past several months. Now, here I am with a whole lot more. This bunch is toilet tissue.

My stockpiling has nothing much to do with my toilet purchases. I simply look for the very best, with the most reasonable price.

When I get home, I always open the packages of whatever I buy and stack them neatly in the cupboards where they will be easy to grab when needed. However, by taking off the

wrappings, I can’t tell what kind of tissue I have when I grab one. It could be nice, plushy, soft ones that I will surely want to buy again. Or, it could be the one I’m going to tell you about right now.

I have the poorest possible type of toilet tissue you could ever imagine, and I have no idea what brand it is. It must be cheap. It has to be made from some sort of recycled junk (car tires, perhaps). It is so thin that if you blow on it, it will tear. If you try to use the tissue for the purposes that you bought it for, it will disintegrate into nothing because if you get it wet, it simply disappears, leaving a little blob in the bottom of the bowl.

The stuff is still in my cupboard. I bought a very large package of the tissue, used a roll of it as best I could, now and then, and put it to use. The scrooge in me demanded that I use rather than toss the bad stuff like any normal person would do.

After I wrote this, you will be happy to know that I decided I didn’t need to put up with the bad tissue, so I took it out to the garbage. I have now tested all of my bathroom tissue, and so ... good for me ... and lucky for those who visit my bathroom, I have good tissue.

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Challenger School Carnival



The Challenger School Carnival will be Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school. Parents, Teachers and Students in Partnership invite families and friends for a day of good old-fashioned family fun. There will be games galore, including over 25 favorite games returning to the carnival: inflatable air jump games, Pitch the Pickle, Football Pass, BINGO, volleyball, preschool games, Munchie Walk, and many more. Join in the fun and excitement of the new games or new partnerships to existing games. (Submitted)

Turning Back The Times ...

St. Hilaire School District votes to finance new school

1919 - One Hundred Years Ago

-Carl B. Larson, proprietor of the Larson Furniture company, has purchased the Evenson block at the southwest corner of Main Avenue and Third Street.

-A blaze destroyed the elevator of the Red Lake Falls Milling Company at Holt this week with a loss of \$17,000.

-The St. Hilaire School District has voted \$50,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a new school house.

1969 - Fifty Years Ago
-Bob Ekeren was named Jaycee of the Year and Orvel Stocks was named Key Man at the Thief River Falls Jaycees Awards and Installation Banquet.

-Lester DeBriyn of Thief River Falls was elevated to the post commander of the Ninth District Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Loyalty Day Convention in Moorhead.

-Outstanding students named at the fourth annual Northland State Junior College Awards Banquet this week were Carole Keifenheim and Henry Hoefler, both of Red Lake Falls.

1979 - Forty Years Ago
-Boys State candidates and alternates from Goodridge and Thief River Falls are Mike Semanko, Terry Drangstveit, Tom Bjorkman, and Randy

Nelson.

-Julie Lendobeja and Milton “Buzz” Johnson will receive major awards and David Beito and Julie Easton have been announced as commencement speakers for the 1979 Lincoln High School graduating class.

-A cardiac clinic for children will be held May 16 at the United Methodist Church in Thief River Falls.

1989 - Thirty Years Ago

-Gene Beito was selected by the Minnesota Office of the United States Small Business Administration as the Minnesota Small Business Financial Service Advocate of the Year for 1989.

-After reporting her car as missing from the Hugo’s supermarket parking lot, Bonnie Wagner was shocked when local police found that the car had actually run down the hill and into the Red Lake River.

-The annual Scout Exposition will be held Sunday at the sports arena with 25 booths anticipated.

1999 - Twenty Years Ago

-Eight individuals inducted into the Prowler Hall of Fame are Marvin “Ninsk” Carlson, athlete; Laurie Bottem Kelly, educator/coach; Blanche Larson, educator; Jon Phillip Larson, community service; James Solheim, journalist; James Solsten, music educator; Dr. Paul Sponheim, theologian/author; and

Loren “Bones” Stadum, athlete and coach.

-An oil pipeline near Plummer ruptured after being struck by a backhoe, which caused a crude oil spill of about 5,000 barrels.

-Teams from Lincoln High School claimed the two top positions at the Area I Envirothon April 28 at the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge east of Holt.

The first team was composed of Zach Olson, Brent Nelson, Sam Kezar, Al Bolar, and Dewey Worker and was coached by Patti Johnson; the second team included Brian Walseth, Kevin Odette, April Schmit, Brent Grahn, and Didier Collard.

2009 - Ten Years Ago

-A combined show of visual arts, jazz band performances, theatre pieces, and literary readings, known as “An Evening with the Arts,” will be held May 7 at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls.

-A new “Airport Authority,” which partners the City of Thief River Falls and Pennington County, has now been approved by the Pennington County Board.

-The spring 2009 commencement ceremony at Northland Community and Technical College will take place on May 14 and will feature the awarding of degrees and diplomas to 389 students.

Theology in the Trenches ...

Carry out your orders and put all else behind you



by Kathleen Kjolhaug

You've got this, girl. You've got this because he's got you and don't you ever forget it. It's the truth, you know and now that you do know, more will be expected (Luke 12:48). No more excuses that enable you to bite into what the world's selling because you know more. What's more, you know that you know. Run the race laid out before you, putting all else behind (Heb. 12:1). You've got the power to do just that. Your mama's prayers have been heard, your grandma's prayers have been heard, and her mama's prayers have been

heard ... and on down the line it goes as it moves on up the line now from your vantage point. "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus" (Luke 1:42). You are part of the fruit of prayer. "We are more than conquerors through him who loved us" enough to die for us (Rom. 8:37). He has conquered, so put off the pettiness of what's pulling you down cause you are standing on the Rock. What more is there? It's foundational. Though the battleground may look more like a playground, I remind you that it is anything but. Look around, there are playgrounds of folly on all sides, but the reality is you get to "choose this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). Truth is, however, it has already been decided because he said is clear, "You did not choose me, but I chose you (John 15:16). He has chosen you! There it is

all plain like just staring with grace in our face ... equipping us to live out that which we are called to live. The prayers that help gone before you will have "lead you on his paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Ps. 23:3). Sometimes our vision becomes clearer as to where he is leading by better seeing where he is not leading. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 6:13). You know it well. It's not so much that you won't be tempted, but the truth of the matter is you will know where to turn when you are. So how does that work when the white noise around isn't so white but rather cool in color and murky in the texture which beckons? Isaiah 53:3 rings clarity. He was "Despised and rejected by men. You, and rejected by men. You, too, can expect to be rejected by those who are seeking

any other way but his. Light shines in the darkness and once he enters in through your hands and feet ... rooms will be illuminated to expose that which is not of him. That's just the truth. People don't like light shed into the darker parts of their worlds. Truth-told, neither do I, and neither will you. But forking over that log in our own eyes so that we may better see with the eyes of Christ is a gift. Receive correction well as you confess frequently that which he desires to remove. He doesn't want to expose, he merely wants to lift your burden so you are able to receive. His word comforts as it "equips you for every good work which has been prepared ahead of time for you" (2 Tim. 3:17). No need to hide out in pockets of shame. Bring it forth and give it to him because after all, that's why he came.

"Through his wounds we are healed" (Is. 53:5). It does not say we might be healed. It does not say that we will be healed. It says we ARE healed. You can take that to the bank. If you cling to lies that say you are not, it will only stifle the love he desires to infuse. Romans 5:8 is the reset button of truth. "He came while we were yet sinners." Remember that woman in John 8 who was forgiven? She was caught red-handed doing things she well should not have been doing. What the sin is ... matters not. What matters are the words he spoke. "I do not condemn you. Go. From now on sin no more." He did not wag his finger it conditional. He did not say that if you sin again, I'm going to return and let the crowds stone you because after all ... this is conditional. No. He did not say that. What he did was equip her

by empowering her with the command that she would be able to go ... and sin no more. Not because of herself would she be able to do this but through his power in her. He says to you, "Go now, and sin no more." As you confess each one he equips you with forgiveness and your ability to receive love sprouts forth. Heart valves will be unclogged and your ability to respond to others with the compassion he has for you will usher in a new way in which to see this big beautiful world in which you have been placed "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). So what is this all about? It's your mama here, reminding you that you have Holy orders. Carry them out with delight. Your faith has equipped you to do just that. Amen.

Positive Thoughts ...

Sit down and enjoy a good idea



by Dan Bartsch

You know, sometimes when you least expect it, an idea for a column can appear by just simply having a seat. I went over to Hugo's to get some peanut butter and some crackers to enjoy with my chicken noodle soup. I paid for my items and walked outside to call the bus to give me a ride home. During this time, my mind was going back and forth trying to find something good to write about, and not knowing how long it would be before the bus to pick me up, my inner voice said, "Why don't you just have a seat and an idea will come to you." So, I sat down on the curb in front of Hugo's, and the first thing I noticed was the white mountains that accumulated over the last five months. They are starting to disappear and there is this green stuff on the ground. I heard it was called grass, wow, who knew? And the air is warm and pleasant. I'm going out on a limb to say that this is what they call spring. Needless to say, there were cars and folks coming in and out of Hugo's with

their grocery shopping. It was interesting just sitting there on the curb. It was like one-third of them didn't notice me in that they were busy with their own schedules, and another one-third of the folks saw me and knew me for my writing. A lady came up to me and told me that she liked what I wrote, but she didn't want to disturb me because I was on the job. Well, if you see me at the other places that sell groceries with a pen and paper ready, yes, I'm writing a special report that will get me the Pulitzer: "Thief River Falls: A Pepsi Population or a Coca-Cola Crew." My follow up of course will be the "TRF City Council: Smooth or Crunchy Peanut Butter." I believe the voters would like to know. But the majority of folks waved, and said "Hi" and complimented me for my columns. Of course, there were some who were "Minnesota Nice" and asked if I needed a ride. That's what is always great about living up here - folks helping folks. I had a lot of nice compliments for the Easter poem I wrote two weeks ago. So, in closing, if there is something you need to do, just sit down and enjoy the view around you. Positive things will always come your way. Have a good week, and, as always God bless.

Challenger Carnival May 6



Inflatable games are a favorite among young visitors of the Challenger School Carnival. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school. (Times file photo)

Times for Toddlers ...

Courtesy and respect helps gain cooperation of children

Cooperation is probably one thing almost every parent wants from his or her child. But what we forget is that the best way to insure cooperation is to show your child by example what it is and what it means. If YOU are concerned about your child's (or others') feelings, needs, and rights, your child will learn to show the same concern for you and others. If YOU speak to your children in a courteous, respectful way, they will develop self-respect and in turn speak to others with courtesy and respect. Mother's Day is a good example of how this can happen. We want our children to show us courtesy and respect and remember us on this day. Even though a young child does not understand what the day is all about, by watching how we treat our mothers and mothers-in-law as they get older, they will most likely treat us on Mother's Day as we have treated our mothers. (Contributed by the Early Childhood Family Education Department of School District 564.)

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT
Talk about Mother's Day: what it means, what you will do for your mother and special ways we can show love for others. (Contributed by the Early Childhood Family Education Department of School District 564.)

ACTIVITIES
Feeling Faces
Young children need to know that it is OK to feel angry and sad as well as happy; and to be able to accept and recognize these

feelings. Many times young children act out these feelings by their inappropriate behavior. An interesting way to learn about feelings and recognize them is to make "feeling faces." Simply cut paper in a circle and draw on facial features to show happiness, sadness, anger, sleepiness, surprise or whatever kind of feeling you like. Then tape these to popsicle sticks, with a face on each side of the paper. To use these "feeling faces," you may describe a story or event and let the child show you how the person would feel. Then change and let the child describe an event and you determine how the person would feel.

SCAVENGER HUNT
For next week's Activities feature, you will need apples, smooth peanut butter and mini-marshmallows. (Contributed by Discovery Place Early Learning Center.)

JOKE OF THE WEEK
Q: What do you call a scared dinosaur?
A: A nervous Rex.

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:
Weiss, Ellen. **New Friend, Blue Friend.** Splurge becomes attached to the fuzzy blue "friend" he finds floating in the water and is unhappy when he cannot find it one morning. Ikegami, Aiko. **Friends.** A girl from a faraway place begins her first day at

school. She doesn't speak the language and she looks different. She just doesn't fit in. But one day, she makes an unexpected friend a squirrel! Then a rabbit joins them. Soon the girl's fuzzy woodland friends are followed by human ones and school becomes more fun!

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:
Knut and Friends. Follow the young life of an adorable polar bear cub who beat the odds to not only thrive but become one of the most famous bears in the world. Learn how a caring Berlin zookeeper takes care of him, and of how a trio of polar bear newborns and two orphaned brown bears get into all sorts of mischief.

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:
How children make and keep friends. www.verywell.com/making-and-keeping-friends-2633627
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: www.nwr-lib.org/ (With assistance from the Thief River Falls Public Library.)

On the Other Hand ...

Job helped me decide on a future



by Autumn Breuer

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

Ever since I was young, I have had a strong love for animals. I've been taking in stray animals since I could go walk by myself to find them. I always connect with any animal I meet and feel a strong need to help any animal that's in need. I decided a long time ago to do something with this passion: Go to school to be a veterinarian. I remember when I was 3, I got my first cat and would pretend to be a veterinarian all the time. As I got older, my future plans of becoming a veterinarian slowly started to drift away. I was questioning whether that was what I wanted to do or not, and eventually my original plans were gone and I moved onto other things.

I thought about becoming a radiologist, an architect, and going into psychiatry, but to be honest, none of these careers sparked anything within me. Obviously, I have an interest in every one of these fields, but I didn't feel the passion when I thought about them and thought that I wouldn't be content for the rest of my life with any of these professions.

Job at Valley Animal Hospital helped

I made my way back to an interest in veterinary medicine my senior year and I couldn't be more excited for what my future holds. I'm now planning on going to college for the eight years of schooling it takes to be a veterinarian. I was given an extraordinary opportunity to work at Valley Animal Hospital last year and this job has just further pushed me towards what I wanted to do since I was a little girl. I'm surrounded by such amazing people and am so grateful to be able to work alongside them. I'm constantly learning something new every time I walk into the clinic and I love it. I'm so grateful I get to gain knowledge on my future career from such intelligent people before I go off to college. Most people today dread going to work, but for me, work is the best part of my day. I love everything I do. This job has helped me ensure that veterinary medicine is the career field I want to pursue and has helped further grow my passion for helping animals.

Social Security News ...

Spruce up your financial plan

By Brian Rudolph Rhonda Whitenack Social Security Public Affairs Specialists Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin

Now that tax season is over, it's probably a good time to evaluate some financial "best practices" for the rest of the year. A good spring-cleaning can clear out the clutter to let you see a clear path for your future. Social Security is always here to help. Even if you just started working, now is the time to start preparing for retirement. Achieving the dream of a secure, comfortable retirement is much easier with a strong financial plan.

Tip 1: Start Early
Our online retirement planning resources are helpful to people at any stage of their career. Our many calculators, Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool, and disability resources are all available at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. From here, you can read and download publications and also email and share with colleagues, friends, and family. Remember, the earlier you start, the better chance you have at saving what you need.

Tip 2: Be Informed
We're often asked,

"What's the best age to start receiving retirement benefits?" The answer is that there's no single "best age" for everyone and, ultimately, it's your choice. The most important thing is to make an informed decision, based on your individual and family circumstances. To help you make that decision, see our retirement publications at <https://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/?topic=Retirement>.

Tip 3: Estimate the Benefits You Might Get
Knowing the amount of money you could get is pivotal in planning your finances. With the Retirement Estimator, you can plug in some basic information to get an instant, personalized estimate of your future benefits. Try out different scenarios, such as higher or lower future earnings amounts and various retirement dates to see the various potential effects on your future benefit amounts. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/retirement/estimator.html. Social Security can help you spring into action and take control of your future with the proper planning tools. Share these online resources with friends and family so they, too, will have the tools.

Extension recognizes Haases

Nathan and Kristen Haase, Thief River Falls, received special recognition at the Emerging Leadership Program Recognition Banquet on Saturday, March 30 in Crookston. They, along with individuals from 13 other counties in northwestern and west central Minnesota were honored for completing the leadership program and for their commitment to leadership in their community.

The Emerging Leadership Program celebrated its 35th year by honoring Bruce and Aase Hannes with the Friend of the Emerging Leadership Program award. Bruce was the Marshall County King Agassiz in 1976 and was the impetus for the evolution from King Agassiz to the Emerging Leadership Program. Bruce told the audience about how an idea, when nurtured, can grow into a program with 35 years of history and 1,147 alumni. Bruce and Aase were thanked for their continued support of the program.

Other guests were from the University of Minnesota Extension Service; U of M, Crookston; and Northwest Minnesota Foundation offered their comments about leadership and congratulated program participants.

Kristen Haase was among the class participants sharing leadership stories. Justin and Karen Phillips of Rothsay were announced as the Agassiz ambassadors for 2020. They were selected for this honor from among other current participants in the program based on nominations from program participants and interviews with program alumni. They will put their leadership skills to work in public relations, recognition, and community leadership, and will work with Extension staff to develop



Kristen and Nathan Haase were honored Saturday, March 30 at the Emerging Leadership Program Recognition Banquet. (Submitted)

and deliver the educational program in 2020.

The recognition banquet was the finale of the leadership program for the Class of 2019 after taking part in four training sessions since November 2018. Program seminars focused on several of the Extension's educational program components to strengthen civic leadership in the region.

The Emerging Leadership Program, an Extension program, was created in 1985 to build skills in individuals while creating and sustaining a network of community leaders in the northwest and west central regions of Minnesota to focus on rural issues. The banquet carried on the tradition of recognizing

ing rural leaders started by the Red River Valley Winter Shows in 1961.

The Emerging Leadership Program is led by Extension Educators Brian Fredrickson, Lisa Hinz and Jody Horntvedt, in partnership with more than 1,100 alumni throughout the region. Soon those alumni will come together to select new participants for the program. To nominate someone in your county or to apply for the program, contact Jan Jackola at the Moorhead Regional Extension Office at 218-236-2001. For more information about the program contact Jody at hornt001@umn.edu or log onto <http://z.umn.edu/rvlead>.

Options to host forum on May 9 at Shooting Star

Options Interstate Resource Center for Independent Living, Freedom Resource Center, White Earth Vocational Service Program and the Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council (MNSILC) are hosting a forum on Thursday, May 9, to share information about independent living services around the area. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Shooting Star Casino, 777 Casino Road, Mahanomen. The event is free and open to the public. Lunch is on your own. Individuals who need accommodations should contact Jo Erbes at 612-518-1497 or mnsilc1215@gmail.com by May 1.

The day will begin with a ceremony and blessing by Lew Murray, White Earth spiritual healer, White Earth Historian Judge David Degroat will provide background about White Earth. Nate Aalgaard, executive director Freedom Resource Center; Randy Sorensen, executive director, Options Interstate Resource Centers; Corey

Birkholz, ADA specialist; David Espinoza, equipment technician; and a representative from the White Earth Vocational Rehabilitation Program will present information about programs and services unique to their center for independent living.

In the afternoon, Nate Aalgaard, director of Freedom Resources, will introduce the independent living philosophy. Panel members Randy Sorensen, Jesse Smith, Gloria Lafriniere, Marvin Tibbetts and others will have a conversation about the core services of independent living centers. The audience will be invited to share stories and ask questions.

"Options has worked to make our service area a better place to live, work and play for people with disabilities," said Sorensen. "We are a consumer-controlled, community based, cross disability, non-residential center that is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities. We provide an array of independent living services that are free of

charge to individuals requesting them."

"MNSILC works with the centers of independent living to advance the philosophy of independent living," said Anita Olson, chairperson of MNSILC. "MNSILC and the centers promote the integration and full inclusion of people with disabilities in Minnesota communities."

Options and Freedom are two of eight centers of independent living in Minnesota.

White Earth Vocational Service Program is dedicated to providing services for people with disabilities on the White Earth Reservation. MNSILC is a federally mandated council of community volunteers appointed by the governor. This council works collaboratively with the Centers for Independent Living and coordinated activities with other entities in the state that provide service similar to complementary to independent living services.



Bob Stueven with Ram Mutual Insurance recently presented a \$326 check and 68 pounds of food to the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf. He is pictured with Digi-Key Cares volunteers Kat Thorstad (left) and

Alanna Olson. Ram Mutual recently held a large conference at Ralph Engelstad Arena. Wherever it holds a conference, Ram Mutual raises funds and food for local food shelves. (Submitted)

'Tis the season for spring cleaning!

So don't miss Pennington County's

Spring Cleanup Day!

On Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., All Pennington County residents may bring their 'junk' to Les's Sanitation, 1345 Hwy 32 S, and get rid of it once and for all for free!

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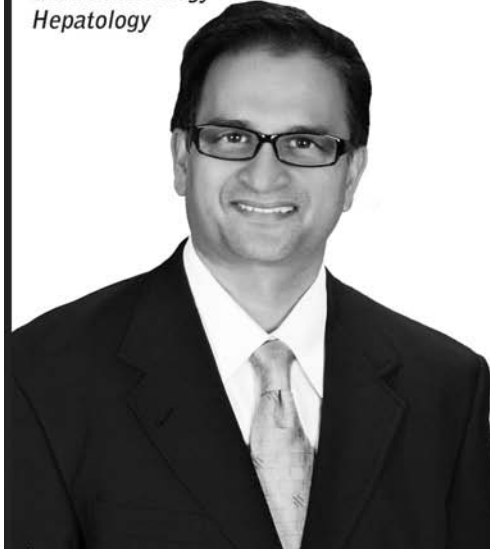
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NCTC launches cybersecurity degree program

Program will help address the critical need for cybersecurity professionals

Every day, hackers and cybercriminals launch new, sophisticated computer viruses, malware, and scams that threaten the data our society relies on. In fact, a February 2018 study from McAfee reports that hackers drain an estimated \$600 billion annually from the global economy.

In this data-driven world, professionals with cybersecurity knowledge are an essential line of defense against cyber attacks. Northland Community and Technical College will launch a new Associate of Science degree in cybersecurity this fall.

"This program will allow graduates to be on the ground floor of this new and emerging field," said Northland computer instructor Mark Meuleners.

The new cybersecurity program will build upon skills gained in basic networking classes to teach students how to identify security targets, secure systems, develop policies and procedures, and educate users in order to prevent system breaches.

The shortage of people with knowledge in cybersecurity is dire. The current unemployment rate for professionals in this industry is speculated to be zero percent as businesses, educational, and government institutions across the spectrum recognize the extreme importance of protecting systems and data.

"A simple network outage can result in millions of



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dollars of loss per hour," said Computer and Network Technology Instructor Don Fischer. "The easiest way for an attacker to acquire information, which most people don't consider, is from physical access. They can scope out passwords written on documents left exposed in a workspace or rifle through garbage to get enough information to use for nefarious purposes."

Additionally, consumers don't realize that many everyday devices have gateways that could allow hackers to infiltrate one's personal space. Everything from smart TVs with voice control to wireless coffee pots can become a listening device. "Many of these things offer convenience and have a great intention," explained Don Campbell, Computer and Network Technology instructor, "use

them as intended, be aware of them, and, if you are concerned about them listening to a private conversation, for example, you can unplug them or disable those wireless or tracing capabilities."

This program will provide a base in networking, computer maintenance, and major operating systems in conjunction with a comprehensive selection of coursework in security, network defense, and ethical hacking. In addition, there will be an experiential learning component, which will allow students to confront real-world situations in a virtual lab.

The future outlook for this profession is exceptional. "While general computer networking and maintenance could be centralized and outsourced cybersecurity cannot," Campbell said. "Companies need to have a direct relationship and

trust in those designated to protect their assets."

Graduates from the cybersecurity program will be prepared to immediately enter the computer technology field and work towards developing the necessary trust and relationships to ascend to a role in cybersecurity. "Cybersecurity professionals need to be highly ethical individuals and to continually work to gain trust in their role. Once trust is established in this profession, the employment outlook is unlimited because there are not enough individuals who possess both the skills and trust required," said Campbell.

Northland has begun accepting applicants for fall 2019 entry into the new IT Cybersecurity program. For more information on this program, visit northlandcollege.edu.

Deadline extended for producers to certify crop production for MFP payments

USDA extended the deadline to May 17 from May 1 for agricultural producers to certify 2018 crop production for payments through the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), which helps producers who have been significantly affected by foreign tariffs, resulting in the loss of traditional exports. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) extended the deadline because heavy rainfall and snowfall have delayed harvests in many parts of the country, preventing producers from certifying acres.

Payments will be issued only if eligible producers certify before the updated May 17 deadline.

The MFP provides payments to producers of corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans, wheat, dairy, hogs, fresh sweet cherries and shelled almonds. FSA will issue payments based on the producer's certified total production of the MFP commodity multiplied by the MFP rate for that specific commodity.

"Trade issues, coupled with low commodity prices and recovery from natural disasters, have definitely impacted the bottom line for many agricultural producers," said FSA

Administrator Richard Forde. "The MFP payments provide short-term relief from retaliatory tariffs to supplement the traditional farm safety net, helping agricultural producers through these difficult times. Weather conditions this fall, winter and early spring have blocked many producers from completing harvest of their crops, and we want to make sure producers who want to finalize their MFP application have an opportunity."

Producers can certify production by contacting their local FSA office or through farmers.gov.

About the Market Facilitation Program

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue launched the trade mitigation program to assist farmers suffering from damage because of unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations. FSA implemented MFP in September 2018 as a relief strategy to protect agricultural producers while the Administration works on free, fair and reciprocal trade deals to open more markets to help American farmers compete globally. To date, more than \$8.3 billion has been paid to nearly 600,000 applicants. The MFP is established

under the statutory authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act and is administered by FSA.

More Information
For more information, contact your local FSA office or visit www.farmers.gov/MFP.

Cardiologist in the Kitchen held in TRF

"Cardiologist in the Kitchen," a popular event

featuring Noah Chelliah, M.D., will be presented Sunday, May 5, at Open Arms Christian Fellowship, 401 St. Paul Ave., Thief River Falls.

At 12:30 p.m., there will be a plant-based potluck meal. Those wishing to participate in the meal are encouraged to bring a plant-based dish ready to serve—enough for 15 or more people. Anyone unable to contribute food to the meal is welcome to bring a donation instead.

At about 1:30 p.m., following the potluck meal, Dr. Chelliah will deliver his message, "Spice up Your Health with Spices," a fascinating discussion about which herbs and spices can improve one's overall health and which ones can harm it. The program is free and open to the public.

Chelliah, a cardiologist specialist at the Heart Institute of North Dakota in Grand Forks, is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, and Interventional Cardiology. Through personal study, research and time spent with patients and medical students, he has become passionate about sharing the role that nutrition can play in preventing disease and helping the body to heal.

The Thief River Falls CHIP chapter (Complete Health Improvement Program) is pleased to partner with Dr. Chelliah to bring this informational program to our community.

For more information, please email trfchip@gmail.com or phone (218) 681-1776.



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Saturday, May 11

• **Uff Da Day, Pioneer Village**, 10 am-4 pm. Viking reenactors, Scandinavian crafts, lefse demonstration, rommegrot, music, robotics team, mini-maker faire. \$5 adults, \$2 children.

Sunday, May 12

• **"Tomte and the Troll,"** 3 pm, Methodist Church. A play for children of all ages (adults included!). Can the farmer's daughters outwit the nasty old troll?

Monday, May 13

• **Movie Night, "The King's Choice,"** 7 pm, NCTC Auditorium. Award-winning film on King Haakon's decision to surrender to the Germans when they invade. He refuses to capitulate, even though it may cost him, his family, and many Norwegians their lives.

Tuesday, May 14

• **"The Stavig Letters,"** 7 pm, NCTC Auditorium. Emmy-award-winning theater performance of actual letters exchanged over 50 years between two brothers, one in America and one in Norway. It will take you through three generations – from fishermen in Norway to homesteaders on the Dakota prairie to Main Street entrepreneurs in the town of Sisseton, South Dakota.

Wednesday, May 15

• **Syttende Mai Smorgasbord**, 5-7 pm, Eagles Club. Featuring torsk, meatballs, rommegrot, lefse, sot suppe and other Norwegian foods. Pre-sale tickets only. \$15 at Hugo's.

Thursday, May 16

• **Old Time Dance**, \$7.50, includes 9 pm lunch. 7-11 pm, Eagles Club. Cathy Erickson Band.

Friday, May 17, Syttende Mai

• **Syttende Mai Open House**, 10 am – 3 pm, Northern State Bank. Enjoy lefse and other goodies. Served by Snorre Lodge.

Saturday, May 18

• **Uffda Obstacle Challenge**, Hartz Park. Scandinavian-themed obstacle course race sure to have Thor himself saying, "Uff Da! 9 am. uffdachallenge.com

• **Dr. Odd Lovoll**, Norwegian historian and author, 10:30 am, TRF Library. Lovoll was born in Norway and emigrated to America when he was 11. Book signing and talk on his memoirs, "Two Homelands."

This program has been funded in part by a Legacy grant through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota in 2008.

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Piano students and families present piano recital May 4-5

Piano students of Marcia M. Knuttila of Thief River Falls and their families, and students from guest studios will present two Young Artists Piano Recitals this week in Thief River Falls.

Performances for the 46th Annual Piano Concert Recital Series will take place at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2075 U.S. Highway 59 SE, in Thief River Falls.

On Saturday, May 4, the first recital will begin at 3 p.m. On Sunday, May 5, the second recital will begin at 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend these two concert recitals. There is no admission charge. A reception follows each recital.

All performers on Saturday and Sunday are students (or their families) of Marcia M. Knuttila with the exception of the students from the following studios:

- Taylor M. Blaine, Grand Forks, N.D.
- Kathryn J. Karg, St. Paul

Saturday
On Saturday, the following students will perform during the 3 p.m.

Kindergarten: Aiden Malott performing a duet with Taylor Blaine "Horseback Riding" by Nancy and Randall Faber; **Grade 1:** Addison Myhre performing a duet with Taylor Blaine "Mr. McGill's Boop Sha-Bop!" by Faber; **Grade 2:** 1) Addison Bienek performing "Minuet" by J. Hook and 2) Veda Holter performing "The Cuckoo Waltz" by A.E. Miller; **Grade 3:** Lauren Malott performing "The Merry Widow Waltz" by Franz Lehar, Arr. Faber. She will also be performing two duets with Taylor Blaine, "Minuet Op. 4, No. 1" by I. Paderewski, Arr. Faber and "Liebestraum" by F. Liszt, Arr. Faber; **Grade 5:** 1) Bennett Borgen performing "Sonatina in G, 1st Movement" by T. Attwood, 2) Elizabeth Malott performing "Theme from The Surprise Symphony" by F. Haydn, Arr. Faber, "Trepak"

by P. Tchaikovsky, Arr. Faber and "Overture" by G. Rossini, Arr. Faber and 3) Brody Manning performing "Ceremony at Stonehenge" by C. Ricker; **Grade 6:** Audrey Bienek performing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by L. V. Beethoven, Arr. Dino Kartsonakis; **Grade 9:** Alexis Cox performing "Bagatelle" by L.V. Beethoven; **Grade 10:** Rachel Luchsinger performing "Sonata in D Major" by F. Haydn; **Grade 11:** Jerzie Finstad performing "Prelude No. 15 in C Minor" by R. Vandall; **Grade 12:** Pearl LaCoursiere performing "Le Bananier" by L. M. Gottschalk; **Adult:** Kathryn J. Karg performing "Velloa" by Kathryn J. Karg.

Duets and duos will be performed in Saturday's recital on six grand pianos. "Turkey Trot" by D.C. Glover will be performed by Addison and Stacy Bienek and Justin and Veda Holter. "Pirate's Booty Dance" by Kathryn J. Karg will be performed by Addison and Audrey Bienek, Taylor

Blaine, Bennett and Missy Borgen, Alexis Cox, Jerzie Finstad, Justin and Veda Holter, Pearl LaCoursiere, Elizabeth Malott and Brody Manning. (The guest pirates during this number are Jaxon Holter and Beau Manning). "Pachelbel's Canon in D," Arr. Nancy and Dallas Weekley will be performed by Audrey Bienek, Alexis Cox, Jerzie Finstad, Pearl LaCoursiere, Rachel Luchsinger and Kathryn J. Karg. "Holy, Holy, Holy" by R. Heber and J. B. Dykes, Arr. D. Clydesdale will be performed by Audrey Bienek, Taylor Blaine, Missy Borgen, Alexis Cox, Jerzie Finstad and Pearl LaCoursiere. "I Can Only Imagine" by B. Millard, a vocal duet, performed by Kathryn J. and Andy Karg on piano and guitar.

Sunday
On Sunday, the following students will perform during the 2 p.m. recital: **Grade 2:** 1) Addison Bienek performing "Minuet" by J. Hook and 2) Veda Holter

performing "The Cuckoo Waltz" by A.E. Miller; **Grade 5:** Brody Manning performing "Ceremony at Stonehenge" by C. Ricker; **Grade 6:** Audrey Bienek performing "Petite Nocturne" by R. Vandall and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by L.V. Beethoven, Arr. D. Kartsonakis; **Grade 9:** Alexis Cox performing "Prelude in G Minor" by S. Rachmanioff; **Grade 10:** Rachel Luchsinger performing "Liebestraum" by F. Liszt; **Grade 11:** 1) Jerzie Finstad performing "Prelude No. 15 in C Minor" by R. Vandall and 2) Pearl LaCoursiere performing "Le Bananier" by L. M. Gottschalk; **Adult:** Kathryn J. Karg performing "Awakening" by Kathryn J. Karg.

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Bastian will be performed by Justin Holter and Michael Phillips. "Pirate's Booty Dance" by Kathryn J. Karg will be performed by Addison and Audrey Bienek, Alexis Cox, Jerzie Finstad, Justin and Veda Holter, Kathryn J. Karg, Pearl LaCoursiere, Rachel Luchsinger, Brody Manning and Michael Phillips. (The guest pirates during this number are Jaxon Holter and Beau Manning). "Pachelbel's Canon in D" Arr. Nancy and Dallas Weekley will be performed by Audrey Bienek, Alexis Cox, Jerzie Finstad, Pearl LaCoursiere, Rachel Luchsinger and Kathryn J. Karg. "Holy, Holy, Holy" by R. Heber and J. B. Dykes, Arr. D. Clydesdale will be performed by Audrey Bienek, Alexis Cox, Jerzie Finstad, Pearl LaCoursiere and Rachel Luchsinger. "Here Among Us" by Andy Karg, a vocal duet, will be performed by Kathryn J. and Andy Karg on piano and guitar.

Prowler Pride ...

Challenger hosts school carnival Saturday, May 4

by MaryFran Twistol
Volunteer Coordinator

Come one, come all to the Challenger Carnival on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Challenger Elementary School in Thief River Falls.

Our Challenger parent group (Parents, Teachers and Students in Partnership) invites you, our entire community and surrounding area, for a day of good old-fashioned family fun. There will be games galore. We have over 25 of your favorite games returning to the carnival: inflatable air jump games, Pitch the Pickle, Football Pass, BINGO, Volleyball, Preschool Games, Munchie Walk, and many more. Join in the fun and excitement of the new games or new partnerships to existing games. Joining us this year we have the Prowler Skating Club at Prowler Spin, Johnson Riverside, Inc. at the Duck Pond and Plinko sponsored by Northstar: Promoting Independence. Returning partnerships at games include: TREAHA at Hockey Shot, TRF Soccer Association at Soccer Kick and Score and Back-Court Club sponsoring Basketball Shoot.

Come and help some of Challenger's staff take a plunge for education at the Dunk Tank rain, snow, sleet or shine! Take a trip to our General Store under the big top tent to find amazing items for your shopping fun! Don't forget about the fabulous carnival food served all day in the Prowler Cafe. Indulge yourself in corn dogs, nachos,

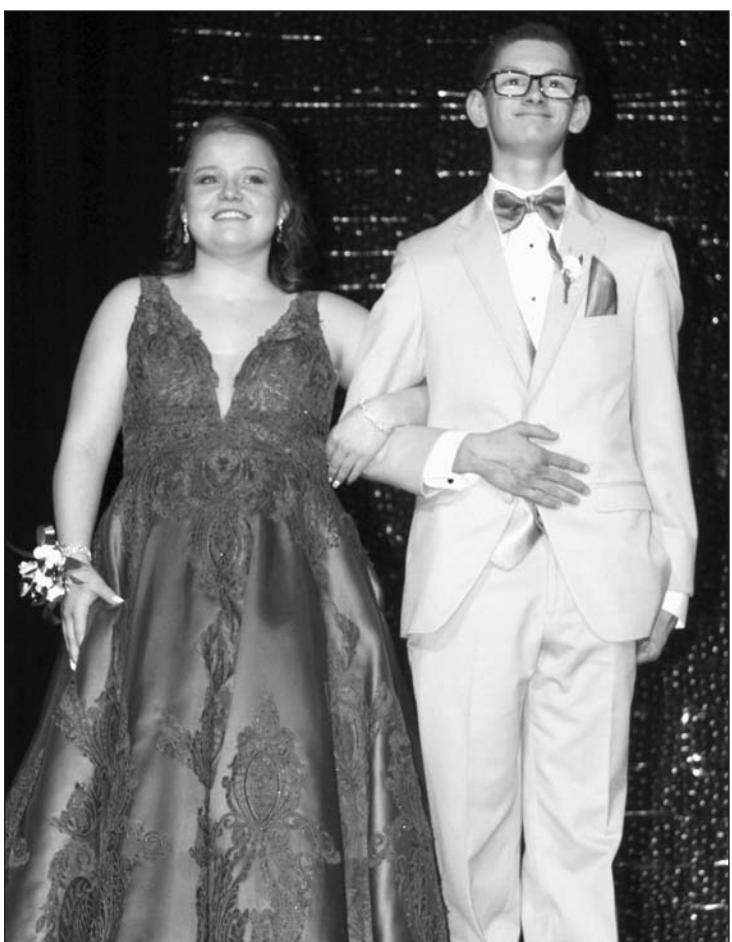
pretzels, caramel apples, popcorn and even marvelous mini donuts. Be sure to stop by the silent auction hallway and bid on over 200 fantastic items donated by local businesses, community members, regional area businesses and Challenger staff. There is something for everyone at your Challenger Carnival.

Funds earned from the 2019 Carnival will purchase an outdoor digital school sign. This valuable resource will be an effective communication and safety tool. It will allow us to reach our families and community about important school information, activities, updates, school closings and more. Through building awareness of our school's events, activities and achievements, our goal is to increase participation and support from families, the community and mostly our students. Research shows a strong correlation between student participation and student achievement.

PTSP would like to acknowledge and thank community and regional businesses, volunteers, school staff and community members for the important role they have played in planning and preparing for this fun day for children and families.

Please come out on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and join in on some good old-fashioned family fun. Tickets for the carnival may be purchased at the door on Saturday or by calling Maryfran Twistol at 681-2345, ext. 3718. Thank you for your support of our school and children.

Fun at Prom



Torie Bugge and Zach Hintz participated in the 2019 Lincoln High School Prom Grand March on Saturday, April 27 at the school.

Tickets for choir concert now on sale



In one of their first meetings, choir students from Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, and Patrick Henry High School in North Minneapolis, listen to the objectives and goals of the joint concert, while being filmed by a crew from

Prairie Public Broadcasting Services out of Fargo, N.D. The choirs will perform in Thief River Falls May 12 and 13. Tickets for the concert go on sale Monday, April 29. (Submitted)

Five-year construction plan/Continued

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The Red Lake Watershed District, county and city are planning the estimated \$6 million project to address flooding and storm water issues along CD 70. The project features a 100-year design, said Flaagan, who noted the current CD 70 has a 10-year design.

Currently, water 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.

The project is expected to begin this year and finish in 2020. Flaagan anticipated work would begin this year on the outlet south of Sanford Health as well as on another culvert and a ditch in that vicinity.

"The city has some work on their force main that they have to finish," Flaagan said.

Thief River Falls Public Works Director Mark Borseth said the city plans

to replace the force main for Lift Station 9 near Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village. Installed in the early 1970s, the current force main has experienced major corrosion.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is planning a separate, related project to reconstruct Highway 59/Third Street between Kinney Avenue and 125th avenue (the intersection near Petro Pumper) in 2020. Three roundabouts are planned as part of that project.

Commissioners approved advertising for bids for the Mark Boulevard project. A date wasn't set because Flaagan wanted to consult with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Houston Engineering to determine if they wanted a bid opening date so close to

Memorial Day.

The Mark Boulevard bridge and roadway project is estimated to cost \$7.5 million. The project is not expected to impact local taxes. Construction is expected to start in late summer/early fall 2019 and be completed in 2020.

The new roadway and bridge will connect Mark Boulevard, north of Sanford Health, to County State Aid Highway 8 east of Challenger Elementary School.

Flaagan expected that the contractors would start on the Highway 32 roundabout and the Mark Boulevard bridge this year. He anticipated that they would work on the CES roundabout and finish the connection project in 2020.

School construction projects/Continued

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soon be constructed at the intersection of Pennington Avenue and Mark Boulevard. The land currently isn't being used for any purpose. The sale and construction of the roundabout won't require the removal of the Challenger Elementary School sign.

Personnel Issues
A number of personnel issues were approved by the Board of Education.

Resolutions approving the termination and non-renewal of long-term substitute teaching contracts of Kane Ueland, Hannah Kraemer, and Alex Kong'a were approved. This is an

annual procedural matter.

The Board of Education also approved agreements to extend probationary periods for Christopher Lian, Amber Murry, Kelsey McLean and Britney Schwab. Each individual is teaching out of their licensed field, and all are working on obtaining their licenses and qualifications. This also is an annual procedural matter.

The Board of Education also approved the employment of Alex Kong'a, math teacher, long-term substitute; a leave of absence for Angela Hoglo, math teacher, effective April 24-June 4; the retirement of

Jessie Boyer, elementary teacher; the resignation of Rose Koepke, cleaner; the resignation of Kristin Buckley, band director at Franklin Middle School; the resignation of Sapphire Walker, special education paraprofessional at Franklin Middle School; and the resignation of Mary Reiersen, cleaner at Franklin Middle School.

The Board of Education approved a School Lunch Hero Proclamation that expresses its deep appreciation to the valuable employees of the District's school meals and nutrition department and commends their good work on behalf of the

children.

The Board of Education accepted donations from Textron and the Thief River Falls Athletic Boosters Club, and publicly thanked them for the donations.

Meeting date change

The May 13 meeting of the Board of Education is being moved from the District Service Center to Lincoln High School. This will allow the Board of Education to tour the student-constructed house on the property. The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on May 14, instead of May 13.

Changes at Justice Center discussed/Continued

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lot and remove snow from it.

"To me, that's a win for them and a win for us," Lawrence said.

Genereux was expected to share the county's thoughts with Dean Foods. Tveitbakk provided

an update on possible signage inside the Justice Center. He met with Adam Dallmann from Universal Screenprint, who provided some options. Dallmann is expected to provide a quote for signage featuring a drawing of the Justice Center and each

specific department's name.

Commissioners approved selling wetland bank credits to TRF Investments. It plans to build a second 45-unit market-rate apartment building near Walmart. TRF Investments will purchase 0.74 acres of wetland bank

credits at a total cost of \$13,320.

The next County Board meeting is scheduled Tuesday, May 14 at 10 a.m. at the Justice Center.



Hilary Stoltman of Thief River Falls couldn't get rid of that last pile of snow in his yard pass up taking a picture of his friend, Rodney Knutson, who was attempting to

Orchestras call for auditions

Northern Valley Youth Orchestras, based in Grand Forks, N.D., has announced auditions for its 2019-20 season. Wind, brass, percussion and string auditions for NVYO's Philharmonic and Symphony can be scheduled online at novyo.org. Auditions will be held May 13, between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the Empire Arts Center. Audition requirements and registration links for auditions are available at novyo.org for the performance season, which will begin in September, 2019.

Northern Valley Youth Orchestras offers young musicians the opportunity to stretch and challenge themselves in a supportive setting. NVYO's participants make music, make friends, and learn to use their talents to make a difference in the world. Programming is designed as an enrichment experience to complement school and private instruction. NVYO's string, wind, brass and percussion players come from over a dozen area towns in North Dakota and Minnesota to rehearse weekly, receive professional coaching, and present a variety of performances in the community. Scholarships are available. Registration is also open for NVYO's summer camp, Dal Segno, August 12-16 at East Grand Forks High School. All links and info online at novyo.org

Contact Naomi Welsh at info@novyo.org with any questions.



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TRF sweeps home tennis triangular

The Thief River Falls boys tennis team showed its dominance in one match and used a super tiebreaker to win another during a home triangular meet Friday, April 26.

The Prowlers opened the afternoon with a 7-0 shutout win over Duluth Marshall and improved to 9-2 on the season with a 4-3 win over Bemidji in the nightcap.

"We are playing some very good tennis right now," noted Head Coach Fabian Tunberg. "It was great to see our team play hard today even with two of our captains out of our lineup with an injury and for hockey."

In the opener, Thief River Falls got singles wins from Camden Broadwell, Tucker Skime, Jack Onkka and J.J. Cornelius; and doubles wins from Cole Gillespie/Rhett

Janisch, Dylan Hahn/Andrew Olson and Aiden Martell/Reece Janisch.

Cornelius' win in the number four singles spot was the first of his varsity career and it came in his first varsity start.

The Prowlers' second match was much more difficult. The Lumberjacks won all three doubles matches, which gave the Prowlers no margin of error on the singles side.

Thief River Falls picked up singles wins from Broadwell, Skime and Onkka, leaving the number one singles match between Cole Gillespie and Spencer Konechne to decide the meet.

Gillespie came out on fire and won the first set 6-1. Konechne bounced back and claimed the second set 6-3 to force a third set tiebreaker,

which was won by Gillespie 10-7.

Bemidji has a very solid team from one through 10 and it's hard to find too many weaknesses," Tunberg said. "Today we went with a lineup that we thought we could get four singles wins and give some players more experience at a higher level than what they are used to on the doubles side.

"I was pleased with how are doubles team fought throughout the entire match. We battled and stuck with some very smart Bemidji doubles pairs. On the singles side, we controlled most of the play in all four matches and finished strongly."

Thief River Falls 7, Duluth Marshall 0

■ Singles - Camden Broadwell (TRF) def. Andrew Pavola 6-1, 6-0; Tucker Skime (TRF) def. Aiden Bachano 6-1, 6-2; Jack Onkka (TRF) def. Kristian Hall 6-2, 6-1; JJ Cornelius (TRF) def. Benny Nguyen 6-2, 6-1.

■ Doubles - Cole Gillespie/Rhett Janisch (TRF) def. Connor Sengbush/Keyer Dhuugana 6-2, 6-1; Dylan Hahn/Andrew Olson (TRF) def. Danny Klatt/Joitnung Telatis 6-3, 7-5; Aiden Martell/Reece Janisch (TRF) def. Nam Nguyen/Gary Gao 6-1, 6-0.

Thief River Falls 4, Bemidji 3

■ Cole Gillespie (TRF) def. Spencer Konechne 6-1, 3-6, 10-7; Camden Broadwell (TRF) def. Louis Saxton 6-0, 6-2; Tucker Skime (TRF) def. Jonah Fuhrman 6-3, 7-6 (7-5); Jack Onkka (TRF) def. Logan Jensen 7-5, 6-2.

■ Doubles - Si Hess/Michael Dickinson (B) def. Reece Jansich/Dylan Hahn 6-1, 3-6, 10-2; Kolden Michalick/Ben Hess (B) def. Rhett Janisch/Aiden Martell 6-3, 7-5; Eric Guida/Logan Mitchell (B) def. Sam Williams/JJ Cornelius 6-0, 6-1.



Thief River Falls senior Cole Gillespie uses his backhand to return a shot from Bemidji's Spencer Konechne during their match at number one singles. Gillespie won the match in three sets to lead Thief River Falls to a 4-3 win over Bemidji.

TRF runners compete at Hamline Elite Meet

Thief River Falls juniors Carley Johnson and Jerzie Finstad represented the Prowler girls track team at the Hamline Elite Meet Friday, April 26 at Hamline University in St. Paul.

The meet is held annually and it is open to all high school track athletes. Athletes qualified based on their

times from meets earlier this season and the field size was limited for each event. Just 18 runners were invited for the 100 meter dash and only nine were invited in the 400.

"The Hamline Elite Meet is a very professional and well run meet," said Thief River Falls Girls Head Coach Katie Walrath. "Everything

is on a time schedule and they stick to it, so the kids know exactly when they need to warm up and when they will run. It is a chance for our kids to compete against the best of the best in Minnesota. It also gives a little glimpse of what state might look like since these are the best [Continued on page 2]

TRF SPORTS

Wednesday, May 1

■ Baseball - NCTC at Rainy River (DH) 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

■ Baseball - LHS vs. Fargo South 4:30 p.m.

■ Softball - LHS at Red Lake Falls 3 p.m.; NCTC at Itasca (DH) 3 p.m.; LHS at Crookston 5:30 p.m.

■ Track - LHS at Detroit Lakes 3 p.m.

■ Tennis - LHS Boys at Northwest Quad (East Grand Forks) noon.

Friday, May 3

■ Golf - LHS Boys at Park Rapids Invitational 9 a.m.; LHS Girls host TRF Invitational 9:30 p.m.

■ Tennis - LHS Boys at Foley Triangular 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

■ Baseball - NCTC vs. Ridgewater (DH) 1 p.m.; LHS at Crookston 4

p.m.

■ Softball - LHS at Sauk Rapids-Rice Tournament 10 a.m.; NCTC vs. Hibbing (DH) 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

■ Baseball - NCTC vs. Ridgewater (DH) 1 p.m.

■ Softball - NCTC vs. Vermilion (DH) 1 p.m.

Monday, May 6

■ Golf - LHS Boys at Bemidji Invite 9 a.m.; LHS Girls at Park Rapids Invitational 9:30 a.m.

■ Tennis - LHS vs. Hibbing, Moorhead 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 7

■ Baseball - LHS vs. BGMR 4:30 p.m.

■ Softball - LHS vs. DGF 4:30 p.m.

■ Track - LHS at True Team Section (Detroit Lakes) 12:15 p.m.



Northland batter Sade Westbrook takes a cut during her first at bat against Rainy River in game one on Thursday. Northland rallied from a 3-1 ninth inning deficit to beat Rainy River 4-3 in game one. The Pioneers also claimed game two, by a score of 7-2, to extend their winning streak to seven games.

Northland drops three of four to Central Lakes

The Northland Community & Technical College baseball team was swept in a Saturday double header against Central Lakes in Brainerd, before earning a split in a double header between the same two teams Sunday at Pioneer Field in Thief River Falls.

The Raiders claimed game one 8-1 and earned the twin-bill sweep with a 13-3 win in game two.

Sunday's double header at Pioneer Field felt like it was being played in late October rather than late April.

Central Lakes starter Alex Guggisberg and Northland starter Enoc Rodriguez kept the scoreboard full of goose eggs for five innings to start game one on Sunday. Overall, Rodriguez would throw six shutout innings, allowing four hits and one run, with five walks and eight strikeouts.

MCAC Northern Division	Division		Baseball Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rainy River	8	0	14	13
Hibbing	9	1	13	13
Itasca	5	3	10	24
Vermilion	0	6	3	20
Mesabi Range	0	12	2	22

MCAC Central Division	Division		Baseball Overall	
	W	L	W	L
St. Cloud Tech	10	0	19	5
Central Lakes	7	3	19	13
MState-Fergus	2	4	21	16
Northland	1	7	3	24
Ridgewater	0	6	0	10

MCAC Southern Division	Division		Baseball Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Riverland	7	1	21	12
Rochester	6	2	11	17
Anoka-Ramsey	5	5	15	13
Minnesota West	2	6	12	22
Western Technical	2	8	5	20

Central Lakes took a 1-0 lead on an RBI single by Chad Savard in the top of the sixth.

Northland answered with an RBI single by Josh Rivera

to score Joel Trevino in the bottom of the sixth.

Northland reliever Jatdiel Sosa struggled to find the strike zone in the seventh, walking four batters in the inning. The go-ahead run came on a bases loaded walk to Phillip Zynda. Later in the inning, Alan Pieltila, who advanced to third on the Zynda walk, scored on a wild pitch.

Down 3-1, the Pioneers began their rally with a one-out double by Jaed Rivera. Joshua Merced struck out but still reached base when the ball got past Zynda, the Central Lakes catcher, and Rivera moved to third on the play.

Rivera stole second to get both runners in scoring position with just one out in the inning.

Walter Matos walked to load the bases. Designated hitter Joshua Colunga [Continued on page 2]

NCTC win-streak stalls

Northland Community & Technical College's softball team is in the thick of the MCAC Northern Division race thanks to an 8-0 stretch that spanned 11 days and parts of five two-game series.

The Pioneers entered Sunday's double header against the Itasca Vikings with seven consecutive wins and they got to within two outs of sweeping the double header and making it nine in a row.

Northland claimed the opener 5-2 behind a complete game effort from starter Kalee Wall, who improved to 10-7 with the win. Trailing 1-0 after one inning, the Pio-

MCAC Northern Division	Division		Softball Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Central Lakes	11	1	17	9
Northland	8	2	13	13
Itasca	8	4	12	18
Mesabi Range	4	4	4	10
Rainy River	6	7	11	19
Hibbing	0	7	1	11
Vermilion	0	12	0	15

MCAC Southern Division	Division		Softball Overall	
	W	L	W	L
St. Cloud	10	0	21	10
Anoka-Ramsey	7	3	14	13
Ridgewater	6	4	7	13
MS-Fergus Falls	4	6	9	8
Rochester	3	5	10	9
Minnesota West	0	0	0	0
Riverland	0	12	0	23

neers tied the game with a run in the second and took

control with a four-run fifth inning.

Northland led 9-7 with one out in the top of the seventh of game two. Unfortunately, the Pioneers allowed the Vikings to score two runs in the seventh to force extra innings. In the eighth, Itasca plated four more runs and Northland could only muster one run in the bottom of the inning as the Vikings hung on for the 13-10 win.

Spoiled in the game two loss was a 4-for-5 outing from Haley Price that included two home runs, a double, five runs and four RBIs.

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Northland sophomore pitcher Enoc Rodriguez was credited with a no-decision after allowing one run on four hits, while striking out eight Central Lakes batters during his six innings of work Sunday.



Daniel Quick, left, hurdled his way to a runner-up finish in the 300 meter hurdles at the East Grand Forks Invitational Track meet on Friday.

TRF runners compete at Hamline Elite Meet/Continued

[Continued from page 1] performances of the season thus far.

Johnson qualified for the 100 meter final by taking the ninth and final qualifying spot with a time of 12.75 in her qualifying heat. In the final, she ran a tenth of a second slower, but improved to eighth after edging Arianna Passeri of Rosemount 12.85 to 12.89. MaeLea Harmon of Waterville-Elysian-Morristown won the event with a time of 12.16.

In the 400, Finstad beat her seed time by nine-tenths of a second to post a 58.96 time that was good enough for eighth place. Nell

Graham of Triton won the event with a time of 57.46.

"I was so proud of these two girls and how they ran," Walrath said. "Just to qualify for the meet is huge but for Carley to make finals and place top eight is fantastic and we have some good times to work from and to try and improve.

"Jerzie ran awesome and it was a very fast 400 race. Every time but one was under 59 seconds, which is fast this early in the season. For her to be that competitive in the 400, when it is her first year competing in the open 400, is great. We have a good time that we will work off of and I hope to

improve it further."

Hamline Elite Meet

■ 100 meters final - 1. MaeLea Harmon, Waterville-Elysian, 12.16; 2. Odell Frye, Waseca, 12.26; 3. Kendra Kelley, Cloquet, 12.30; 4. Faith Robinson, Minnetonka, 12.41; 5. Kinga Mozes, Rochester Centur, 12.56; 6. Robbie Grace, The Blake School, 12.65; 7. Jordan Mann, Bemidji, 12.74; 8. Carley Johnson, Thief River Fall, 12.85; 9. Arianna Passeri, Rosemount, 12.89.

■ 400 meters final - 1. Nell Graham, Triton, 57.46; 2. Jenna Johnson, Rosemount, 58.23; 3. Claire Howell, Moorhead, 58.36; 4. Elira Schramm, Willmar, 58.52; 5. Lizzy Schmidt, Belle Plaine, 58.54; 6. Maddie Dahlien, Edina, 58.85; 7. Kyra Dalluge, Rogers, 58.88; 8. Jerzie Finstad, Thief River Falls, 58.96; 9. ITianna Salaam, DeLaSalle, 1:00.06.

Northland drops three of four to Central Lakes/Continued

[Continued from page 1] struck out to give the Raiders two outs in the inning.

Joel Trivino reached on a throwing error by Central Lakes shortstop Jake Kapphahn, with Merced scoring to make it 3-2. That set up Kristopher Gonzalez, who singled up the middle to score both Merced and Matos to secure the walk-off win.

Northland had its chances to sweep the double header. The Pioneers trailed 5-0 after two and half innings were in the books. They got on the board with a run in the bottom of the third, only to see the lead grow to seven runs in the top half of the fourth.

Trailing 8-1 at the start of the inning, Northland took the lead with eight runs in the bottom of the fourth. Scoring runs for the Pioneers were Kristopher Gonzalez, Jose Hernandez, Dylan Manderud, Jaed Rivera, Merced, Matos and Rodriguez.

Central Lakes reclaimed the lead with three runs in the top of the sixth and added an insurance run in the seventh to secure the 12-9 win.

Central Lakes reliever Hunter Wicklund picked up the final two outs of the fourth inning and finished the game with three scoreless innings to pick up the win. Sosa took the loss for Northland after allowing three runs on one hit and one walk in his only inning of work.

Game 1 at Central Lakes

NCTC.....000 100 0 - 1 2 2
CLC.....210 023 x - 8 10 0
Pitching - (NCTC) Vince Spicuzza - L 5.1 IP, 9 hits, 8 runs, 6 earned runs, 5 walks, 1 strikeout; Dylan Manderud 0.2 IP, 1 hit, 0 runs, 0 earned runs, 0 walks, 0 strikeouts; (CLC) Eric Hinnekamp - W, 7 IP, 2 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 1 walk, 6 strikeouts.

Offensive highlights - (NCTC) Joshua Colunga 1/3, run; Kristopher Gonzalez 1/3, RBI; (CLC) Jake Kapphahn 2/3, double, 3 runs; Hunter Wicklund 2/3, run; Phillip Zynda 1/2, double, 2 RBI.

Game 2 at Central Lakes

NCTC.....012 00 - 3 5 4
CLC.....224 5x - 13 13 2
Pitching - (NCTC) Cody Horn - L, 4 IP, 13 hits, 13 runs, 13 earned runs, 5 walks, 0 strikeouts; (CLC) Preston Rocheleau - W 5 IP, 3 runs, 2 earned runs, 1 walk, 2 strikeouts.

Offensive highlights - (NCTC) Enoc Rodriguez 1/3, run, RBI; Kristopher Gonzalez 1/3, RBI; Jose Hernandez 1/2, run; (CLC) Josh Fussy 3/4, 4 runs, 2 RBI; Alan Pietila

4/4, run, 4 RBIs; Bret Mathews 2/2, triple, 2 runs, RBI.

Game 1 at Northland

CLC.....000 001 2 - 3 5 1
NCTC.....000 001 3 - 4 7 2
Pitching - (CLC) Alex Guggisberg - L, 6-2 IP, 7 hits, 4 runs, 3 earned runs, 3 walks, 7 strikeouts; (NCTC) Enoc Rodriguez 6 IP, 4 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 5 walks, 8 strikeouts; Jatdiel Sosa - W, 1 IP, 1 hit, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 4 walks, 2 strikeouts.

Offensive highlights - (CLC) Alan Pietila 2/4, double, run; Phillip Zynda 1/2, run, RBI; Chad Savard 1/3, RBI; (NCTC) Joel Trivino 2/3, double, run, RBI; Joshua Rivera 1/2, RBI; Kristopher Gonzalez 1/3, 2 RBI.

Game 2 at Northland

CLC.....014 303 1 - 12 12 7
NCTC.....001 800 0 - 9 5 4
Pitching - (CLC) Casey Welsh 3.1 IP, 2 hits, 9 runs, 1 earned run, 4 walks, 2 strikeouts; Hunter Wicklund - W, 3.2 IP, 3 hits, 0 runs, 0 earned runs, 0 walks, 1 strikeout; (NCTC) Carlos Lugo 3 IP, 7 hits, 5 runs, 5 earned runs, 3 walks, 3 strikeouts; Mel/Tavis Robertson 1 IP, 3 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 1 walk, 1 strikeout; Eric Merced 1 IP, 1 hit, 0 runs, 0 earned runs, 2 walks, 0 strikeouts; Jatdiel Sosa - L, 1 IP, 1 hit, 3 runs, 0 earned runs, 1 walk, 2 strikeouts; Kristopher Gonzalez 1 IP, 0 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 1 walk.

Offensive highlights - (CLC) Preston Rocheleau 3/4, 2 doubles, 3 runs, RBI; Alan Pietila 2/4, double, 2 runs, RBI; Parker Sorenson 2/3, run, 3 RBI; (NCTC) Jose Hernandez 2/4, run; Dylan Manderud 1/4, double, run, RBI.

Scoring

TRF.....001 003 0 - 4 5 0
Roseau.....001 018 x - 10 9 0
Pitching - (TRF) Kaleb Flaagan 5 IP, 2 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 6 walks, 3 strikeouts; Adam Berg 2/3 IP 0 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 2 walks; Austin Olson 1/3 IP, 1 hit, 3 runs, 2 earned runs, 1 walk; Zachary Myhrer 2/3 IP, 4 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned runs.

Offensive highlights - (TRF) Kaleb Flaagan 1/3, double, run, 2 RBI; Keaden Kempert 1/4, triple.

Track and Field

TRF boys take second in EGF

Thief River Falls finished second in the East Grand Forks Invitational Friday, April 26, on the strength of a championship in the 4x400 relay.

"Our boys 4x4 stole the show by trailing Thompson (ND) and EGF going into the last couple laps," said Head Coach Nathan Hruby. "Blake Biermaier and Kody Lubarski held very close gaps to the two schools, which in the third lap saw Myles Johnson pass EGF and close the gap on the team from Thompson. In the anchor lap, Kaden Bakken caught and passed Thompson with a slim 90 meters to go. The boys 4x4 held on to take first by 0.28 seconds."

The Prowlers got runner-up finishes from Daniel Quick in the 300 hurdles, Cole Johnson in the pole vault and long jump, and the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams.

Other top-five finishes on the boys side came from Cody Lubarski, with a third place finish in the 200; Cole Johnson in the high jump; Luke Perkovich with a fourth place finish in the shot put; and Myles Johnson, with a fourth place finish in the 400.

"Overall the boys had an outstanding meet, finishing second behind EGF by 19 points this time around," said Hruby. "We had a PR in high jump and long jump by Cole Johnson, with a jump of 5' 3" in high jump and 19' 2" in long jump. Carter Prybil improved his 800 meter dash time by dropping a second and a half; we saw Isaac Mauch drop 28 seconds off of his 3200 M time from last meet."

The Thief River Falls girls team was a little short-handed, running without its top sprinter, Carley Johnson, and middle distance runner, Jerzie Finstad, who were both competing in the Hamline Elite Meet.

The Prowlers still had plenty of firepower and took fourth place overall as a team. Leading the way with runner-up finishes were Elaina Ballard in the 100, Hannah Mauch in the 200, Dru Harbott in the 1600, Coral Mattison in the high jump, and the 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams.

Also finishing in the top five were Brooklyn Brouse, with a third place finish in

the high jump; Chesnie Wojciechowski, with a fourth place finish in the 100; Dru Harbott, with a fifth place finish in the 800.

Team Scores

■ Girls - 1. East Grand Forks 113; 2. Crookston 112; 3. Thompson HS 82; 4. West Marshall Fusion 79; 5. Thief River Falls 76; 6. Fertile-Beltrami 54; 7. Clearbrook-Gonvick 49; 8. Fisher/EGF Sacred Heart/Climax 42; 9. Red Lake County 35; 10. Ada-Borup/Norman County West 27; 11. BGMR/Freeze 14; 12. Red River 9; 13. Grand Forks Central 7.

■ Boys - 1. East Grand Forks 117; 2. Thief River Falls 98; 3. Clearbrook-Gonvick 70; 4. Thompson HS 63; 5. Crookston 57.5; 6. Ada-Borup/Norman County West 55; 7. Fertile-Beltrami 52; 8. Fisher/EGF Sacred Heart/Climax 40; 9. BGMR/Freeze 35.5; 10. West Marshall Fusion 34; 11. Red Lake County 31; 12. Grand Forks Central 30; 13. Red River 19.

Winner/TRF Places-Girls

100 - Winner: Emma Tollefson, Fertile-Beltrami, 13.39; TRF places: 2. Elaina Ballard 13.62; 4. Chesnie Wojciechowski 13.95; 13. Miah Nelson 14.63; 15. Ella Budish 15.10; 16. Mattea Erickson 15.12.

200 - Winner: Mini Jallah, East Grand Forks, 27.18; TRF places: 2. Hannah Mauch 27.37; 14. Bela Nelson 30.66; 21. Ella Budish 31.60; 22. Josie Kezar 31.70.

400 - Winner: Marin Roragen, Fertile-Beltrami, 1:03.05; TRF places: 8. Bela Nelson 1:09.32; 10. Josie Kezar 1:09.59; 20. Maren Espe 1:13.95; 23. Reagan Espe 1:17.54.

800 - Winner: Hayden Winjum, Crookston, 2:31.04; TRF places: 5. Dru Harbott 2:34.95; 11. Maren Espe 2:52.06; 22. Reagan Espe 3:22.01.

1600 - Winner: Katherine Geist, Crookston, 5:17.83; TRF places: 2. Dru Harbott 5:41.28.

3200 - Winner: Katherine Geist, Crookston, 11:08.22.

100 hurdles - Winner: Isatu Shirek, Thompson, 16.30; TRF places: 8. Coral Mattison 18.80; 17. Brookie Bakke 19.88.

300 hurdles - Winner: Isatu Shirek, Thompson, 48.87; TRF places: 3. Brooklyn Brouse 50.01; 6. Brookie Bakke 54.64.

4x100 - Winner: East Grand Forks 53.47; TRF places: 2. Thief River Falls 53.85.

4x200 - Winner: Fertile-Beltrami 1:52.58; TRF places: 2. Thief River Falls 1:52.85; 11. Thief River Falls B 2:07.38.

4x400 - Winner: Thompson 4:21.99; TRF places: 8. Thief River Falls 4:47.43.

4x800 - Winner: East Grand Forks A 10:26.64.

High Jump - Winner: Jessica Remer 5-00.00; TRF places: 2. Coral Mattison 5-00.00; 3. Brooklyn Brouse 4-10.00; 9. Katelyn Stephens 4-02.00.

Pole Vault - Winner: Paige Maicalski, West Marshall, 8-00.00; Long Jump - Winner: Abigail McGlynn, West Marshall, 15-06.50; TRF places: 10. Mattea Erickson 12-07.25; 25. Bela Nelson 11-00.00.

Triple Jump - Winner: Hayden Winjum, Crookston, 33-05.50; TRF places: 8. Chesnie Wojciechowski 29-00.00; 9. Elaina Ballard 28-10.50.

Shot Put - Winner: Jada Dillabough, Crookston, 34-06.00; TRF places: 35. Anna Knott 23-00.00; 36. Mercedes Wilson 22-

10.00.
Discus - Winner: Danae Stenzel, Clearbrook-Gonvick, 105-06; TRF places: 18. Mercedes Wilson 69-04; 23. Reagan Espe 64-03; 34. Anna Knott 55-01.

Winner/TRF Places-Boys

100 - Winner: Isaac Durand, West Marshall, 11.42; TRF places: 9. Robbie King 12.04; 11. Kody Lubarski 12.12; 18. Alex Trinciante 12.37; 20. Alexander Lundgren 12.48; 21. Leo Mendonca, 12.49; 32. Anthony Hyland 13.14; 35. Ethan Osowski 13.29; 36. Isaac Dakken 13.30.

200 - Winner: Noah Kiel, Crookston, 23.43; TRF places: 3. Kody Lubarski 24.35; 6. Daniel Quick 24.65; 10. Robbie King 25.14; 15. Austin Ryba 26.02; 22. Anthony Hyland 26.82; 26. Deyton Nyre 27.59; 29. Ethan Osowski 28.37.

400 - Winner: Jory Vasek, Fisher/EGF Sacred Heart 54.21; TRF places: 4. Myles Johnson 57.45; 6. Kaden Bakken 58.56; 7. Carter Prybil 59.37.

800 - Winner: Cole Nowacki, East Grand Forks, 2:05.14; TRF places: 9. Carther Prybil 2:21.02; 21. Nolan Liedberg 2:43.92.

1600 - Winner: Cole Nowacki, East Grand Forks, 4:36.10; TRF places: 6. Jayce Lizakowski 5:06.59.

3200 - Winner: Tyson Mahar, East Grand Forks, 10:05.11.

110 hurdles - Winner: Harmon Lieb, Fertile-Beltrami, 15.99; TRF places: Daniel Quick 18.58; 8. Blake Biermaier 19.37; 13. Nolan Lubarski 21.02.

300 hurdles - Winner: Josiah Hubbard, Clearbrook-Gonvick, 41.27; TRF places: 2. Daniel Quick 43.38; 8. Blake Biermaier 46.85; 18. Nolan Lubarski 51.61.

4x100 - Winner: Clearbrook-Gonvick 45.37; TRF places: 6. Thief River Falls 50.09.

4x200 - Winner: East Grand Forks 1:36.24; TRF places: 2. Thief River Falls 1:40.72.

4x400 - Winner: Thief River Falls 3:43.63; TRF places: 7. Thief River Falls B 4:08.04.

4x800 - Winner: Thompson 8:51.92; TRF places: 2. Thief River Falls 9:07.76.

High Jump - Winner: Ethan Dorman, Clearbrook-Gonvick, 5-09.00; TRF places: 3. Cole Johnson 5-03.00.

Pole Vault - Winner: Weston Bring, BGMR/Freeze, 12-09.00; TRF places: 2. Cole Johnson, 12-03.00.

Long Jump - Winner: Verdis Barber, Ada-Borup/Norman County West, 19-04.00; 2. Cole Johnson 19-02.00; 11. Alex Trinciante 15-10.00; 24. Anthony Hyland 15-00.00; 26. Kody Lubarski 14-05.00; 30. Nolan Liedberg 13-05.00.

Triple Jump - Winner: Albert Kargel, Fertile-Beltrami, 40-03.50; TRF places: 9. Kaden Grindeland 33-01.00.

Shot Put - Winner: Levi Nelson, Clearbrook-Gonvick, 46-01.00; TRF places: 4. Luke Perkovich 44-08.50; 36. Taylor Engebretson 31-08.50; 39. Blaine Torstveit 31-02.00; 45. Ayden Leake 29-00.00; 51. Isaiah Bisimwa 26-09.00; 53. Richard Philipp 25-05.50.

Discus - Winner: Mason Miller, Ada-Borup, 133-07; TRF places: 21. Luke Perkovich 92-06; 34. Taylor Engebretson, 80-04; 43. Blaine Torstveit 67-11; 47. Jayce Lizakowski 64-06; 50. Ayden Leake 61-11; 51. Isaiah Bisimwa 61-07; 52. Richard Philipp 60-11.

Rams rally, hand Prowlers first loss of 2019 season

Roseau scored eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to overcome a 4-2 deficit and stun Thief River Falls 10-4 in a Thursday, April 25 baseball game at Gilbertson Field in Roseau.

Thief River Falls looked like it was heading toward

its third win in three tries to open the 2019 season. The Prowlers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third. Roseau tied the game with a run in the bottom of the third inning and the Rams took a short-lived lead with a run in the bottom of the fifth.

Thief River Falls plated three runs in the top of the sixth, before Roseau answered with a back-breaking eight-run bottom half of the inning.

Oliver Lee and Hunter Nelson led the Rams offensively, with two hits a piece. Daniel Wensloff walked

twice and collected two RBIs while going 0-for-two at the plate. Also collecting RBIs for the Rams were Nelson, Trevor Olson, Jordan Moser and Aaron Loken.

TRF.....001 003 0 - 4 5 0
Roseau.....001 018 x - 10 9 0

Pitching - (TRF) Kaleb Flaagan 5 IP, 2 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 6 walks, 3 strikeouts; Adam Berg 2/3 IP 0 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 2 walks; Austin Olson 1/3 IP, 1 hit, 3 runs, 2 earned runs, 1 walk; Zachary Myhrer 2/3 IP, 4 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned runs.

Offensive highlights - (TRF) Kaleb Flaagan 1/3, double, run, 2 RBI; Keaden Kempert 1/4, triple.

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TRF softball team earns season-opening split

Thief River Falls went 1-1 playing North Dakota power West Fargo and Moorhead in a season-opening triangular in Greenbush.

West Fargo opened up the scoring in the top of the 1st inning with five runs on five hits.

"I thought a few of the balls they hit in the first inning, we had a chance to make a play, which would have limited some of their scoring," said Head Coach Carter Rogalla. "Anytime you give a good hitting team like West Fargo more than three outs in an inning you are playing with fire. We did and they took advantage. In the bottom of the 1st inning, we had a chance to score, but left the bases loaded. I think it would have been huge for us if we could have found a way to answer in the bottom of the inning."

Down 7-0, the Prowlers scored a couple of runs in the bottom of the third inning. Alexa Rogalla led off the inning with a triple to right field and scored on an RBI single by Camryn Schwab. Hannah Magnusson scored the second run in the inning on a West Fargo error.

The Prowlers would score two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to cut the lead to 10-4, with four hits in the inning. Schwab would lead off the inning with a single. Magnusson reached base on a fielders choice. Khloe Lund would follow Magnusson with a single and Breanna Wienen would double in both Magnusson and Lund.

The final run scored by the Prowlers would come in the sixth inning, when Haylie Rogalla would lead

off the inning with a single and come around to score on a two-out double by Schwab.

"Offensively, I thought the girls had some really good at-bats as the game went on and ended the game with 10 hits."

The Prowlers would rebound in game two with an 11-0 win. Like the first game, the Prowlers threatened to score in the first inning but ended up leaving the bases loaded.

After the Spuds went down in order in the second inning, the Prowlers would take advantage of three Moorhead errors to score six times in the bottom of the inning. Eme Gunderson and Gabby Steele would both reach base on a Moorhead error to take a 1-0 lead. Haylie Rogalla would drive in Steele with a double to left field to make it 2-0. Alexa Rogalla would follow her sister with a double to left center to score Haylie from second base. Schwab would single home Alexa Rogalla to make it 4-0. Lund would score Schwab from third base on a ground out to end the scoring in the second inning.

The Prowlers would score another run in the bottom of the 4th on a couple Moorhead errors to make it 7-0.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Prowlers would end the game with four runs on four hits. With one out, the Prowlers' next six hitters would reach base. Steele would walk, followed by a single to center by Haylie Rogalla. Alexa Rogalla would drive in Steele with a single. Lexi Huot would drive in Haylie Rogalla with

a single and Olivia Hawkins would end the game with a double to score both Alexa Rogalla and Huot.

Alexa Rogalla would throw all 5 innings for the shut out, striking out 7 Moorhead hitters, while giving up only 3 hits.

"Overall, I thought the girls did a good job today," Carter Rogalla said. "Every year, you don't know how the girls are going to handle seeing the ball live for the first time. I was pleased with what I saw."

Game 1

West Fargo.....502 132 0 - 13 13 0
TRF.....002 021 0 - 5 10 0
Pitching - (WF) Courtney Boll - W 7 IP, 10 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned runs, 4 walks, 9 strike outs (TRF) Lexi Huot - L, 5 IP, 12 hits, 11 runs, 11 earned runs, 0 walks, 2 strikeouts, 3 home runs; Haylie Rogalla 2 IP, 1 hit, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 1 walk, 2 strikeouts.

Offensive highlights - (WF) Tori Nicholas-Kraft 2/2, 2 runs, 2 RBI; Mariah Peters 2/4, 2 runs, 3 RBI; (TRF) Alexa Rogalla 2/3, run; Camryn Schwab 3/3, double, 2 RBI.

Game 2

Moorhead.....000 00 - 0 3 3
TRF.....060 14 - 11 10 0
Pitching - (M) Drew Sverson - L, 4.1 IP, 10 hits, 11 runs, 5 earned runs, 2 walks, 2 strikeouts; Alexa Rogalla - W 5 IP, 3 hits, 0 runs, 0 earned runs, 0 walks, 7 strikeouts.

Offensive highlights - (M) Althea Bradstee 2/2; Bria Holm 1/2; (TRF) Alexa Rogalla 3/4, 2 runs, 2 RBI; Haylie Rogalla 2/3, 2 runs, RBI; Lexi huot 2/4, 2 runs, RBI.



Thief River Falls junior Tucker Skime awaits a return shot from Bemidji's Jonah Fuhrman during the Prowlers' home triangular Friday afternoon.

Prowlers take five of seven vs. Green Wave

Thief River Falls swept the singles matches and took one of three doubles matches in a 5-2 win over Section 8A opponent East Grand Forks Tuesday, April 23 at Frankling Middle School.

"Today we came out ready to take down our section opponent," said Head Coach Fabian Tunberg. "EGF is senior heavy and has quite a bit of experience and all of our players handled it well."

Thief River Falls got singles wins from Cole Gillespie, Camden Broadwell, Tucker Skime and Noah Rupprecht, and a doubles victory from the number three team of Reece Janisch and Aiden Martell.

"We decided to go with a stronger singles lineup and a balanced doubles lineup," Tunberg said. "EGF put their top players over at doubles which was good for our doubles teams to see."

The match was Thief River Falls first at home in 2019, as the Prowlers improved to 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

"It was nice to be at home in front of an incredible crowd," Tunberg said. "I have always said our success over the years has a lot to do with the community that supports these kids on and off the court. We are looking stronger every match in different positions, that's what I want to see."

Tunberg feels his team is in midseason form.

"The rest of the year will be working on adjusting our lineups so our opponent knows we have depth and can win any position," Tunberg said.

- Thief River Falls 5, East Grand Forks 2**
 ■ Singles - Cole Gillespie (TRF) def. Justin Smerer 6-2, 6-0; Camden Broadwell (TRF) def. Tucker Brown 6-3, 6-0; Tucker Skime (TRF) def. Josiah Gehrs 6-1, 6-2; Noah Rupprecht (TRF) def. Bryce Huot 6-0, 6-1.
 ■ Doubles - Ben Kern/Bleck Felch (EGF) def. Dylan Hahn/Jack Onkka 6-4, 6-2; Parker Anderson/Tanner Mack (EGF) def. Ethan Janisch/Rhett Janisch 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Reece Janisch/Aiden Martell (TRF) def. Justin Marciniak/Rudy Jaarez 6-3, 6-1.

Prowlers fall to Cardinals, bounce back against Otters

The Thief River Falls boys tennis team lost for just the second time in 2019, falling 5-2 to Class AA Willmar in the first match of the Fergus Falls Triangular Thursday, April 25.

Despite the loss, Thief River Falls head coach Fabian Tunberg was encouraged by his team's resiliency.

"If someone asks me at the end of the year, 'Was there a turning point in your season?' I would look back at this triangular with Willmar," Tunberg said. "We lost all the first sets in every position and found our way back into it, taking four to a third set and winning two of four. We are not always going to win every match, every tiebreaker breaker, but today we found out team mentality."

Tunberg credited seniors Ethan Janisch, who was out of the lineup due to injury, and Aiden Martell, with sparking the fight.

Of Janisch, Tunberg said, "He is vocal and invested into each match."

Tunberg also noted that Martell turned it on and

became an animal at the net during the second set.

"Let's be honest, if you saw Aiden at the net and he was about to take an overhead, you would probably run off the court. By the end of the match, Aiden was shaking he was so excited and beyond thrilled how he played. He showed Rhett Janisch what it means to get excited and how much energy a match can bring."

"We don't win matches at individual spots; we win matches and our program is successful only because our team sees the importance of unity vs individuality."

Against Fergus Falls, Tunberg opted to use Camden Broadwell in the number one singles spot to get a match against Noah Traczon for seeding purposes. The Thief River Falls sophomore responded with a 6-1, 6-2 win that was part of an overall 6-1 dual meet win for the Prowlers.

"Camden is showing himself as one of the top singles players in the section," Tunberg said.

Also picking up wins from

the Prowlers were Jack Onkka and Dylan Hahn in singles; and the doubles teams of Cole Gillespie/Rhett Janisch, and Tucker Skime/Noah Rupprecht.

- Willmar 5, Thief River Falls 2**
 ■ Singles - Cole Gillespie (TRF) def. Will Fischer 2-6, 6-2, 14-12; Peyton Fischer (W) def. Camden Broadwell 6-4, 6-4; Hunter Fischer (W) def. Tucker Skime 6-3, 2-6, 10-5; Ryan Ackerman (W) def. Jack Onkka 6-2, 6-2.
 ■ Doubles - Ben Kiskan/Marquis Christenson (W) 6-1, 4-6, 10-5; Aiden Martell/Rhett Janisch (TRF) def. Cole Helfinstine/Josh Johannes 1-6, 6-3, 11-9; Caleb Laurence/Andrew Haugen (W) def. Reece Janisch/Andrew Olson 6-2, 6-2.

- Thief River Falls 6, Fergus Falls 1**
 ■ Singles - Camden Broadwell (TRF) def. Noah Tarczan 6-1, 6-2; Jack Onkka (TRF) def. Isaac Ahlgren 6-1, 6-1; Dylan Hahn (TRF) def. Matt Niblock 6-3, 6-2; Conner Ackerson (FF) def. Isaiiah Villarreal 6-3, 6-2.
 ■ Doubles - Cole Gillespie/Rhett Janisch (TRF) def. Maverick Kalenburg/Colton Partain 6-1, 6-0; Tucker Skime/Noah Rupprecht (TRF) def. Caleb Danielson/Joe Connelly 6-0, 6-0; Reece Janisch/Aiden Martell (TRF) def. Blake Schuetzle/Declan Young 6-1, 6-0.

NCTC win-streak stalls at eight games/Continued

Despite the loss, Northland stands in second place in the MCAC Northern Division with an 8-2 conference mark and 13-13 overall mark.

"The team is playing really good softball," said Head Coach Paul Peterson. "Kalee is pitching well. The team is executing really well, getting bunts down. We've come a long way since we started and we are playing really good softball right now."

Game 1		r h e	
Itasca.....	100 001 0	2	9 3
NCTC.....	001 040 x	5	4 1
Pitching - (ICC) Alicia Tresco - L 6 IP, 8 hits, 5 runs, 1 earned run, 2 walks, 2 strikeouts; (NCTC) Kalee Wall - W (10-7) 7 IP, 8 hits, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 1 walk, 1 strikeout.			
Offensive highlights - (ICC) Maya Schroeder 2/4, double; Maya Schroeder 2/4; Mackie Dostal 1/3, RBI (NCTC) Kalee Wall 0/3, 3 RBI; Sade Westbrook 1/3, run, RBI; Jessie Nichols 2/2, run, RBI.			

Game 2		r h e	
Itasca.....	002 005 24	13	23 2
NCTC.....	202 032 01	10	14 5
Pitching - (ICC) Taylor Shepard - W, 8 IP, 15 hits, 10 runs, 7 earned runs, 1 walk, 9 strikeouts, 2 home runs; (NCTC) Kalee Wall - L (10-8) 8 IP, 16 hits, 13 runs, 12 earned runs, 1 walk, 2 strikeouts, home run.			
Offensive highlights - (ICC) Sarah Moir 4/5, double, run, 2 RBI; Mackie Dostal 3/5, home run, double, 3 hits, 3 RBI; Madison Lathrop 4/5, 3 doubles, 3 runs, RBI; (NCTC) Haley Price 4/5, 2 home runs, double, 5 runs, 4 RBI; Kalee Wall 2/5, 2 doubles, run, 3 RBI; Sade Westbrook 2/5, 2 runs.			

Boys golf team finishes fourth

Thief River Falls took fourth in the season-opening Walker-Hackensack-Akeley/Laporte Invitational at Tianna Country Club in Walker on Friday, April 26.

Trey Christopherson of Crookston and Tate Usher of Park Rapids shared medalist honors with scores of 81. Third place went to Logan Arndt of Walker-Hackensack-Akeley/Laporte, who finished one stroke off the lead with an

82. Thief River Falls' top finisher was Will Johnson, who checked in with an 89. Detroit Lakes JV won the team championship with a score of 347. Crookston was second at 351. WHAL was third with 358 and Thief River Falls was fourth with 365.

- WHAL Invitational**
 ■ Team Scores: 1. Detroit Lakes JV 347; 2. Crookston 351; 3. WHAL 358; 4. Thief River Falls 365; 5. Pine River-Backus 377; 6. Park

- Rapids 379; 7. United North Central 389; 7. East Grand Forks 389; 9. Cass Lake-Bena 405; 10. Badger/Greenbush-Middle River 431; 11. Blackduck 454; 12. Kelliher-Northome 12; Incomplete - Frazee, Nevis.
 ■ Individuals - Medalist: Trey Christopherson, Crookston, 81 Medalist: Tate Usher, Park Rapids, 81 3. Logan Arndt, WHAL, 82; 4. Logan Burhans, DL, 83; 5. Brady Raph, Pine River-Backus, 84.
 ■ TRF results: Sam Haubrich 92, Will Johnson 89, Wayde Jensen 92, Tylan Johnson 92, Josh Berzinski 102, Peyton Scheie 107.

Kalee Wall named Pitcher of the Week

With improving playing conditions across the state, several softball squads in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference moved closer to securing post-season placements with strong showings last week. The best individual performances have been awarded with MCAC Softball Weekly Honors for the week ending Sunday, April 21.

Northland Community & Technical College pitcher Kalee Wall had an amazing level of control on her pitching arsenal this past week and has been tabbed as the MCAC Northern Division Pitcher-of-the-Week for her performance.

Wall walked only one bat-



Kalee Wall

ter in four games while striking out 24 en route to a 3-1 week. The freshman from Seymore, Indiana

dealt Division-leading Central Lakes a 6-2 setback among her wins and conceded only six earned runs total in 23 innings of work. With victories over Central Lakes, Vermilion and Hibbing, Wall moved her record to 7-7 on the year and has helped the Pioneers register a 5-1 mark in MCAC Northern Division play so far this spring.

Since receiving the award, Wall has added three more wins to her resume, including pitching all nine innings in the Pioneers' 4-3 extra-inning win over Rainy River, a 7-2 win over Rainy River and a 5-2 win over Itasca.

Northland sweeps Rainy River to push streak to seven games

Northland Community & Technical College rallied to defeat Rainy River 4-1 in game one and the Pioneers jumped all over the Voyageurs in 7-2 game two win.

The Voyageurs scored in the top of the first to take a 1-0 lead in game one, with Northland answering with a run in the bottom of the first.

The game remained tied 1-1 as both starting pitchers - Mariss Kerry of Rainy River and Kalee Wall of Northland - settled in to pitch seven scoreless innings.

Rainy River scored two runs in the top of the ninth on a two-run double by Justina Hawley.

Trailing 3-1 in the bottom of the ninth, Northland got its much-needed rally started with a double by Mariah Stueness. Josephine Davis singled and Stueness scored on a throwing error to make

it 3-2. Wahl bunted for a hit and Davis advanced to second. Sade Westbrook followed that up with a bunt for a hit that moved Davis to third and Wahl to second.

Haley Price kept the merry-go-round going with another bunt for a base hit. Davis scored to tie the game, Wahl advanced to third and Westbrook moved to second.

Jessie Nichols attempted to make it four consecutive bunts for base hits, but she ended up hitting into a fielders choice. Wahl forced out at plate, with Westbrook moving to third, Price to second, and Nichols to first on the play.

With one out and the bases still loaded, Wall singled to score Westbrook for the walkoff win.

Game 1		r h e	
Rainy River.....	100 000 002	3	8 3
NCTC.....	100 000 003	4	12 1
Pitching - (RR) Marissa Kerry - L			

(1-3) 8.1 IP, 12 hits, 4 runs, 4 earned runs, 1 walk, 5 strikeouts; (NCTC) Kalee Wall - W (8-7), 9 IP, 7 hits, 3 runs, 3 earned runs, 2 walks, 8 strikeouts.

Offensive highlights - (RR) Janet Humbert 2/4, double, 2 runs; Casey Meyers 3/4, 2 doubles, run, RBI; Justina Hawley 1/4, double, 2 RBI; (NCTC) Sade Westbrook 3/5, double, run, RBI; Haley Price 3/4, double, RBI; Mariah Stueness 1/4, run.

Game 2		r h e	
Rainy River.....	200 000 0	2	8 3
NCTC.....	110 113 x	7	7 1
Pitching - (RR) Justina Hawley 1.1 IP, 0 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 2 walks, 1 strikeouts; Marissa Kerry - L (1-4) 4.2 IP, 4 hits, 5 runs, 1 earned run, 1 walk, 2 strikeouts; (NCTC) Kalee Wall - W (9-7) 6 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 0 walks, 10 strikeouts.			
Offensive highlights - (RR) Casey Meyers 1/3, RBI; Emily LaMassieur 1/3, RBI; (NCTC) Mariah Stueness 2/2, double, 2 runs, RBI; Jessie Nichols 2/4, run, RBI; Kelsey Landman 1/1, run, RBI.			



Northland women's basketball alumni claimed the women's team championship at the 14th Annual Hoops for Hope Foundation Basketball Tournament. Pictured from left to right are: Alex Erickson, Bailey Jenkins, Shannon Nelson, Tia Klein, Shari Klein, Beth Tvedt, Cassie Berg, Sarah Durand. Not pictured is Allyson Dahl. (Submitted)

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Pictured from left to right are Thief River Falls varsity basketball players, coaches and manager: row one - Managers Ella Budish, Aleshia Abeyta, Jacqueline Zaviska, Zachary Praska, Gavin Hoglo, Storm Manning, Christofer Trinciante, Gunner Zutz, Coach Bryce Lingen; back row - coaches Riley Henrickson, Aaron Strandberg, Raegan Espe; row two - Robbie King, Zachary Myhrer, Luke Perkovich, Zachary Koestner, Myles Johnson; Row three - Coach Jonathan Hams, Brevyn Lingen, (Photo by Thoele Photography)

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Rural MN needs full broadband funding

When it comes to broadband funding, Minnesota elected leaders deserve credit for recognizing that access to opportunity is not universal - even if talent in our state is.

Since 2014 the state has appropriated \$85 million to local internet providers through the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program, to speed the pace toward meeting the goal of providing high-speed broadband access at minimum speeds to every corner of the state by 2022. While internet service providers jostle to compete for customers in densely populated cities and regional centers, the market gets pretty thin in deeper rural areas of the state where towns are sparsely populated and farm operations measure their acreage by the thousands. That doesn't mean access is any less crucial - and that's where the state comes in. There is talent in every corner of the state, and no cor-

ner of the state should be left on the dark side of the digital divide.

The Border-to-Border program has helped the state reach an admirable 91% penetration rate toward the universal access goal, and has become a national model that other states are using to make sure they aren't left behind. But the Minnesota program hit a snag last year. After four consecutive years of funding, the bill authorizing the 2018 appropriation was caught in a political cross-fire and vetoed by former Gov. Dayton over issues not related to broadband. That stopped the program, and the progress needs to continue this year to make up for lost time.

The good thing is that it can be done and we know exactly how much is necessary to put the program back on track. That number is \$35 million a year for the next two years, or \$70 million for the biennium. That's the number the MN

Rural Broadband Coalition and Gov. Walz recommended to the Legislature, and that's the number the Minnesota House passed off the floor this week. The Senate is taking a different strategy, moving a bill authorizing a one-time appropriation of \$30 million as its Border-to-Border position. We don't think that is enough, but we understand and respect that positions are being established and negotiations are about to begin as the May 20th end of session deadline begins to emerge.

Broadband funding is not controversial and we look forward to continuing to work with the Senate to help them try and get their number up to something that would put this successful program make up for lost time.

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entrepreneurial spirit that built Polaris Industries, Arctic Cat, Marvin Windows, Schwann's and other iconic Minnesota industries is alive and well in Greater Minnesota today. There is plenty of emerging talent and energy in every part of our state - and legislators can unleash that potential by fully funding the nationally recognized Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hoffman,
Chairwomen
MN Rural Broadband Coalition
Chisago County Economic Development Authority

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Fire permits are required

Weren't we just talking about flooding, and wasn't that followed by a blizzard - or near blizzard? By all accounts, we should be free of natural disasters for awhile, but we aren't. Springtime wildfire danger is real.

As of April 16, the fire danger rating in northwestern Minnesota was low, but with dry conditions, brittle, dry undergrowth could provide ready fuel for a wildfire. That's probably why burning permits are required throughout the state right now. This means, an open burning permit is necessary when the fire is more than three feet high and three feet in diameter, when it is not contained

in either an approved burner or in a cooking or heating device, such as a charcoal grill or camp stove, and where county and other local jurisdictions require burning permits. Burning permits are daily permits, which means they are activated and allowed on specific days. This provides a clear map for emergency managers.

For farmers and others, burning can be an effective management tool, but it has to be done within certain guidelines and restrictions for the protection of everyone. Before setting any fire, be sure to obtain a fire permit and follow burning restrictions and guidelines.

Line 3 support

The replacement of Line 3 is the most studied pipeline project in the history of Minnesota.

Line 3 enjoys the full support of county commissioners in Kittson, Marshall and Pennington counties. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission recognized the need to replace Line 3. It would provide millions of dollars in economic development and tax revenue for the district. It would

also replace an aging pipeline and improvement environmental safety.

A number of residents have asked how they can show their support for the long-delayed Line 3 project. They can do so, as Rep. Dan Fabian pointed out in a recent update from the capital, by visiting the following link: <https://minnesotansfor-line3.com/dnrcomments-digital/>.

Support our nursing homes

Cuts to the state's nursing homes will hurt aging Minnesotans, their families, and the many staff who work at nursing homes in the region. A proposed Health and Human Services omnibus bill that contains a \$68 million cut to the state's nursing homes, is not what the region or Minnesota needs.

From what I understand, the cuts are aimed at reining in costs for out-of-state management and executives. In particular, the cuts are aimed at "other operating costs," which includes other staff -

staff who cook, clean take out the trash or work in the laundry.

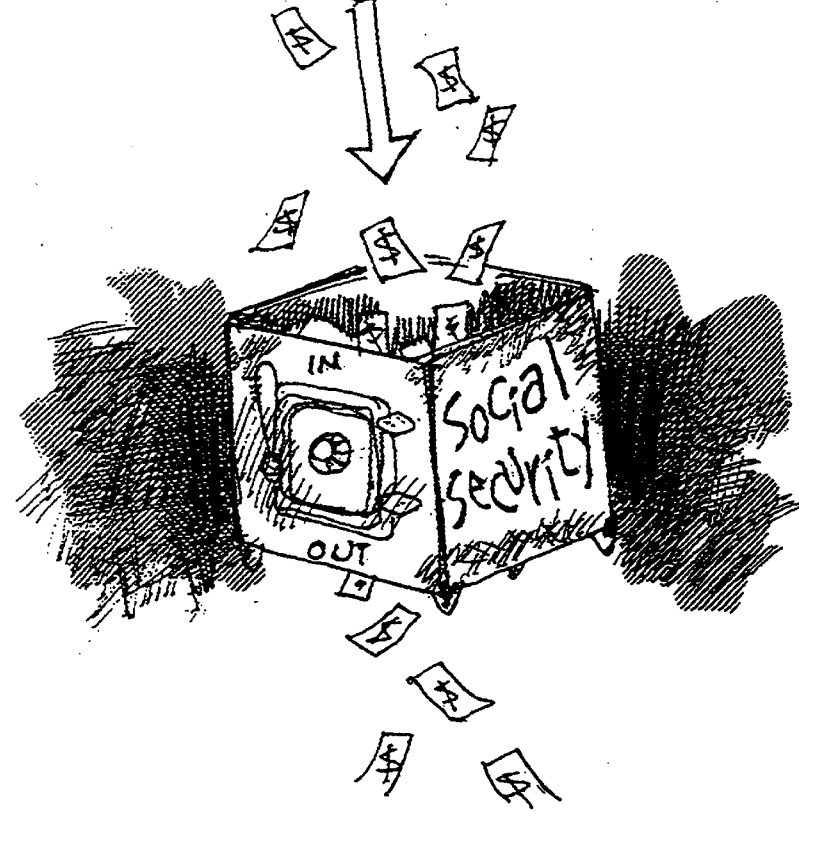
Minnesotans are caring and compassionate people. We are also very concerned about health care costs. While I understand the importance of keeping costs in control, I question whether these cuts will achieve the desired results without hitting hard-working employees and the families and care facility residents in the pocketbook. I also doubt these cuts will improve quality of care and services for our seniors, and shouldn't that be our highest priority?

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CDC issues statement on immunizations

by Dr. Robert Redfield

As CDC Director and as a physician, I have and continue to wholeheartedly advocate for infant immunization. More importantly, as a father and grandfather I have ensured all of my children and grandchildren are vaccinated on the recommended schedule. Vaccines are safe. Vaccines do not cause autism. Vaccine-preventable diseases are dangerous.

More than 94% of parents vaccinate their chil-

dren to protect them from the harmful effects of the measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases. CDC is working to reach the small percentage of vaccine-hesitant individuals, so they too understand the importance of vaccines. It is imperative that we correct misinformation and reassure fearful parents, so they protect their children from illnesses with long-lasting health impacts. Roughly 1.3 percent, or 100,000 children, in this country under the age of two have not been

vaccinated making them vulnerable to the current measles outbreak.

I call upon healthcare providers to encourage parents, and expectant parents, to vaccinate their children for their own protection and to avoid the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases within their families and communities. We must join together as a nation to once again eliminate measles and prevent future disease outbreaks.

Agriculture bill is a small bill that has a big impact

The Minnesota Senate passed bipartisan legislation to fund agriculture, rural development, and affordable housing in Minnesota on Tuesday. The comprehensive budget bill places an emphasis on rural broadband expansion, invests in affordable manufactured housing and home ownership, prioritizes value-added agriculture opportunities that directly impact farmers and increases resources for farmer mental health services.

Following the passage of the bill, Sen. Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) issued the following statement:

"We know agriculture is a cornerstone of our state's economy and now we have a bipartisan bill that recognizes that fact. I am very happy the bill includes funding for a soybean crush and biodiesel facility in

Crookston that will have a large impact across our district. When we make investments in rural development and our agriculture economy, we're not just helping Greater Minnesota we're helping the entire state."

The bill also invests in the "Dairy Modernization and Innovation" program to help small dairy farms finance the modernization of their farm infrastructure, such as robotic milking equipment, funds the "Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance" program to help dairy farmers with profitability, and increases "dairy development grants" to aid farmers in creating new business plans.

Also, the bill funds the Minnesota Border-to-Border Rural Broadband expansion program at \$30 million, a significant increase in the Legislature's

appropriation over the last biennium.

As a whole, the bill funds the day-to-day operations of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program. In total, this bill allocates over \$258 million in funding, an increase of nearly \$4 million over the last two-year budget.

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Center Director
Position Title: Center Director
Report to: Board of Directors
Discovery Place is a non-profit early childhood learning center and we are looking to hire a full-time center director who has a passion for children and learning and is a talented leader that will help Discovery Place continue to provide exceptional childcare experiences for the families that we serve.
Position Summary: The director is responsible for planning, implementing and coordinating services of the childcare and developmentally-based, educational program. The director focuses on quality standards to provide a safe developmental learning environment for children in our care. The director oversees the day-to-day operations of Discovery Place, including managing the curriculum, overseeing physical facilities, hiring, training, supervising and leading staff, oversees financial stability, and managing the overall health of the facility. The director is responsible to ensure compliance with all local, state and federal laws governing child care and non-profit centers.
Required Knowledge, Qualifications, and Education/Experience:
• Director monitors and is responsible for the day to day financial obligations within the established budget. Must be able to provide input to the board for budgeting purposes.
• Works well in a leadership position to motivate and inspire staff. They also must have good attention to details, enforce rules and regulations.
• Responsible for the recruitment and retention of qualified staff within the center.
• Responsible for the recruitment of children to the center and working with the prospective parents to answer questions and address any concerns.
• Must develop positive, courteous and professional relationships and communication with parents, children, staff and the board of directors. Be available for parental meetings where needed.
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Education / Experience: Meet both the director and teacher qualifications under MN Rule #3
o Have 6 months of staff supervision or human resource experience either paid or unpaid, AND
o A bachelor's degree in any field with at least one year of childcare experience, OR
o Elementary Education or Early Childhood Teaching license, OR
o AAS in Early Childhood Education or Child Development with 6 months of childcare experience.
• Pass a criminal background check.
• Possess excellent leadership qualities with experience in human relations or staff supervision. Strong understanding of financial budgets.
• Highly motivated, self-directed with a positive attitude. Works well and is empathetic with children.
• Strong customer service and organizational skills with the ability to meet deadlines, problem solve and multi-task.
• The ability to think strategically and futuristic thinking to help the center grow and become more efficient where needed.
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COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PENNINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA December 31, 2016

Prepared by Kenneth Olson, County Auditor-Treasurer

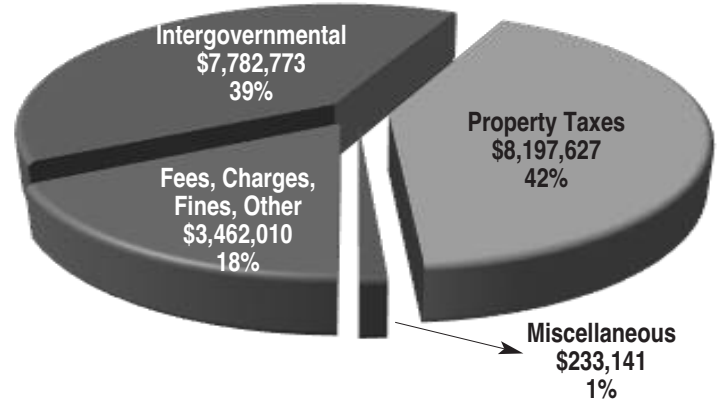
The purpose of this Report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Pennington County for interested citizens.

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING (218) 683-7000, OR BY WRITING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER, KENNETH OLSON, PO BOX 616, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN 56701.

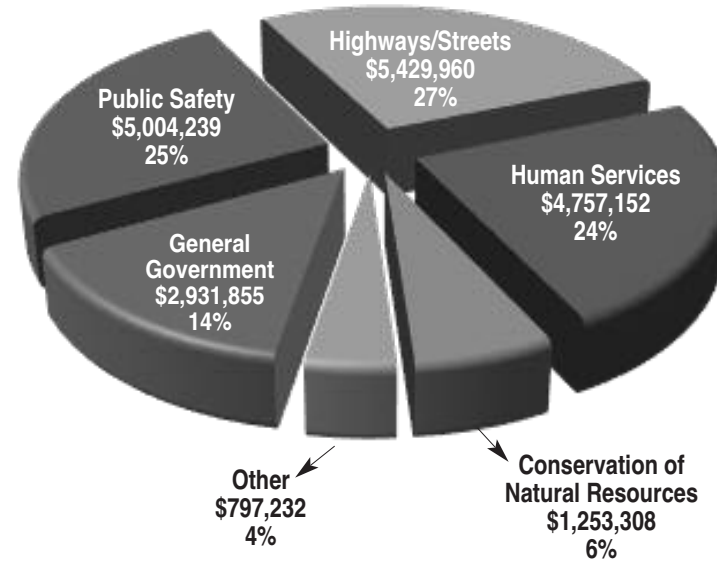
A PROFILE OF PENNINGTON COUNTY

Table with 4 columns: Key Indicator, 2016, 2015, % Increase (Decrease). Rows include Estimate Population, Total Tax Capacity, Percent of Property Taxes Collected, etc.

PENNINGTON COUNTY'S 2016 REVENUE ACTIVITY



PENNINGTON COUNTY'S 2016 EXPENSES ACTIVITY



A Summary Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds December 31, 2016

Summary Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds. Columns: General Fund, Road and Bridge, Special Revenue Funds (Human Services, Ditch, Forfeited Tax), Nonmajor Governmental Funds, Total Governmental Funds. Rows: Assets and Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, Fund Balances.

A Summary of Governmental Funds Revenues & Expenditures For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Summary of Governmental Funds Revenues & Expenditures. Columns: General Fund, Road and Bridge, Special Revenue Funds (Human Services, Ditch, Forfeited Tax), Other Governmental Funds, Total Governmental Funds. Rows: Revenues, Expenditures, Debt Service, Capital Outlay, Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures, Other Financing Sources (Uses), Fund Balance - January 1, Fund Balance - December 31.

A Summary of Fiduciary Net Position December 31, 2016

Summary of Fiduciary Net Position. Columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows: Cash and pooled investments, Due from other funds, Accounts Payable, Due to other funds, etc.

Summary of Pennington County's Statement of Net Position December 31, 2016

Summary of Pennington County's Statement of Net Position. Columns: Assets, Liabilities, Net Position. Rows: Cash and pooled investments, Special assessments receivable, Accounts receivable, Loans receivable, etc.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Related to pensions \$5,350,353

Liabilities

Liabilities table. Rows: Accounts payable, Contracts payable, Due to other governments, Accrued interest payable, Long-term liabilities, etc.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Related to pensions \$832,527

Net Position

Net Position table. Rows: Net investment in capital assets, Amounts restricted for general government, Public safety, Highways and streets, Sanitation, Conservation of natural resources, etc.

WARRANTS ISSUED OVER \$5,000 Year Ending December 31, 2016

Table of warrants issued over \$5,000. Rows: A VIANDS LLC, AFLAC, AFSCME COUNCIL 65A, AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS, KEMPSIE, etc.

Table of vendors and amounts. Rows: AT&T MOBILITY, AUTO VALUE, BERGAN TRAVEL INC, MELORA BERGEE, BKV GROUP INC, BOBCAT OF GRAND FORKS, etc.

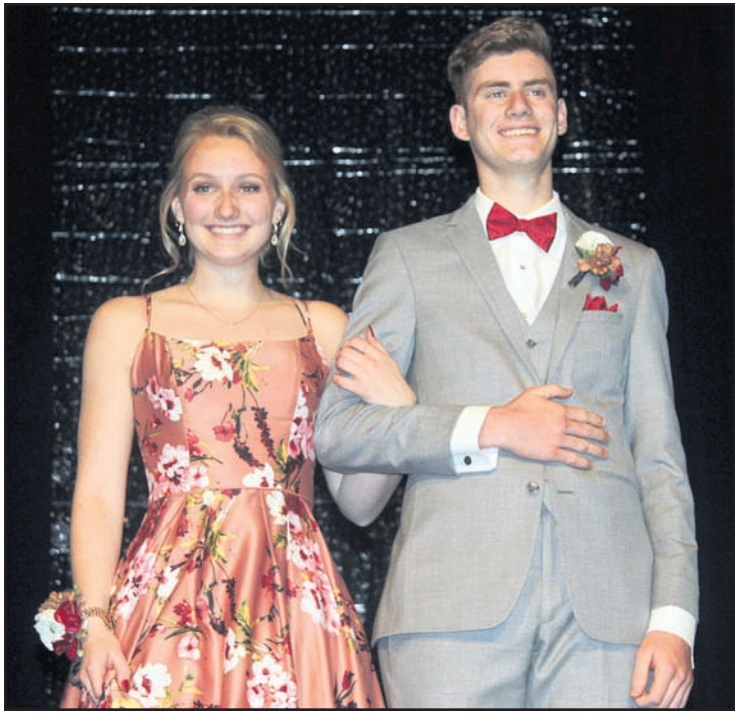
Table of vendors and amounts (continued). Rows: HUBBARD COUNTY SHERIFF, I'LL TILE & STONE, INC., MELORA BERGEE, SERVICES, INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION, etc.

Table of vendors and amounts (continued). Rows: MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER, MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP, MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST, etc.

Table of vendors and amounts (continued). Rows: PENNINGTON COUNTY FAIR ASSN, PENNINGTON COUNTY INSURANCE FUND, PENNINGTON COUNTY SOIL & WATER, etc.

Table of vendors and amounts (continued). Rows: SUNDBY CLEANING, LLC, TD AMERITRADE TRUST CO., THE HARTFORD, THE TIMES, THIEF RIVER FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT, etc.

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Raegan Espe and Paul Wiggs smiled big for the cameras Saturday, April 27 at the 2019 Lincoln High School Grand March.



Dakota Klosterman and Landon Kruckeberg were all smiles Saturday, April 27 at the 2019 Lincoln High School Prom Grand March.



With some flair, Kyle Miller kissed Jaimee Nelson's hand as they participated in the 2019 Lincoln High School Prom Grand March. The event was held Saturday, April 27 at the school.



Rayna Romero and Brady Berg were among those participating in the 2019 Lincoln High School Prom Grand March. The event was held Saturday, April 27 at the school.

Spring burning restrictions begin in Minnesota

Warm temperatures and dry conditions mean increased wildfire risk, so the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will restrict open burning in the following counties effective immediately: Anoka, Benton, Chisago, Douglas, Grant, Hennepin, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Pope, Ramsey, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, Todd, Traverse, Washington, and Wright.

The state will not issue burning permits for brush or yard waste in these counties until restrictions are lifted.

"Escaped debris burns are the number one cause of wildfires, so that's why we issue these restrictions," said Casey McCoy, DNR fire

prevention supervisor. "They really work—we've reduced wildfires by nearly a third since we started spring burning restrictions in 2001."

McCoy encourages residents to use alternatives to burning, such as composting, chipping, or taking

brush to a collection site. For information on how to compost yard debris, visit the DNR's guide to composting yard debris.

People who burn debris will be held financially responsible if their fire escapes and burns other property.

Burning restrictions will be adjusted, including extension of restrictions to additional counties, as conditions change. For information and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the Minnesota DNR website.

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